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## The President's Corner



Members,

Plan now to attend our annual Spring Social on March 31, 2012! All details are contained in this issue of the Newsletter and we're looking forward to a very special evening of recognizing key people and honoring our AFISRA deployed personnel. Please post or e-mail your intent to attend to either Bob Baert or me, so we can appropriately plan for this event. We look forward to setting another new attendance record this year!

Maj General Bob Otto gave an incredibly informative interview in the most recent edition of *Tactical ISR Technology*. For those of us who aren't directly involved in AFISRA day-to-day activities, General Otto's words will bring you up to date on the incredible work being conducted by our active duty contingent, and I strongly suggest you check out his remarks online at <http://www.tactical-isr-technology.com/tisr-home/372-tisr-2011-volume-1-issue-5-december/5062-qaa-maj-gen-robert-otto.html>. (See pp 12-13.)

After serving in a variety of FTVA positions for over a decade (including 9 years as the Hall of Honor Chairman), Bob Sherwood submitted his "retirement papers". Bob is an integral part of the Association, and has directed the Hall of Honor program with unparalleled integrity. He is directly responsible for much FTVA growth and success, and will be missed tremendously. The Board of Directors subsequently named Bob as "Hall of Honor Director Emeritus" to show our profound appreciation for his numerous contributions. We're pleased to name CMSgt-Ret A.J. Harrison as Bob's successor, and look forward to continued success with the Hall of Honor Program.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Rass and Wayne for their work with our Newsletter over the past two years. They work hard to ensure each post, e-mail, and submitted correspondence are reviewed and included, yet manage to edit, publish, and disseminate the document on time, every time. Thanks again for your input and participation – it enables all of us to

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*Lee*





Hi Everyone,

As you can see from the blue centerfold in this quarter's RIT, it's time again to submit your nominations to the FTVA Hall of Honor for 2012. At the same time, we're saying adios to the long-time, dynamic Chairman of our Hall of Honor program, Bob Sherwood.

Thanks to the high volume of your inputs, this issue is chock full of articles ~ especially, in our "History and Memories" section. Thanks to Wayne Tallant for introducing another enhancement to our Fallen Eagles section – now, he's including links to the newspaper source of obit write-ups for ease of reference. As usual, you'll find a list of upcoming Reunions (don't forget to notify us using the form on our website). Hope you enjoy this issue and best wishes for an EGGciting Easter!!

Sincerely,



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Letters to the Editor

Dec 6, 2011

Hi Rass,

Got my Dec RIT yesterday. As always it is full of good stuff and this issue is very thick. I know it took a lot of your time to get it edited, published and mailed.

Thank you for the article on Aircraft 591537. And I want to especially thank you for linking Marv Fletcher's obit to the article. I flew with Marv often. He was a master of his business and a very demanding customer and always fun to be with.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Personal regards, Jeff McRaney  
Garland, TX

Mr McRaney,

Publishing the RIT newsletter is a group effort and Wayne Tallant deserves a lot of credit along with Bob Baert and our BOD. I'm just the editor. We're doing what we can to provide pleasant and informative quarterly reading for you and our 1600-plus fellow members. Thanks for your thoughtful note.

v/r D. Rassmussen, Editor

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Dec 8, 2011

Rass,

Congratulations on yet another great newsletter (Dec 2011). One of the best ever! The quantity and quality of the newsletter is much improved -- and the broad input from across the FTVA organization, chapters, and membership is truly outstanding.

I read with interest in the "Bits and Bytes" section, the member's opinion reported on pg. 68. In highlighting the quality of the USAFSS enlisted force, a point upon which there is and has been virtual agreement for many decades, he suggested that the USAFSS officer corps was by and large of little use, supposedly saying that for the most part "We officers, regardless of rank... stood around with our thumbs up our asses." I don't know the individual; I'll let him speak for himself. However, my experience, serving from 1975-2003, was much different.

While not a completely perfect group, by and large, the officer leadership has been, and continues to be, a pretty remarkable collection of dedicated and talented individuals. Yes, there were exceptions... but, they comprise a very small group of individuals, generally culled from the pack by our leadership and often by their own peers. I'm honored to have served with many outstanding enlisted members and I am grateful for the role they played and the support they provided me in a variety of assignments. I am equally grateful for the outstanding officer corps that I served with. Old friends like Jim McLendon, Joe Hurst, Chancel French, Ed Marek, Wayne Fau, and Bernie Gavin -- from whom I learned a lot. And others who I grew up with, including Craig Koziol, Paul Dettmer, Jim Poss, John Kotch, Greg Roman, John Nichols, John Glodo, Ron Haygood, and Ken Williams. And those who I worked for, including Mike Hayden, Ken Minihan, Paul Martin, Grover Jackson, Billy Bingham, Charlie Bishop, Jim Beale, Jerry Wucher, Sam Partridge, Juan Lopez, Jack Lee, Bob Taus, John Casciano, Gregg Wheeler, and Jim Hilliard. Each set an example, lent support, and made sure the job got done.

The list of good examples is almost endless. The list of those that didn't measure up is markedly short. I can only name a few. For most of us, our fondest memories involved serving as flight commanders, DO's, and squadron commanders -- the times we were closest to the mission and the people (officer and enlisted) who were getting it done...and the vast majority of us most certainly did NOT have our 'thumbs up our butts.' I'm convinced that's still true today.

Sincerely,  
Chris Cook, Col (Ret)  
Immediate FTVA Past President

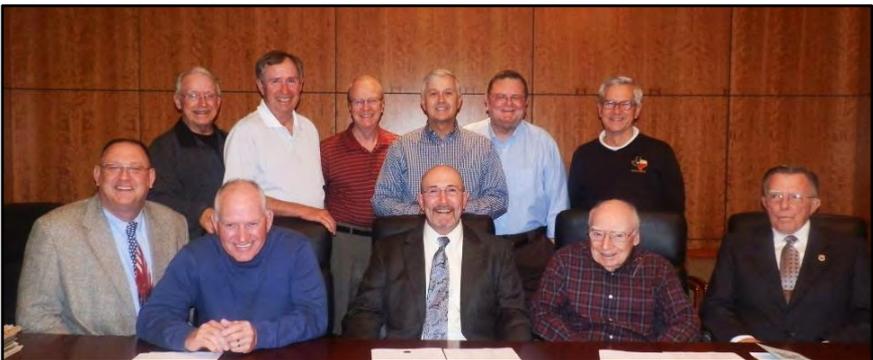
Col Cook,

Thank you for your letter. I'm sure most of us agree with you that in the collective experience of our 'enlisted' Command, officers like those named in your letter truly exemplify an overall outstanding and respectful history of commissioned leadership and management performance. Our history supports your insightful counter-point on what has been, and continues to be, the "best of the best" in intelligence officers which include many officers with prior enlisted experience. In our issues of RIT, it's not unusual to find tribute upon tribute to our many Fallen Eagles both officer and enlisted, who served as exemplary role models. Your response is certainly well stated and much appreciated.

v/r D. Rassmussen, Editor

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**FTVA Board of Directors - January 2012**



L-R (Front Row): Loran (Phred) Sevening; Jim McLendon; Lee Anthony; Doug Holden; Bob Sherwood. (Back Row) : Dennis Rassmussen; Joe Hurst; Wayne Tallant; Ron Haygood; Bob Cope and Chris Cook.

### **Well-Earned Appreciation**



(Left) Lee Anthony, FTVA President, extends a big vote of thanks on behalf of FTVA to Bob Sherwood. Bob resigned last month after nine years of outstanding volunteer service on the FTVA BOD as Chairman of our Hall of Honor program. A. J. Harrison has agreed to replace Bob as the new HOH Director. Bob will continue to support FTVA as a Director Emeritus.

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### **Hall of Honor Nominations**

The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction into the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's Hall of Honor. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association's reunion activities and is scheduled for Saturday morning, 29 September 2012, at Headquarters, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AF ISR Agency).

Since the creation of USAFSS as a major air command in 1948, members of USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency, hereinafter referred to as the command, have been at war 24/7/365 as anonymous sentinels, engaged in combat with foreign enemies of the United States and its allies while conducting operations in the air as aircrew members, on the seas aboard U.S. naval ships, and on each of the major continental land masses as well as numerous islands around the world. In no small measure, their contributions toward the preservation of our freedoms, though largely unheralded, have been vital to the continuance of our national security and our way of life. The command has been blessed with an abundance of talented members who possessed the skill sets and intellectual capacity, coupled with unselfish dedication and commitment, to conquer whatever challenges they encountered – often while confronting significant adversity and at great personal sacrifice.

The Freedom Through Vigilance Association's founders established the Hall of Honor in 1983 to honor those individuals who served the command with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. To date, 163 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Honor. They include former officer, enlisted and civilian personnel whose contributions as technicians, supervisors, planners, managers and leaders extend from World War II through the ongoing conflicts. The Hall of Honor preserves

the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the Nation.

We have all had the privilege of serving with individuals who are viable candidates for induction into the Hall of Honor. This is an opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in an attempt to ensure they receive the recognition and lasting tribute they have earned. The Selection Committee will review all eligible nominations and select individuals for induction into the Hall of Honor using eligibility criteria and procedures pursuant to the Hall of Honor Charter. (A copy of the Charter is available at <http://www.ftva.org>.)

Nominations must be received not later than 4 June 2012 and may be submitted either by mail or email. Nominations submitted by mail should be addressed to FTVA, Attn: HOH Committee, P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio TX 78269-1616. Email nominations should be addressed to myself at [chiefajh@gmail.com](mailto:chiefajh@gmail.com) or to Bob Cope at [rope6@earthlink.net](mailto:rope6@earthlink.net). When submitting nominations, please limit input to one page, front and back, using the HOH Nomination Form available in the newsletter or on the website.

Thank you and remain in touch.

*A.J. Harrison*, Chairman  
Hall of Honor Program

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### **NOTICE: Change to our Association By-Laws**

“Acting in accord with the FTVA Constitution, Article V, Membership, the Board of Directors added a new category of Associate members during the regularly scheduled Board meeting on 20 January 2012. A number of individuals who have closely associated mission duties with members of the AFISR Agency have been ineligible for membership in the Association. The addition of a new paragraph to the Association By Laws enables these people to become non-voting members of the FTVA. This is the addition to the By Laws:

(4) Air Force personnel, assigned to intelligence organizations which are not assigned or attached to the Air Force ISR Agency, who support and perpetuate the objectives of the Association. The Board of Directors may designate persons eligible for membership in this category as individuals, by Air Force specialty, or may designate organizations whose members are eligible as a group.” //Joe Hurst//

**Soft Copy of Newsletter**

Those interested in receiving the color softcopy of *Remain in Touch* newsletter in .pdf format (instead of hard copy), go to the web site and fill in the form at: <http://www.ftva.org/FORMS/enewsletter.html> to subscribe. When a newsletter is published, Bob Baert will put it in a protected directory on the website. An e-mail will then be sent to those who subscribe to the softcopy letting you know it is available and providing the new password. (Note: you still have the option later on to go back to receiving the hard copy via regular mail). **E-mail Bob Baert: [membersupport@ftva.org](mailto:membersupport@ftva.org)**

**THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

It is membership renewal time again. Have you paid your 2012 dues? The easiest way to tell is to check the mailing label on the envelope this newsletter arrived in. If your name is followed by a “2011”, you have not paid this year’s dues. If your name is followed by a “2011” and you recently mailed your dues they probably crossed paths in the mail. It can take up to three weeks for mail to funnel down to me.

Unfortunately, if your 2012 dues are not paid by the end of May, this will be the last newsletter we can mail you. If you owe 2012 dues, please mail your dues (\$20.00) to:

Freedom Through Vigilance Association  
P.O. Box 691616  
San Antonio, TX 78269-1616

*Annual Member Directory:* I will be putting together the annual directory beginning in June. Please make sure you have any updates to me by the end of May so they can be included.

*Bob Baert*, Membership Support  
([membersupport@ftva.org](mailto:membersupport@ftva.org))

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**Jest Curious...**

**What was the “Best Thing” BEFORE Sliced Bread??**



The annual FTVA Spring Social will be held at the Lackland Gateway Club again this year. Activities begin at 1700 on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. FTVA members and active duty service men and women are all invited to enjoy this special evening. Brig Gen (Ret) Grover Jackson will be our speaker for the evening as we present the “Last Man Standing” award to Lt Gen Craig Koziol who is the only remaining airman in-uniform to have served in USAFSS. We will again recognize some of AFISR Agency’s recent returnees from Afghanistan, Iraq and the AOR. Your donation of \$5.00 per person includes heavy puu-puu’s along with a pay-as-you-go bar and the chance to re-connect with fellow FTVA members. See You There!

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**FTVA CAPS**

We have two styles of caps available. One has the stiff front, while the other has the soft front. Both hats are khaki color and have all five of the shields used by the commands/services/agencies which were first known as USAFSS. In addition, the American Flag is traced along the front edge of the bill and appears as a tag on the adjustment tab. A.



donation of \$20 is requested for each (includes S & H). Send requests for caps to:

Douglas Holden  
9227 Fallworth St.  
San Antonio TX 78254

(Donation may be made by check or Money Order/Cashier’s Check made out to Freedom Through Vigilance Association.)

*Doug Holden*

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**Jest Wonderin’...**



**WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN ENDANGERED PLANT?**

**FTVA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

**Visit to Osage, OK Inspires Help To Fellow Vet**

by Jim Cross Press-News ReporterNorth Iowa Media Group



**Jim and Karen (Tesch) McLendon** recently came to Osage, OK, with the intention of attending Karen's 50th class reunion and the Tesch family reunion. However, after making a stop at the Mitchell County Historical Museum, their visit took on a new purpose, one that changed the lives of two American veterans.

During their visit to Osage, the couple made a stop to tour the museum located at the Cedar River Complex. When they walked in, they immediately noticed the purple quilt on display for Jacob Hutchinson.



(Above) Jim and Karen Tesch McLendon, Alex Young, Jacob Hutchinson, Robert and Krista Stevens during a recent visit to the McLendon's home in San Antonio, Texas. (submitted photo)

Hutchinson was injured May 19 in Afghanistan while serving as a medic in the Iowa National Guard. He suffered severely broken legs and one broken arm while riding in a transport vehicle when it was hit by an IED. Currently, Hutchison is at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where he is undergoing physical therapy. His grandmother Char Kirkegaard and cousin Chloe Campbell made the quilt in honor of Jacob. While speaking with Ellen Elsbury, museum chair, the couple became interested in Jacob's story.

Jim McLendon is a retired USAF Colonel, an Intell officer and Vietnam Vet who spent over 33 years in the Air Force. Karen is a retired Pentagon employee. After realizing Hutchison was stationed in San Antonio, the McLendons said they would like to get to know him and offer any assistance they could in his recovery. "It's simply helping out a wounded warrior, that's what soldiers do," said Jim. "I guess you could say it is one vet helping another vet. The military is taking great care of his physical and mental needs. We are supplementing that with off-base or off-post involvement." "We are trying to involve Jacob in the day-to-day activities of our family, while he is away from his," said Karen. "On Halloween, we all sat out on our front yard, a party, and Jacob handed out the candy."

Currently, Jacob is living in a hotel-like building called the Palace. "It's like living in a hotel room," said Jacob. "There is a bedroom, small living room and a mini-frig. It would be nice to have a regular kitchen."

Jim said they asked themselves the question, "What can we do?" "He is living with others in his same condition or worse," said Jim. "For his mental health and well-being, we thought it would be good to get him out of that as much as possible." The couple said by helping Jacob they were helping him return to some "normalcy" in his life as he prepares to come back home. "Jacob has a great sense of humor," they both agreed. "It has been great having him and his fiancé, Alex, become part of our family. You have to understand the philosophy of the military," said Jim. "We take care of our own especially since you tend to be isolated from the civilians. That extends to you never leaving a comrade behind, even if they are dead. That's the way we think in the military. You become a part of the philosophy, you never forget." He added, "When you see a younger comrade going through this, you want to do something."

Jim's and Karen's fathers were soldiers during World War II. "We remember what it was like for them," said Karen. "We lived through their experiences and we want to help out another soldier."

You may wonder, "How did Jacob meet the McLendons?" After hearing of their interest in Jacob, his aunt Sarah Campbell contacted Jacob and shared with him the information about the McLendons. "It was refreshing to meet people who are really nice," said Jacob. "They have been very giving and gracious to meet. "They have provided a 'home away from home' for both me and my fiancé." Before going to war, Jacob had been dating a girl named Alex, short for Alexandra. After returning, the two got engaged.

As Jacob has progressed in his recovery, he needed a 24-hour non-medical attendant for about six months. "This is the next step in my recovery," said Jacob. "It wasn't going to be possible for my mom to come and stay for six months, so, Alex said she would come and help me." Alex went to Texas to spend a week with Jacob and then decided to go back and be his attendant.

Being his attendant means she helps make sure he takes his medication and helps with his exercises, as well as some day-to-day activities that Jacob is not able to yet do independently. "She is my best friend," said Jacob. "Having someone here makes the recovery go so much easier." However, her time is just about up and soon Jacob will be returning to the barracks where he will need to be more independent in his recovery process.

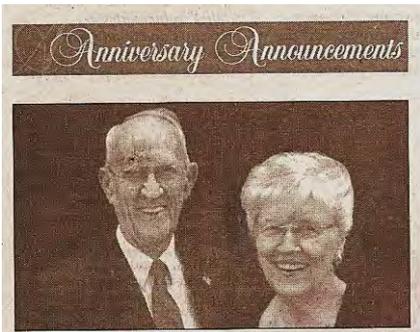
About three weeks ago, Jacob had surgery to remove 1/2 of the framework that had been on both of his legs. All of it was taken off his left leg. On his right leg, he now has framework from his ankle to knee. "This has greatly decreased my pain," said Jacob. "It has also increased my mobility. I am now able to walk short distances with crutches." Even though Jacob is in the facility to help in his recovery, Jacob is still in the Army. "Soldiers, even if they are wounded, are still required to attend morning formation at 7:00 a.m.," said Jim, "and stand at attention, if at all possible. "He (Jacob) is still in the Army and the Army wants to keep the soldiers disciplined and focused. They (the Army) keep them occupied. That is part of their (the soldiers') recovery."

Jacob expects the majority of his recovery to be completed by next summer, just about one year from the time of his injuries. He originally expected his recovery to take two to three years. "By next summer, I expect to be up, walking and doing some running," he said. "I need to be 85-90 percent recovered before I return." When he moves back to Iowa, he will finish his recovery at a VA Hospital. "I can't say enough about Alex coming and living with me," said Jacob. "Having her here has been great both psychologically and emotionally. It has helped me to maintain a good attitude." He added he has seen so many wounded soldiers discouraged and negative. "It would be easy to have that mindset," he said. "But having the McLendons has been a blessing to not only me, but to Alex as well. "They have provided a 'normal' family setting for me during my recovery."

**((Read more: [http://globegazette.com/mcpress/news/local/a-visit-to-osage-becomes-a-chance-to-help-a/article\\_f85c430c-0a32-11e1-93f4-001cc4c03286.html#ixzz1doPwSmfr](http://globegazette.com/mcpress/news/local/a-visit-to-osage-becomes-a-chance-to-help-a/article_f85c430c-0a32-11e1-93f4-001cc4c03286.html#ixzz1doPwSmfr) ))**

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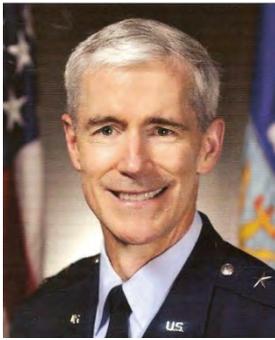
FTVA Life Member Craig and Betty Johnson celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Craig, a 1992 FTVA HOH inductee, married the former Betty Hillje at Zion Lutheran Church in San Anonio, TX back in 1952. The couple has four children, 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



## **ISR CAPACITY BUILDER**

### **“Providing Integrated Cross-domain ISR for Decisive Advantage”**

*(Excerpt from Tactical ISR Technology Magazine, Vol 1, Issue 5, Decr 2011 pp17 – 18)*



(Left) Maj Gen Robert P. “Bob” Otto is Commander Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. Otto is responsible for providing multisource ISR products, applications, capabilities and resources, as well as Cyber ISR forces and expertise. The AF ISR Agency includes the 70<sup>th</sup> and 480<sup>th</sup> ISR Wings; national Air and Apace Intelligence Center; AF Technical Applications Center; 361<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Forces ISR Group; and all Air Force cryptologic operations.

*ISRT Magazine: Q.* What are the main tenants of your commander’s guidance?

*Maj Gen Otto: A.* There are five of them. The first one is, we’re going to play a critical role in the current efforts by proving relevant, timely and decision-quality ISR.

Second, we are going to maintain a high state of readiness so we’re ready to deploy downrange or to other conflicts.

Third, we’re going to be prepared to support contingencies when the battlespace is contested or denied: today in Afghanistan, that is a battlespace in which we essentially own the skies. You can envision future conflicts where that will be contested or even denied, and we need to be able to support contingencies across that range of operations.

Fourth, we need to seek resource–neutral solutions, because clearly America is facing fiscal issues and we need to find ways to deliver worthwhile capabilities at less cost to the taxpayer, so we are trying to ensure that the solutions we come up with are at least resource neutral.

And then, finally, we want to be an agile, results-focused organization, one that collaborates with other agencies and one that’s looking to best serve the nation. We think that you can in fact breed agility. That is one of those things that with practice, the right structures and the right command approach, we should be able to accomplish easily.

In closing, we have an incredibly talented group of enlisted, officers and civilians who are absolutely focused on our vision of being the preeminent ISR enterprise. I believe that we need to invest in leadership development and training standardization as well as the physical well-being of our members. We need to promote integrity; we need to make sure that we reward excellence in performance and that we encourage and foster mutual respect. I believe that developing and caring for our people is going to be the cornerstone to our mission of delivering relevant and timely ISR.

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**USAF PORTRAIT IN COURAGE**

[www.af.mil/specials/courage/index.html](http://www.af.mil/specials/courage/index.html)



During her deployment with a provincial reconstruction team in Afghanistan in 2010, Sr Amn **Chaise Epps** proved that a simple hand-held camera can be just as effective in war as the high-tech U-2 imagery she normally worked with back home. She is currently assigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Beale AFB, CA.

On December 28, 2010 while assigned to a small forward operating base, Amn Epps' FOB came under heavy mortar and small arms fire from insurgent forces. For three intense hours, she courageously performed combat camera documentation, capturing more than 600 images of base defense and firefighting efforts. In the first two hours alone, several mortar rounds caused a massive fire on the FOB that destroyed the fuel storage depot, vehicle maintenance facility, and several fighting positions.

Amn Epps willingly put herself at risk, moving to a fighting position that had been abandoned due to heat and explosion hazard, all the while ensuring a better angle for intelligence collection. She quickly processed the imagery and provided it to FOB leadership. The images provided a crucial assessment of the damage and magnitude of destruction, enabling leadership to enhance the FOB's defenses in near-real-time, including re-enforcing garrison battle and counter-firing positions. Later, her photographs were used as evidence to prosecute insurgents detained during the attack, and the images aided interrogations of the detainees in order to identify other violent extremists.

Amn Epps' actions were commendable. Armed with a camera as her primary weapon, her bravery and quick thinking were in keeping with the highest values of an AF combat photographer. For her actions, she was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievements Medal, as well as the Army Combat Action Badge.



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Mr Anthony *Lee*

On behalf of the men and women of the Air Force ISR Agency and our historically-linked units, I would like to extend our sincere thank you for your generous contribution to the 2011 Major General Larson SENSOR OLYMPICS Awards XXXII.

The support of your organization allowed us to ensure the program remains the premier example of how to recognize technical excellence across the extended Air Force ISR Enterprise. Your efforts were instrumental to the overall success of Awards Week – a phenomenal recognition event!

We are grateful for everything you did to make this happen and hope you will continue your support for this program in the future. Our heartfelt thanks!

It's an Honor to Serve!

ROBERT P. OTTO, Maj Gen, USAF  
Commander

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Mr John G. LaHue has retired after 40 years of military and civil service to the Air Force. Mr LaHue is one of our own USAFSS veterans who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC), but never received it formally. Maj Gen Otto personally presented the DFC to him during retirement ceremonies at Bldg 171, Port San Antonio on Thursday, 22 Dec 2011.



<b>BEDSIDE MATTERS</b>
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//Post by Terry Cullivan (Misawa Site) Oct 19,2011//

My meeting with Jim Adams: Celeste and I stopped at Wal-Mart today and a gentleman by the name of James (Jim) Adams stopped me (wearing my Misawa hat) and said he had been in USAFSS. Jim said he had been stationed at Darmstadt (10th) and at the 81st in Alaska. His e-mail is [jabadams@att.net](mailto:jabadams@att.net) and ph# 217-546-6417. We exchanged e-mails. Jim is in treatment for throat cancer and talks in a very low whisper so I had a difficult time hearing some of what he said. Anyone remember Jim? Not sure what years he was in USAFSS, but I figured Jim to be in his late 60's.

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// By William (Bill) R. Spencer (Hakata: 202 - "Baker Flight" - 63-64; 68-70)//

Jan 2011 - Colleagues, I have noticed that all of you have signed on to our Members-Only Web Site (6918th Roll Call) at least one time since the beginning of the year. If you have not yet had the time to sign on and read the News - Prayer Request that Dave Bethard posted to the Web Site on 09 Jan 2012, please take a moment to do so.

One of our brothers (Tom Stephens) is in dire need of all of our words of encouragement, thoughts and, above all, our prayers. It is hard enough to experience one crisis at a time, but to have two occur at the same time is beyond anything that a person should have to endure. And to have it occur so close to the Christmas and Holiday Season, please God, take Tom and his whole family under your wing and give all of them peace and comfort during this difficult time and the times that lie ahead. Amen. I truly do believe that miracles do happen and my wife, Heide, and I are praying that He will bless Tom with a miracle at this time. At this time, I am asking that all of you contact Tom in whatever way you feel most appropriate (I have listed his contact information below.) and let him know that his brothers from the 6918th will keep him and his whole family in our thought and prayers during the days that lie ahead. I know that such a gesture would lift a weight off my heart, brighten my spirits and prepare me for whatever lies ahead. Let's all show Tom how much we support him. May God Bless all of you.

Bill Spencer

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//Following posted by Patric Pucillo (Roll Call Web Site) Jan 13, 2012//

The membership of USAFSS on- line sites are composed mostly of men, aged from 60 - 90. Consequently, we are all facing the typical health issues that affect this class of people. In my case, I was truly impressed about 3 or 4 years ago, when Jim Kaus, founder of USAFSS RollCall informed other members that he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. The response was overwhelming and very heartwarming. Every guy who had been through a diagnosis of prostate cancer, contributed their knowledge and experiences , along with encouragement for Jim.

Since that time, we have all shared information about diabetes, hypertension, arthritis and every and all of those age-related conditions. Obviously, it is better for all of us to be knowledgeable and informed, than not. Clearly "forewarned is forearmed." I would like to share a story, how knowledge about medications save a life - MY life.

A few months ago, I had an appointment with my primary care doctor, a board certified internist. I was complaining about pains in my neck and shoulder area. He checked me out and wrote a prescription for me. Told me to take one pill, twice a day. I said, "thank you."

I looked at the prescription, and it was for a medication called "Voltaren". I then asked the doctor if this drug was an said (non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug...such as Advil, aspirin, Alleve, etc.). He responded that indeed, it was. I said, " Well, how well will this be tolerated with the aspirin and Plavix that I take every day?" He responded with a very un-doctor like, "WHOA, how did I miss that? No, of course you can't take that. It could cause you to bleed to death internally."

My point is: **if I hadn't educated myself about the drugs that I take, you all would be talking about me in the past tense.** Remember, no matter how good they may be, no matter how much you trust them or like them -- It's on you to participate in your own health care, and the best way to do that is to educate yourself about whatever condition you may have.

"Na Zdroye" "To your health", ...Pat

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**Jest Askin'...**



**HOW DO THEY GET DEER TO CROSS THE ROAD ONLY AT THOSE YELLOW ROAD SIGNS?**



## FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

### Rocky Mountain Chapter

<http://ftva-rockymountainchapter.com/>

Posted by Sharon Frizzell

Rass, here are the minutes from our latest meeting. The group is steadily growing, both our webpage and Facebook pages are up and getting some traffic, and we are working on our contacts for our "mission work" with the AFA cadets, enlisted intelligence personnel at Colorado and high school students in the Colorado Springs area. It is an exciting privilege to be part of the beginning of something that will go on to do so many good things!

Sharon

### MINUTES OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER FTVA

On 12 January 2012, at 4:30 pm, Vice President Greg Roman called the meeting to order at Rhinos Sports Bar in Colorado Springs, CO. President Bernie Gavin was excused from the meeting as he was recuperating from surgery. A list of attendees follows these minutes. The minutes of the 3 November 2011 meeting were distributed and read. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.



Sharon Frizzell, Greg Roman, 'Ike' Eichelberger

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer's Report. On 15 December 2011, the account was opened with \$5. Since then, an additional \$100 has been deposited. This represents funds from the parent organization (a return of \$2 per member of dues paid to the FTVA) and donations for caps. Two members requested and donated monies for caps at today's meeting which will be deposited to the account bringing the total in our account to \$140.

### OLD BUSINESS

Report on Project to sponsor Cadets going into the Intelligence Field: Bernie Gavin is still working his contacts at AFA for this, and looking to see what shape this will take. The chapter is also interested in working with enlisted in intell positions here in Colorado. Rich Harrold and John Nash have agreed to work this area. Greg Roman discussed the Cyber Warrior high school program (worked by Chris Cook in San Antonio) and he has stepped forward to lead the exploration into this area.

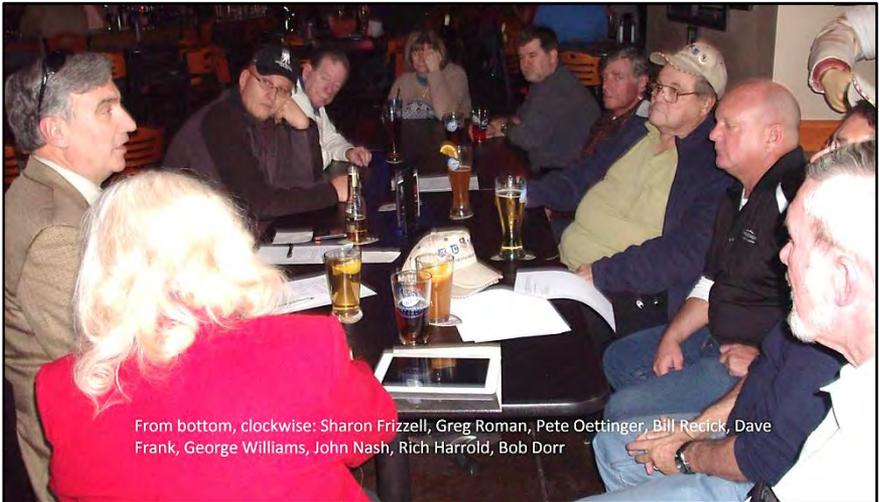
Placing names on Chapter Roster from Face Book. Sharon Frizzell addressed this issue. It appears that several people were added to the membership/friends list on Face Book that cannot be verified as members of the FTVA and several who don't live in Colorado and aren't members of the FTVA. In the coming weeks, these folks will be "un-friended" so the Face Book site can be used to freely disseminate chapter documents and share information.

Reserved FTVA caps. Bernie had five FTVA caps reserved for members and Sharon now has them, except for the two that were claimed by their owners at the meeting this afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS

Banner or Sign for Rhinos. Greg Roman brought us up-to-date with the planned expansion which is scheduled for completion prior to our next meeting. It will mean a more appropriate meeting area and a place for us to hang our "hat", or flag. Bernie has been looking at vendors and developing ideas for what will go on the banner besides the FTVA seal and our name. Please give him your ideas.

Chapter Historian/Photographer. Bernie nominated and Sharon seconded Jeff Waldeck to carry the camera and record our growth. Jeff graciously agreed and his work is currently on the chapter website and Face Book page.



From bottom, clockwise: Sharon Frizzell, Greg Roman, Pete Oettinger, Bill Recick, Dave Frank, George Williams, John Nash, Rich Harrold, Bob Dorr

L-R From Bottom: Sharon Frizzell, Greg Roan, Pete Oettinget, Bill Recick, Dave Frank, George Williams, John Nash, Rich Harrold, Bob Dorr

Project to Honor Vets and Active Duty (Appliance Service Co). There was no representative present to speak to this item.

Setting Meeting Day. The members present agreed that our meeting date would be on the 2nd Thursday of each month., with the 3rd meeting of the quarter at a venue closer to Denver, i.e. in Castle Rock. The next meeting will be on 9 Feb 2012 at Rhinos at 4:30 pm. The 8 March meeting will take place in Castle Rock at the Rockyard Bar and Grill (location to be confirmed prior to the meeting date) just west of I-25 at Founders Parkway. All also agreed that we need to begin planning a summer picnic.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm

Sharon Frizzell, Secretary



### **Gold Country Chapter**

Yuba City, CA by Richard J. Sacchetti,

Rass, thanks for the great write-up in the December 2011 FTVA Newsletter.

On the weekend of 11/4/2011 to 11/7/2011 I had another "Dance with the Devil" and whereas God must have more things in store for me to do, I survived. You see, I was bleeding internally, where I ended up losing over 2 pints of blood, before I got to the Emergency Room. Fortunately for me, I got there just in time; because after completing all the necessary forms and as I was being wheeled into ER, I passed away - no pulse. The ER crew succeeded in bringing me back. So, I can share more time and memories with my wife (Gwen) of 45 years and all my family. AND, there's more work to do for the FTVA.

On 11/10/11 I was on the Color Guard for our local "Museum of Forgotten Warriors" and also rode on the VFW Float in the Veteran's Day Parade on 11/11/11 at 1100. Over 200 entries this year in the Veteran's Parade, with Beale AFB represented by hundreds of Airmen - including the 548th ISR. As an active member, I represented the Gold Country of FTVA, the VFW and the American Legion.

Lt. Col Patrick Flood, the new 548th ISR Group Commander have become members of the GCC/FTVA. I delivered 75 USAFSS - Continuous History booklets, each containing a FTVA membership application to the 548th ISR Commanders Secretary.

Additionally, Russ Clark continues to volunteer to the local Theater of the Arts - also on the Beale AFB Liaison Committee and goes to Washington or Langley yearly in attempts to keep Beale AFB off the closure list, etc. The decision has been made to shut down the Block 40 Global Hawks at Beale, but keep the U-2's (due to cost factors). Estes Bazor, a civilian Tech Rep at Beale AFB,

was 'volunteered' to help with membership. My hat goes off to Lt. Col. Suzanne Streeter, the new ISR Deputy Gp Cmdr, for her help with members of the ISR at Beale AFB. We are hoping to pick up more members once the Beale AFB Top-4 Sgt's attend our meetings, or get the word out.

In other news: the Beale ISR Squadron is holding a BBQ very soon; Russ (owner of 3-4 local fast food burger businesses) will donate some burgers and buns - and we both assist the Intel troops in any way we can to make their day a memorable one. In the past Russ and I have cooked for all three shifts, during shift change, as a "thank you" for their service.

Remain in Touch,  
Richard "SAC" Sacchetti, Pres/GCC

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### Sunshine Chapter

((Please check out our website on-line at <http://www.sunshineftva.org> ))



by Jim Kaus,  
President

### Meeting Minutes

The last quarter meeting was held at the Elks Club, Ocala, FL at 1230 hours, Saturday, November 19, 2011. Thirteen Members were present as we enjoyed a fine lunch hosted by Luther Deese.

The minutes of the September 17th meeting, as posted on the website, were read with typo's corrected and unanimously approved.

The treasurer's report, dated October 31, 2011 was read and approved. The detailed report to be posted on the website.

A discussion was held regarding Chapter membership and FTVA dues. Presently we have 64 paid members for this calendar year. 21 pending members will be contacted regarding their unpaid dues. Our By-Laws specifically require all members to pay their FTVA dues before becoming Chapter members. The Vigilant Partner program regarding donations to FTVA was also discussed with the various \$ brackets. All donations over \$99.00 have to be submitted to San Antonio first for tax purposes, recorded in the VP program, then will be returned to the chapter. This applies to both individual and corporate donations. No further business was presented, meeting adjourned at 1245 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ric C. Smith Sr.  
Secretary/Treasurer



**Heritage Chapter Annual Christmas Social**

By Larry Ross, Secretary (and photographer)

On December 8, with thirty-two members and guests attending, the Heritage Chapter held its annual Christmas dinner at a local steakhouse restaurant. In a short business meeting President JJ Graham presented his annual report on the Chapter’s activities during 2011 and anticipated projects for 2012. Before a standing-room-only audience Tommy Smart sang his revised version of “I’ve Been Everywhere” (in USAFSS style). Tommy has expanded his version to include 23 additional sites where USAFSS/ESC personnel have been stationed. Russ Thoma won a door prize drawing of an EC-47 coin coffee mug; Don Goff also won a prize of a FTVA commemorative coin. Cindy Willey presented each family with gifts of her ever-popular handmade items. (Due to lack of room space no group photos are available, but room size didn’t diminish our enjoyment of the festivities



(left) Tommy Smart, Esther Dove (hidden), Andy Dove, Carl Wood, Corky Bingham, Karen Bingham, Chae Bascom, Wayne Bascom, Ron Graham (standing); (right) Mary O’Brien; Pat Miller, U/I,



Ron Graham presents, Don Goff with FTVA coin.



Larry & Pat Miller; Wayne & Chae Bascom, Karen Bingham, Corky Bingham; Carl Wood.

P.S. Rass, - could you please add the following if you have room. I held it out last time due to the fullness of our Dec input.

**Social with Foreign Intelligence Officers**

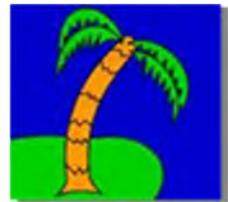
On September 3, 2011 the Heritage Chapter held its quarterly social at a local Chinese restaurant. Eleven members and guests attended. After our normal business meeting we were joined by members and instructors of the foreign officers course at Goodfellow AFB. It is always interesting and informative to meet with these students. Members of this class represented Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Latvia



Back row – Ron Graham, Wayne Bascom, Al Wankowski, Larry Miller, Larry Ross, Jim Cox. Front row – Chae Bascom, Marilyn Wankowski, Pat Miller, Mary O’Brien.  
(photo taken by Diane Ross)

**Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI**

by John Toillion, President



Life in Aloha Chapter is beginning to pick up speed. Of course it depends on one’s definition of speed. For the “Gang of 5” the definition is probably not from the “faster than a speeding bullet..” list but nevertheless we are moving forward.

As noted in our last update, I met with Lt Col Kristofer “Giff” Gifford, Commander, 324th IS on November 3 for the primary purpose of doing some brainstorming of ways our Chapter could rekindle a relationship and partner 324th IS. Giff shared that the 324th IS has five focus groups – Top 3, 5/6 Council; Kunia Officer’s Association (KOA), Airmen’s Council, and the 324th Tiger Booster Club. Each group oversees various functions and activities – more



William E. Butler (see photo Left).

than enough to offer options for Aloha Chapter participation. One event is the monthly dorm cookout for the single and unaccompanied airmen living on Hickam. I had the opportunity to attend one on November 9. Not only was the fellowship and food great, but I also had a chance to share a few words about FTVA and our local chapter plus provide an FTVA coin to retiring acting Senior Leader SMSgt

Giff also shared other possible partnering activities such as fundraising events, recognition programs where Aloha Chapter could participate by having its own award board if so desired. Another idea was partnering with 324th’s Key Spouse Program which is a program providing support to spouses and families of those deployed. As you can see there’s no shortage of opportunities for us to partner. Key to building momentum of course is continued communication and interaction between the 324th IS focus groups and Aloha Chapter. To that end I have the names and contact information of key POCs for each focus group. I have also been invited to write an article for March’s 324th IS *Tiger Stripes* newsletter. Giff ended by saying he would like to have us attend one of his Commander’s Call to share more about FTVA and our local chapter.

One other event to report is Aloha Chapter’s latest meeting (social) event which was held on January 26 (see photo Right) where we discussed these options while enjoying (you guessed it) delicious Mongolian BBQ at the Hickam O’Club. Wish you were here!



**L-R Back:** Ken Een, John Toillion, Ken “Hopi” Hopkins  
**Front:** Diana Toillion, Marivic Crain, Steve Crain

Aloha!

John Toillion  
 President, Aloha Chapter



**REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Upcoming Reunions for 2012

**NOTE:** Let us help you get the word out. We've seen several reunion planning exchanges on different unit websites and added them to the FTVA website on behalf of the POC. Using the form found on the FTVA web site will ensure widest dissemination of your reunion contact details.

Go to [http://www.ftva.org/FORMS/sub\\_reunion.php](http://www.ftva.org/FORMS/sub_reunion.php)

Thank you, Rass

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**March 2 – 4, 2012**

**FLAG (Florida Gp) PWG**

Location: Leesburg, FL

POC: Dave Bristol E-mail: [davedbristol@gmail.com](mailto:davedbristol@gmail.com) ph 352-728-8395

**Apr 23 -26, 2012**

**2<sup>nd</sup> RSM Darmstadt Reunion**

Location: Hotel Lumire, St Louis, MO (999 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

POC: Hap Arnold E-mail: [warnold@midwest.net](mailto:warnold@midwest.net) ph 618-244-3105

Comments: All rooms are suites in the Hotel Lumiere. The rate for each suite is \$119.00 per night for a single and double rate; \$139.00 for a triple rate and \$159.00 for a quad rate plus 15.741% tax. To obtain these rates *you must make Make reservations with the following: USAF 2nd RSM, S0423US to receive the group contract rate and make your reservation on or before Monday, April 9, 2012.* Ph Hotel: 877-450-7711

**Apr 26 – 29, 2012**

**37<sup>th</sup> FOSP Co-located with PWG in Bellvue, NE** (See page 34 this issue.)

**Jul 19 – 22, 2012**

**Misawa Project 10<sup>th</sup> National Reunion**

Location: Millennium Hotel St Louis, MO (866-866-8086 for reservations)

POC: Joe Emmer E-mail: [jemmer44@yahoo.com](mailto:jemmer44@yahoo.com) ph 314-821-2946

or Terry Cullivan E-mail: [TLCP@aol.com](mailto:TLCP@aol.com) ph 217-364-9112

**Aug 1 – 6, 2012**

**Metro-Tango Hahn, Germany**

Location: Alf a.d. Mosel, Germany (Boemer's Moselland Hotel)

<http://www.boemershhotel.de>

POC: D. Allem Shinnars E-mail: [ashinnars@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ashinnars@columbus.rr.com) ph 740-681-1990

Comments: See Metro-Tango alumni web page for further updates and info on special rates and rental cars etc.

**Sep 13-15, 2012**

**6994th Security Squadron & Detachments**

Location: Myrtle Beach, SC

POC: Bob Hull E-mail: [shibob27@columbus.rr.com](mailto:shibob27@columbus.rr.com) ph. 740-924-5261

Comments: See 94<sup>th</sup> website: [www.6994th.com](http://www.6994th.com)

**Sep 13 – 18, 2012**

**6911<sup>th</sup> RGM Darmstadt, Germany**

Location: Holiday inn Center, Allentown PA

POC: Pat Merritt - Email - [Rich1Pat2@aol.com](mailto:Rich1Pat2@aol.com) ph 303-985-3575

Comments - Tours: NYC, GROUND ZERO, Ellis Island Ferry/Statue of Liberty, Phili Tour, Delaware River Lunch Cruise, Bethlehem, Sands

**Sep 16 – 22, 2012**

**6915<sup>th</sup> Hof, Germany Reunion**

Location; Quality Hotel Hof, Bavaria in Germany

POC: Don Riverkamp E-mail: [don.hofsecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:don.hofsecretary@sbcglobal.net) (512-258-4894)

Website: <http://hofreunion.com/reunion.html>

Comment: This may be our last reunion in Germany, so register now.

**Sep 27 – 29, 2012**

**ANNUAL FTVA Reunion in San Antonio, TX**

POC: [president@ftva.org](mailto:president@ftva.org)

Information available on FTVA website: <http://www.ftva.org>

Comments: Reunion packets are mailed to the membership along with the annual Member Directory in June.

**Sep 27 – 29, 2012**

**USAFSS Roll Call**

Location: San Antonio, TX

POC: Jim Kaus ph 850-265-4243 E-mail: [jim@floridajim.com](mailto:jim@floridajim.com)

Comments: All USAFSS veterans welcome to join us for this event every other year in conjunction with FTVA reunion weekend. For information and registration form see <http://www.usafssrollcall.org/sanantonio2012.html>

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**Misawa Project 2012 St Louis Reunion Team**



**Description:** Jay Emmer, Sue, Celeste and I met at the Millennium Hotel today to work on the Misawa Project reunion planning. We are working hard to make this a great reunion worthy of the 10th year!//Terry Cullivan //



# REUNION REPORTS



## “Christmas In Corpus” Mini Posted by George “Granny” Welch

//December 10, 2011// These annual mini-reunions are fun, and you attract a lot of folks to the minis that have never been to the larger national reunions. They learn how enjoyable it is to reunite with old USAFSS friends and we always encourage them to stay in touch and attend the national get-togethers if at all possible. The staff at Water St. Oyster Bar is always good to us.



It's a real blessing for me & my wife to put this thing together every year. We thank everyone who attended & wish them a Merry Christmas.

**(Above)**

**L-R:** Eugene Arrendale, Angie Arrendale, Denny Arnold.



**(Right)**

**L-R:** Larry Cromer, Dee Cromer, Hilary Bailey, Buddy Bailey



**L side** (Frnt to Back): Dee Cromer, Hilary Bailey, Buddy Bailey

**R side** (Frnt to Back): Joe Hornsby Denny Arnold, Angie Arrendale, Eugene Arrendale, Kyle Butts, John Butts

### Prop Wash Gang Mini in Rockwall, TX

Posted by Bob Cotti

There was a mini-reunion on 12 November 2011 in Rockwall. As PMFR's go, here's the one for this gathering.



Moving clockwise from the bottom of the picture are; Michelle Ireland, Dave Mauk, Tom Crowley, Lisa Crowley, Wendy Armintrout, Bubba Armintrout, Nancy Amato, Rich Amato, Bob Cotti, and Richard Ireland.

The Dallas Oklahoma – Rockwall Area Group (also known as the DO-RAG) gathered at Campisi's Restaurant in the Beautiful Harbor District of Rockwall, Texas. Attending this reunion were Rick and Michelle Ireland, Rich and Nancy Amato, John and Wendy Armintrout, Tom and Lisa Crowley, Dave Mauk, and r2d2. There were a number of reasons for this auspicious group to gather at Campisi's:

First, and perhaps foremost, Rick (and I really have to call him Reeko) and Michelle were in the DFW Metroplex for the weekend and wanted to get together to celebrate their first wedding anniversary. We had a blast doing just that. Reeko has done exceptionally well for himself as Michelle is a very bright and beautiful young lady ... and she really seems to be at home with her fellow PWGer spouses.

Secondly, we haven't really gotten together since the Rockwall Reunion in 2009 and for some reason the Grand Opening of Campisi's in Rockwall (just 13 days earlier) gave good cause to get together at that venue.

Now, to summarize the evening, the food was outstanding (salad, pizza, crab claws, wine and beer) and the Campisi family welcomed us with open arms. The restaurant was crowded and as the evening went along we found that most of the tables around us had vacated, leaving quite a bit of space for us to sprawl. I don't think we were that noisy ... but you know what happens when you mix PWGers with beer. We swapped some good old stories ... these focused more on the Rhein Main/Athens connection and recollection of some good old days in the Med. I won't repeat Tom's story about moving from the Ditty Bop position to the Co-pilot's seat ... but it's a doozy. There was one action item assigned this evening. As the ladies discussed their roles with PWG it became clear that they are not Inner Circle Recipients of PWG news and events. The ladies would like to establish a PWGers Wives Organization such that they would get things 1st hand (things such as Reunion Schedule and Events that are currently relayed to them ... sometimes very late in the schedule ... by their spouses).

As I looked around the table I was reminded of how blessed we are. We are blessed with some exceptionally loving and supportive spouses ... that was evident by the gleam in the eyes of Michelle, Wendy, Lisa, and Nancy. And, although neither Dave's nor my wife were able to attend, we knew that they were there with us in spirit. We are also blessed with a wonderful friendship that has been formed over the many years of flying together, deploying together, and eating, drinking, and socializing together. If ever there was a real "Band of Brothers" it is found anytime PWGers get together. With that, a great evening came to a close way too early and long before we were ready to part company. I certainly enjoyed my evening with the DO-RAG and look forward to other opportunities to enjoy an evening together. With that, I close this report, thankful that we had the opportunity to gather.

'Til Next Time, Bob C (a.k.a. r2d2)

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### **Misawa Mini at Omaha**

Posted by Franklin Shemek



Three Misawa Dawgs got together on Nov 23, 2011 in Omaha - Don & Kathy Dickson, Bill & Nancy James and Frank (Sheik) & Evelyn Shemek We enjoyed the long anticipated visit together at Applebee's in Oak View.

**Misawa's 373<sup>rd</sup> ISR Group Hosts Alumni Visit to "The Hill"**

Posted by Joe Roginski



On Oct 14, 2011, Col Kimberlee Joos, 373<sup>rd</sup> ISR Gp Commander invited 18 retirees (9 Misawa Hill alumni) to visit the Hill Operations and Heritage Hall. As the sign says 'Heritage Hall'. The entrance is at far end and you pass displays of memorials and mementos, photos, equipment, documents, of the history of USAFSS in Misawa. Joe Stevens is shown signing the guest register.



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Toby Finnelli and Don Ohman are shown looking at one of the many photos depicting the history of "The Hill" at Misawa. Like most of the visiting alumni, Toby and Don served multiple tours on the Hill while on active duty. Both then retired in the local area and are currently employed on the main base there.



(Seated behind table) Cecil Hahn, Lee Martin, Don Ohman and Col Joos  
- Ops Conference Room



**In Heritage Hall - 'T'**  
Tinnirella is telling Col Joos 'what it was really like...'

**Ed Note : Thanks to Joe Roginski (Photo Right):**  
According to his Misawa Project member bio, Joe served in USAF 1965 – 85: Russian & Japanese Linguist, with tours at Syracuse U.; Samsun, Turkey; DLI Monterey, CA; Served at Misawa for over 12 years and was part of Ladylove satellite effort initial cadre. After military retirement in 1985 he was Misawa Credit Union manager then retired again as regional director in 2009.





Tour Group standing in front of Misawa's FLR-9 Elephant Cage

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**Misawa Mini In Greensboro**

Posted by Thomas Smith

Four old USAFSS buddies had a Mini at the Cracker Barrel in Greensboro on Nov 22, 2011. (LtoR) Thomas Smith, Aaron Orr, Thomas Griffis, Melvin Dawson



Next time we get together, we will be sure to let you know. This was a very impromptu meeting w/o schedule or agenda. We just got together for a quick lunch. Brought back old times. Thinking about getting together again in the not too distant future. Maybe in southeast Virginia (Tidewater) next time. I drove the furthest this time.

## Missy Holds Recurring Reunion at St Augustine, FL.

Posted by Jim Kaus and Jay Johnson

On 28 January 2012, over 45 jubilant Misawa alumni got together in St Augustine, FL. After three years, this gathering has become an annual affair.



The Military Attendees

Left to right, on the floor Woody Wilson, Jane Doolittle, Helen Henderson, Jay Johnson Seated left to right Bob Quinn, Jim Kaus, Bill Doolittle, BJ Cook, Danny Russell, Carroll Sickles - Standing, left to right John Godfrey, Ray Bowers, Dick Baxter, Ed White, Terry Cullivan, Glenn Sellars, Walt McKee, PW Elliott, Jim Meagher, John Gluschick, Don Haygood, Ric Smith, Bob Willis, Dave Bristol, Paul Meese, Tom McCullough, Ted Costello, Mike Miller.



The Spouses Attending

Seated, left to right Jane Doolittle, Joyce Godfrey, Maria McKee, Gloria White, Jeanette Haygood Standing left to right Kathy Baxter, Tomi Cook, Monika Bowers, Chris Costello, Celeste Cullivan, Eileen Johnson, Alice Kaus, Maryann Smith, Charlotte Willis, Shirley Bristol, Myrna Oxendine, Vicki Miller, Barb Ware, Kimi Wilson.

### St. Augustine Out-Takes



(L)Ed and Gloria White. They enjoy our St Augustine reunion each year.



(L) Terry and Celeste Cullivan came down from Illinois. They are also co-hosting the Misawa Project National reunion in St. Louis this coming July.



(R) Jim Meagher is from Florida and we look forward to seeing him every year.



(L) P.W. Elliott, Tom McCullough, Barb Ware enjoying some quiet conversation.



(R) Jay Johnson and Jim Kaus found time to talk about their FTVA Sunshine Chapter too.



(L) Carroll Sickles: “Our Grand Pioneer”

(R) Ric and Maryann Smith are reliable fixtures at our Florida events.



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### **37<sup>th</sup> Fall of Saigon Party and PWG Reunions in Bellevue, NE**

This year, both the “Doggers” Vietnamese Linguists and Prop Wash Gang are each holding its reunion in Bellevue, NE from Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Doggers will be at the Candlewood Suites while PWG’ers will be staying next door at the Holiday Inn Express. Those who are members of both groups can book either hotel.

**Doggers:** Room reservations need to be made no later than March 10, 2012-- Contact the Candlewood Suites Reservation Desk at 1-402-932-8144 (do not use the Candlewood 1-800 number) and tell them you are making a reservation under the group name, "AIR FORCE VETERANS, VIETNAM ERA".

POC: Rocky Lecorn.(810-358-9940) Email [dmlecorn@verizon.net](mailto:dmlecorn@verizon.net)

Website <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USAFDoggers>

**PWG’ers:** The room rates are the same. Our POC for the reunion is CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sickich. He is looking into Bellevue Berry Farm for the banquet. It has a website if you'd like to Google it. Also, he is working with CMSgt Jeff Johnson (who has also contacted me) to set up tours on base.

Posted by John Armintrout E-Mail - [johnarmintrout@verizon.net](mailto:johnarmintrout@verizon.net)

For more information visit <http://www.propwashgang.org/>

**29<sup>th</sup> RSM Reunion VI in Biloxi, MS**

Submitted by Bob Rennick,

Rass, Attached is a photo of the old men that were at Reunion VI of the 29th RSM. We were at the Quality Inn, in Biloxi, MS, November 13-15, 2011.

The 29th RSM was at Clark AFB, Republic of the Philippines, August, 1952 until May, 1955.

I hope you can find space in one of your upcoming newsletters to publish this. There are 22 men in this photo. At our first reunion in Biloxi, MS in 2001 we had 50 or more. Time and tide have taken their toll.

Thanks,

Bob Rennick (Life Member), Kings Mountain, NC



Seated: Bill Foreman, Roy Locke, Earl Anderson, Rex Sorby, Bob Rennick, Ed Moriarty, Wm "Tiger" Lyons, Howard Schwinn and Stanley Garison  
 Standing: Del Marker, Bob Sutman, Ervin Percy, Terry McKissick, Don Finkley, Don Newburn, Joe Kaple, Mike Breslan, Oscar Manny, Jim Soat, Fred Newton, Bob Lee, Shirley Moeckel

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From: Merritt Barthel Date - 05-Feb-12

Comment - I have set up a site to display Morse Intercept Operator graduation class pictures. I would like to have my site linked to the FTVA site so visitors to your site can view these pictures. <http://www.mio-classpictures.com/>

Thank You, Red Barthel



January 5th, 2012//From a snowy day back in 2002, when a group from the 6910th came together to move forward, locating their friends. It's been a lot of fun along the way, with 250,000 visits by our members. Over 92,000 messages have been left behind, and over 8,000 photos u uploaded. Many of our friends and members from the 2nd RSM, 6911th, and 6910th & 85th RSM from Semba are aboard the site as friends and members. You can join our website at:

<http://www.angelfire.com/co4/6910thd2a/index.html>

Thanks to all who have visited and added to the content in our "Digital Day Room".I especially appreciate those who have invited their friends and have worked to keep the site alive with their efforts. //Bobby Edwards//

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Bobby, thanks for starting and overseeing this website. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the posts and viewing the photographs. It rekindled my interest in Security Service after a 30-year separation. The site has amassed a huge number of highly intelligent AFSS veterans (and two ASA'ers - namely Ike & Duke) that tend to have an answer for everything. Sometimes, it's the right answer. :)//Aubrey Keeter//



As others have said, this is a really great site. I am grateful to Horace Hicks who told me about it. When home, I check it daily. Great site and great people. To one and all, thanks for the memories.//Tom Echols//



Great job, Bobby. Keep up the good work!// Ed Bendinelli//



I enjoy this. Thanks, Bobby. Hope to meet you at some reunion.//Ike Borland// Charles Church,

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**THE WISDOM OF WILL ROGERS...**

**“If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.”**



## HISTORY & MEMORIES



**“The United States could not afford to enter a major conflict without an efficient communications intelligence organization in full operational condition.”**

For decades, the real history of the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS), Electronic Security Command, Air Force Intelligence Command, Air Intelligence Agency, and the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency (AFISRA) has been hidden behind a necessary curtain of security.

This publication represents a first and a breakthrough. The AFISRA History Office successfully declassified the first USAFSS History for public release. This document details activities in 1948 and 1949. It explains how the early Security Service pioneers established and built their new command to execute a two-fold mission: (1) to provide communications security and (2) to be the cryptologic arm of the new Air Force. The reader will learn how the fledgling USAFSS overcame its many early challenges.



Go To: <http://www.ftva.org/Histories/USAFSS/AFD-120104-013.pdf>

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## **Devil's Mountain: NSA's Abandoned Cold-War Listening Post**

By Kim Zetter <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/10/teufelsberg>

(Submitted by Ken Maynard)

At the height of the Cold War, a hill in West Berlin known as Teufelsberg (Devil's Mountain) served as the perfect spot for U.S. and British intelligence agents to turn an ear on East Berlin and Soviet communications. In its glory days, state-of-the-art listening towers and rotating antennas at the Teufelsberg spy station exposed the Communist Bloc's secrets to analysts and linguists from the U.S. Army and the U.K.'s Government Communications Headquarters. After



the fall of the Berlin Wall, Teufelsberg was abandoned to decay, graffiti artists and weekend partiers.

The U.S. Army Security Agency (ASA) began its first SIGINT operations at Teufelsberg in 1961 after discovering that the 380-foot hill offered unobstructed collection of communication signals. As the facility grew and more buildings were constructed, the U.S. National Security Agency joined in on the operations.

(Above) An aerial view of Teufelsberg, at the height of its operations on the hill. *Photo: Chaos Computer Club*

Referred to by the Allies as “The Hill” locals preferred to call the main listening tower and domes “Berlin's Balls” — for obvious reasons. According to a former U.S. Army linguist once stationed at the site, the listening station was subject to high winds, due to its height. The fabric domes were kept inflated by internal air compressors to counteract the winds, but sometimes failed at this task. When that happened, a klaxon would sound an alarm to warn workers to get out from under the dome, lest it collapse on them before the compression could be increased. “The air pressure inside the dome was sufficient that technicians who from time to time had to work in the dome had to decompress to prevent the bends,” says Lew McDaniel who worked as a Russian linguist at the site from 1968 to 1971.”



*Photo: Axel Mauruszat*



Another view of what remains of the main listening tower after years of neglect.  
*Photo: Vic Bergmann/ Flickr*

Access to Teufelsberg was restricted after its closure, but this, and the double fence surrounding the site, hasn't stopped graffiti artists from invading the grounds and turning them into an art project for free expression. Today you can take an organized tour of the site. *.Photo: Vic Bergmann/ Flickr*



*Photo: parkinpants* memory of the listening post.

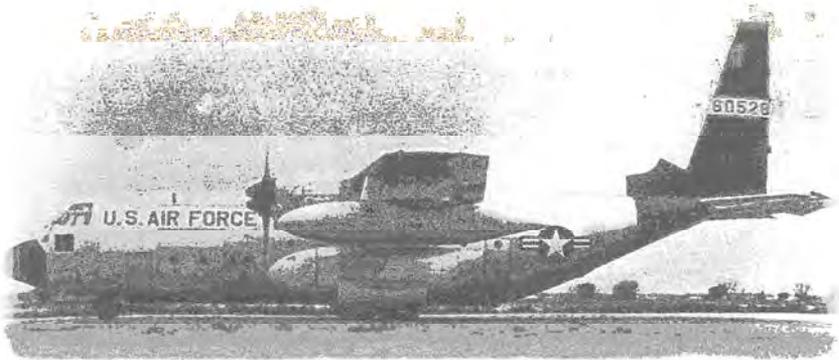
After the U.S. and Allies abandoned the listening station, there was talk of turning it into a spy museum or building a hotel or exclusive apartment complex on the spot. The latter prompted cries of protest from weekend rambler who have come to consider the site a “volkspark” of sorts. In closing, there's been talk recently of tearing down the buildings altogether and re-foresting the hill leaving only the



**If it's true that we are here to help others,**

**Then ...**

**what exactly are the others here for?**



(Ed note: Thanks to Ron Miller and Gerard Ferris for submitting the following article which appeared in the Shomokin, PA News-Item on Dec 26, 2011)

### Post Script to Shootdown of C-130A/60528

Eric Scicchitano, Staff Writer (Redacted)



A1C Roert Ohiminskie has returned home in the spirit of his 1953 High School class ring. The ring was returned to his family this year, 53 years after Robert and 16 others died when C-130A/60528 was shot down over Armenia in 1958. Upon getting an official notification, Robert's brother Leonard Oshminskie didn't put much stock in what he'd heard over the phone. Twice this fall he'd received calls from someone claiming to represent U.S. Air Force Mortuary Affairs, saying they had in their possession his late brother's class ring. "I thought at first it was a hoax... I said, "Somebody's pulling my leg," Leonard said by phone earlier this month from his home in Oakland, N.J. The ring hadn't been seen since his brother, Robert, boarded the C-130A for an ill-fated surveillance mission on the outskirts of Soviet Territory in the Caucasis region.

A1C Oshinskie was a language specialist as one of the Silent Warriors of USAF Security Service who participated in reconnaissance flights during the Cold War. The aircraft he was on was to fly between strategic points above Turkey; but when the plane inadvertently entered restricted airspace, it was intercepted by Soviet fighter jets. Four Mig-17pilots each took aim at the unarmed aircraft and shot it down. The plane crashed in the village of Sasnashen in neighboring Armenia. All 17 men aboard were killed. Robert was 23 years old. The incident was controversial and much of the events surrounding it remained classified as Top Secret for four decades. Information began to trickle out after the fall of the Soviet Union, aided by the U.S.-Russian Joint Commission on POW's and MIA's, and some classified documents were made public as recently as 2009 through a Freedom of Information Act request. An excavation of the crash site in 1993 turned up more than 2,000 bone and tooth fragments, life support

equipment, personal effects and aircraft wreckage. It wasn't until 1998 that a group remains identification was made for the other 11 airmen, whose remains were buried together on Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> of that year – the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their deaths – in Arlington National Cemetery.

### **‘For our 17 brothers’**

Larry Tart might likely be called the foremost authority on the crew of C-130A/60528. He authored two books, including “Price of Vigilance” a historical narrative of airborne intelligence reconnaissance that puts into great detail the events surrounding the doomed mission. Tart totaled 21 years of experience in USAFSS and from 1967 to 1973 he served in the same squadron as the crew killed aboard 60528 just as A1C Oshimskie had. Inside the squadron’s briefing room hung a small, nondescript plaque with the names of the 17 men killed.. When Tart became an airborne mission supervisor, he said it could be a challenge to hold the attention of young airmen during 4 a.m. mission briefings. As the briefings ended and they prepared to board aircraft for reconnaissance missions, Tart said he’d point to the plaque and say, “OK guys” over the telephone interview from Destin, FL, “let’s fly this one today for our 17 brothers who didn’t make it back, and let’s be very vigilant so that the same thing doesn’t happen to us.”

On Sep 1, 2011, anniversary of the shoot-down, a ribbon-cutting was held. The village opened its new elementary school to much fan-fare. On hand, Gen. Mark Zamzow, vice commander of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force and Ramstein Air Base, Germany accepted two rings on behalf of the U.S. and the families of the 17 Americans. Capt Robert H. Sanden of the Kansas Air National Guard is a pilot. He admits it was unusual for him to take a non-flying position as the bi-lateral affairs officer with the U.S. Embassy in Armenia’s capital city, Yaevan. Sanden’s mission in Armenia ended in late September. When he returned, he brought the two class rings with him, which he first showed to members in his squadron before promptly mailing them to Mortuary Affairs in Washington, D.C. “I get to fly around the world, but this job, and getting these rings back is without a doubt the coolest thing I’ll ever do in my entire military career.”



Shamokin native Leonrad Oshinskie (Left in photo) and Trevor Dean, a mortician who works for the Air Force are shown at Oshinskie’s home in Oakland, N. J. Dean returned the class ring belonging to Leonard’s brother Robert who died when 60528 went down over Armenia in 1958.

Given the Soviets' denial of the incident and the state of relations between the Soviet Union and the U.S. at the time, the story surrounding his death remained vague, even for Robert's family until the 1990's. If Leonard needed any convincing that one of the two rings recovered in Armenia belonged to Robert, it took but one visit from officers of Mortuary Affairs who hand delivered the Shamokin high School class ring. The visit, coupled with those earlier phone calls, were the first time Leonard had learned of the ring's existence in wake of the fiery crash. "I opened that box and I just couldn't believe it. It was a very emotional moment for me."

Larry Tart, the one who helped identify the owners of the two rings, heard from Thodoropoulos out of the blue this past September and learned the rings were not in possession of the United States. Tart kept quiet a little while longer. His involvement was then rewarded with a heartfelt thank you letter from Rose Marie. The two had previously met at the National Vigilance Park on Fort Meade, MD, site of a memorial honoring the 17 men killed on the C-130A, a project Tart had helped spear-head. A few days later, he and Leonard spoke by phone. They talked for a long while. "We both shed some tears on it." Tart said. "At least by getting Robert's ring back, the family had closure at last."



(Above) Box with Oshinskie's class ring

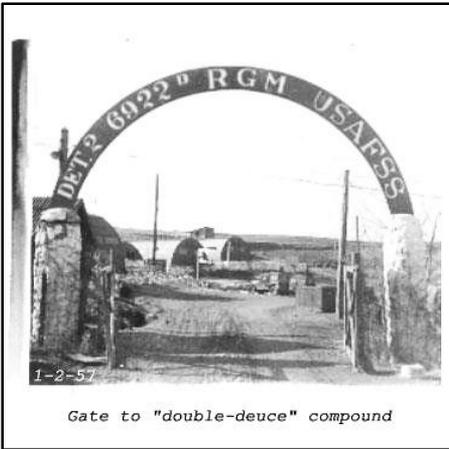
//Ed Note - Following provided separately by Larry Tart//

After visiting the crash site at Sasnashen village, 55 Km northwest of Yerevan, Armenia, as part of a US Air Force-sponsored team in July 1997, I helped create and dedicate the C-130 60528 Memorial at NSA, Fort Meade, Maryland, on 2 Sept 1997. That memorial honors our seventeen Air Force comrades who perished in the crash at Sasnashen. During these activities and the authoring of "The Price of Vigilance" with co-author Robert Keefe, I developed deep empathy and affinity for the 60528 crew and their families. I met Robert Oshinskie's sister Rose and family members of other lost airmen at the memorial service in 1997, and we have remained in touch. The USAF office that



outfitted C-130 60528 for reconnaissance dedicated another memorial honoring the crew at the crash site in Armenia in 1998, and henceforth the villagers pay tribute annually to the US Air Force crew with commemorative services at the memorial in Sasnashen on 2 September. Thus, the story was built for the return of A1C Robert Oshinskie's ring (close up shown at left) in 2011.//**Tart Christmas Letter**//

**Det2 6922RGM - 1957**



**(Left)** I lifted this picture from Face Book. It had no identifying caption. Anybody know where the 6922<sup>nd</sup> Det 2 was located? Is it P Y Do?  
**//Jim Kaus – Jan 24, 2012 Roll Call//**

I found a grainy picture which is the same as the one you posted with a person in front of the gate. It states that the picture was 1957 - Korea. In the picture they mention P-Y-Do

“Pyong Yang Do”, an island off the West coast of Korea which according to an article I read tonight was mostly made up of USAF personnel. Check out the header for the article which shows the location of the island off of mainland South Korea (ROK). **//Mike Baye – Jan 24, 2012 USAFSS Roll Call//**

The 6929th came into being around October '58. I was assigned to the 6929th RSM at Osan AB (K-55) in October '58. In early '59 I was sent out to the island (P-Y-Do) to Det 2 6929th RSM (K-53). In July/August of '59 we deactivated the site and turned it over to the ROK Security Service and I was sent back to Osan. All this is detailed in Larry Tart's book Freedom Through Vigilance, Vol III beginning around page 1364 ff. I have the picture Mike Baye posted and I'm pretty sure the guy in his photo is Joel Feinman...another 203-2 from Yale-IFEL. **//Bob Askew-Jan 26, 2012 Roll Call//**

For more information, please go to this web site:  
[www.vetfriends.com/MilitaryPics/index.cfm](http://www.vetfriends.com/MilitaryPics/index.cfm)  
**//Alan Forbes – Jan 26, 2012 Roll Call//**

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**A group of chess enthusiasts were standing in a hotel lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."**

**“Boozer” of Shemya**

Posted by Tom Ryan  
(Misawa web site)



I took this photo of the legendary “Boozer” during the Summer of 1966 at Shemya. Boozer used to sleep out in front of the composite building through all kinds of weather. Came in for some TLC every so often - he also spent some time living under my roommate’s bed...favorite meal was knockwurst (soaked in beer). Shemya's mission was called AAFJOG (Army Air Force Joint Operations Group - part USAFSS/part ASA). At the end of my tour we were forbidden to give the old fella any more alcohol. Good dog.

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**The Last TEBO Position**

Posted by Charlie Ballew



Charlie: I sanitized this TEBO position at Misawa in 1985 before this picture of me acting like I was searching,  
//posted Dec 29, 2005//

Cecil Hahn: This picture is in Misawa Heritage Hall.//Dec 17, 2011//

Willie Smith: This is a classic. //Dec 17, 2011//



**TRIBUTES TO PAST FALLEN EAGLES**

*“LEST WE FORGET”*

On 05 Feb 1969, EC-47Q tail number 45-1133, call sign **CAP72**, reportedly disappeared near Ban Phan, Laos. Human remains were recovered from the site and repatriated for burial in a communal grave at Site 347, Section 81, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO.

On February 5, 1973, about a week after the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement, an EC-47Q electronic warfare collection aircraft (tail number 43-48636), call sign **Baron 52**, was shot down over Saravane Province, Laos, about 50 miles east of the city of Saravane. Air Force officials concluded, based on the evidence they were able to obtain, that the crew had perished in the crash and declared them killed in action. The Baron 52 crew was finally laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, in December 1995 in a communal grave in section 34, site number 4402.

//Posted by Tom Penn on Doggers Website (Redacted)//

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I was shocked to see that **Royal Bachmann** passed (Jan 19, 2011). He was a fine man. We first met in Misawa and separated in San Antonio at the 6993rd. My prayers are with him. Date - //E-Mail – **Terrence L. Carr**//

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Just learned of **Charles Olds** passing (Jul 6, 2011) and it was truly a sad moment. Knew Charles for over 50 years from the P.I. to Kunia. Evelyn and I will keep Jackie and the girls in our prayers. //Richard Wall//

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**TSgt Charles E. (Chuck) Wellner** (1945-1974) died Jul 1974 as a result of a boating accident on Hidden Lake on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. In early October, of that year, he, SSgt Michael C. (Mike) Pomeroy, and a young airman rented a 16-foot boat and motor from Elmendorf AFB Special Services for use during their flight's long break. They towed it behind Wellner's camper equipped truck to the Hidden Lake Campground. As it was almost winter, they were the only folks at the campground. They proceeded to place some provisions, extra fuel for the motor, various fishing gear and themselves in the boat, effectively overloading it. As the weather was already quite cold, they were all heavily dressed, to include Air Force issue parkas. After they had fished for a while, a storm came up suddenly and the strong winds made the water quite choppy. They started the motor and headed back towards the campground which was nearly a mile away. The wind grew stronger and boat was pitching fore and aft and soon the bow dipped below a wave. The boat flipped over sending all three occupants into the icy water. They were able to stay afloat by holding on to the capsized boat. Hypothermia started to set in and they decided to swim for

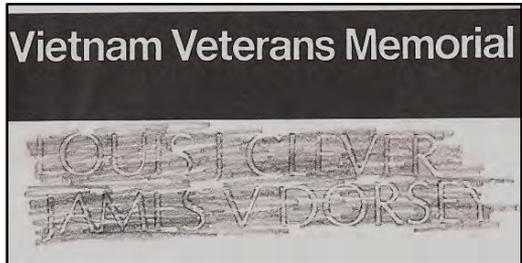
shore. The airman took off his parka prior to starting the swim. After a bit, Wellner complained of cramping and they stopped. The two NCOs then told the airman to go on without them, stating that they would soon follow. After swimming for some time, the airman looked back and they were no longer there. He continued on to shore and then followed the shoreline around the lake to the campground. He was suffering from frostbite but used a rock to break the rear window of the camper and crawl inside for warmth. After some hours, the airman wrapped himself in blankets and hiked out to the main road, where, fortunately, he was picked up by an Alaskan State Trooper. A search for their bodies was organized, but it was hampered by the approach of winter, and the bodies were never recovered. TSgt Wellner's widow, Yolanda, and their children, were relocated to the San Antonio area . Most of this information was gleaned from an autobiography written 30 years later by Wellner and Pomeroy's Flight Commander on Baker Flight. //Submitted by Bill Murray//

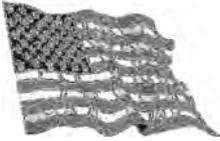
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I came across **CMSgt Pete Grozdanich** (R.I.P. 1983) in your Fallen Eagles listing. Pete was in The Battle of the Bulge. Now that's an ol'timer. When we worked together at Chicksands in the mid 60's while they were filming the movie about the battle he was invited to the premier. After a good laugh he balled the letter up and tossed it. He never ever mentioned that he was there and never mentioned it again. As was often the case, the true heroes seldom talked about their exploits. That's why they are called "The Greatest Generation". //E-Mail – Terrence Carr//

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From: John Stuart [jstuartinreston@msn.com](mailto:jstuartinreston@msn.com)  
To: [Newsletter@ftva.org](mailto:Newsletter@ftva.org)  
Jan 19, 2012 Subject: VN Memorial - 11/11/2011

*I was invited by the VN Veterans Fund to attend the annual Veteran's Day Observance on 11/11/2011 at the Memorial in DC. Took the opportunity to leave a remembrance for those we lost on CAP 72. I was the Det 2, 6994th Ops Officer under Maj Carlson. Attended with my wife and took several pictures which I have attached plus a copy of the remembrance poem I composed. I was only able to get a a rubbing of **Louis Clever and James Dorsey** as there were so many people couldn't get the rest. I plan on going back in the near future to get a full set of all ten and will forward. We do remember those we lost - CAP 72.*

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## FALLEN EAGLES



**Having learned of the following losses from caring relatives, friends or obituaries, we offer prayers and sympathy to their loved ones. *“It is the soldier above all others who prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.” ~ Douglas MacArthur.***

Compiled by Wayne Tallant, Associate Editor

Adams, Carmon “Butch” Ray, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Barnett, Ronnie, “Barney” Leon, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Benner, George L., A1C-USAFSS-Vet.  
 Boyd, Donald R., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 Browning, Ronald G., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.  
 Byler, James C., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 Cochran, John Thomas, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Collins, “Pinkie” Lillian”, USAFSS-Civ-Ret.  
 Cook, Jack David Jr., USAFSS-Vet.  
 Cooper, Phyllis, AFISR-Civ-Ret.  
 Criss, Dave, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Davare, Thomas E., A1C-USAF  
 Davis, Rollin “Barney” Duane, MSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 Dow, Robert, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Faile, Ronald J., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 Feigum, Michael J., USAFSS-Vet.  
 Francisco, Michael “Cisco” Cabell, Col-USAF-Ret.  
 Gallagher, Thomas Kevin Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
 Garcia, Federico “Fred” Ricardo, AIA-Civ-Ret.  
 Gardner Sr., Joel Mark, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 Garvey, John Joseph, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Hanousek, “Bill” William, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Herman, Terry Lee, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Huling, Edward “Ed” E., Maj-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
 Jones, Roy, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Jump, George A. USAFSS-Vet.  
 Lampman Sr., Clifton John, Intelligence career field prior to USAFSS  
 Languit, Ellen B., Spouse of Gerald “Lanny” Languit, Col-USAF-Ret.  
 Lewandoski, Joseph “Lew” Walter, Col-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**  
 Massie, Donald “Don” Gene, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 McCoy, Timothy Alfred, AFISR-Civ-Ret.  
 Morrow, John “Vic” Raymond, USAFSS-Vet.  
 Murnin, John Joseph, Lt Col-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**

- O'Brien, Harry "Obie" James, SSgt-USAF-Ret.
- Ruhnke Sr., Thomas "Jerry" Jerome, Col-USAF Reserves-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
- Schwensohn, Herbert "Herb" Roger, SSgt-USAF-Ret.
- Steel, Neil F., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.
- Super, Gary Dean, SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.
- Temple, Archie G. USAFSS-Vet.
- Tetreault, Jeff, Sgt-USAFSS-Vet.
- Turner, Mary Nell, Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
- Wallace, Joseph King, USAFSS-Vet.
- Warniment, Carol D. Spouse - Dan A. Warniment, Lt Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
- Wascom, John, D. USAFSS-Vet.
- Williams, Patrick J. USAFSS-Vet.

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**Carmon Ray "Butch" Adams**, 72, of Salisbury, passed away Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at Rowan Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 8, 1939, in Cleveland, A graduate of Woodleaf High School, Class of 1957; he was a Veteran of the USAF, where he served his country 20 years. He was a member of the Lyerly Funeral Home Honor Guard. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Ann Robbins Adams. Memorials may be made to charity of donor's choice. (Note: Editor suggests a donation to the FTVA. **//Complete obit published in Salisbury Post 23 Nov 2011.//**

From what I remember, once you met Butch, you wouldn't forget him. He stood about 5 feet in height, not much taller. He had a good attitude and was liked by everyone. He was assigned to one of the flights and came in to the day shop several times each month to check on mission activity or just to touch base with his counterparts in the day shop. I think Butch was stationed at Misawa during 1966 to 1967/1968. May Butch rest in peace. **//Ed Benningfield//**

Butch was a SSgt in Vietnam 1969. **//Danny Russell//**

Butch Adams and I were stationed in Vito in the early 70s. Gardner Gore sent this to me. The letter is from Butch's wife, Mary Ann. Butch arrived in San Vito after the 6910<sup>th</sup> closed He was on Baker Flight – rows 5 & 6. **//Tom Baker//**

Just wanted to let the two of you know that Butch passed away Monday evening of a massive heart attack. He had not been sick and was in good health. He played golf with the senior group in Salisbury, stopped by the bank before getting home. After a snack and resting, he went on his afternoon walk. He came in, sat on the sofa and told me to call 911 because he thought he was having a heart attack. On the way to the hospital CPR was continued at the hospital but they were not able to save him. He enjoyed a full life to the end and is using a "golden club" getting hole in ones. Keep us in your prayers.

**Love, Mary Ann and family**



**Ronnie Leon "Barney" Barnett**, 75, died Dec 26, 2011 in Ft Valley, VA. Ronn was born at home on Friday, March 13, 1936 in Arlington, Kansas. He joined the USAF in 1958 and served in Misawa, Japan as an analyst receiving numerous commendations and recognition from his superior officers. "A/2C Barnett is of the caliber the Air Force is so desirous of retaining." However because of his highly qualified background in commercial aviation, the Air Force will lose him to the higher paying industry. **//Complete obit published in Washington Pose 29 Dec 2011.//**

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This is some terrible news. I have really lost a great friend. RIP Ronn, you will always be remembered. **//Jim Boone//**

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Man, does that hurt. Ronn was super people and will be missed. Rest in peace my old friend. My sympathies and condolences to Ronn's family. Your dad was not only a good person, and an excellent analyst, he demonstrated to some of we younger troops how to conduct one's self properly with dignity and maturity. **//Ben Whitten//**

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This is one of those that take your breath away when you see it. I remember Ronn very well; can still see the images of the young Ronn at some of our "outings." He will be sorely missed. My condolences to his family. **//Tom "Ike" Isaacs//**

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**A1C George L. Benner**, 77, of Sun City West, AZ, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2011 following earlier lung cancer surgery. He was born in Hastings, Nebraska and served in the USAF being stationed at the 41<sup>st</sup> RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from July 1954-Dec. 1955. He worked in the T/A (202) section under MSgt Bill Bryant. **//Complete obit at azenral.com. Input from Arlen Trapp and Joe Gregory//**

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**CMSgt Donald R. Boyd**, 72, died February 21, 2011 in Hampton, Virginia. He was born in Yancey, Kentucky in 1938. He is survived by his wife, Toki. He retired from the Pentagon after 31 years in the Air Force. He was fond of saying that he enjoyed every minute of his service. He served his country throughout the world, in Southeast Asia, Japan, Europe, and the USA. His favorite assignments were in Japan, Montana, and Germany. **//Complete obit published in Washington Post 27 Feb 2011.//**

**Don Boyd** was my closest and dearest friends during my two yrs in Misawa. We did our share of bar hopping, hunting, cave dwelling (drinking?) and visiting various scenic sights of both Honchu and Hokkaido. After my tour in Misawa, Don and I stayed in touch. Fortunately, I got Don to attend one of our D.C. mini-reunions Don fit right into our group as if he'd always known each person there. I'll always remember Don as a hard-charging, confident and caring human being. He never knew it, but he made a big and important difference in my life. The "love of a true friend" cannot be replaced, only cherished" - and I do. May Don Boyd rest in peace and that his service to America (over 35 yrs), never be forgotten. Bless you Don. //Lloyd Smrkovski//

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**Lt. Col. Ronald G. Browning**, 72, born January 4, 1939 in Gilbert, WV, passed away on October 31, 2011 in San Antonio, TX. In 1958 he proudly enlisted in the USAF and became a Russian Linguist. He subsequently finished college and in 1963, was selected for Officer Training School and was commissioned as an Officer. He retired in San Antonio, TX after 31 years of dedicated service. Ron is survived by

his wife of 47 years, Jean. /Complete obit published in San Antonio Express News 26 Nov 2011.//

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**CMSgt James C. Byler**, 80, of Canyon Lake, TX passed away Thursday November 7, 2011. Jim was born June 21st, 1931 in Planeville, KS. He graduated high school in Russell, Kansas in 1949. He joined the Kansas National Guard after high school. Jim was activated and joined the Air Force, where he would remain for the next 20 years. He spent most of his career in the AF Security Service serving all over the world supervising teams installing and maintaining radio equipment during the cold war. He saw combat in Vietnam 1969-70; retired in 1972. He earned the Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He is survived by his wife and best friend Iris.

//Complete obit published in San Antonio Express News 15 Nov 2011.//

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**John Thomas Cochran**, age 79, died Nov. 5, 2011, in Alexander City following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born January 25, 1932, in North Perry, Alabama. John served in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1952, seeing action in the Korean Conflict, receiving the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantry Badge. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1972, where he received his Air Force Commendation Medal and two Air Medals. During his military service, he was

also stationed overseas in Bitburg, Germany and Wakkanai, Japan. His wife Eula preceded him in death. He is survived by his second life companion, Rosene Daugherty Underwood. //Complete obit published in the Tuscaloosa News 8 Nov 2011. Input from BJ Cook//

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**Ms. Lillian "Pinkie" Collins**, 85, passed away on Nov 18, 2011, in San Antonio. She was born in Miami, FL, on September 24, 1926. After 30 years she retired from USAF Security Service Command. She is survived by a son, Philip F. Adams. //Complete obit published in San Antonio Express News 20 Nov 2011. Input from Darr King & Darrell McCurdy//

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**Jack David Cook Jr.**, 51, of Powell, TN, formerly of Middlesboro, passed away Monday, May 16, 2011. Jack was a 1977 graduate of Middlesboro High School. Jack enlisted in the USAF where he served from Dec 1977 until Nov 1981. He served at the 6921<sup>st</sup> Scty Wg, on Trick 2 as a 292X2 Printer Systems Operator from 1978-1980. Jack is survived by his wife, Marcella "Marcia" Hammer. //Complete obit published

in Knoxville news Sentinel 23-26 May 2011. Input from Bill McGrath – Misawa Web Site//

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**Dave Criss:** On Nov 10, 2011 Dave Criss' wife Jo sent me an email with this very sad news that Dave had passed away. He was a retired USAF 30670, Crypto Equip. Repairman. We knew of him from his time at Udorn, Thailand from Jan. 68 to Jan. 69. He was actually at a small detachment - Det. 4, 6922nd Sct Wg. [F Troop]. Although we did not know of him while we were stationed at Ramasun, we had the same commander, Capt. Gary Engler. Dave attended the past 3 Ramasun Station reunions with his wife. He was the life of the party and fit right in immediately. He was also a great guy and will be missed greatly. RIP Dave Criss // **Dave Minnery**//

**Dave Criss** was a special guy and will be missed at our Annual Det 4 reunions in Florida. Dave was an active life of the party 70+ years young guy. He never met a stranger and always made a person feel welcome. He had an outstanding memory and could tell a story better than anyone I've met. I'm smiling as I write this because Dave left us all with some stories that would bring tears to your eyes which are still with me. He and his wife Jo were always together and each of them added a lot to our reunions. We are blessed to have known them. RIP Dave //E-Mail from **Jim Scoggins**//



**A1C Thomas E. Davare**, 61, died suddenly in Mar 2008 just days before his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. He is survived by his wife, Jean. **//Complete obit published in Chicago Tribune 13 Mar 2008//**

Some of your readers may remember a young airman named Tom Davare who served with me in Germany and in Samsun 1966-1969. Tom formed a band and often played guitar at Jake's in Hof. Tom Davare was an A2C while at Hof in 1966-67. We both went 2-T to Samsun after a short trip to Goodfellow for Mission Improvement Program (I think). Upon arrival to Turkey we were promoted to A1C (Sergeant). I left in Oct 68 for San Vito. He separated and returned to his beloved Chicago where he ran the Music Store. **//Ed Kirkham//**

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**MSgt Rollin Duane "Barney" Davis**, 69, of Foley, Ala., formerly of Boody, retired USAF veteran and Lockheed employee, died Oct. 25, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann. He was in the ELINT career field. **//Complete obituary at legacy.com obituaries. Input Lawrence Twardzak//**

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**Robert Dow**, 67, died 18 June 2011 at home in Florida. Mr. Dow had been fighting an incurable form of leukemia since 2010 called acute myeloblastic leukemia. Mr. Dow was known for his untiring work with the Classroom Teachers Association. Even when he was undergoing chemotherapy, he was known for keeping up with news from the school district. He learned Chinese at Yale University and used it in his work with the USAF while serving in Vietnam. Mr. Dow leaves behind his wife Sharon and two children. **// The Palm Beach Post 19 June 2011 – Input from Pete Siegel//**

Goodbye, dear friend. dzaijen! New Haven, Yokota and Danang would have been so dull without you. The world is a darker place without your light. The latrine singers are parted at last. Farewell. **//Anonymous//**

**NOTE: //An incorrect obituary and likeness of Mr. Dow was published in the Dec 2011 issue of RIT. My sincere apologies to anyone this might have offended. //Wayne Tallant//**

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**CMSgt Ronald J. Faile**, 80, a resident of Quail Drive in Lawrenceburg, died December 10, 2010 at his residence. He was born July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1930 in Akron Ohio. He retired from the US Air Force after 27 years, serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He is survived by his brother, Wendell. **//Complete obit published by Williams Funeral Home – Columbia, Tennessee//**

Mel Daniel called this morning to say that Ron had died recently of lung cancer. Don't know where it occurred but last I heard from him he was in Florida. Ron was an E-9 202 and I served with him in the 6994th Scty Sq at Ton Son Nhut, Vietnam and worked for him when he was the 202 school chief at Goodfellow in the early to mid-70's when he retired. //Dave Naab//

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**Michael J. Feigum**, 61, Womelsdorf, Pa. died January 14, 2012 in the Lebanon VA Medical Center. He was born in Philadelphia on January 13th, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the USAF. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann. //Complete obit in The Reading Eagle at ReadingEagle.com//

Mike served with many of us, although he was never a crewmember. He served in the 6908th from July 71-June 72 at which time he returned to Monterey for Arabic. My wife and I attended his 61st birthday at the V.A. hospital in Lebanon, Pa yesterday, and we all went to Mike's favorite restaurant - a Vietnamese restaurant in Lancaster. Last month he told me he wanted to make it to his 61st, and he did. Please pass this along to others who may have served with Mike. I know he and Dick Oliver got on well. //George Durham//

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**Col. Michael Cabell "Cisco" Francisco**, 66, of Niceville, Fla., passed away peacefully at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla. on Nov. 11, 2011 from a severe stroke suffered Jan. 8, 2011. Colonel Francisco was born July 29, 1945 at Brook Army Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. He graduated high school at Andover Prep Academy, Andover, Mass. He graduated from the AF Academy in October 1968. Colonel Francisco served as the Commander of the 32nd Tactical Fighter Group and Installation Commander from June 1988 to July 1989, when he became the Vice Commander of the 66th Electronic Combat Wing at Sembach AB, Germany, until May 1991. His next assignment was with Headquarters Air Force Intelligence Command and the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center from May 1991 to July 1993, followed by an assignment to Air Force Space Command to establish the Air Force Space Warfare Center from July 1993 to July 1994. Colonel Francisco's final assignment was with the National Reconnaissance Office, as Director of Space Plans and Applications of the Directorate of Military Support in the Pentagon, where he served until retiring from the Air Force on July 31, 1995. //Note: Col. Francisco had many assignments as both a pilot and commander. Complete obit published in Pensacola News Journal, 4 Dec 2011.//



**Colonel Thomas Kevin Gallagher**, 83, died November 26, 2011. His life of 83 years was one of service and loyalty to God, country, and family. He leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment and his contribution to the USAF and national intelligence cannot be overstated. Thomas Kevin Gallagher was born on January 18, 1928 in Butte, Montana and graduated from Boys' Central High School. Gallagher attended Notre Dame University and graduated from Gonzaga University. He enlisted in the Navy, but it was not long before he found his true career calling in the USAF. He excelled at the Army Language School, quickly becoming fluent in Russian. His many assignments include a memorable one as Attaché in Moscow during the Cuban Missile Crisis where Gallagher

earned the Legion of Merit while only a Captain. He served in Vietnam as Director of Joint Service, Special Intelligence Collection, earning a Bronze Star. Gallagher's career spanned more than forty years and took his family to Texas, England, Germany, Russia/USSR, Southeast Asia, Okinawa, Washington DC, and Hawaii. He engaged in multidisciplinary foreign intelligence, counterintelligence, communications security, information security, operations security, and command control and intelligence operations with the USAF, National Security Agency (NSA), Defense Intelligence Agency, and TRW. He was Deputy for Intelligence for the Pacific, Chief of Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) and Technical Sensors Division, and DOD Chief of Special Operations Division at NSA. At the time of his USAF retirement, Gallagher was considered a living repository of all data on signals intelligence and was recognized as one of the most talented and dynamic forces in his field. **//Complete obit published in San Antonio Express News 3 Dec 2011.//**

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I was honored to serve with Tom Gallagher at the Pentagon. He was a real giant in the SIGINT business. **//Bob Cope//**

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Tom spent virtually his whole life in the SIGINT business. I was fortunate enough to work for him at JSPC in Okinawa in the late 60's where he was Chief of the Air Division. We enjoyed many business luncheons together in D.C. and San Antonio. He was a wonderfully amiable and knowledgeable boss who was such a pleasure to be in his company. **//Dave Naab//**

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Col Tom Gallagher was my boss in Okinawa 1969-70 and was one of the most knowledgeable Intel officers and finest gentlemen I ever knew. **//Chuck Purkiss//**

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Chuck: I seem to recall a Captain Tom Gallagher at either Bingen (1958) or Sembach (1959). I agree completely in your assessment of him. He was a real pro; quiet and competent. **//Bill Burhans//**



Federico "Fred" Ricardo Garcia, 73, died November 25<sup>th</sup> 2011. He was born October 30, 1938. He graduated from Martin High School in Laredo, TX and Texas A&I University in Kingsville, TX. Not only did he serve honorably in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1964, he spent his life in dedication to the service of his country retiring as a Computer Scientist from the U.S. Air Intelligence Agency Security Command with 40 years of distinguished civil service. Fred is survived by his loving wife of 50 years Eva Serna Garcia. **//Obit published in San Antonio Express News 4 Dec 2011.//**

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**SMSgt Joel Mark Gardner Sr.**, 58, passed away suddenly Dec. 26, 2011, at his home in Niceville, Fla. He was born in Rockland, Maine, on Sept. 7, 1953. After 26 years in the Air Force as a Radio Communications Superintendent, he returned home to Niceville, Fla., with his wife, Teresita S. Gardner, and his son, Joel Mark Gardner Jr. His foreign service included assignments to Korea, the Philippines, Great Britain and Turkey. Joel was the recipient of many awards and citations in recognition of his service. Joel has left behind his wife, Teresita of Niceville. **//Complete obit published in nwfDailyNews.com. Input from B.J. Cook//**

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**John Joseph Garvey**, 71. Belated - passed away October 19, 2008. He was born 28 July 1937. John graduated from Christian Brothers High School, St. Joseph, Missouri in 1955 and served in the Air Force from 1956-1960. John was a 292X1 with the 6989<sup>th</sup> RSM, 1958-1960. He is survived by his wife, Margaret. **//Complete obit published in Star Tribune 21 Oct 2008. Notification from Ben Whitten and Stan**

**Morris//**

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**William "Bill" Hanousek**, 82, passed away on December 21, 2011. He was born on August 23, 1928 in St. Paul, Minnesota, and attended St. Thomas Military Academy and also the University of Notre Dame. He attended the University of Minnesota where he met his future wife: Gladys. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1962 where he served in Topeka, Kansas for two years. Bill was transferred to Bremerhaven, Germany where he served in the 7011th Personnel Processing Squadron until 1955. Bill is survived by his wife Gladys of Palm Desert, CA. **//Complete obit published in Desert Sun 30 Dec 2010. Edited from the 6913<sup>th</sup> Website//**



**Terry Lee Herman**, 65, of Lakeville, MN died Oct. 11, 2011. He was with NWA for 42 years and a proud Veteran of the USAF, 6918 Scty Sq Dawg Flight. Terry fought multiple myeloma with fervor and valor. He had a military honor guard. Terry is survived by his wife Annette. //Complete obit published in Star Tribune 14 Oct 2011. Input from Mrs. Doyle Larson and 6918<sup>th</sup> Family site//

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**Maj. Edward "Ed" E. Huling Jr.**, 80, died 3 December, 2011 in San Antonio, TX. He was born 17 July, 1931 in New Haven CT. After 2 years at Yale University, Ed left to serve his country in the Korean and Viet Nam Wars and joined the USAF aviation cadets at James Connally AFB in Waco TX. Commissioned in 1952. Ed was a pilot, navigator, and radar-bombardier. Ed worked in the USAF Electronic Systems Command from 1963-1968 at Hanscom AFB, MA, Lindsey AFB, Wiesbaden, Germany, San Vito dei Normanni Air Station, Italy, and Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX. In 1968, Ed retired at the rank of Major from the USAF in 1974. Ed is survived by three sons. //Complete obit published in SA Express News 16 Dec, 2011.//

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Just received word from Bill Rogge that our 2<sup>nd</sup> RSM ailing member "**Roy Jones**" passed away 5 Nov. 2011. Roy, your suffering is over, Rest in Peace. //Paul Laffitte//

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It is the autumn of the year for all 2<sup>nd</sup> RSM spooks and the Father is harvesting the good guys like a farmer gathering corn and beans. Roy will be missed but not forgotten. R.I.P. Roy Jones, my friend! //Duke Keeter//

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"I received a letter today from Anita Jump informing me of the passing of her husband, **George "Al" Jump Sr.** on December 5, 2011. Al was on Dawg Flight with me from 1974 to 1976. He was always smiling and had a joke or story to tell. Al bought my old '63 VW Beetle just before I left in December 1976. He was one of our comrades and will be greatly missed. He is listed among the members. Please send any condolences to anitajump@comcast.net or his son, Gary Coalwell at gcoalwell@comcast.net //Ed Benningfield//

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Really sad to hear this one. I worked with Al Jump at Misawa in 66-68. A great guy and real character – somewhat of a renaissance man who was into all kinds of stuff. He was in the Misawa aero club and had some really funny stories about his experiences there. He was also an excellent piano player. A couple of years ago, we exchanged a lot of emails and he brought me

up to date on all his activities over the years. Suffice it to say, it would make a really long and varied list. RIP, Al. **//Ron Marcoullier//**

This was posted on the San Vito site. George A. Jump was also a 202x in Misawa 67-70. **//Gary Doolittle//**

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**Clifton John Lampman, Sr.**, 90, died Jan 9, 2012. Clifton was born Nov 1, 1921 near Marion, Texas. His work history included working for Civil Service at Kelly Field and at a covert World War II radio intercept station co-located with the Government Code & Cipher School at Bletchley Park, United Kingdom. Survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruth C. Lampman. **//Complete Obit published in SA Express News 13 Jan 2012//**

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**Ellen B. Languit**, 64, died November 9, 2011 succumbing to the Alzheimer's which she had been battling these past ten years. She is survived by her husband, Gerald "Lanny" Languit Ellen was born in New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York on February 26, 1947. She graduated from The State University of New York at Stony Brook (Cum Laude). She taught with the

Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS) in Tokyo, Japan, where she met her spouse, "Lanny", a career military officer. They served tours of duty in Madrid, Spain; Fort Meade, Maryland; Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; and Hickam AFB, Hawaii. **//Obit published in the (Albuquerque) ABQJournal 11 Nov 2011. //Notified by husband Lanny//**

I received a note from Lanny Languit this week announcing his wife, Ellen, succumbed on the 9th of this month. Chong and I had the pleasure of knowing Ellen and Lanny both in the 80s and 90s when we shared tours at Osan. Ellen was truly a lovely person whose presence on this earth will be forever missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to Colonel Languit and the boys. **//Axel Anaruk//**

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**SMSGt Donald Gene "Don" Massie**, 70, of Plano, Texas passed away 29 Oct 2011. He leaves cherished memories for his wife of 46 years Margaret "Peg". Don graduated cum laude from the University of Maryland with graduate degrees from University of Oklahoma and St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Don was a Non-Morse Operator and Senior Printer Systems Supervisor serving in Turkey, Chicksands England (Baker Flight) 66-69, and two tours in Misawa, Japan 70-74 and 75-81. He served 21 years in the USAF retiring from HQ ESC circa 1983-84. **//Complete obit published in the Washington Post 10 Nov 2011. Input from Jim White//**

I'm sorry to hear that Don has passed on. He was a great guy and fine Senior Printer Systems Supervisor (SPSS) on Dawg Flight in the 77-78 time frame. Nice family. Great mentor. RIP. //Chris Cook//

I met Don and his wife in Misawa at one of Jack Massa's parties and we've been friends since. They were God Parents of my daughter in 1978 in Misawa. //Larry Mendonca//

I served proudly with this man, may he RIP. //Chris Scherer//

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**John "Vic" Raymond Morrow**, 52, 8 Nov 2011 from complications due to a liver transplant. John was born June 26' 1959 in Highland Park, Michigan. He joined the Air Force on July 1, 1982 as a Cryptologic Linguist. After Lackland he attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California where he met Jennifer Elizabeth Carlson. While stationed at Hahn AB Germany in 1985, he was introduced to the game of rugby and developed a passion for the game. They later were stationed at RAF Chicksands in England and finally in San Antonio Texas where he retired from the Air Force on September 30, 2002. Throughout his travels, he developed lifelong friends that had a tremendous impact on his life. His involvement with his dart league resulted in deep friendships and over 20 years of enjoyment. John is survived by his wife Jennifer Elizabeth "My Jenny". //Complete obit at [vicmorrow.last-memories.com/lifestory/](http://vicmorrow.last-memories.com/lifestory/)//

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**SSgt Harry James "Obie" O'Brien**, 73, passed away July 28, 2011. He was born on July 30, 1937 in Philadelphia, PA. Harry retired from the U.S. Air Force after many years of dedicated service. He was a 292 stationed at Misawa AB, Japan among other places. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn F. O'Brien. A memorial service was conducted with full Air Force military honors. //Obit rom [Helen Henderson - Misawa Web Site/](#)//

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**SSgt Roger Herbert "Herb" Schwensohn**, 77, November 23, 2011 in the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota area. He enlisted in the USAF and served at several USAFSS units for about 15 years, including Chicksands, England; Anchorage, Alaska; and San Antonio, Texas before a health condition ended his military career early. Herb served with the 6913th RSM at Bremerhaven, Germany and was assigned to the Morse Section of Charlie Flight from 1956-1959. Herb is survived by his wife Brenda and son Carl. Other details about his tour in Bremerhaven and his civilian career are included in the note I posted on our 6913<sup>th</sup>/41<sup>st</sup> RSM Forum. //Extracted from 6913<sup>TH</sup> Website with input from Arlen Trapp//



**Archie G. Temple**, 66, died 19 Jan 2012. He was born in Oberlin, Kansas on February 7, 1945. Archie served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1966 as a Personnel Systems Analyst. He went to work for the Department of Defense as a systems analyst in 1966 and retired from civil service as a GS 15 in 1994. Archie had been diagnosed as having leukemia and was not aware of it. He was a long time Comm. type. //Complete obit published in San Antonio Express News 14 Jan 2012// //Input from Cecil Martin, Bob Cope and Jim Youngson//

Another legend of 'Security Hill' has met his maker. //Joe Sanchez//

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**Sgt Jeffrey W. Tetreault**, 65, of Taunton, MA died August 9, 2011 at his residence. He was born in Attleboro, MA. He graduated from Attleboro High School and was also a graduate of Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. He was a USAF veteran 1969-1973. Jeffrey was a Cryptologic Analyst serving at the 6941<sup>st</sup> SS, Goodfellow AFB, TX, 1970, 6927<sup>th</sup> SS, JSPC, 1970, and the 6970<sup>th</sup> SG, NSA 1971-1973. //Obit published in the

**Taunton Daily Gazette Aug 11 – Input by Jeff Couch//**

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**Col. Mary Nell Turner**, 75, passed away Dec 12, 2011 in Jackson, Tennessee. Ms. Turner was born in Alamo, TN on November 11, 1936. She graduated from Alamo High School in 1954 and entered the Air Force in 1955, stationed in San Antonio. She received a BS degree in Personnel Management from Florida State University and earning her MBA from Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos. While stationed at multiple bases, she held positions in various public relations assignments. In England, she worked in USAF Security Service. When tapped for Vietnam, she worked as executive officer in 7th AF HQ., Saigon. At Chanute AFB, Illinois, she was promoted to Colonel which led to her final assignment as Base Commander at Clovis AB, NM . Surviving are two brothers Warner and Ronnie Turner. //Complete obituary published in the Jackson Sun, Jackson TN//

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**Joseph King Wallace**, 64, passed away peacefully at home on January 4, 2012 after 6 years of fighting prostate cancer. He was born on April 18, 1947 in Mexia, Texas and is survived by his wife of 29 years; Jo Ann. Joe was a retired Air Force linguist and later became a physical therapist. //Obit//



**Carol D. Warniment:** My wife, Carol, passed away the morning of Jan 7, 2012. She accompanied me on tours with Pacific Security Region at Wheeler AFB, NSA Pacific at Pearl Harbor, HQ USEUCOM at Stuttgart, and ESC, AFIC, AIA at San Antonio (from 1981-2000). She was a strong trooper who loved her family, and especially her grandchildren. Thank you.

**//E-mail from husband, Dan Warniment//. //Complete obit published in the Lima News, Jan 14, 2012//**

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**John D. Wascom, 74,** died Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 2011. He was born April 28, 1937 in Montpelier, La. John served his country for 24 years in the USAF. He served in Frankfurt, Germany, Madrid, Spain, Peshawar, Pakistan, and at Goodfellow AFB. His service included the Vietnam Peace Talks in Paris and two tours at the Pentagon. John was an adminer who served in the USAFSS for many years. His last assignment was GAFB HQ building as Chief of Admin where he retired from the Air Force in August of 1978. A great guy. John is survived by his travel and dance partner of 55 years, Jerry Barbara (Sibley) Wascom of San Angelo. **//Obit published in San Angelo Standard Times Dec 6-7 2011. Input from Gerard Ferris//**

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**Patrick J. Williams:** It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that our friend and fellow AMT, Patrick J. Williams has passed away. As most of you know Pat suffered for over three years after he had a major stroke. Pat was a lifetime charter member in the Airborne Maintenance Technician Association. Pat was also a Lifetime Honorary Director and was always a very strong supporter of the AMTA and the goals of the AMTA. Patrick will definitely be missed, please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time. **//AMT Assn//**

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**January 26, 2012 marked the passing of Mrs. Selma Gaylor, wife of CMSAF (Ret) Bob Gaylor.**

CMSAF Gaylor is well known throughout the USAF community and has been a speaker at many graduations and other AF functions over the years. Selma was by the Chief's side as he traveled extensively around the world. We offer our condolences to CMSAF Gaylor and his family.

**//Editor//**



.....BITS::AND::BYTES.....

CHRISTMAS IN THE DESERT

From: Ron Hentz rdhentz@gmail.com  
Re: Christmas in the Desert

The Prop Wash Gang (PWG) has been supporting the troops at Christmas since 2006. As of 2010, that support amounted to \$12,600. This year we were able to provide the 97th IS with an additional \$3,165 for their deployed troops. That amount included \$500 from the Beaners (Spanish linguists). In addition, we provided \$1600 to the 25th IS at Hurlburt Field FL. Our total support since 2006 now equals \$17,365. POCs at the units this year were MSgt Tom Hollowell at the 97th and CMSgt Edward Golombeski at the 25th. They arranged for purchases and transportation to the deployed sites.

Cheers, Ron

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From: "Ford, Jeffrey P LtCol USAF ACC 97 IS/CC" Tue, Dec 6, 2011  
To: PWG c/o Ron Hentz  
Gents,

I hope the holiday's are treating you well. That said, I just wanted to let you know that due to your generosity, we were able to send care packages (books, dvds, snacks, blue-ray players, games, etc.) to our Amn in the CENTCOM AOR. It's VERY much appreciated and I'm glad you are in our corner!

Happy Holidays,  
JEFFREY P. FORD, Lt Col, USAF Commander, 97th Intelligence Squadron

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Distinguished Flying Cross Finds a Home

Posted by Jay Johnson (My Family Site)



Jan 13, 2012. Today, I presented Navy Cmndr. Bill Hudspeth, 1936-1960, a DFC that was sent to me by Charlie Millsap. The Cmndr earned 3-DFC's during his career, but lost them. Charlie read about the Cmndr. on the Misawa site, and sent a DFC for me to present to the Cmndr., which I did today. He said, thank Charlie very much.

Rass, Can you forward this info to the right person for the 'Remain in Touch' for next month ?  
Thanks, Jay Johnson (Dec 2012)

**Below: Jay is on right in hat**

**Seated** is Retired Sgt. Gil Salls (88 yrs. old) who was in China-Burma-India (CBI) during the war (1942-46) as a communications specialist (sent & received morse code). When the Japanese were coming across the Irawaddy River, he went back across the river to destroy the communications equipment, so the Japanese wouldn't capture it. He did not know he received the **Bronze Star** for his efforts until he read it in his discharge papers. Air Force Lt. Col. Bill Burhans (Ret) read my note about Sgt. Salls, on our military USAFSS Roll Call web site, and mailed me his own Bronze Star, that he received in Viet Nam 1970-71, to present to Sgt. Salls. At the Consulate



Health Care Center, on Dec. 9, 2011, the Army Recruiter, SFC Jorge Fournier (active duty) (**standing in BDU**), and retired SFC Santiago (**in his dress blues**) came to the center to present the Bronze Star to Sgt. Salls. Sgt. Fournier read the letter that Lt. Col. Burhans \* (*See footnote*) sent to Sgt. Salls telling him of his career in the USAFSS /ESC and the reason for sending him the Bronze Star. Sgt. Santiago pinned the medal on Sgt. Salls, and also gave him one of the Challenge Coins from his outfit during his service in the Army. Sgt. Santiago, himself, spent a 5-year stretch in Viet Nam as a gunner on a helicopter, being shot down twice. Sgt. Salls, with a tear in his eye, said it was a privilege to be honored, and he was proud to be around so many Great Veterans.

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\*Footnote: Lt. Col Bill Burhans, USAFSS, Retired (Life Member)



**Note:** Alive and well, living with my second wife in beautiful downtown North Central Texas just south of the Red River 8 mi SE of Gainesville. ASSIGNMENTS: Basic Lackland (Jan-Apr 57); Pre-Lang Kelly (Apr 57); Monterey Basic Russian (Jul-Dec 57); 6912 Bingen as 20351-1 (58); 6910 Sembach (59-61); Syracuse Int Russian (61-62); Goodfellow 203 Instructor (62-63); Lackland OTS Class 64-A; Goodfellow OBK8034; Goodfellow OBK Instructor (64-66); 6984 Shemya as Ops Officer (66-67). Presidential Translator, Washington-Moscow Hot Line (67-70); Vietnam as Interrogator (70-

71); US Military Liaison Mission (USMLM) Potsdam, East Germany (HUMINT/PHOTINT, 71-75); Air Command and Staff College (75-76); Bolling with Soviet Awareness Program (LITINT 76-79); Cmdr, Det 16, 7113 SAS at USMLM Berlin (79-80); Bolling Soviet Awareness Program (80-81); TDRL (81-85); retired as Lt Col Jun 1985. Consultant and interpreter- translator 92-97. Oilfield equipment and service company's Moscow representation office 97-02. Six children (five in VA, one in SC), fifteen grands, and four great-grands

**2011 OPERATION EYESIGHT**

Posted by Joe Roginski Dec 31, 2011



Hachinohe School for Blind and Deaf - Operation Eyesight Christmas Party  
(Photo provided by Col Joos 373rd ISR Group Cmdr)



Thanks for posting the photos, Joe, and please thank Colonel Joos for her and the 373rd support.//Ed Benningfield-Misawa Family Web Site Dec 31, 2011//

Wiesbaden Germany 1962-65

Posted by Jack Sellman



Camp Pieri was originally Freudenberg Kaserne - a German radio training base. They built three 142 foot towers which are still standing today. The guy in this picture (arrow) was a GEEIA repairman who was tasked with replacing the red warning lights on top of the towers. My thoughts at the time were that he was the low man on the GEEIA Totem Pole. This was

taken out of the back window of our Ops area with my Petri camera (which still works). //Jack//

There were two guys in the 6924th who had this job. They preferred to work in the dark. //Steve Fontaine Nov 5, 2011//

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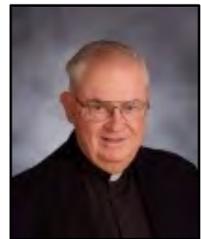
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**NOW**

**Rev. Fr. Edward Kucerna CH. Col. USAF (Ret)**



*Dear Editor,  
You may want to print this in the Remain In Touch. I met Col Kucera in Aurora, CO several years ago. He spent much of his AF career (1962-82) ministering as the Catholic chaplain at several USAFSS units including*



*Goodfellow, TX; Shu Lin Kou, Taiwan; Clark AB, Philippines; and Kelly AFB, TX. Fr Kucera, is with the Benedictine order and currently serving on the staff of Benet Academy, a four- year, college preparatory, co-educational, Catholic high school located in Lisle, IL.*

*Thank You,  
Robert A. Lee, CMSgt, USAF (Ret) Cheyenne, WY*

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