

Remain In Touch



USAFSS/ESC

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our annual meeting and festivities held on 17-18 September were very successful. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and there was something for all. We just wish that all of our membership could have been here. The event was topped off with out cocktail reception and dinner dance. Dick Kisling was our speaker and he hit right on target. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find his speech as well as other matters on the affair.

We are getting ready to begin our membership drive for 1983. We hope that you all will "re-up" for another hitch so we can continue our efforts to further the mission and objectives of the USAF and the ESC, as well as continue our programs to memorialize prior members and ensure our past heritage is preserved in the new command. Our active participation with the ESC and with programs which recognize outstanding airmen is a necessary involvement and the kind of thing we feel you, our membership, want us to do. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter some of the things ongoing and planned by the association.

The future of our organization depends on you and your continued membership and support. Our growth in large part will depend on our membership assistance in passing the word about the association and encouraging others to join us. So please do just that -- tell others about the organization and help spread the word.

We thank you for your support this past year and look forward to lots of new things coming for us this coming year. Lots of things are in the making to serve you and the USAF better.

Warm Regards,

Bill Ballard

*COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING;
KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS;
WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.*

USAFSS/ESC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

President William T. Ballard called the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association General Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 17 September 1982, in the Rotunda at Kelly AFB (golf course). Officers and committee members present were: President Ballard; Vice President Fred Barrett; Secretary Mary Holub; Treasurer Jim Johnson; Bill Ellerson, Publicity Chairman; Earl Carlile, Sports Chairman; Dennis Thole, Newsletter Chairman; Grover McMakin, Social Chairman; and George Parr, Office Administrator.

Chaplain Garcia gave the invocation, Fred Barrett led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Ballard welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the officers and committee chairmen.

Officer/Committee Reports

Mr. Rogers reported the Association now has a total of 837 members.

Mr. Giovannini reported on the five active projects he is heading:

1. Bill Deal is in charge of the subcommittee on renaming streets on "Security Hill." Recently selected names were: Hof, Kirknewton, Trabzon, Peshawar, and Wakkanai.
2. George Mason is in charge of the History Project.
3. Herb Macia is in charge of the Hall of Honor Project.
4. Ed Barnes is heading the COMFY OLYMPICS Project. The Alumni Association is buying two trophies to present to COMFY OLYMPICS.
5. Mr. Firmin is working the project on Support of Air Force Policy, specifically the 1983 Technical Symposium.

Treasurer Johnson reported receipts of \$8,842.60, expenditures of \$3,254.27, and a balance on hand of \$5,588.33.

Grover McMakin reported 425 banquet tickets were sold. (NOTE: The final count was 428.) He also announced the Christmas Cocktails get-together at Lackland on December 11. Cost will be \$1.00 per person.

New Business

President Ballard brought up the subject of possibly changing the name of the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association. With not much discussion, Bob Augustinus moved, and Bill Deal seconded the motion, that the name not be changed. The motion carried -- unanimously.

President Ballard then presented the following proposed amendment to the constitution:

The Board of Directors may authorize the formation of Association Chapters outside the Bexar County, Texas, area. Chapters may elect their own executive officers to administer local activities. Chapters whose membership exceeds 30 members may be represented by their Chapter President on the Association Board of Directors. The Chapter Presidents' title will be Chapter Representative. As such, he/she will have the same voting privileges, benefits and responsibilities as a member of the Association Board of Directors. He/she will be consulted regarding any nonroutine voting issue that comes before the Board.

Chapter activities that may require use of Association funds will be reviewed for approval by the Association Board of Directors. Chapter generated funds, in excess of Association dues, may be expended without Association approval.

Bill Ellerson moved, and Albert Rogers seconded the motion, to accept the amendment as read. Motion carried.

Bill Bowers, Nominating Committee Chairman, led the election. Other members of the Nominating Committee were: Ed Barnes, Joe Hinchcliff, Mary Holub, and Erv Fleischmann. Bob Stark and Bill Bowers counted the absentee ballots -- there were 93. Fred Blount moved that those nominated (Bill Ballard/President, Fred Barrett/Vice President, Curtis Swan/Secretary, and James Johnson/Treasurer) be elected by acclamation. Bill Ellerson seconded the motion and it carried.

President Ballard recapped the Alumni activities.

Then, additional golf prizes and the tennis trophy were presented. The top scoring lady in the golf tournament was recognized. Also recognized, and presented a prize, was the person who traveled the farthest to the meeting. He was John Kendrick of Honolulu, Hawaii.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Other activities held during the 1983 3-in-1 Celebration included:

17 September 1982 - Reveille at ESC, parade at Lackland AFB, coffee/doughnuts at Gott Dining Hall, tour of displays as presented by ESC units, picnic, golf and tennis tournaments;

18 September 1982 - Coffee/pastries in Ardisana Hall, ESC briefings at Ardisana Hall, tour of Air Force Museum-Security Police Museum at Lackland AFB, and dinner/dance.)

Bill Ballard, President

Mary V. Holub, Secretary

WE GOOFED!

In the last issue of the Alumni Newsletter we released a history article entitled, "The Beginnings of the Old and New." Among the staff members, we listed Col R. E. Hamilton. This was incorrect. Col George Matecko should have been listed instead, as he was serving as the DCS/Intelligence on 1 August 1979 when HQ ESC was formed.



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE DINNER/DANCE

Following is the speech given by Dick Kisling, guest speaker for the event highlighting the 3-in-1 Celebration.

"You know what they say -- 'Old Airmen Never Die - They Just Return to San Antonio!' I'm happy to be here tonight and absolutely delighted that someone had the wisdom and foresight to come up with the idea of forming a United States Air Force Security Service/Electronic Security Command Alumni Association. How proud and honored I am to be a member. May I offer my personal thanks and congratulations to you founders, and to those of you who planned this celebration on our Air Force's 35th Birthday!

'Remain in Touch!' It's a great slogan. How many times have we all looked back, only to regret that we had lost touch with friends, or a specific organization, or with a program with which we had been involved. When we do this we usually feel a void in our lives for not having remained in touch. Certainly this slogan conveys the same thoughts and feelings to you as it does to me, and we do recognize the importance of 'remaining in touch.'

Remaining in touch is the aim of any alumni association. Perhaps I shouldn't say any -- because some alumni associations seem to exist solely to put the touch on its members. In our case it is a must if we are to accomplish our objectives and goals. Personally, I feel it absolutely essential that the heritage, the history, the esprit-de-corps and the camaraderie of this command be perpetuated; and, emphatically, that the names of United States Air Force Security Service, and Electronic Security Command must never be forgotten. From its inception it has been a distinctively unique and vital Major Air Command. Although we may be small numerically, when compared to SAC, TAC, and MAC, we are large and critically essential in the context of protecting this nation and, indeed, in ensuring peace throughout the world. It is important then that we recognize those who contribute with excellence and serve with honor, so that this command can continue accomplishing its mission in a superior manner. Not only do we owe this to the men and women of this command, and their families, but we also owe it to all Americans.

I must confess that I never kept a journal of my Air Force experiences (although my wife always encouraged me to do so). Now, as I approach the golden years of my life where there is time to reflect on the past, I regret not having done so. Somehow, I don't think I should refer so easily to my being in the 'Golden Years.' That phrase always brings to mind the reactions of Howard Wildman, a retired Army Sergeant who taught math at John Jay High School -- some of you may remember him. When he was approached by a 'Golden Age Club' as a prospective member he informed his solicitor that he didn't want to be 'associated with all of those old people.' Be that as it may, my point here is that it might be a good idea for those of you who are beginning your Air Force career to start soon to record your unique experiences, assignments and world travels, and not just rely on memory. One of the projects I'm currently working on in the Pentagon is a history of our enlisted force from the time of its separation from the Army in 1947 to the present. It is extremely difficult to verify events, even some of the most important personnel and policy changes, because of someone's failure to document and then preserve the records. Far too quickly today's important events become tomorrow's dust, and if someone doesn't get the details properly recorded today they are soon lost forever.

As I said, I feel deeply privileged to be an alumni of USAFSS. Although I served only eight years out of my nearly 29 years of active duty, they were some of the most memorable years of my military career for my family and for me. They were years in

which we felt a real sense of belonging to the Air Force family -- of being members of a unit and command with a great pride in mission accomplishment, with esprit-de-corps and with a sense of caring for its people.

We all like to reminisce about the past, and I would like to take a few minutes this evening to do just that, to reminisce about my eight years in USAFSS. I hope that my doing so may stimulate some of you to do the same. Perhaps you'll share some of your memories with others later this evening and especially with our historian. I do ask for your patience and tolerance because I can't remember all the things that happened to me in this command nor all of the people that I should remember and recognize. (Even if I could, I don't think any of you would want to sit through a six hour after dinner speech.)

My first exposure to Security Service was not to the people of the command, but to 'the building and complex of Security Hill' during the early days of construction in 1952. At that time I was stationed in Amarillo, Texas with a MATS Ferrying Squadron, and we made several trips a month (usually in a B-26) to Kelly Air Force Base. Everyone was curious about that new building on the Hill -- none of us had heard of USAFSS -- the only thing we were told was that it was for a special security facility -- some even believed it was to be a special Air Force Confinement Center.

A couple of years later I found myself assigned to the 3504th Recruiting Group in San Antonio and the local inhabitants still didn't know what Security Service was all about -- I did know, however, that all of those people leaving that heavily guarded facility about 4:30 in the afternoon could cause one hell of a traffic jam on Loop 13! It was about this time that I heard of a fellow who was not only a champion bowler but who was also heralded as the expert in enlisted assignments within the command. Nearly nine years later I contacted Hugh T. Smith to firm up an assignment to Security Service. Truly a legend in his time, when I called he delivered, and six weeks later I found myself in Frankfurt, Germany and a member of The European Security Region. When we joined European Security Region in late 1963 we found ourselves in the most cohesive organization to which we had ever been assigned. Today there is a great deal of discussion throughout leadership circles on the need for cohesion -- I believe USAFSS/ESC could be a role model for the entire Air Force in this area.

Upon arrival at ESR I was a 'red badger.' Remember that? Before you received your clearance and green badge, you were a trifle suspect -- papers flipped, file drawers slammed, conversations ceased when you entered a cleared area! Despite this restriction, I began meeting and hearing about people who were going to play important roles in my Security Service and Air Force career, or with whom I would have the opportunity to work. People like Fred Barrett, Tom DeWitt, Bernie Vielie, Grover McMakin, Al Crites, Chuck Bouknight, Bert Zielins, Ray Little, Ben Ardisana, Tony DiBaggio, Don Preacher, B. J. Cook, Bill Bowers, Buck Rogers, General Lewis, General Klocko, General Coira, General Stapleton, Colonel Macia, and Mrs. Macia -- today I'm heavily involved with a relatively new Air Force program, Air Force Family Matters (AFFAM for short) and the development of family support centers at our bases and installations. These centers are being established to provide a central point where families and single members can receive comprehensive information, guidance and referral services because we recognize that their contentment and well-being are paramount to the members' job performance, career attitude and ultimately mission accomplishment. Mary Alice Macia was almost 20 years ahead of us! She was already involved. She was concerned about the families and totally committed to their well-being. She could well have written the book for today's operation.

Just fresh from a TAC base personnel unit I felt I really know the enlisted personnel business. Admittedly I was more than a little confused when Don Cameron started explaining the 3-D and 2-T programs -- I was sure he was getting his movies confused with his promotions. This was just the first of many indications that my new command did take care of its own. Colonel Tom Hyde always came through, lots of good people programs and, most importantly of all, the personal touch appeared in the personnel business.

ESR, like all USAFSS units, recognized the necessity for a good balance in their people's lives. We worked hard, but there was also time for relaxation. We had a very impressive sports program -- the intramural softball games between DCSs -- the bowling leagues in winter. Darmstadt, with its Johnny Ross, had one of the best baseball teams in Europe. And, somehow, Chicksands seemed to end up with most of the good football players. And our fine Region softball team which drew good crowds. The frequent social events and the wives' involvement in Family Services programs -- all of these activities, in addition to our interesting and challenging mission, contributed greatly to the development of unusual esprit-de-corps. There was unity within the unit. And, of course, we should never forget our NCO fraternal organization - The Regionnaires, with its dignified and sober monthly meetings. And the picnics -- I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that within two weeks after our arrival in Frankfurt it was time for the fall Region picnic, a highlight for more than one reason. While Alene and the girls had fun in the sack races and egg toss, I had a golden opportunity to get acquainted with German beer. My young daughters always complained that while the soft drink supply at these picnics became exhausted before the end of the day, the beer keg never failed -- it continued to flow -- and flow -- and flow!

There was travel for those of us who were fortunate enough to go TDY frequently -- to the real garden spots -- Sam and Trav -- Brindisi and Peshawar. Seriously, I did enjoy seeing new places such as Karamursel, Crete, Hof, Berlin, Zweibrucken, Darmstadt, Chicksands, Kirknewton. To participate in the evacuation of our dependents from Peshawar - and meeting more USAFSS people - Bill Deal - Jim Swindell - Norm Sullivan.

There was also the adventure of riding a camel, and shopping in a Turkish bazaar, and family vacations in the Alps and on the Riviera! The list is endless. Suddenly the tour in Europe was over, and it was time to return to the States -- once again fate smiled on the Kislings and we came to San Antonio -- to that awesome and mysterious complex on Security Hill.

This move enabled me to renew old friendships and to make new ones -- and I met people who would greatly influence my future career. People like Cliff Turner, Bob Touby, Roy Lynn, Bill Ballard, George Parr, Curt Swan, Norma Brown, Tom Wood, Carl Lenhart, Mike Garcia, Tom Echols, General Coira, General Stapleton, Colonel Macia, Gordon Sommers, Earl Carlile, Ray Sadler, Bill Thornton, Bill Meskill, Cora Meskill, Doye Uptain, Bill Chapman, Fred Blount, and Jim Boyle.

It also encompassed more traveling to such places as Elmendorf, Shemya, Wakanaii, Kadena, Osan, Taiwan -- and our monthly parades -- I never visit the Hill without remembering them.

I believe our history would be incomplete if we didn't also tell the story of the SENCO -- the Senior NCOs and their role in enhancing the effectiveness of the enlisted force. And let's not forget our Security Service Credit Union, and their contributions to our quality of life.

What does being a member of USAFSS/ESC mean to me? It means being a member of the most unique Major Air Command in our Air Force. It means being a member of an organization where integrity is the key ingredient -- where you know you can depend on the individual next to you. It means serving with the Air Force's best -- because this is an exclusive organization. It means knowing that you are in an organization which has a vital mission in maintaining peace and in defense of this nation. It means being in a unit that takes care of its own. It means being in an organization that encourages its people to strive for success, and this command has had many who started out as enlisted and progressed into the officer ranks -- in fact, as many of you know, Major General Larson, was once a corporal/airman second class in this very command. Now that's a real success story! -- and it gives you just one example of the extremely talented, dedicated professionals this command attracts and nurtures. Such people are the key to success in any endeavor, and they are the most valuable, complex and indispensable item in the entire Air Force inventory. As long as we continue to recognize this we will achieve our goals.

I read somewhere recently that life is a journey -- not necessarily a destination -- and all of us who have been with this command for part of that journey have had the pleasure and privilege of associating with many fine people. Remaining in touch with these people is the purpose of this organization -- so I'll stop talking soon so we can get down to the serious business of the evening, visiting with one another!

I would like to close with this thought 'that man is a success who lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, who leaves a place better than he found it, who never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had.'

Thanks again for inviting me to share this very special occasion with you."

(As some of you may know, Dick Kisling is now retired from the Air Force. He was the former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and Senior Airman Advisor for USAFSS. He is now working as a Program Analyst in DCS/Personnel, HQ USAF.)

PRESENTATION OF ELECTRONIC SECURITY COMMAND'S SWORD AND SHIELD AWARD

Following are remarks made by Major General Larson at the dinner/dance.

"It is a great pleasure tonight to recognize an organization that over the years has been a bedrock of support for USAFSS, ESC and now the Alumni Association -- our own Security Service Federal Credit Union.

Since its founding in 1956, SSFCU has always come through. Whenever we get in a pinch to improve our command's extensive recognition programs -- such as COMFY OLYMPICS, the competitive worldwide operational evaluation of our technicians; or Top Ten, the difficult selection of our top enlisted people to participate in the Air Force Outstanding Airman Program; or ESC's own Junior Officer of the Year selections -- SSFCU is always there with support. They have also actively boosted both our Senior NCO and Captains' and Lieutenants' Councils. Now they have provided a wide base of computer, printing, mailing and manhours support to the formulation of this great Alumni Association.

Therefore, as a token of our genuine appreciation, I want to present Electronic Security Command's Sword and Shield Award to the Security Service Federal Credit Union. This is a limited award, one we present to those community organizations which play a truly significant role in furthering the Air Force mission through ESC. The first Sword and Shield Award went last year to the Air Force Association's Alamo Chapter.

Retired Chief Master Sergeant Bill Deal, would you please come forward and accept this plaque and our gratitude. (Chief Deal comes to podium)

Bill, we hope that on this occasion of the U. S. Air Force's 35th Anniversary and the first annual meeting of the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association, you will accept -- on behalf of SSFCU's leadership -- ESC's heartfelt thanks and its second Sword and Shield Award."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN

The following news item was received from Mrs. Denzil Gates, Public Relations Chairman for the Malcolm Hunter Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Nada Hooton Stenberg, San Antonio, Texas, presented the annual National Defense program for the Malcolm Hunter Chapter, NSDAR, at a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 1982, at the Southern Oaks Branch Library, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Her program was titled "From My Desk - a view of USAF National Defense."

Major General Doyle E. Larson, Commander, Electronic Security Command, gave Mrs. Stenberg permission to present her program on the history and mission of the ESC. Mrs. Stenberg is secretary to Lt Col James W. Mock III, Chief of the Readiness Applications Division within the DCS/Operations, and has been associated with the command for 20 years. She was assisted in her choice of materials by Lt Col Gus Akerson and Major Chancel French.

Mrs. Stenberg, a member of the Malcolm Hunter Chapter, OSNSDAR (Oklahoma Society, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution) is a native of Arkansas and graduated from Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro, Arkansas. She then attended Draughan's Business College in San Antonio, Texas. Following completion of business college, she was employed in Jonesboro, and in Nashville, Tennessee, before settling in San Antonio. She is a military widow and has one son, Butch Stenberg.

Mrs. Stenberg is a member of the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association, ESC Chapter of the Federally Employed Women, Inc., Bexar County Women's Political Caucus, the church of Christ, and is currently enrolled in Audiovisual Oil Painting Class sponsored by San Antonio College.

Other guests for the chapter were Mrs. Charles F. Able, Oklahoma State National Defense Chairman, NSDAR, and retired Lt Col Denzil E. Gates, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Colonel Gates accepted the Outstanding Junior Member Award for his daughter, Debra Gates Chase, who lives in Alameda, California.

Mrs. Stenberg was a guest in the home of Colonel and Mrs. Gates in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

SPORTS CORNER

The USAFSS/ESC Third Annual Golf Tournament is now history. We had a field of 124 players and awarded prizes to 34 individuals. First place prize went to the team of Steve Lopez, Joseph Bush, John Griffin and B. V. Duclos with a score of 10 under par, 62. The second place team also shot a score of 62 but lost out for first place by the Western Breakdown. They were Joe Burton, George Hurlock, Fred Blount and Robert Freise.

The USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association First Annual Tennis Tournament was played this year with 11 players participating. It was a singles tournament and was divided into two divisions, Open and Seniors. Four played in the Open Division and seven in the Seniors Division. Capt Don Butin finished first in the Open while Lt Col W. F. Fuller took top honors in the Seniors.

A special thanks to all those whose time and effort made the golf and tennis events a huge success. We hope that everyone enjoyed the activities and fellowship as much as we did. We are looking forward to seeing you next year for another round of golf and tennis.

Earl Carlile

USAFSS/ESC HALL OF HONOR COMMITTEE MEETING

The USAFSS/ESC Hall of Honor Committee met on 29 September 1982, in the HQ ESC Alert Center. Committee members are: Chairman Herb Macia, Wes Akins, Tom Hyde, George Mason, Jerry McKenna, Joe McShane, Joe Porter, Bob Augustinus, Erv Fleischmann, Roy Kaiser, Steve Mrak, Lou Rocha, Bob Rush, Doye Uptain, Merle Vernone and Jerry Yawn.

Chairman Macia announced that the purpose of the USAFSS/ESC Hall of Honor Committee was to create a file, reconstruct files on people, and be selective. The Committee will be looking for Hall of Fame selectees, and should think about what is a good idea. Structure and criteria need to be set up -- "honor and fame should be considered," he said, and emphasized examples of true professionals who made real, significant contributions.

Jerry McKenna related General Larson's thoughts on this matter. He said "General Larson has a sense of history and tries to encourage traditions. He has asked Bob Rush to work to capture history. So, he decided to set a special room/place aside (the entrance to the flag pole/courtyard area), to record these type things permanently." The rest was up to the committee - to decide who will be honored; however, to include military, civilian, and deceased who displayed outstanding achievement. Essentially, the Committee's role is to deal with the Hall of Fame -- to have Alumni identify those to be recognized.

Herb Macia announced that the next action would be to put individual thoughts into writing, measure people against events, and consider all. He said he would again call another meeting in late October. Then, in November, the Committee would analyze inputs for merit. He emphasized the need for volunteers. Specific assignment areas were farmed out to the members: Porter - development; Mason - operations; Hyde - awards (break into two categories - managers and do'ers); Akins - operations; and Macia and McShane to evaluate inputs.

Herb Macia

BEFORE YOUR HOLIDAY CALENDAR IS FILLED

Jot it down, mark your calendar, tie a string around your finger -- but remember 11 December is our next get-together. Come one, come all -- wish old friends a Merry Christmas!

SUPPORT OF COMFY OLYMPICS

Plans for the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association support of the COMFY OLYMPICS program have been finalized and all necessary actions completed as previously reported. Activities for the contestants will begin on Tuesday, 26 October 1982, with an Association-sponsored tour of the San Antonio and surrounding areas.

Directly following the Awards Ceremony on Thursday morning, 28 October 1982, at 1030, the Association will also co-sponsor a reception for COMFY OLYMPICS contestants and invited guests. The reception will be held at the Main Kelly AFB Officers' Club.

Two trophies have been purchased to be presented to winners in the Outstanding Mobile Unit category. The traveling trophy has a four inch, marble topped base, a nine inch sterling silver cup, topped by a ten inch victory figure. The permanent trophy is a nine inch silver cup sitting on a five inch wooden base. On the evening of 28 October 1982, the trophies for the Outstanding Mobile Unit will be presented to the winner during the COMFY OLYMPICS Awards Banquet.

Ed Barnes, Project Officer

ANNIVERSARIES

The Air Force recently celebrated its 35th Anniversary and the Command its 34th. During the celebration of the Command's Silver Anniversary in 1973, several Air Force leaders expressed their sentiments on that occasion.

Maj Gen Walter T. Galligan, USAF, Commander, USAFSS said:

"...In 1948 when the Security Service was organized and designated a major air command, it entered the inventory of Air Force organizations without much fanfare. Because of its highly sensitive operations, perhaps the quiet introduction aptly predicted the USAF Security Service's low profile existence. While you may not receive the same degree of public recognition enjoyed by members of other commands, your efforts do not go unnoticed...USAF Security Service personnel have established an enviable record. Two Presidential Unit Citations, 89 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two awards for outstanding contributions to the National Cryptologic effort, certainly speak for themselves. As we commemorate our silver anniversary, I commend each of you on your demonstrated capabilities in the area of national security and your promotion of international friendships. You have every right to your proud association with one of the Air Force's truly outstanding commands. I am confident this silver anniversary is just the beginning of a history of continuous, dedicated, faithful national service."

John L. McLucas, Secretary of the Air Force, said:

"In its 25 years of existence, the Security Service has established an enviable record of highly professional performance. I am confident that your dedication and effectiveness will continue in the challenging years ahead."

General George S. Brown, USAF, Chief of Staff, said:

"...The men and women of USAF Security Service have performed their duties admirably and have made a significant contribution to better understanding of the American way of life around the world. All of you may reflect with pride on the history of the USAF Security Service. I know you are looking forward to the same high degree of success in the future."

Lt Gen Lew Allen, Jr., USAF, Director, NSA/Chief, CSS, said:

"...For the past quarter of a century the men and women of the Security Service have served their country faithfully and well in the highest traditions of the military and cryptologic services. I salute you on your anniversary, share your pride in your command and services, and wish you well for all the years to come."

Maj Gen Paul R. Stoney, USAF, Commander, AFCS, said:

"...The USAFSS is a vital part of the Air Force, performing a mission that is essential not only to the Air Force mission, but to the successful operations of other Department of Defense agencies as well. Because of the highly critical nature of your work and the superior degree of professional technical expertise your jobs demand, you are more than justified in being proud of your many accomplishments. Best wishes for a memorable 25th Anniversary."

Maj Gen Lee M. Paschall, USAF, Director of Command Control and Communications, said:

"Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the 25th Anniversary of the USAF Security Service....The command has consistently provided outstanding mission support and improved operational effectiveness....Judging from past performance and the vitality of the command today, the future appears as promising as the past 25 years. Congratulations!"

So, as it was then, it is now -- performance, dedication, effectiveness, duty, patriotism, success, pride, tradition, service, professionalism, expertise, and accomplishment.

Mary Holub

COMING EVENTS

30 October 1982 - A reminder for all personnel that were assigned to Karamursel of the "Merchaba"

11 December 1982 - Social, Lackland AFB NCO Club (Gold Room), 6:30 p.m.

3 February 1983 - Dr. R. V. Jones banquet - details to be provided

Week of 17 April 1983 - Old Crows will sponsor an Electronic Warfare Technical Symposium

SOCIAL NEWS

Don't mean to brag, but - on the whole - we had a very successful dinner dance on 18 September in conjunction with our first annual meeting and golf tournament. Four hundred twenty five paid for the dinner and 418 were fed! (We had two who donated their tickets.) It was crowded and the five bars couldn't handle the refreshment requirements, but most everyone was in good spirits (in spite of no spirits) and did not let those little glitches bother them. If anyone had a bad steak, I didn't hear about it, so we take a plus on that side. This banquet honored our past Commanders, Senior Enlisted Advisors and Senior Civilians. (They all paid their own way.)

Attending were:

Lt Gen (Ret) Gordon Blake
Lt Gen (Ret) Walter Galligan
Maj Gen (Ret) Louis Coira
Maj Gen (Ret) Carl Stapleton
Maj Gen Doyle Larson, Commander, ESC

CMSgt (Ret) Richard Kisling, Guest Speaker
CMSgt (Ret) Doye Uptain
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Lloyd
CMSgt Jerry Keaton, Senior Enlisted Advisor, ESC

GS-16 (Ret) Joe Porter
GS-16 (Ret) Jim Savage
GS-16 Bill Meskill
GS-16 Gordon Sommers, Present Advisor to Commander

We had 32 come from out of state with J. R. Kendrick from Hawaii coming the longest distance and 44 came from other Texas towns.

Many stayed late for dancing and tall tales. Our thanks to all for the great participation. Let's do it again! (P.S. We actually cleared a little profit on our 3-in-1 Celebration.)

Grover McMakin

SOCIAL NEWS FOR LOCAL SAN ANTONIO AREA ALUMNI

Mark 11 December (that's uno uno) on your calendar now for our next get-together at the Lackland AFB NCO Club (Gold Room). Also, pass the word as there will be no flyer for this event. Bring your \$1.00 per head entertainment tax! Time is 6:30 p.m.

Grover McMakin

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

1. Response to our membership efforts have been rewarding for the first year. We will exceed 900 members for the year and are still climbing. A hearty thanks to all of you.

2. Since our Association is currently on a Calendar Year (CY) basis we will open our CY83 membership drive the last week of November by sending out reminders to submit your '83 dues.

3. Pending formalized Amendment to the Constitution and under the current provisions of Article V, Membership, the Board has adopted the category of Associate Members in order to permit membership to those we feel could make added contributions to our organization.

4. The qualifications are outlined as follows:

a. Associate Members. Applies to individuals in the following categories:

(1) Open to surviving spouse of all deceased USAFSS/ESC personnel who would qualify as a regular member.

(2) Open to all ESC personnel now assigned and not qualifying as a regular member.

(3) Open to all DOD personnel (as individually approved by the Board of Directors) who, because of their close association with USAFSS/ESC, perpetuate the objectives of the Association.

5. The Board of Directors has voted to continue the \$10.00 dues for both regular and associate members in '83 so we can expand the support of our objectives.

6. Keep sending in those names and addresses of prospective members -- they are really productive.

7. See the list of names of those members joining since July at the end of this publication. These names coupled with those you received in your membership roster shows you our active members to date.

8. Remember -- "Bigger but Better in '83"

Buck Rogers

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE"

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This wording of the pledge varies slightly from the original, which was drawn up in 1892 in the office of "The Youth's Companion" in Boston. It was first used in the public schools in celebration of Columbus Day, October 12, 1892.

The pledge received official recognition by Congress in an Act of June 11, 1942. The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by a Congressional Act of June 14, 1954. At that time, President Eisenhower said that "in this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

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