



# Flight 315

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## 707th Airlift Squadron hosts "The Last Bag Drag"

Recently, there has been a lot of headline coverage in the local newspapers about the deactivation of the C-141, and the 707th Airlift Squadron's farewell. More than 200 707th members and alumni crowded the C-17 nose dock May 7, to commemorate the deactivation of the last Air Force Reserve Command C-141 Starlifter squadron at Charleston Air Force Base.

"They've had great people that have done an outstanding job through the years," said retired CMSgt Richard "Dick" Fuller, former flight engineer superintendent for the 707th. The send off was a great tribute to a great squadron."

"It's a sad day, but at the same time the 707th can be proud of the tremendous legacy that they leave behind," said retired Maj. General Robert Stevens, former commander of the 707th and 315th Airlift Wing.

## 707th AS Farewell Ceremony in Honor of the C-141





Those shown in the photograph on the reverse side attended one of our recent Alumni social events. They are, from left to right, *Del Oxford, Barbara Pack, Jim Farbia, and our Alumni President, Jim Newberry.*

**We need your help with Toys for Debi's Kids.** We are asked to help sort and bag toys for the Charleston kids. We need a commitment to help from Thursday 13 Dec to Tuesday 18 December. We will not work on Sunday, 16 Dec. Please fill out a volunteer work sheet and list times you can lend a hand to help Santa. Contact Helen Bentley at (843) 963-2090 or [Helen.Bentley@charleston.af.mil](mailto:Helen.Bentley@charleston.af.mil) ASAP for a worksheet. You can choose to help an hour or two or all day...put your name on the sheet and mark times with an X...the kids need us. Thanks you so much for lending a helping hand (spouse's welcome to help us. Come be a part of this worthwhile effort to make this a great Christmas for a child. We will work out of the Aero Club Hanger near the Aircraft Control Tower. Thanks, *Jim Newberry/President, Ray Ardis/Secretary*

**We continue to plan social events and other activities that are interesting and fun. Those currently on the agenda are:**

The first weekend in May, we will have activities that were similar to our "Last Bag Drag." We haven't came up with a name for it yet, and things are still in the planning stages. It will be 3, 4 & 5 May 2002. A golf tournament is planned, and we will have our annual meeting during that time. We may have a C-141 available to us. Details will follow, so in the meantime, please mark your calendars.

Ray Ardis has informed our group of the up coming celebration of the **100th Anniversary of Powered Flight** in December 2003 in North Carolina. The "First Flight Centennial" plans call for several days of celebration, involving numerous historical aviation events, organizations and interests, with significant international attention to aviation. We are considering holding our **2003 Annual Meeting** in North Carolina to be near some of the flight activities. For more information, there's a great looking web-site at: <http://www.firstflightcentennial.org/events.htm> You can call toll free at 1-800-4616, e-mail them at [Info@firstflightcentennial.org](mailto:Info@firstflightcentennial.org), or write to: P. O. Box 80337, RDU Airport, NC 27623. This will be 13 December thru 17 December 2003.

Our monthly association meetings are always open to members and guest. We encourage your participation, and attendance in support of the organization's 650 plus members. Mark your Calendar! Meetings are held at the Logistics Group Conference Room, Bldg 59, and we are scheduled to meet at 10:00 am on the following dates: **Dec 1, 2001. For year 2002.....Jan 2, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 2, May 4, June 2, July 2, and Aug 2.** Thanks to all those attending for taking the time to meet with the association. *The association is an outreach program of the 315th Airlift Wing Command, Brigadier General Gerald A. Black, Commander.* Your input is very important, and your attendance is requested. Active, retired and civilian (GS) members and guest are welcome. Representatives from each squadron/organization/unit are invited to attend meetings.

Recent events have placed our nation in a difficult situation. President Bush has declared that we will seek out those responsible. Charleston Air Force Base continues to be on high alert. Crews are being called up for special duty assignments, and several hundred in the wing have already been placed on long tours of active duty. We have been asked by the 315th Airlift Wing to rally alumni willing to assist around the base in the coming days and months ahead. If you can help out, contact Family Readiness, Bldg 60 -- Lisa Sweatt, Ph 843-963-3348/3350, or 3347/3349 -- Toll Free 1-800-628-1141, [Lisa.sweat@charleston.af.mil](mailto:Lisa.sweat@charleston.af.mil) If you have a particular vocation, or can assist a family who is deployed who may need assistance with auto, family care, et., please contract Lisa. Also, currently, we need volunteers for the Fitness Center, Bldg 225.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Charleston Club on *15 December 2001*, for a very warm and enjoyable Holiday Social. We wish everyone a *"Safe and Happy Holiday Season."*

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