



Buckeye Journal



Summer/Fall 2007

**BRIGADIER GENERAL
DONALD JOHN CAMPBELL,
NOVEMBER 13, 1919
MAY 12, 2007**



By: Kristin Campbell

Donald John Campbell is our dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was called home to our Lord on Saturday, May 12, 2007 in accordance with the Gospels. Don was preceded in death by his father, John Campbell; mother, Elsie (Rosemeyer) Campbell; and sister, Virginia McCay. Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years: Elizabeth Mae (Van Harten) Campbell native of Cincinnati, Ohio; his four devoted sons and their wives: Craig and Tricia of Virginia Beach, VA; Donald and Patty of Elizabethtown, KY; Mark and Cathy of Saginaw, MI; and Chris and Julie of Fairfax, VA; nine affectionate grandchildren: Kristin, Alison, Stephanie, David, DJ, Melinda, Geoffrey, Kevin, and Cara; and two great grandchildren: Alyssa and Eli.

Don was a signature member of the "Greatest Generation." He was a child of the Great Depression, the firstborn of a family native to Cincinnati, Ohio. He fell in love with his future wife of 65 years, Bettie, at a New Years Eve party at Western Hills High School of Cincinnati.

They were married in California where Don graduated from Army Air Corps cadet flying training. He had entered training days after Pearl Harbor and volunteered to serve overseas upon graduation. After three weeks of marriage, Don shipped out to join the war effort flying mostly P-39's and P-38's in the South Pacific. From 1942 to 1944 Don rose to be Squadron Commander of the Army Air Corp's 36th Squadron, 8th Group, 5th Air

Force. He was based primarily in Milne Bay, New Guinea. After a short time back in the States, Don returned over seas to spend a year as a liaison officer flying P-51's with the Nationalist Chinese forces. Don commanded an "early version" of the Air Force's aerial demonstration team out of Wright-Patterson AFB after the war.

In 1952 Don assumed command of the 302nd Troop Carrier Wing at Clinton County AFB until 1970. He attained the rank of Brigadier General in 1962. Don went to the Pentagon as Deputy Commander of the Air Force Reserves in 1970. He and Bettie retired in Vienna, VA in 1977. In 1988 Don and Bettie built a house on Escambia Bay in Pensacola and have been active participants with the wonderful and caring congregants of McIlwain Presbyterian Church. Don succumbed to a combination of ailments.

Brigadier General Donald John Campbell was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on July 11, 2007 with full Honors.



Buckeye Wing Association

Reunion 2008

April 17-20, Thursday-Sunday

Cocoa Beach, Florida

Rooms

20 rooms are blocked for Thursday, 17 April 2008, 15 rooms are blocked for Friday, 18 April 2008 & 15 rooms are blocked for Saturday, 19 April 2008. Rooms are ocean or pool view & will either be 1 king or 2 queen beds. The hotel is a non-smoking hotel. All rooms have a balcony that may be used for smoking. Our room rate is \$139.00 + 11% bed tax and 6% sales tax. Total \$162.63 per night. Rooms can accommodate 4 people. I will have a link to the hotel on our web site so you will be able to make your room reservations. Using this link will ensure you receive the promotional rate.

Hospitality Suite 17-19 April 2008 (Jupiter Room)

The Hospitality Suite should be open by 1:00 PM Thursday, April 17, 2008.

Kennedy Space Center Tour 18 April 2008

We will have all the information about the tour in our January Buckeye Journal.

Blaine Bermel Golf Outing 19 April 2008

Bob Salamon, golf outing organizer, is requesting you list **PLAYING PARTNER PREFERENCES** when you complete the registration form. There will be space provided to do so on the registration form which will be included in our January 2008 Buckeye Journal.

Banquet 19 April 2008 (Mars/Mercury Rooms)

Social hour will be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Cash bar only. Dinner 7:00 PM until. We will not have a band or DJ Saturday evening. Meal cost will be \$33.00 per person. The dinner will be sit down and plated with the following menu: Green salad; choice of ranch or vinaigrette.

Entrees choices (one of three) Chicken Breast Marsala or Grilled Salmon with creamy dill dressing on the side or Sliced Sirloin Bordelaise with Redskin Potatoes & Vegetable Medley. Chocolate Cake. Rolls, butter, ice tea and coffee are included. for the banquet is Florida casual (coat & tie not required). BGen William Basnett will be the guest speaker.

Continental/Meeting 20 April 2008 (Mars Room)

Continental breakfast available at 8:00 AM. Cost \$8.25 per person. Selection of Chilled Juices, Fresh Baked Muffins, Danish Pastries, Bagels with Cream Cheese, Fresh Sliced Fruit, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea. Meeting 9:00 AM.

For more information on the reunion check out our web site <http://buckeyewing.com>. You will also be able to make your hotel reservations from our web site.

Your Reunion Committee

Tom & Beverly Romph – Chairperson
Lance & Susann Fairchild
Richard Linehan
Robert Salamon
Jim Demmery

Bar Committee

Bill Witte
Paula Witte



Courtyard Marriott Cocoa Beach

Don't forget Patrick AFB Ticket & Travel office for reduced prices on area attractions (with military ID). www.gopatrickfl.com.

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Final Fly-over

Brig Gen Donald J. Campbell, May 12, 2007
Col Robert S. Yeck, February 26, 2007
CMSgt John L. Bill, June 15, 2006
Col Bernard B. Cecil, June 9, 2006
Lt Col George W. Grabo, July 6, 2006
John R. Lewis, October 23, 2006
Jean Liggett, February 8, 2006
MSgt Donald A. Palmer, March 5, 2006
Lt Col Forrest A. Rinehart, February 5, 2006
Brig Gen Justin L. Townsley, July 4, 2006
CMSgt Billy R. Tutterow, February 6, 2006
Col William D. Widdows, December 16, 2006
Kathleen I. Wolary, May 27, 2006

Attending Buckeye Wing Reunion 2006

Joe & Jacquie Agnew, Beatrice Armbruster, Len Baker, Ken & Paula Baldwin, Bill Basnett, Robert & Joyce Beaty, Hike Bogosian, Kitty Bolton, Billy Booth, George Boudreau, Walter & Marianne Brater, Bill & Mary Bringardner, Charles Brown, Walter Buffington, Don & Bettie Campbell, Ralph Carlson, Frank & Lee Chandler, David Cotton, Bruce Cotton, Alfred Deininger, Jim & Sue Demmery, Robert Dickinson, Ron & Sue Eggers, Danny & Jennifer Eitel, Lance & Susann Fairchild, Charlie & Rose Farrell, Mike & Linda Faul, Marvin & Betty Ferris, Gene & Dawn Fortson, Dee Foster, Walt & Marjorie Gemmell, Bill Gish, Frank & Judy Hamilton, Bobbie & Bill Hargrove-Yee, Preston & Judy Helm, Wilma Hillman, Lee & Gloria Jobs, Angelo Lanzone, Peggy Larkin & Harriett Hagley, Ron Lee, Jack Levy & Judy Wine, Arther & Eloween Lewis Jr., Jerry & Nancy Millhouse, James & Kay Ogden,

Bob Potts & Sheila Borton, James Pragar, Paul & Carol Priday, Don Rahn & Bertie Bell, Kermit Ruth Roseberry, Wilbur Ryle, Bob Salamon, Robert & Janice Schutte, Jim Seiberling, Lee & Peggy Smith, Dean & Claire Smittle, Lois Such, Rick & Sandra Truzzi, Jim & Sally Valeri, Joanie Wakefield, Geraldine Walker, Ruth Watkins & David Parks, Melvin Weaver, Edward Weber, Don & Liz White, Bill & Barb Widdows, Carl Wiese, Bill & Paula Witte, Sam & Mary Woodrow, Bob Wright, Carl Yerian, Mary Alice Brown & Eleanor Lawhorn, Bill & Dorothy Zugelder. Total attending was 125



