



# Farrar Family Newsletter

## October 2016

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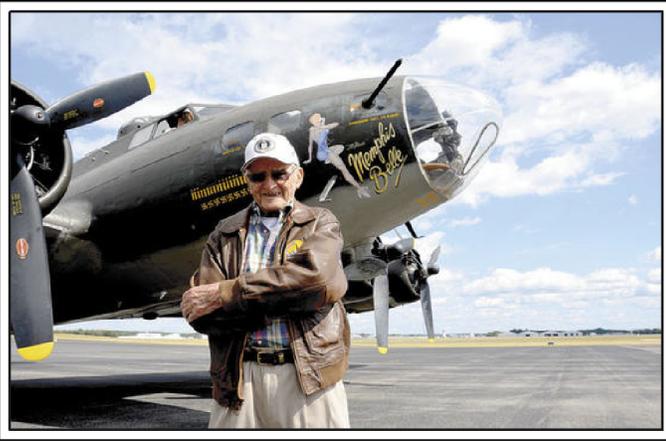
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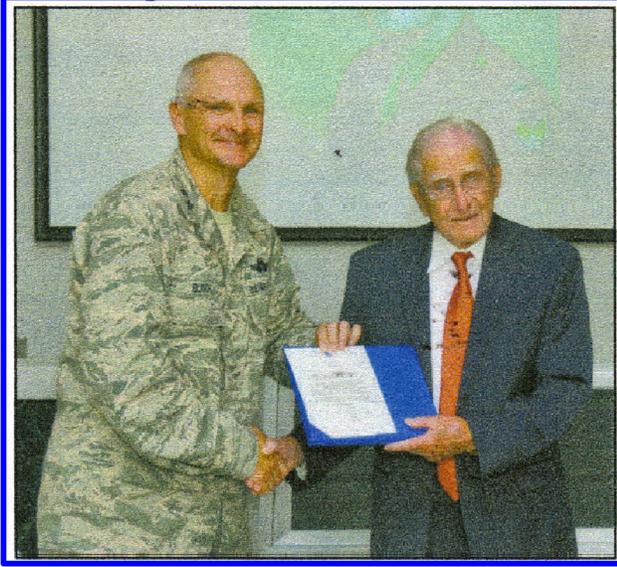
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After the article in the last Newsletter submitted by our cousin and Navy veteran Floyd Farrar, I received several articles from another cousin, WWII veteran, retired Air Force Maj. Ike Farrar. Ike is 97 years old and lives in Shelbyville, TN. In the picture on the left, he is standing next to the famed Memphis Belle a B-17 bomber identical to one he co-piloted during World War II. 70 years later Ike was given an honorary ride in this plane and flew over the Smyrna/Murfreesboro area. Ike served in the Pacific theater flying transport and medical missions providing urgent medical support during WWII.

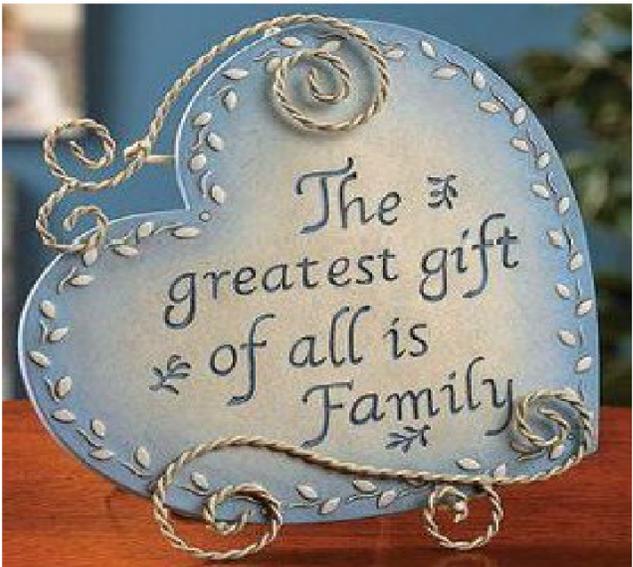
This is the second article I received from Ike, pardon the graininess of the picture, it was taken at a military recognition dinner given in his honor at Arnold AFB, TN. U. S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark Welsh is presenting Ike a certificate recognizing his lifetime of service to his community, the military and the nation. Ike also received a proclamation presented by Bedford County Mayor Eugene Ray, where January 20th will be known as Ike Farrar Day in Bedford County, TN. Ike was drafted into military service while attending the University of Tennessee. He spent part of his military career as a flight instructor in the Army Air Corps, a precursor to the U. S. Air Force. He was eventually assigned to fly C-46 cargo planes and flew supplies to the Pacific Islands. We thank him for his dedication and great service to our country!!



### **From the President's desk . . . .**

Hello and happy fall to everyone!!  
We hope everyone has had a productive year and are doing well! Our garden is dwindling down and we have lots of veggies that have either been canned or frozen! Thanks to son Gary, we have blackberries in the freezer ready to make some pies & blackberry jelly in the pantry. Our son Nick has provided us with a freezer full of assorted fish & wild game!  
Our reunion in June was small, but we numbered 32 not bad for the year before the 40th!!  
Speaking of the 40th I hope all are planning on coming next year for all the festivities and hopefully we will surpass our all time attendance record of 86!! On Sunday there will be special games for children & adults hopefully we will have some sort of music, does anyone know a good DJ??????  
After the fire at our 35th reunion and with our site deep in the woods we have decided to forgo anymore fireworks. So please be preparing to make the trip to Arkansas next June to enjoy all the visiting, games, float trip and all other festivities. We look forward to seeing YOU there!!

Nancee Lehnhoff, President Farrar Family Reunion, Inc.



# Farrar Business Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2016

The 39th annual Farrar business meeting was called to order and commenced at 10:34am on Sunday June 19, 2016 at the Family Reunion Site in Arkansas.

The flag raising ceremony was performed by Doug Williams and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance. The flag was then lowered to half staff and a moment of silence was observed in honor of all our forefathers that have gone before as well as all of those who serve or have served in defense of our national freedoms.

The invocation was delivered by Nick Linebaugh.

President Nancee Lehnhoff welcomed all in attendance. A big thank you went out to Kerri & Flash for the great job they did this year as their first year for maintenance to the grounds and preparing for the reunion. Another big thank you went out to Doug Williams for renovating the bathrooms (and to Patty Williams for letting him do it!)

Secretary Aspen Williams read the minutes from the 38th annual business meeting, Bill Schwend moved to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer Nicole Gooch was not in attendance, but it was reported that we currently have \$8053.40 on hand. Uncle Bob moved to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Aunt Carol reported that we sold our stock in precious metals on April 15, 2015, but the values have gone up since we sold. At the time of sale, we were at a loss of \$866.46. The report was accepted and the motion carried.

Randy Farrar reported that the book sales are doing well on ebay, but he is thinking of expanding our sales to Amazon as well. All money from the sales is sent to Nikki to be put in a separate account specifically set up for the books. The second account is so that books can be reprinted solely with book revenue. No reunion funds are involved in the reprint of the books - it is a standalone operation. The report was accepted and the motion carried.

Nancee added that the newsletter costs around \$300 to print and mail. It would be preferred if family members could submit their email addresses so that the newsletter can be sent out electronically to save costs. The report was accepted and motion carried.

## **Old Business**

The bathhouse was renovated over the past couple months thanks to Doug Williams. New walls, molding, doors, and doorframes were added. As a bonus, the doors now open OUT!! the restrooms are now watertight and can be power washed inside. A new toilet was purchased for the men's restroom because the old one cracked during cleaning - it is presumed that the water was not drained completely and froze the toilet causing it to crack.

The bathhouse roof is holding, but needs to be replaced. On the plus side, since the renovation, the roof leaks won't damage the inside of the facility. Siding and guttering is also on the list of future projects.

Rewiring of the Pavilion was discussed. This issue needs to be addressed. There are many mouse-chewed wires that need to be replaced. It was also mentioned to add a charging station for electronics. Bill Schwend has a surplus of electrical supplies on hand that he is willing to bring to the reunion. Items include receptacles, wires, and metal boxes, Thanks Bill!!

Family trees were discussed. It was decided that the old family tree will end with the Original Ten and the new family tree will start with Mom & Pop of the O-10 and go from there to allow ample space for our growing family.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The office of Vice President was up for re-election. Nominations were opened and Doug Williams ran unopposed. Voting was unanimous - Congratulations Doug on your re-election.

The storage container was discussed. Ideas were thrown around to improve the visual aesthetics of the storage container,. It was decided to paint the container, but ideas are needed for what to paint. Please bring ideas to the 40th Reunion Business Meeting to be discussed and voted on.

It was decided that we need to add shelving to the container. Kerri and Flash vounteered to head up the shelving construction. Scrap lumber will be used. The shelves will be a great way to organize the container. Linda volunteered to organize the container, throw away old stuff, put items in plastic tubs for safe keeping, etc. Thanks to Kerri, Flash & Linda!

Opening and closing camp was discussed. Flash and Kerri did a fantastic job cleaning up the grounds, but realized that they didn't know exactly what needed to be done in order to open camp. Opening and closing duties will be taught to more people for the future. Whomever volunteers to help open and close camp will be given a set of storage contain keys and a list of what needs to be done.

The 40th Reunion celebration was discussed for next summer. This family has been meeting annually for 40 years - a huge milestone that others can only dream of. When the reunion started 40 years ago, they never imagined we'd get to this point - yet here we are, stronger than ever. We have hopes of making the 40th Reunion the best one yet with a goal to break our attendanede record of 86. Will you be there to help? Recruit all friends, family members, in-laws and out-laws. Make plans to attend and reach out to those who haven't been around in a while. We'll bring the cards, games and flush toilets, but it's up to YOU to bring yourself in order to make this a reunion worthy of the title "40th Annual." So if you are a Farrar, married to a Farrar, have relatives that are Farrars, know a Farrar, ever wanted to be a Farrar, or if you can spell Farrar, we want to see you and yours at the 40th Farrar Family Reunion in 2017!!

It was decided to forgo the fireworks at the 40th Reunion. There is too much debris in the surrounding forested area and a forest fire would be devastating. It was also discussed that we need to pay our v olunteer fire department dues.

A committee consisting of Nancee, Patty, Debbie, Nikki & Kerri is heading up the event planning for the 40th. Discussion ensued to what to do to prepare. We are hoping to have music and dancing. There will be a large group photo as well as opportunities to get immediate-family photos. Doug Williams has volunteered to be the photographer. Photos will be available online and can be taken to print at the Thayer Walmart or sent to a Walmart near you. A press release will be prepared to send out to tell others about our amazing family accomplishments in gathering every year for 40 years.

Aspen Williams moved to close the meeting at 11:29am. The motion was seconded and passed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aspen Williams, Secretary



If you didn't get to attend the reunion in June of this year, then you didn't get to meet these two AMAZING women!! On the left is Dr. Susie Branch and on the right is Mrs. Merle McDowell. both from the state of Louisiana. Susie is Merle's neice. This spring I had been in contact with Merle and she had sent me a family notebook "The Armorial Bearings of John Farrer" that traced her family lineage. In searching this notebook and comparing it to our existing family tree, I determined that we have a mutual Great-Grandfather William Farrar III b. 1657. William III is the 7th Great-Grandfather to the O-10 & 6th Great-Grandfather to Merle. Our families split because we are descended from sons of William Farrar III, our line descends from George Farrar who married Judith Jefferson and Merle's descends from his brother William Farrar IV. Both of these women were such a joy to talk to and had such an engaging accent!! Susie was gracious enough to use her abilities as a Chiropractor and relieve several in attendance of back issues. We certainly hope that they will attend future reunions and sincerely thank them for taking the time to come and visit us!!





On May 16, 2016 at Westside High School's annual sports banquet. Payton Gooch was named Offensive Player of the Year in baseball and received All-Conference and All-State honors as well. He played 24 games and was 1st in state and conference in most stolen bases with 42, 5th in state and 1st in conference in most runs scored with 36 and 3rd in state and 2nd in conference in on base percentage with .594. Payton also had 25 singles, 12 doubles, 2 triples and was walked 26 times. He was lead off hitter and played centerfield, making a total of 41 outs for the team on defense. Payton was also one of the athletes named "Best Under the Sun" which is given by a Jonesboro, AR newspaper that serves northeast Arkansas and honors outstanding athletes each year in all sports. Payton is currently attending Lyon College in Batesville, AR on an athletic scholarship he received earlier this year. Payton is the son of Nicole (Dunbar) Gooch and grandson of Marleen & Chuck Bayes.



As some of you know during the reunion Gary & I were awaiting the birth (due in August) of our 9th grandchild. The parents, Gary & Brittany Lehnhoff had chosen to keep everyone in suspense by not finding out if it was a girl or boy! So on August 11, 2016 we welcomed Miss Meredith Paige Lehnhoff! She weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. measured 20 inches long and was enthusiastically welcomed by big sisters Kinsley & Addison. To quote Gary, Jr. "looks like I'm outnumbered for life!" We are so blessed and have the most wonderful grandchildren ever!!!!



Our Granddaughter Bailey Linebaugh received her nursing hat and pin at the pinning ceremony after graduating from Columbia Public Schools' program of Practical Nursing. Shortly after graduating she passed her State Boards and earned her LPN license. She will begin a one year accelerated RN class in January 2017 and plans to get her Master's Degree after that. At the present time she is working at a Hospital in Columbia, MO but in the future her dream job would be working in Labor & Delivery. Bailey is the daughter of Doug & Jeanette Linebaugh.

# Come see us in June 2017 & join in the fun!!!!



Can you believe this is Payton & Talon??



25th Reunion  
Kids games



30th  
reunion

water  
balloon  
fight!



35th Reunion 2012  
Kids games & canoe trip





## The Farrar Family Tree

This tree will function alone or as a great companion to the Farrar Island books. A 3 'x 5 ' scroll, on white paper, in black ink, non-fading easlily readable, begins three generations into England, over the ocean to Jamestown and our immigrant grandparents, William & Cecily, and then follows our particular line through each generation to the present,. The Farrar Family Tree is \$25.00 per copy.

## The Farrar's Island Books

The Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. is the source for the two volume set of books by Alvahn Holmes. The books cover our Farrar family history back to Jamestown and to England. Learn about our Farrar ancestor, William Farrar I. William received 2,000 acres of land including the 600 acre island known as Farrar's Island on the James River in Virginia for his sponsoring of 40 settlers to Jamestown Colony in the early 1600's. . .

Vol. I: The Farrar's Island Family

Vol. II: Some Farrar'a Island Descendants

The books can now be ordered on eBay using your eBay or Paypal account, Vol. I \$45 Vol. II \$65 or as a set \$105 with shipping to be determined. If you choose not to use a credit account you can send an email to [rfarrar@pacbell.net](mailto:rfarrar@pacbell.net) with your book request and shipping information and pay by check or money-order. In that case the cost of the books are: Vol. I \$40, Vol. II \$60 and the set \$95 plus shipping. More information on our website: [www.1horizon.net/farrarbook](http://www.1horizon.net/farrarbook). These prices are subject to change.

## The Farrar Family Reunion Newsletter

The Newsletter is a bi-annual publication of The Farrar Family Reunion, Inc. a non-profit organization founded by the descendants of Joseph Vernon & Viola Lillian (Schwend) Farrar, Sr. for the benefit of the Farrar family. Publication of the Newsletter occurs in April and October. Deadline for submissions is the 15th day of the month prior to publication. Please send all submissions to the

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## Reunion Dues:

Each member of the Reunion is expected to pay annual dues to help defray expenses and keep the Reunion financially viable. Annual dues are levied as follows: 2nd/3rd Generation (40+ years old)- \$50; 2nd/3rd Gen. (<40 years old)- \$25. Any additional donation amounts are appreciated, as are contributions from anyone who cares to donate. Please send your dues to our Treasurer, your timeliness in doing so is greatly appreciated!

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Just a few days after sending the Newsletter to the printer we found out our beloved Aunt Jean (Jean Farrar Hite) had passed away so we were unable to print a tribute to her in the October edition. Jean's wishes were to be cremated and have a celebration of her life at our reunion site in Arkansas. For 35 years she had joyfully made a yearly trip from Texas to Arkansas to be able to attend our reunion. For the past year or so she had enjoyed her new home in Hardy, AR especially participating in the Hardy Senior Citizen Center. She recently donated one of her beautiful quilts to the Center to be raffled off with all donations going to the Senior Center to help in their mission. If you would like a chance to win this quilt you can make a donation, it is \$5.00 per entry. In lieu of flowers you can also make a monetary donation, amount of your choice to the Center.

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