

456th FIS Newsletter #2 (without pictures)

Hi Fellow 456th FIS Alumni and Friends, Newsletter #2 is in the U.S. Mail and I'm sending an advance e-copy because I don't have snail mail addresses for a few of you. There's also a copy of the Alumni Listing with E-mail addresses. If you don't receive Newsletter #2 in a week or so please reply and send me your mailing address if you'd like a hard copy.

Also, go to "Pat's World F-106 Delta Dart" web site at <http://www.f-106deltadart.com/index1.htm> click on "**Sixers bar is OPEN**" and select "**Alumni database - REGISTER**". Register yourself for all the F-106 outfits you served with and look for names of folks you remember. There are already 33 of us registered with the 456th FIS. Webmaster Pat McGee (Smsgt Retired) has built an excellent F-106/FIS web site, so please go into the guest book and leave him a message of appreciation. Thanks, Pat Perry

Dear Fellow 456th FIS Alumni and Good Friends,

Thanks to your support and donations we are pleased to report that F-106A number 58-0793 will be transported to Castle Air Museum (CAM) during the 4th quarter of 2002.

Since we first asked for your help in February 2002, over \$15,000 has been raised from Alumni and Friends of the 456th FIS. We are only about \$7,000 away from our goal, thanks in part to Congressman Gary Condit of California who was able to get us a \$9,000 discount from the Air Force. Friends of the 456th FIS include business owners in Merced/Atwater and numerous former F-106 troops who responded to our Internet requests for donations. This also includes former members of the 84th FIS stationed at Castle in the 1970 's and members of the Fresno Air Guard.

CAM Chief Executive, Jack Gotcher and CAM Board Member Joe Pruzzo have been instrumental in convincing the Museum Board to advance general funds to help us secure an F-106 before another air museum took our allocation. Needless to say, we owe them a deep debt of gratitude and it's up to us to continue our fund raising efforts to refill their general funds. As a non-profit museum, CAM depends heavily upon donations and volunteer labor to keep their displays open to the public. See their web site at <http://www.elite.net/castle-air/>

Castle Air Museum
Attn: F-106 Save-a-Six Fund
5050 Santa Fe Drive
Atwater, CA 95301

(Make checks out to Castle Air Museum and be sure to write F-106 Save-a-Six Fund on the front of check)
The CAM phone number is 209-723-2178 if you have questions.

New Web Site

<http://www.456fis.org> Bob Justus has created a web site for the 456th FIS. He has worked long and hard on this project and has created a very complete history of the squadron. If anyone has any pictures that Bob can scan onto the web site, please mail them to him at:

2804 Elginfield Rd.
Columbus, Ohio
43220-4248

Bob will return them to you. He's particularly interested in pictures of the Commander's F-106, tail number 57-2456 since that's the paint scheme we want to use on the display at CAM.

2003 Reunion News

We were planning to have the 2003 Reunion at Wright-Patterson Museum in Dayton, Ohio however, since we will have a F-106 display to dedicate at CAM, it looks like we'll be meeting in Merced/Atwater in the May-July, 2003 timeframe. We'd like to hear from you so we've enclosed a questionnaire on the next reunion.

We'll keep you posted on how the F-106 fund raising is going and the status of the 2003 reunion. In the meantime, here's the web site for pictures of the last reunion <http://community.webshots.com/user/popperry>
Thanks and God Bless America - Bruce, Arnie, Bob & Pat

(Note: Pictures attached to hard copy mail document only)
(link to the AMARC Experience web site is: <http://www.amarcexperience.com/Default.asp>
see our request for donations and a Big THANKS to Webmaster Chris Slack for this tremendous aviation web site.)

Note: I have about 95 e-mail addresses for the 200+ Alumni we've found. If you see an Alumni name that has no e-mail address and you happen to have it, please send it to me. For privacy reasons I have not listed any U.S. Mail addresses - but, if you see a name you want to contact (with no e-mail address) let me know and I'll send you a U.S. Mail address for that person. Also, if you don't want me to share your address with others, please let me know.

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