

**80th FIGHTER SQUADRON HEADHUNTERS ASSOCIATION
HEADHUNTER HEADLINES**



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2021 HEADHUNTER REUNION CHANGE

As most are aware, we canceled our 2020 Dayton/USAF Museum Reunion due to several factors beyond our control. Since that time I have been in contact with the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association planning to join up with them at Dayton this October. This reunion will be a mirror image of what we had planned for last year. In the meantime, I have been in contact with several Phoenix area Juvats who are willing to help us plan and hold an 80th Fighter Squadron 80th anniversary reunion in January 2022 (The 80th 80th).

The 80th Fighter Squadron was born at Mitchel Field, New York on January 6, 1942 and activated on the 10th with Lt Phil Greasley as its first Commander. Ten days later the squadron deployed by train to San Francisco, boarded a transport ship bound for Australia, and arrived in Brisbane on March 5th. They commenced combat operations from Port Moresby in July, and the first aerial victories were scored by Lt W.D. Brown when he shot two Zeros out of the sky over Buna in August. The rest is history, and the squadron continues to roam Pacific Skies all these years later. It is only fitting that we celebrate this milestone date with as many Headhunters as we can muster.

To that end we have decided to forego the Dayton plan and have the 80th 80th as our next event. The reunion will be held in January, 2022 at Luke AFB, possibly hosted by the Wig Wam Resort, will include a happy hour in one of the F-35 "Twin Tailed Lightning" squadrons, an F-35 tour, and a golf tournament. There will be an important business meeting to discuss the future of our Association and to nominate a new HH01. An informal banquet dinner will be held on the final evening.

Planning has already begun, but in the very early stages. I will post updates regularly as things progress. In the meantime, please send me an email indicating your interest in attending at HH01@80FSHeadhunters.org or nwapilot2@msn.com.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

I received the following email and photos from our current Juvat Commander Eric "Digger" Freienmuth:

Muskrat: 80 FS Change of Command will be Friday 18 June 2021 (time/location TBD) at Eielson, AFB Alaska.

I'll be handing the reins over to Lt Col Tyler "Vegas" Young who will become JL #115. He's in the CC line so you have his email.

I'll be down in Phoenix in July for my F-35 TX and we'll have to get together and have a cold one!

Crush 'Em,

Juvat Lead

W. Eric "Digger" Freienmuth, Lt Col, USAF
Commander, 80 FS



