



579th Strategic Missile Squadron Reunion Committee

March 2, 2011

To all members of the 579th SMS:

I recently received the following letter from Ms. Marie Talnack-Moffett, a member of the Board of Directors of the Walker AFB Museum. Marie has been the driving force in establishing a permanent 579th SMS display room at the museum and in obtaining a **\$2,300** grant from the Association of Air Force Missileers (AAFM). As I mentioned in the latest Newsletter last month, we are trying to assemble as many artifacts from our time in the squadron. Please look for any hardhats, uniforms, scarves, photos, TO's, manuals, etc. These can be permanent donations or on loan to the museum (You Decide!) Just indicate with your donation whether the item(s) are to be returned and the duration of the loan. Marie is trying to have the room ready by the end of April, 2011, so **DON'T WAIT !!**

Please call or email me or Marie if there are any questions. **Send your items to Marie's address below !!**

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Dear Missileers of the 579th:

The time is coming to put together our upcoming exhibit on the 579th. Enclosed is a newspaper article run last week on the grant from the AAFM and the 579th. A press release went out to all the newspapers in New Mexico including the Albuquerque Journal. The Albuquerque TV station (KOB: Channel 4) has done a couple of stories on our museum and will be doing one on this exhibit as well. Also, we have been interviewed on the local KBIM Radio Talk Show last month on this exhibit.

In the meantime, I have been busy with the more practical tasks of ordering display cabinets, lighting, and designing a mural for the exhibit. I plan to do a timeline mural that shows the key dates and important events of the missile era and Cuban Missile Crisis-then references to the construction and operational or 'stand-up' status of each of the silos here in Roswell. So I need all of your input as to the mural's accuracy and what you think is important. I also need memorabilia, photos, old uniforms, badges, training manuals and certificates, etc. If you don't want to part with items, we can designate them as 'on loan' and return them later to you, if you wish.

This is your exhibit so that locals and others can know your story. Also, this next generation needs to be 'informed' about the Cold War and the 579th's role in keeping the Peace. This is going to be very exciting....

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Timeline of the Walker AFB Missile Era

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1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967