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## 315AW Alumni Association Newsletter #13, 7 Sept 2023

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CMSGT Tom Clemons, Webmaster

Final luncheon schedule reminder:

The next 315AW Alumni Board Meeting and Luncheon are scheduled for Friday, 8 Sept 2023 in building 60 auditorium. Times are as follows:

09:30 - 10:30, board meeting  
10:30 - 11:00, set up for the luncheon.  
11:00 - 12:30, luncheon

Labor Day, Monday 4 Sept 2023

Congress created Labor Day more than a century ago to celebrate the social and economic achievements of American workers. Labor Day emerged as a holiday a generation before social security was created as a part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to help struggling Americans during the Great Depression.

The activation of the Air Force Reserve began on 3 Oct 1969 as the 943rd Military Airlift Group. The Group Commander was Col William Willis, 1961-1970. His Secretary was Mickey Davis His welcome team was Col Jerry Yarchever and Col Ed Lusk. There was a C-54 in the Base Flight Section parked at the front of the flight line. I have a photo.

Bob Stewart and myself attended our first UTA in February. We were in a unit at Pope AFB NC where Bob was the First Sergeant. Bob was a combat vet in Korea in the early fifties, lived in a tent, and had helicopters assigned like those you see in the movie MASH. (Bell 47's) When retrieving the wounded from the battlefield, they were strapped to the rail on the outside. Sand bags were strapped to the rail on the opposite side to counterbalance the weight.

In the next three issues of the newsletter, I will expound on our 943rd Group and 315th Airlift Wing history. In the meantime, it's 1:00 am on Thursday and I need to go back and check out that new Sealy Posterpedic mattress I purchased yesterday.

Good night, sleep tight.

*Del Oxford, Communications*