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This is the first of a series of news bulletins about our 25th Year Celebration of the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association. We were established 9 July 1994. The 943rd Group was established July 1969, and later we became the 315th Airlift Wing. During this long passage of time we have become seniors. We would like to enjoy one more milestone celebration before it comes time for us to exit the planet. This 25th celebration will be held during the month of October 2019. We need for this to happen on the UTA weekend but at this time that date has not been established. We're speculating the 19th & 20th weekend in October.

A very monumental effort will be made to contact all military and civilian personnel who served during our 50 year tenure of the 943rd/315th. This will take months and a considerable amount of time on line and on the telephone. I have our old membership rosters for the past 25 years and that will be our main source. Many of you out there are currently in touch with those that were never an Alumni member and we have no record on them. We will be counting on you to contact them about our celebration or you may put them in touch with us.

Last August, I hosted my 63rd Valdese NC High School reunion and it was to be our last. I published news bulletins, used locater services, and solicited help from family and friends to find them. I'll be doing this once again but this time with the Alumni Association and with the help of others. Our Alumni Association President Col Jim Roberts has come up with several good suggestions on ways to locate everyone and he's pushing for our success. Between now and October you'll be receiving this bulletin on a regular basis with updates and we'll be asking for your help. This will be a total team effort.

The Alumni board has already held several planning sessions and nothing is firm at this time. Linda Skillman has checked out all the possible activities at the Club on base and Lisa Sweat has checked out the activities and cost information for a golf tournament. Jim Roberts is in the process of planning a big part of the Alumni festivities at Lt Col Barry Strauss's place during the annual Octoberfest celebration provided by the 300th Squadron. We appreciate Barry providing his place for us to enjoy our big celebration, and he's been hosting this for us for the past 25 years. It's held outdoors with a big bonfire going. There's a huge abundance of fine food and beverage. This will also be the largest crowd many of us have ever seen and I certainly haven't seen that many guests at any gathering like this. There will be lots of good socializing going on, ladies and gentlemen alike. They're a good bunch. If you love endless war stories, this is the place to be. Barry's place is conveniently located directly across from the base on 4980 Lambs Road and on the right. No need to memorize the house number as you will recognize it when you see it.

This is the 50th year of the 943rd / 315th. Jim Roberts once talked about the possibility of the Wing merging their celebration with the Alumni. Jim says we're not sure if they will hold a 50th celebration. We haven't heard anything. The Wing's last celebration was the 40th and it was awesome in every respect. The Wing missed the 45th celebration because of mission requirements.

I will send this bulletin to as many Alumni members as possible on my membership listing on a one time basis. From here on please view these bulletins under "Events," and all the current newsletters on our website: <http://www.awaalumniassoc.com/>

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