



Karamursel 60-61 UPDATE

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WHAT EVER HAPPEN TO 2017

The Karamursel group has gone through some good and bad times over the past 12 months but we're still "as Bill McKay always says" **KEEP MARCHING .**

I'll try to refresh every one of some of the good and bad, but first let's get everyone updated on what happen since my last up-date of Nov 2017

GOOD NEWS

New Member: Robert L Horn, 105 W. Castlewood Drive. Friendswood Tx 77546 has

joined the group. Bob was stationed at Karamursel Air Station from 1959 to 1961 then again from 1962 to 1963 with an AFSC of 20290 His e-mail address is bob@txhorn.com

Note * we had a Bob Horn from Colorado as a member back in 2006. Pete is working on finding out if this is the same gentleman.



SAD NEWS



We are very sorry to report that long time member Jerry Spencer has died. He passed the morning of November 29th at 3:35 AM following about a week in hospice care where his final hours were spent in peace after traveling a difficult road up to this point. As most all of you know, Jerry was among the original 17 members who attended our first reunion in 2000. He now joins three others of that group who have also answered the final roll call: Jim Mitchell, Bob Guest and Hank Spears. As the verse on our Memorial page notes, "Farewell friend, yet not farewell. Where I go, ye too shall dwell." Until that time comes; rest in peace Jerry.

Below is comments from his daughter Leah:

" My precious daddy went to be with the Lord this morning at 3:35am. He was my angel on earth and he will be my angel in heaven. My world will never be the same, but I am so blessed to have had him. May his body be restored in Glory and he rest in the arms of the Savior. His work is done. I will see you again daddy. I love you."

Bonnie and Pete Johnson attended the visitation and service for Jerry. Jake and Fran Reece were also there, so our group was well represented. Both functions were very well attended. Jerry was obviously well liked by many, many

people. Apart from just the number of people attending, the sermon at the service made abundantly clear, the high regard in which he was held. Jerry positively affected many lives and we're proud and humbled to be part of an organization made up of such men. Three Airmen from Seymour Johnson AFB were there to perform a military memorial for Jerry. It was very professionally done and provided a very poignant ending to the service.

Following the service, Jake and Fran and Bonnie and Pete had a nice time catching up over lunch at a location where the four of them had previously enjoyed lunch with Jerry and Linda on a few occasions. It raised our spirits after what had been, up to that point, a somber and unwelcome day.

Rest in Peace Jerry

Here is Linda Spencer address in case any wishes to send a card or note:

**Linda Spencer
116 Canterbury Drive
Salisbury, NC 28144**

I'm sure she would be very appreciative of anyone's comments of sympathy and support.

**Larry "Spider" Webb and KTUS
was at it again**

**Hope you didn't miss it, Larry Webb
was at it again during this Xmas
holiday.**

**Prior to and up to December 25th
KTUS, the original radio voice of
Mainsite, Karamursel, Turkey
played Christmas music around-
the-clock.**

**This tradition began during test
broadcasts at Mainsite in 1957.
KTUS returned to its oldies music
format on December 26th.
Happy Thanksgiving, Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year
from KTUS staff members past and
present.**

**"Keep up the good work Larry"

WAS BOB HOPE AT KARAMURSEL

????????? That is the question



**A picture was posted a year or so
ago which supposedly showed part
of a stage that appeared to be at
KAS for a USO show---there is now
a video on you tube from someone
who was there in 63-64 time frame
and it shows parts of KAS, Yalova
and Istanbul; however, about mid-
way in the video is shots that are
captioned Bob Hope's USO show,**

**December 1963. The video shows
the complete stage and the
Karamursel Air Station sign. This
apparently answers the question
about the Bob Hope USO show at
Mainsite and I do not think Bob
Hope actually made an appearance
there but was just part of the show
while the USO was in Turkey at
that time.**

**This information & pictures were
supplied to me by Ed "60" Watts.**

**Ed thinks the actual Bob Hope USO
show was at Adana Turkey and
they decided to also do a part of it
at Karamursel.**

**Ed also feels that Bob Hope himself
was not there, only some of the
other people who were with the
show.**





UNDER THE WEATHER

Herb Murphy

Most of you will remember Herb Murphy, long time member of the group and reunion attendee many times, well Herbs having some medical problems and from information we received from his long time friend and KAS member Walt Watson, Herb is in a nursing home in San Antonio. We're not yet aware of what medical condition may have made that necessary or what the facility address might be, but if anyone is interested in sending him a note or card, you can send it to his home address and I'm sure his wife Wilma will get it to him. Here's the address:

**Herb Murphy
106 Charing Cross
San Antonio, TX 78227**

Margaret Bruno

Here's another member of the group that's been under the weather but recently has made some great strides in the positive way and is doing real good. She is no longer in rehab and recently moved in with her Daughter Carol (pictured below with Margaret)



I've talked with Margaret recently and she sounds great and her spirits are good. She's slowed down a little, so with the help of a walker and or occasionally a cane she's able to do most everything. Heck, at 98 years young I give her credit..

Margaret asks me to thank everyone that sent her Christmas

cards and wonderful notes. She mentioned not sending out cards herself but ask me to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year for her. She's changed mailing addresses a lot recently, moving from her home, a times in the hospital, and then to rehab. Well now she had a permanent address:

**Margaret Bruno
2164 Lakeside Drive
Lexington KY 40502**

This is her daughter and son-in-laws address and phone number (859) 269-4736

So if you want to exchange a few words with her or drop her a line, go for it.



MINI REUNION



I had the pleasure to meet with member Charlie Lowe for lunch just before Christmas. We met at the "50s" dinner in Fitchburg Mass and had a great conversation about our times at KAS. Charlie was at KAS about the same time as I was and he was assigned to the Air Police Sq and was on D flight, similar to Dog flight I was on. Charlie's very active with the boy scouts in his area, especially during the Christmas season. All year long he works with past members of all the branches of the service, helping underprivileged kids, especially during the xmas season.

NOTE * Charlie's been active with the Boy Scouts a big part of his life, including while at Karamursel Air Station. We commend him for that service.

DUES DUES DUES

Reminder: yearly dues is due as of January 1st and 1 April is the cut-off date. It would help if all who owe dues (ten dollars) to send it to our treasurer Mark Gransden in the first quarter of the year. That would help Mark a lot. It gets a little busy for him when the Reunion time approaches.

**Where to send dues:
Mark Gransden
4743 Standpoint Dr.
New Port Richey, FL 34655**



Dear Friends of The Cold War Museum,

As 2017 winds to a close you may be considering supporting one or more charitable causes at the end of the tax year. Please remember our efforts to honor Cold War Veterans and preserve Cold War history through the programs of The Cold War Museum.

Here's a link to our founder's Facebook fundraiser - please help us reach the \$5,000 goal for this year end effort:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/126769041347797/10157673193259572/>

Everyone at The Cold War Museum wishes you and your family a happy and healthy 2018! Happy New Year!

**Gary Powers Jr.
Co-founder
The Cold War Museum**

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STROKE

**SOME GOOD INFORMATION TO
KNOW AND ACT UPON
(I received the following from
member Don Ritter, I think it could
be help full....check it out)**

**Now doctors say a bystander can
recognize a stroke by asking three
simple questions:**

S *Ask the individual to SMILE.

**T *Ask the person to TALK and
SPEAK A**

**SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)
(i.e. Chicken Soup)**

**R *Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH
ARMS.**

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

**New Sign of a Stroke -----
Stick out Your Tongue!**

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his/her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.

THANKS DON

CORRECTION FROM UP-DATE 12

In my last up-date along with all the 2017 reunion pictures I posted, I included a picture of Harry & Jan Herring's daughter and their son in law. I mistakenly mentioned her as Jody, when it should have been Dody.
My apologies

2018 REUNION

The dates for the 2018 reunion (8-11 Sept). No further details, just an early reminder so you can save those dates.



LITTLE HUMOR

You've all heard of the Air Force's ultra-high-security, super-secret base in Nevada, known simply as "Area 51?" Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks out at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room. The pilot's story was that he took off from Vegas, got lost, and spotted the Base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation. By the next day, they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his airplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, told him Vegas was that-a-way on such-and-such a heading, and sent him on his way. The day after that though, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, the MP's surrounded the plane... Only this time there were two people in the plane. The

same pilot jumped out and said, "Do anything you want to me, but my wife is in the plane and you have to tell her where I was last night!"

An aircraft is flying when all over sudden a bird crashes through the cockpit and kills both the pilot and co pilot. Having heard the crash a blonde flight attendant rushes in to find out what happened. Once inside the cockpit the plane jerks and the cabin door slams shut and can't be opened. So she pulls the captain out of his seat and sits down, taking the radio into her hands and says, "May Day! May Day! Help Me! Help Me! The pilots are dead and I don't know how to fly. Help Me! Please Help Me!"

She hears a voice over the radio saying: "This is Air Traffic Control and I have you loud and clear. I will talk you through this and get you back on the ground. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. Just take a deep breath. Everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position!" "I'm 5'4 and in the front seat of the plane." "O.K." says the voice on the radio. "Repeat after me: Our father who art in heaven..."

Hope you all enjoyed this issue of the KAS 60-61 up-date. Stay healthy.

I have conclude this issue because I have to get outside and finish shoveling that white gold that fell on my driveway last nite.



NOTE to the NON-E's receiving this issue of the KAS Up-Date in the mail.

I have checked the records to see if anyone on my mailing list owes dues for this coming year. If so, I under lined your name in RED on the mailing envelope. If so you need to send in your \$10.00 to treasurer Mark Gransden 4743 Sandpointe Dr. New Port Richey, FL 34655.

.Make the check payable to KAS 60-61. Otherwise your safe for another year (or more).