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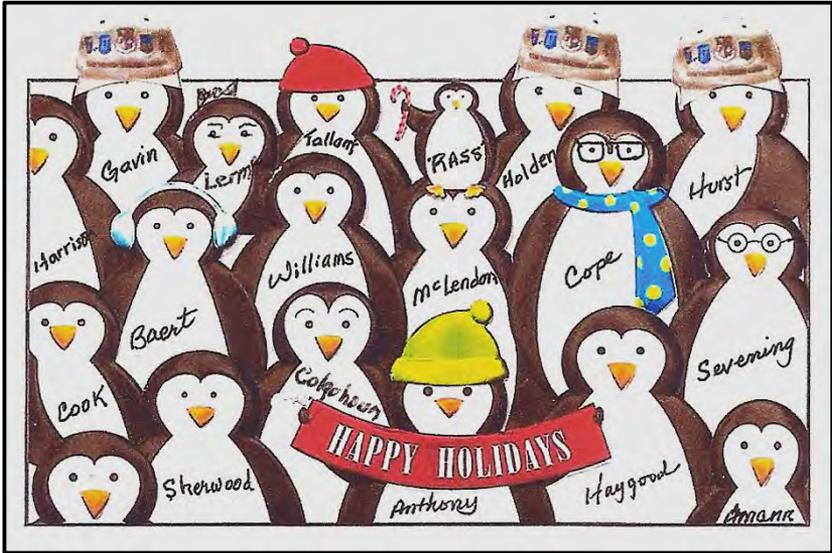
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From Your FTVA BOD





Hi folks,

Over the past couple of years, we've been approached to make the narrative print easier to read. Hope you find the larger font we're using in this issue helps. Also, lots and lots of photos are provided with this *Annual Reunion Issue*. In addition we have a larger number of Fallen Eagles this

quarter. I had to use my editorial "redacting" eraser a few times to keep within our 3.5 oz size limit for postal mailing. Thanks to everyone who contributed their postings and submissions. Hope you enjoy this issue of YOUR Newsletter... it's loaded!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

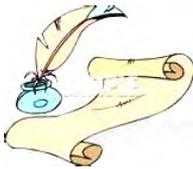
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Letters to the Editor



From: Ron Bureau, Sep 5, 2012

Rass,

Sep 2012 Remain In Touch. GREAT JOB!! I read the Omaha reunion article and as expected, it's looks outstanding. You do good work!!

I appreciate it!!

Ron B.

On Mon, Aug 20, 2012, John 'Mike' Miller < wrote:

Just wanted to let everyone involved with publishing and editing the Soft Copy Electronic Newsletter know that I think you are doing a wonderful job. I much prefer the electronic version to the hard copy. Keep up the great work.
John "Mike" Miller (CMSgt, ret)



FTVA Newsletter in Soft Copy

Wouldn't you rather receive future issues of **Remain In Touch** in softcopy format? It's in **Color!!** If so, simply go to the FTVA website and e-mail your request to: Bob Baert membersupport@ftva.org.

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

FTVA Fallen Eagle Notifications

You will notice a larger than normal number (50) of Fallen Eagles in this issue. Our thanks to Wayne Tallant who does a daily scan of area newspapers and reports to locate recent obits. He takes care of initial review, composition and editing for the *Fallen Eagles* section. Ted Colquhoun is in charge of our central *Fallen Eagles* data base listing. **NOTE: Please use the form available on the web site at <http://www.ftva.org/FORMS/eagles.html> to report *Fallen Eagles*. This will ensure all relevant information is provided.**

Thank You

FTVA Memorials - Vigilant Partners

If you served with an individual or spouse in USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA or the AF ISR Agency and you see “...or **charity of your choice.**” in an obituary, please think of FTVA as that charity. If you want the donation to be tax deductible, make the check out to the “**USAFSS/ESC Memorial Fund**”. If you don't care about tax deductibility or don't file a Schedule A, make the checkout to “FTVA”. In any event, mail it to Col (Ret) Jim McLendon, 223 Blackjack Oak, San Antonio TX 78230 or FTVA (Official Activities), P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio TX 78269-1616. Please put the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to memorialize on the “Memo” or “For” section of the check.

We'll acknowledge your donation and advise the family that you have memorialized their loved one's name (we won't mention the amount). You can help this organization preserve the legacy of USAFSS and successor commands and celebrate your friendship and their Service at the same time -- truly a win-win situation.

Thanks

Jim McLendon
Official Activities Chairman



The Hall of Honor was created in 1983 to honor individuals who served USAFSS/ESC and its successor commands with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to mission excellence. The Hall preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions. The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency along with the FTVA, inducted four new members into the Hall during a ceremony in AFISR Hqs Sept. 29.



Above: Maj Gen Otto and FTVA President Lee Anthony with the 2012 HOH plaque.

CMSgt Richard J. (Dick) Burda, USAF (Ret)



Chief Dick Burda exemplifies the term “singularly superlative”. He flew the majority of his 101 EC-47 combat missions as the Airborne Mission Supervisor - as a Sergeant, and earned a Distinguished Flying Cross! Later, as HQ ESC HFDF Program Manager, he expanded interoperability with other services and

our allies. As European Operations Superintendent, he supported Desert Storm, deployed to Turkey for Provide Comfort and planned Serbo-Croatian Operations in Provide Promise. As DDO’s SEA and Operations Superintendent at NSA, Dick ensured personnel maximized their skill set and those assigned to the new RSOCs were eligible for joint decorations. Over the Top!



M/M Burda, Lee Anthony

CMSgt David (Dave) Doiron, USAF (Ret)



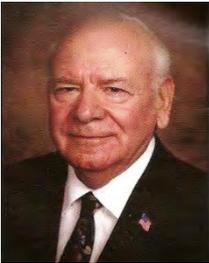
Command CMSgt Dave Doiron dedicated his entire Air Force career to the development, execution and advancement of cryptologic and information operations (IO) for our Nation. His cryptologic excellence and strong leadership in SINGINT/IO analysis, operations and training significantly impacted decision makers at the tactical, operational

and strategic levels. His dynamic and infectious enthusiasm and tremendous drive to develop cryptologic warriors positively affected the lives and careers of innumerable intelligence professional across the Air Force and other services. Dave's 26 years of excellence, leadership and dedication to unmatched cryptologic operations clearly qualify him as being the Best of the Best!



Maj Gen Otto, M/M Doiron

CMSgt Perry (Ike) Eisenhower, USAF (Ret)



CMSgt 'Ike' Eisenhower is a living legend in the Airborne reconnaissance world. Ike's flying career spanned over 25 of his 30 year career where he accumulated over 9,800 flying hours on RB-50's, C-130's and every variant of the RC-135 inventory. He led automation of COMBAT SENT operations as Project Manager. As a civilian, he reconstructed

long-neglected databases, enabling successful Balkan operations. Ike was a master diplomat in dealing with his UK and German counterparts. General Officers have said that, when picking the one man to get the most demanding jobs done right, the first time, without direction, that man was inevitably Ike. His 46 year career was typified by expertise and dynamic leadership successes that are unparalleled.



Maj Gen Otto, M/M Eisenhower

CMSgt William R. (Sparky) Rogers, USA (Ret)



Everybody knows “Sparky!” Chief Rogers was a cryptanalyst at NSA; ground intercept operator at St. Lawrence Island and Nord, Greenland; traffic analyst at the AFSCC; and an unparalleled airborne operator from the RB-50’s to the RC-135 Modernization on the Air Staff. Sparky flew the initial C-130B missions in the Gulf of Tonkin and over Laos. He led the initial and follow-on USAFSS

contingent in direct support roles. He remained overseas for 15 consecutive years. He initiated and coordinated 6th Fleet direct support procedures during the Yom Kippur War and was sole NCO among Senior Officers on the PACOM Reconnaissance Board. His selection as the first Chief Action officer on the Air Staff speaks for itself.



Maj Gen Otto with M/M Rogers

A.J. Harrison,
Hall of Honor Program Chair

From: RICHARD BURDA Tuesday, October 02, 2012
To: president@ftva.org
Subject: Reunion

Mr. Anthony,
Many thanks for the wonderful job that you, the Association, and the AF ISR Agency did in hosting us. The entire event was first class and reflects well on the FTVA and its membership. Sandi and I greatly appreciate the hard work, time, and effort that everyone put into ensuring the success of the reunion. You and your team made us feel very special. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,
Dick Burda



FTVA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CMSgt (ret) Robert “Bob” Crabtree!



On Aug 29, 2012, a large crowd of friends, family and associates gathered in the AFISR Agency HQ’s auditorium to witness the retirement ceremony for Robert “Bob” Crabtree. Chief Crabtree completed a highly successful active duty military career in the USAF from 1965 until 1995, and then continued in government service for 17 more years on Security Hill.



Bob retired as Chief, Operations Exercises Branch, Force Readiness Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters AFISR Agency. During his last assignment, he served as Program Manager of all exercise support for the AFISR Agency. In that capacity, he coordinated, validated and prioritized requirements to deliver current ISR support to Air Force and fellow service organizations.



(Left) Mr. Ken Williams, Headquarters AFISR Agency Senior Program and Technical Advisor, officiated at the event and recounted how Bob had built a record of excellence at everything he did for over 47 years. While on active duty, Bob completed tours around the world as a career Radio Intercept Analysis

specialist, within the USAFSS, ESC, Air Force Intelligence Command, and the Air Intelligence Agency. Attaining the rank of CMSgt in 1986, his last duty assignment was as the Air Intelligence Agency HQ Superintendent of Operations.

Chief Crabtree served as president of the FTVA from Sep 2005 – Sep 2007 and continues to assist the Board of Directors. He has been recognized many times, including five Meritorious Service Medals, two AF Commendation Medals and with several service awards. He was also inducted into the FTVA Hall of Honor in 2005.

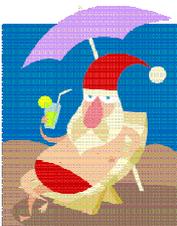
During his retirement ceremony, Mr. Williams presented Chief Crabtree with The Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award, a personalized Presidential Letter, and a certificate from the Governor of Texas. In addition, Bob’s wife Donna was presented a spouse’s certificate of appreciation (Right).



(Left)

In a closing addition to this ceremony, the AFISR Agency Honor Guard made a very moving and special U.S. flag presentation to Bob Crabtree (left).

It’s My Christmas Vacation



**Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead.
Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow.
Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow.
In fact, I’m relaxing, so just leave me alone!
Oh... and, Merry Christmas!**



Recon Crew Receives Jerome F. O'Malley Award



Representatives of the crew of Olive 22 receive the 2012 Jerome F. O'Malley Award by the Air Force Association, Washington, D.C., Sept. 17, 2012, naming them the best reconnaissance crew in the USAF for 2012.

Additional recipients of the award (not shown) are Maj. Clifford Morgan, Tech. Sgt. Michelle Martinez, Tech. Sgt. Joshua Mort, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Garmier, Staff Sgt. Christopher Whalen, Senior Airman Angela Gayheart, Senior Airman Joseph Lagang, Master Sgt. Robert Baird, Master Sgt. Jeffrey LeMaster, Tech. Sgt. Alfred Denny, and Tech. Sgt. Jacob Fox all of the **488th IS**. (USAF photo /Michael J. Pausic)

Danny Russell Presents Replica of his EC47



(Left)
At Stapleton Park, after the Remembrance Ceremony on 28 September, Danny Russell presents Maj Gen Bob Otto a replica of the EC47 (CAP53) ARDF aircraft in which he was shot down on 22 April 1970. (Model carved by Mike Rowland)



BEDSIDE MATTERS

//On Wed, Sep 19, 2012 Steve Acuff, <steveacu@cox.net> wrote:

Update: Went to the neurosurgeon and ENT doctors at Emory in Atlanta. Surgery? Yes! I will lose my left eye because the tumor has wrapped itself around the eyeball.



But, first they have to find out about a spot on my left thigh (femur) bone which was revealed in the latest PET scan. They plan on a biopsy at Emory Hospital Midtown. It'll take 10 to 14 days to determine if the spot is cancerous. Meantime, because of the location of the spot, I'll be required to be on crutches for 4 weeks. This is a measure to prevent bone fracture. Meanwhile, back at the source of our problem, the brain tumor, all the cancer cells are having a party because of the delay in going in to get them. One step forward, two steps backward. However, with all this going on, I still think the end result will be the same and I'll come out of it being OK. I truly appreciate all the support you guys have sent my direction. God bless you. Steve

From: Tom Baker Nov 6, 2012
Hi everyone,

In May of this year, I was diagnosed with a Melanoma on my neck. In August they removed 17 lymph nodes, all of which were negative. I was permitted to go to the reunion in Texas. On my return, I had a PET scan on Oct 23 when they found a very small indication in the back of my throat. They said it was really small and a biopsy could not be done. I go back in three months to have the same test done. If any of you have had an analysis of your sinus and throat area, you know when they did. I gagged. We now will progress through the holidays, shovel some snow this winter (not much last year), and go back to Pittsburgh in February. Good luck to all, safe holidays, and a great 2013.

Tom

From: Whitey Carstensen, SMSgt, USAF (Retired)
Bob Baert,

Donna Hatcher worked for me at Chicksands. I received the following information from Bobbi Smith, the former WAF First Sergeant at Chix:

To: Harold Carstensen Sep 9, 2012,

Since our dues for the WAF Association are due now, I finally called the Nursing Home in Colorado about **Donna Hatcher**. She has no visitors on a regular basis. Her brother and niece are in Omaha, Nebraska and visit maybe twice a year. She can talk, but - doesn't do much more then answer them with a "yes or no". She is often confused. She also receives a newsletter from the WAF Association about twice a year that she wears them out looking at them. She is in a wheelchair most of the time. Very limited on any activities, so, I am going to pay her dues again for a couple of years.

Bobbi

FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

As stated on the inside front page of our RIT newsletter, the Freedom Though Vigilance Association currently has six chapters. Each Chapter president has membership on our Board of Directors. For information on an individual chapter, a link is available on our FTVA website. Go to **<http://www.ftva.org>** under paragraph two "What is the FTVA?"

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Sunshine Chapter (Near Hurlburt Field, FL)
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Rocky Mountain Chapter (Colorado Springs, CO)
<http://www.ftva-rockymountainchapter.com>

Aloha Chapter (Near Hickam AFB, HI)
AlohaTilly@hawaii.rr.com

National Capital Chapter (Washington D.C.)
- ~Election Pending~

HERITAGE CHAPTER - 2012,

Annual Report by Ronald "JJ" Graham, President



It's been another busy and somewhat frustrating year for our small but robust group. A sampling of this year's events:

1. Scrolls: Originally proposed for Heath Hall in our annual report last year, this project is cancelled. We were disappointed to find out that with the move of Airmen Leadership School to the new Education Center, it is obvious we cannot find a good home to display the scrolls.
2. Our chapter continues to fight for recognition of Intel professionals that have made a lasting impact on the intelligence community including the ultimate sacrifice. We have counted on, and received, FTVA assistance to make this happen. We are working closely with the Base Historian, Doc Garrett, and the Wing leadership on a number of issues. Indications are that Heath Hall, the one-time NCO Academy building memorializing the legacy of Jim Heath, may be removed/torn down. We are looking to name one of the classrooms in the new Education building after Chief Heath. Our chapter would sponsor the room with appropriate Goodfellow NCOA memorabilia. We would ask for FTVA approval to redesignate funds originally received for the Scrolls project to be applied to future building dedications we support at Goodfellow.
3. In our ongoing efforts to recognize those Intel Fallen Heroes who had a connection to Goodfellow, we chose the Cressman Dining Facility as our next project. Cressman was a casualty in the shoot down of Baron 52. We have a shadow box and location for display in Cressman hall and hope renovation will be completed soon.
4. We have visited Leftwich Hall, now an Army Barracks at Goodfellow. FTVA provided funds to assist in our recent attempts to locate an appropriate area for displaying a Leftwich memorial shadow box. It's just a matter of time.
5. Progress is being made in our most recent effort to name a building in honor of Sgt Dale Brandenburg, an Airborne Maintenance Technician who also perished in the Baron 52 shoot down who has not been memorialized anywhere. We are currently considering Building 448 which previously housed the AMT training program at GAFB.

6. Ed Bendinelli reports that the 6994th is planning to hold its annual reunion for 2012 in San Angelo. If possible, we will try to celebrate a building or room dedication in conjunction with the reunion.

7. Our chapter secretary, Larry Ross, takes great pains to ensure all our news that is fit to print is forwarded to his highness “the Earl of Ink”.

8. Our chapter acts as a “Premier Sponsor” for students attending the GAFB International Officer Intelligence Course. Each class is invited to one of our quarterly dinner meetings. Attendees represent many countries i.e. Saudi Arabia, Japan, Estonia, Italy, Bahrain, Morocco, Poland, Egypt, Oman, Kuwait, Thailand and South Korea.

Ronald Graham, President

Gold Country Chapter, Yuba City, CA

by Richard J. Sacchetti, President



A busy month with family and friends and the FTVA Reunion week in San Antonio w/more friends and grandkids. I’ve got to get my health back on track. Hopefully nothing else happens and I’ll be able to make all my stops

okay.

(Right) Col Michael Stevenson (left), 361st ISR Group Commander, admires the squadron patch for the newly activated 306th Intel Squadron at Beale AFB, CA. Their motto “Justice from Above”.



Thank you and everyone on the FTVA/BOD for me; for all they did to help me with the 548th ISR Group HQ's building project that is in the works, as we speak. The plaque (36" x 36") is being organized for completion by the end of this year; with the Hall of Honor/Fame w/USAF Intel memorabilia to be completed next year. THANKS!!

Remain in Touch, SAC



Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO

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

by Jeff Waldeck

The FTVA Rocky Mountain Chapter convened its monthly meeting at Rhino's Sports and Spirits in Colorado Springs, CO on 11 Oct 2012



L-R George Williams, Rich Harrold, Tom Nurre, Mike Wright, Barnie and Judy Gavin, Jeff Waldeck

Chapter membership chairman, George Williams, reported on his efforts to get informational posters about our organization posted in SSFCU branches in Pueblo, CO. Evidently some of the posters were mysteriously removed.

We discussed shirts and caps, since a person can never have too many of those. Tom Nurre presented information on chapter caps which would cost approximately \$15 in donations. Tom will send more information on this project in an e-mail to Barnie Gavin who will then disperse this information to our RMC group.

Barnie Gavin briefed our group on the highlights of the annual FTVA reunion in San Antonio. Additionally, Barnie provided a few copies of the FTVA 2011-2012 history report and the color brochure of USAFSS-to-AFISRA legacy 1948-2012.

The AFA held a cadet Career Day on 5 October, providing us the opportunity to meet one of the RMC project goals. Barnie and two other officers – a Lt Col Academy instructor and a Maj AOC - conducted four one-hour briefings on both air and ground intelligence operations. The

briefings were well received by the cadets. The Lt Col has a panel of intelligence officers as part of his class work. He asked Bernie if he would be willing to be a member of that panel. Bernie agreed.

Tom Nurre talked about a project he is involved with to bring back the remains of those killed in an EC-47Q crash in 1969 in Laos. Plans for our December holiday meeting were opened but again no firm decision was made due to limited attendance.

Barnie Gavin, President

Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President



The Aloha Chapter continues its trek to find ways to become involved both on the military side with the 324th IS - our sponsoring active duty unit. Since our last *RIT* update, Lt Col Kristofer “Giff” Gifford, Commander, 324th IS, has given us a dedicated space in his unit’s *Tiger Stripes*. We have contributed two articles thus far and plan additional ones in the near future.

Our most recent social gathering took place on August 30 at (where else?) the Hickam O’Club for another round of Mongolian BBQ. We invited Bob and Nancy Stenson to join us and to share information on a couple of local volunteer opportunities. Bob is retired Air Force and NSA’er who spent several years on active duty before accepting a civilian position with NSA. He finished his 26 year Air Force career as a USAFR officer. Bob shared his experience in volunteering his services twice a week with the USO at the Honolulu airport. We see this as an excellent opportunity to recruit others to become involved as well. Bob said there’s always room for more volunteers. He said the number one need is for volunteers just to be there for people who need someone to talk to whether it’s for directions or just to fill the time between layovers. Bob shared several interesting anecdotes of people he was able to assist. One involved helping a retired 80 year old couple who needed help getting to the Hickam lodge. The husband had suffered several strokes so Bob was able to assist with finding them transportation and with their luggage. Bob was quick to add that what was most important was just helping the wife feel at ease and that she wasn’t going to be left on her own to get over to Hickam. Bob also said he’s been highly impressed the

number of other USO volunteers who are civilians and who have never served in the military. This is one way they believe they can give back.



Awesome and humbling too, I might add.

Stndg: Ken Hopkins, Bob Stenson, Tilly, Ken Een, Seated: Steve & Marivic Cain, Nancy Stenson

Bob's wife, Nancy, shared information on another opportunity to help out. In early

October the Medal of Honor Association will be conducting their annual conference in Honolulu. Organizers stated a need for some 200 additional volunteers. We have already started spreading the word on this as well as the need for more volunteers at the local USO. I hope this is another way we can join forces with our active duty counterparts as well as other former Air Force members to help out in the local community. The conference will be held in Honolulu from Oct. 1 - 6. There are many volunteer opportunities from Sept. 28 - Oct. To read more about the MOA conference, please go to <http://medalofhonorconvention2012.com>.

That's it for now.....A-loooooooh-ha! Tilly

2012 REUNION INFORMATION



No Notifications of Upcoming Reunions for 2013

NOTE: Any Reunion plans for 2013? Let us help.

Using the form found on the FTVA web site will ensure widest dissemination of your upcoming reunion contact details.

Please Go to <http://www.ftva.org/> click on Reunion paragraph.

Thank you, *Rass*



REUNION REPORTS



Metro – Tango Alumni Meet in Hahn, GE

Submitted by Ken Maynard



METRO-TANGO TODAY

For five days this past August, several Metro Tango alumni together with family and friends, gathered in Alf, Germany, in the Mosel River valley for the 2012 6911 ESS/Metro Tango Reunion. Headquarters for the adventure was the Boemer’s Mosellandhotel.



The Banquet at Mosellandhotel
(l-r) Allen Shinners, Bill & Jenna Greif, Jeff Noel & Ti, Kara Ortega)

The first big day found the group re-living memories in Bernkastel-Keus and Traben-Trarbach. After wandering around both towns for a couple of hours, we headed for dinner at the Schinderhannes in Sohren. The food and drink were as good as ever!



(Above) Cochem Castle was the objective the next morning. We took a bus ride to Cochem then set off to climb to the castle. After a couple of false starts, and directions from a very friendly local, our leaders finally found the path and we made our way up the mountain. We had a great guided tour of the castle and then we wandered back down the mountain to town where we enjoyed lunch and a wine tasting, and then crossed the street to board our cruise ship for the trip back to Alf. That evening, most everyone wandered from the hotel down the street to the Alf wine festival; not one of the bigger festivals along the river but the wine sure was good!

The next day's treat was Burg Eltz (probably the only castle in Germany you climb down to). Eltz has been in the same family for 33 generations and is still used by the current generation so only part of the castle is open to the public. After a tour of the castle and treasury, we enjoyed lunch at the Burg Hotel Cochem and then back to Alf for the banquet.

(L-R)
Allen Shiners,
Stacy Hunter,
Phillip Brown,
Jerry Allison,
Brian & Fran
McHugh



The final day saw us on a bus and down the river to Koblenz. We visited the Deutches Eck, ate lunch The Pegelhaus (an old flood gauge tower), took cable car ride across the Rhine to Ehrenbreitenstein Fort, a “cog” train ride down for a tour of the WWII bunker and tunnel complex beneath the fort and then back on the bus for the trip back to Alf.



Jerry Allison,
Bill, Shelby,
Eric, and Jenna
Greif, Judy
Maynard, Ti &
Jeff Noel

The reunion was a tremendous hit. Lots of war stories, refreshed memories, renewed friendships. Many thanks to Allen Shiners (you may remember him as “Dean”) and The German American Connection travel agency for putting together this outstanding stroll down memory lane.

RITTER HOSTS KING'S GOLF TOURNEY AND ICE BREAKER

Walt Ritter's 16th annual Misawa alumni gathering was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2012. Festivities started with a golf tourney followed by a social at Maya's Kings Lounge in San Antonio.



Over 40 players participated in Walt Ritter's annual golf tournament this year. Afterwards you could find most of them joining the non-golfers in a gab fest at Maya King's Lounge for the evening ice breaker.

As usual Walt was the perfect host and the traditional BBQ with hot dogs, sausage, hamburgers, beans and 'taters was jest delicious.



After a few hours of telling war stories and "swappin' lies", the Misawa alumni then gathered for the annual family picture (left).

BJ Cook Sinks Hole-In-One at King’s Golf Tourney

Walt’s tourney witnessed a “hole in one” by 80+ year old B.J. Cook. He says this one on the Sep 26th was his second Ace (170 yds, 7 Wood) at the sweet age of 81, which should be an inspiration for all OL’ aged Duffers. Then, after the Ace, he Eagled #17 (72 yds, Sand Wedge) and his four-some went on to win the King's Tourney. BJ’s first Ace occurred on the 13th hole (134 yds, 9 Iron) on 13 Aug 1999. He was born on the 13th and his daughter was also born on the 13th...so 13 is not an unlucky number for him.



BJ retrieves his Hole-in-one. Jesse Coultrap, B.J., Wayne Wheeler & John Frock (photographer) were on the winning team.

Roll Call Renews Partnership



(Left) FTVA President Lee Anthony accepts \$1,000 renewal as a “Gold Partner” from Jim Kaus on behalf of the USAFSS Roll Call group. Roll Call has maintained this partnership support for over four years.



Roll Call Reunion
San Antonio Texas
September, 2012



ANNUAL FTVA & AFISRA ANNIVERSARY REUNION
Sep 27 – 29, 2012



2012 Reunion Week Golf Tournament

by Joe Hurst, FTVA Tournament Chairman

Once more the reunion week activities kicked off with the 2012 FTVA and AFISRA Golf Tournament starting at noon Thursday on the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville, Texas. And again this year we had beautiful weather for the 144 people who signed up. The golf course was in excellent shape following some recent rain. The AFISRA commander, Maj Gen Bob Otto and several of his senior staff were able to join us for the day.

A special thanks goes to the Alsatian Golf Course staff for their superb support to the tournament. The club manager, Will Bedinghaus, ensured we had every need answered.

Volunteers again made sure we were ready to go on tournament day. As he has for many, many years, Armando Zepeda was there early getting the goody bags ready and on the carts. Karl Cator, assisted by SMS Eleazar Tellez, did a most admirable job as the AFISRA point of contact for the first time this year. These two gents were a welcome addition to the tournament.

The pace of play was very good this year. We got everyone through their 18 holes, fed a great BBQ dinner, and had all prizes awarded by about 6:00 PM. The top six teams and the last place team received cash awards. We also recognized two closest to the pin winners, the longest drive champ, and awarded several door prizes of cash and golf balls. The Alsatian GC also donated four rounds of golf as door prizes.

The winning team:

(L-R) Oscar Benevides, Mike Davis, Larry Hibbs, and Daniel Salazar



Second place went to:
(L-R) Eleazar Tellez, Karl Cator, Ian Hertzke, Rick Casteneda



And in **third place**:
(L-R) Kevin James, Willie Tellez, Jose Gutierrez, Paul Weseloh

Lones Seiber repeated as the **longest drive** winner. The **closest to the pin** prizes were collected by Rick Casteneda and Robert Krause.

Security Service Federal Credit Union graciously provided a significant cash donation to the tournament, along with the goody bags and most of the things in the bags. Our other significant cash donation was from the Freedom Through Vigilance Association. Computer Sciences Corporation (and Greg Skeckowski) donated several dozen golf balls that were given away as door prizes.

See you at the 2013 reunion and tournament,

Joe

CHRISTMAS (*Tongue-in-cheek*)



What other time of year do you sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of your socks?

2012 Remembrance Ceremony

Newsletter Compilation

At 1030 am on Saturday, Sep 29th, Maj Gen Otto addressed a large audience gathered by the EC-47 display in front of AFISRA HQ to remember those Silent Warriors who had passed away during the previous year.



The names of those active duty and retired intelligence professionals were read followed by playing of Amazing Grace by the Alzafar Highlander Pipes and an F-16 missing man flyover by the 149th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard.

(Right) During the ceremony, the family of SrAmn Julien Scholten was presented a plaque in his memory. Amn Scholten perished in the U-28 crash of February 2012 in Djibouti (*June Issue RIT p.39*).



(L-R) MGen Otto during the presentation with Yumiko (mother), SMSgt Leon Southand (stepfather), their children, and FTVA President Lee Anthony

Picnic at Stapleton Park

Newsletter Compilation

Among The Doers and Shakers



(L-R) FTVA BOD members Bob Cope, Joe Hurst, and Bob Crabtree with help from Life Member Dave Naab were among the early birds to help set up the “FTVA Tent.”

(Right)
 Beer Booth Set up Crew:
 Shon Diaz,
 John Kochenower,
 Bret Sansone
 Judson Harrison
 Mark Antoniou



(Left)
 Jacque Lerma and A.J. Harrison have been stalwart doers and shakers for our Reunion Picnic at the Park for many years. Jacque took the reins as our BOD Picnic Chair from A.J. this year, when he assumed responsibility as the Hall of Honor Chair. Both made sure there was enough water, beer, etc to keep attendees “hydrated”.

Some Favorite Picnic “Out of Towners”

(L-R) Ronald “JJ” Graham, Larry Miller and Bernie Gavin are three prominent leaders in FTVA Chapter activities. Ron is President and Larry the Reunion



Coordinator from the Heritage Chapter in San Angelo, while Bernie recently chartered and was elected president of the Rocky Mountain Chapter.



(L-R) Paul Brady (Houston, TX) , Wayne Wheeler, John Frock (San Angelo, TX), Richard Brandt (Sewickley, Pa) and B.J. Cook (Ft Walton Beach, FL) reunited at the picnic to reminisce about their tour together at TUSLOG Det 94 in 1968.

(Right) Al Budington and ‘Skeeter’ Dickerson shared a laugh before a pleasant summer-like rain cooled things down at the picnic. Everyone headed for shelter during the brief shower.



(Left) John Gluschick came in from Live Oak, FL and ran into Paul Culp at the picnic. They made up for lost time 45 years after leaving the 6918th Scty Gp in Hakata, Japan. As a 202, John worked for Paul who was the S&W. on Charlie Flight in 1967 & 68.

FTVA REUNION BANQUET

On Saturday evening, over 250 members and their guests gathered at Lackland's Gateway Club to celebrate the 64th Anniversary of USAFSS and its successor commands. Former AFISR Agency Vice Commander, Brig Gen Scott A. Bethel, who recently retired Aug 1, 2012, headed up the list of distinguished attendees as the evening's guest speaker. Each of this year's HOH inductees were then introduced by this year's event Emcee Wayne Amann .



(Left) Brandon Studevart with sister Krystal and Christine Lynk (AFISR/Protocol)



(R) Wayne Amann, Emcee for the evening's gathering visits with FTVA Vice President Ron Haygood and his wife Kathy.



Left Nancy Larson enjoyed a chat with Kevin and Brenda Abney



(Right) Frank and Sharon Hostler were happy to be at table with Kay and Ron Weaver.



(Left) One of this year's HOH inductees, David Doiron and his wife, Karen, were among the honored guests at the banquet. They came in from Severn, MD, for the event.

(Right) Bill "Skeeter" Dickerson brought his daughter Florine to the party.



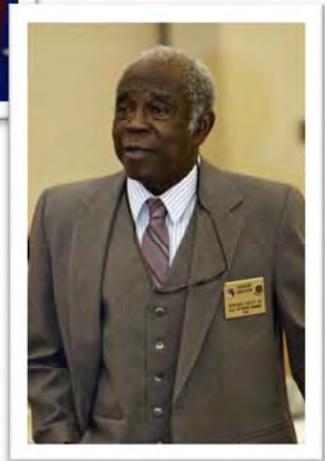
(Left) Rick "Reeko" Ireland with his better half Michelle came all the way down from Oklahoma City for this year's FTVA reunion.

(Left - Right) Dave Domyancic and A.J. Harrison put out the welcome mat for Ken & Hiroko Een, who came all the way from Hawaii to be with us this year.

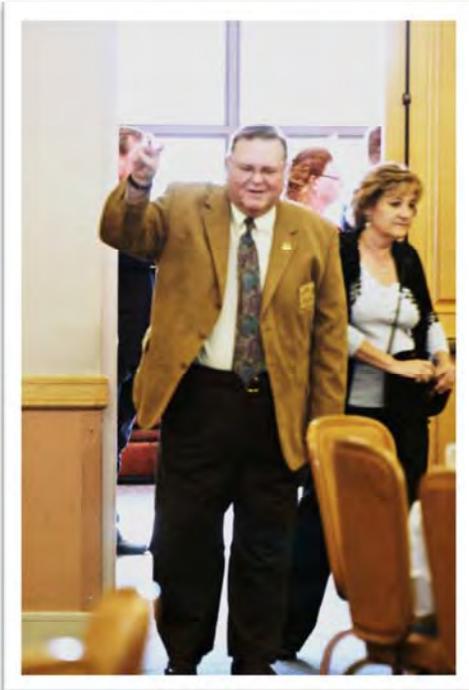




(Left) Wayne Amann did another magnificent job as Emcee.



(Right) Ed Jolly still as dapper as ever.



Right on time as usual, Bob Cope and Nancy Larson.



One of the distinguished HOH inductees Perry Eisenhower at table.

6994th Security Squadron & Detachments

Myrtle Beach, SC Sep 13-15, 2012

Hosted by Bob and Shirley Hull

Posted on 6994th Web site

Welcome
Aircrews-Families-Friends
6994th SECURITY SQUADRON
Detachments 1, 2 and 3

VIETNAM
 Tan Son Nhut
 Nha Trang
 Pleiku
 Phu Cat
 Hue Phu Bai
 Da Nang

1966-1974

THAILAND
 Ubon
 Nakhon Phanom



Gary Schmitt, Lloyd Graham, Roger Sigworth, Tontich Krejsa presents roses to Cindy Krejsa, Shirli Glass, Jim Trozzo, Rich Renkas at the bar Hull & Cathy Flinchum for their volunteer service



Members of the Myrtle Beach FD Honor Guard present the Colors for the Banquet



Corlene & Joe Hogg, Dick & Jan Meyers



6994th Security Squadron Reunion - 2012 - Myrtle Beach, SC

Row 1-: Lloyd Graham, Trip Lapham, Skoeter Dickerson, Rick Yeh. Row 2 1-: Stan Leng, Roger Sigworth, Ed Millerer, Archie McLaughlin, Ken Elvansh, Jim McGee, Mitch Cooper, Ed Filchum, Lee Hoying, Chuck Schuckert, Ben Stewart, Lee Pearson, John Ritner, Tommy Guy. Row 3 1-: Dick Meyer, Paul Clever, Markus Cliver, Leo Jewitt, Lane Ritola, Joe Glasmichele, Rich Krelja, Jim Trozzo, Charlie Phippin, John Rosenburg, Bob Hull, Chris Jones, Tom Hutchings, Rich Valdez, Dusty Mosler. Row 4 1-: John Pfendehirt, Troy Powell, Daie Shart, Gary Schmitt, Pat McCafferty, Al Forbes, Mowle Goodwin, Steve Undordahl, Rich Miklaucic, Ken Vorsate, Tom Glass, Jerry Cook, Dan Locmis. Row 5 1-: Ken Morrison, Dan Johnson, Ron Shelby, Mike Murray, Rich Roskas, Barry Ivey, Al Bodington, Dave Abel, Jim Hart, OG Gore, John Hamman, Joe Hogg, Frank Falkowski, Joe Martin, Jerry Myers. Missing from photo: Denny Taylor, Dan Summers



Arrowhead Country Club Golfers

I-r: Jim McGee, Shirley McGee, Rich Krejsa, Gary Schmitt, Jim Hart, Tom Glass, Ken Versele, Rick Yeh, Helen Versele, GG Gore, John Pferdehirt, Jack Armstrong, Pat McCafferty, Ed Flinchum



Rich Krejsa, Rick Yeh, Joe Gimmichele, GG Gore, Pat McCafferty, Jack Armstrong on the way to the links



Shirley & Jim McGee



Rick Yeh, John Pferdehirt, Rich Krejsa



l-r: Shirley Hull, Mary Ellen Cook, Corlene Hogg, Giammichelle, Bob Hull, Lloyd Graham , Joe Ho



Buster Donahue, Denny Taylor, Dave Shigley



Dan & Pat Loomis, Lynn & Mitch Cooper



Shirley Hull, Ed Flinchum, Bob Hull on the beach



6994th tourists prepare to board for the tour



GG Gore, BJ & Roger Sigworth, Al Forbes file aboard



l-r: Charlie Phippin, Rich Krejsa, Joe Martin, Rick Yeh, Skeeter Dickerson



Bev & Lee Heying chat with Joe & Corlene Hogg

6913th RSM, Reactivated (Bremerhaven, Germany 51-68)

Reunion at Minneapolis, MN Sep 2012 <http://www.6913th.org/>



Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise and Tour



Registration - Zane Maddox.



Memory Table with photos and Jacket



Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites



Lining up for Bus Tour of Twin Cities.

6913th RSM, Reunion Bremerhaven, Germany 51-68 (Continued)



Mike Ryder delivers Invocation Joe Newby, "Hud" Tracy and Ron Fandrick



Lou and John Kobiela (63-64) Reunion Chair, Arnie Olson



6913th Alumni on Mississippi Dinner Cruise Sep 2012

Combat Apple 45 Banquet on Sep 28th

Submitted by Bill Sheck



Here are the few photos I took at the CA 45 Banquet on 9-28-2012. //Bill Sheck//



Auctioneer: Debbie Cope



Bill Sheck, John Pfister



Guest Speaker: Jerry McKenna



Ron Buteau, Larry Mills, Eiko Hagan, Ken Een, Mel Hagan, Dave Domyancic, PF Pfister. (The Hagens journeyed all the way from Okinawa.)

6911th RGM Reunion Allentown, PA Sep 13 – 18, 2012

Submitted by Pat Merrill

WE DID IT! Sixty five (65) hearty souls from the 6911th RGM made our Reunion a huge success.



Back row: Left to Right Ben Truchan, Perry Masden, Jim Laurent, Eddie Majewski, David Burton, Dick Longo, Joe Connors, Jerry Danish, Jim Huff, Jim McKay, Chuck Graham, Larry Mote, Art Carlson, Jim Lynch, Joe Dolan, Charlie Takesian, Rich Merrill, Tom Van Fossen
Front row: Keith Butt, Rich Rochelle, Don Hunt, Nick DePaul, Paul Fiske (6901st) Floyd Woodward, Bob Ahmann, Paul Sanchez, Ken Machwart, Jose Alaniz, Dennis Mason, Lloyd Riddick, Charles Clark, John Kurtz

Our event began with a "welcoming/registration on Thurs. evening. Jane Truchan was in charge of the "fun & games", and incidentally, did a great job! Kudos to Jane Truchan! Guess we should give Ben a hand too, as he came up with a morse code test for the guys. Our reunion included a Tour of Philadelphia, Liberty Bell, Independence Hall. We took an "out of this world" buffet luncheon Delaware River Cruise on the "Spirit of Philadelphia". I/We highly recommend it if anyone is planning a Reunion for the area. Bussed to New York's Battery Park, boarded the ferry to the Statue of Liberty; ferried to Ellis Island. We had lunch at Virgil's BBQ (ribs/chicken delicious. delicious family style meal) just a few doors down from Time Square. We had the "honor" to visit "Ground Zero", what an experience

Day Four: Tour of Historic Bethlehem, Moravian Museum, plus a 3 hr. stay at the Sands Casino. Monday evening: Dinner buffet, hugs & tears of joy for another great time spent together. September 5-9, 2013 we will be at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk to "relax" with fewer /shorter tours. We aren't getting any younger and love San Antonio and the Riverwalk.

Pat Merrill, Reunion Coordinator 6911th RGM

6915th RSM Meets in Branson, MO

Posted by Ike Borland



The 6915th RSM reunion was held at Branson MO in October 7 to 10. We are getting smaller. I'm the only one with a cap on.



HISTORY & MEMORIES



'Elephant Cage' Antennas to be Axed
Kyodo (Online Japan Times)



Aomori, Japan — A huge antenna array at the U.S. air base in Misawa, Aomori Prefecture, that was set up in 1965 to intercept Soviet and

Chinese radio transmissions during the Cold War will be shut down by year's end. Dozens of 37 meter high antennas arrayed in a circle 440 meters in diameter and nicknamed the "Elephant Cage" due to its size will be scrapped once it ceases operations, according to the 35th Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force. The U.S. military set up two such antenna arrays in Japan after World War II. The other was at a communications facility in Yomitan, Okinawa Prefecture that was demolished in 2007 after the site was returned to Japan.

The antenna array at Misawa began operations in March 1965 and is able to intercept radio transmissions from any azimuth. About 2,000 people worked at the complex in its heyday, but the number has since fallen to about 500. "Its primary purpose during the Cold War was to receive and locate high frequency radio transmissions," the 35th Fighter Wing said in a document given to Kyodo News.

"While it has performed its mission well for the last 46 years, worldwide communications have changed immensely during this time," the 35th Fighter Wing said, pointing out that the need for high frequency antennas has decreased while maintenance costs for the "large structure built with 1960s technology" have increased. The U.S. military since the 1980s has built domed antennas at the Misawa base that will reportedly function as the Elephant Cage's successor, intercepting data transmitted from communication satellites. Nineteen of the large, golf ball-shaped antennas had been erected as of September.//**Extracted from Japan Times 1 Oct 2012//**



Note: The commander of the 301st Intel Sqdn is scheduling a 60th anniversary of the establishment of the 'Hill' sometime this January 2013. If any of you have the cash (and you know that you cannot take it with you), and you'd rather spend it than willing it to somebody, here is a great opportunity for that one last visit to Misawa and the old stomping grounds, what's left of them. Here at the Misawa RAO, I can help by coordinating those who would like to make this event, and providing information as it comes in (like specifics, etc.)//**Joe Roginski//Misawa Family Site Oct 5,2012//**

Peshawar, Pakistan

Posted by Chuck MacFarlane

“PAS Base Theater”

Found a box of old slides from my 59-60 Pakistan tour. You've got the

screen, the projection booth - all we had to do was bring one of these wicker or straw chairs, your own beer & snacks (oh, and a poncho during the rainy season). Watched many a lousy movie under the stars or rain at our "base theater".



(Right) A common sight around Peshawar Air Station in the late 50's and early 60's.



A picture I never got (and wished I did now) was when the cold weather hit the mountains and some of the tribal folks would move into the valley. You'd see the women in the morning by the river washing their clothes in the cold water. I think the river was about 4 or 5 miles from the base on the way into town (too many years - can't remember exactly)..As an 18 year old I couldn't believe people could live like that - and here it is 53 years later and I bet it still hasn't changed.

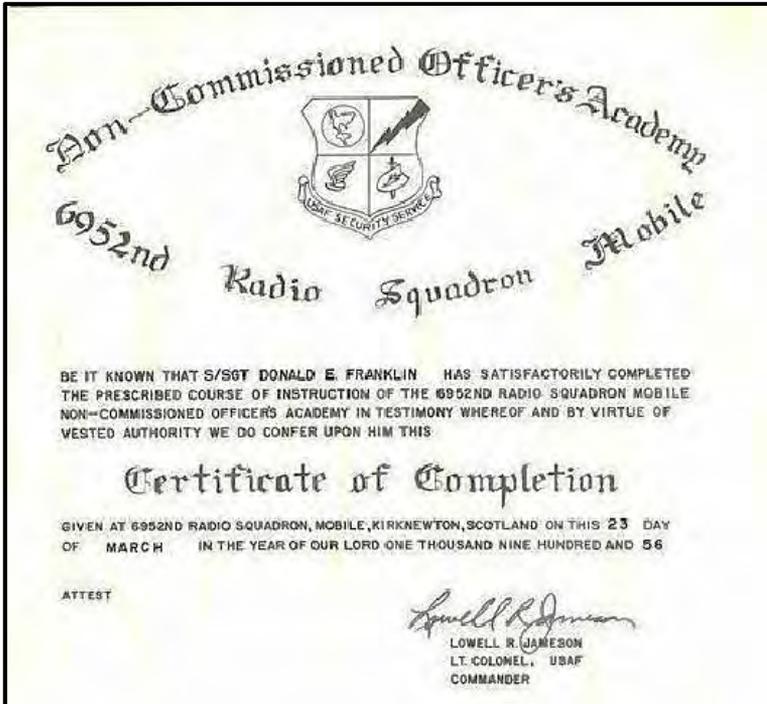
Marcel Jeanfreau: Thanks, Chuck. I still tell people how boring the base was. You know you're bored when you sit through a sand storm to watch a movie you've seen before. Memories!

Early NCO Academy History in USAFSS

Submitted by Don Franklin

To Tom Nurre, Dennis Rassmussen
From: DFrank8903@aol.com wrote:

I hope you don't mind me bringing this up, but many moons ago we talked about my NCO Academy experience at Kirknewton back in 1956. Tom asked if I had a copy of my completion certificate. I couldn't find it at the time. Well, I was going through some old stuff today and finally ran across it. So I thought I would reopen the case!!!



Since this was a grass roots initiative of starting up an NCO Academy within USAFSS, I think that it is a very valuable part of USAFSS History that I don't think is recorded anywhere.* I'm quite sure this was the first such NCO Academy class at Kirknewton, but I don't know how long the school was active there. MSgt Pete Stinus was the Commandant and was one of the instructors. I can't remember most of the other instructors.

*((Ed Note: The USAFSS Command-level NCO Academy opened its doors at Goodfellow AFB in January 1959.))

I do have a very vivid memory of a Scottish Sergeant Major (Swagger Stick and all) who was brought in on several occasions. The Sergeant Major could make very effective use of his 'Stick' in capturing the attention of the class, and I guess that is why I remember him so well.

The guys over on the Kirknewton site have discussed this on several occasions and I think there may be one or two more photos. In addition, many in this photo have been identified:



Back Row – Don Franklin, Ken Wolleat, Unk, Unk, John Ryan, Don Green, Unk, Unk Front Row – Henry Gilmore, Unk, Ed Sheehan, Ramon Rivera, Unk, Higginbotham or Higginbottom, Unk

In addition, the following photo was also posted on the Kirknewton site of a class from that NCO Academy in 1957. It was posted by Harry Hawthorn. Harry is the third from the left but the rest are unidentified.



Today, Harry is the administrator on the Kirknewton website and he tells me that he was a new arrival to Kirknewton in 1956 when my NCO Academy class started. Harry said, while he was waiting on his clearance, "I was a flunky pulling detail at the academy. My job was to arrange desks and run for coffee and donuts for the breaks."

From: Tom Nurre

Hi Don & ,Rass -

Thanks for this update. This has been an interesting discussion for me as I had done some research at the Pentagon in determining "founding date and lineage" of the AF NCO Academies. I didn't come across anything in that research that mentions this academy course at Kirknewton.

Don, please follow-up with your records and other graduates to determine if this graduation was ever actually entered into your AF records as a completed course. You'll recall that "way back then" there was also an interest in ECI courses and some local technical courses also that had AF course numbers assigned...and completion dates were entered in formal CBPO records. I'm hoping that you will be able to discover a corresponding AF course number for this academy class...and actual record of completion in ones AF record.

Let me know if you have success with this next step.

Thanks again. Tom Nurre

From: Don Franklin

To: Tom Nurre,

Thanks for your reply. Also, thanks for going to all the trouble of researching this subject. I will continue to search for other records. It was not my intention to try to get the AF to recognize this training as AF 'accredited' - actually, they should have done that 60 years ago. I would just like to see it recorded somewhere within the history of USAFSS.

I'm sure that LTC Jameson (Base Commander) had to get USAFSS command level approval, and I'm sure it was established with MGen Bassett's (USAFSS Commander) blessing. I do know that there were entries in my records that I had completed an NCO Academy Course and was never considered to be sent to any other Academy - except of course the Senior Academy. But, I was very proud of the training once I completed it and I'm positive it benefited me throughout my career of 28 years. USAFSS should also feel proud of having had their own NCO Academy. I know I am! Wishing you guys all the best . Don



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, “Afro” James, Capt-USAF-Ret.

Adams, James W., Sgt Major-ANG-Ret. USAFSS-Vet.

Allen, Altho “Jack” A., USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**

Andert, Stephen C., USAFSS-Vet.

Backes, Everett J., USAFSS-Vet.

Birchfield, Richard Henry, USAFSS-Vet.

Bowlby, Lillias “Lil” Jane, Spouse of MSgt Clifton L. Bowlby-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**

Bullard, Gisela M., Spouse of MSgt Perry Bullard-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**

Bunton, Howard W., Lt Col-USAF-Ret, **Life Mbr. HOH 2008.**

Cardenas, John Indalecio, USAFSS-Vet.

Carey, John J., Col-USAF-Ret.

Caron, James “Jim” R., USAFSS-Vet.

Coats, James “Jim” Preston, TSgt-USAF-Ret.

Connors, Joan Anne, Spouse of CMSgt John Connors, USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**

Dobrydnio, “Pete” “Whiz”, Peter J., USAFSS-Vet.

Edwards, James “Jim” W., MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**

Elliott, Donald “Don” R., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Gentry, Thomas Carl, CMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Gossett, Carl Rex, USAFSS-Vet.

Harmon, Robert Lee, MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Herrin Jr., Sam C., Maj-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**

Johnson, Mark Cameron, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Killingstad, Harold Gene, SGM-USA-Ret. ESC-Vet.

Landis, Craig Ervin, Sgt-USAFSS-Vet.

Lewis, Ronnie “Arky” G., USAFSS-Vet.

Lloyd, Robert “Bob” Phillip, MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Lopez, Juan F., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.

Morin, Paul Leo Joseph., Sgt-USAFSS-Vet.
 Mulvey, James S., USAFSS-Vet.
 O'Reilly, Bernard "Bernie" J., SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
 Olson, "Lee" Leroy, USAFSS-Vet.
 Patterson, Douglas, USAFSS/ESC-Vet.
 Poff, Edward H., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
 Pool, George Hal, USAFSS-Vet.
 Prosser, Frank J., CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
 Russell, John Ernest, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Schell, Robert Cleveland, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Sims, Bernard D., USAFSS-Vet.
 Steelnack, Margarite "Peggy" A. **Life Mbr.** Spouse of Fallen Eagle Col
 Einer H. "Ed" Steelnack Jr., **HOH 1985.**
 Stone, Ralph E., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
 Stump Sr., Arthur Lee., USAFSS-Vet.
 Tedesco, Mario "Ted" J., Army Air Corps, Navy, CWO3-USAFSS-Vet.
 Tinnirella, Emi, Spouse of CMSgt Herman "T" Tinnarella, USAF-Ret.
 Vannes, Wayne Norman, USAFSS-Vet.
 Villarreal, Josias Olivares, USMC-Vet. Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
 Waltz Jr., Thomas Charles, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Whitaker, Douglas Stanley, USAFSS-Vet.
 Wigand, John M, USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
 Wingo, Rebecca Ann, ESC/AIA-Vet.
 York Sr., Leo Lavurne., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
 Zich, Arthur, USAFSS-Vet.

MEMORIALS

**Lt Col (Ret) and Mrs Kenneth Williams (IMO Howard Bunton)
 Disabled American Veterans Crestview Chapter 57 (IMO Howard Bunton)**



James W. Adams, 72, of Springfield, IL, died February 26, 2012. He was born July 9, 1939 in Springfield, IL. He married Betty J. Dunn in 1967. James is survived by his wife, Betty and four sons. A resident of Springfield most of his life, James retired from the Army National Guard as a Sgt. Major after 25 years. He was a USAF Veteran serving from 1958-1965. **//Obit in the State Journal-Register, Springfield, IL//**I have the sad news to report that **Jim Adams** passed away. Had not gotten any response from my e-mails and his widow finally asked me to stop sending them. **//Terry Cullivan – Misawa Site//**



Capt James L. “Afro” Adams, 60, of Stafford County VA died Aug 11, 2012. He was born Sept 22nd. 1951. James was a Morse op at the 6922nd in the early 70s. He also did tours in Taiwan and Kunia. He was later commissioned and retired as a Captain after 24 years. James is survived by his wife of 38 years, Remedios and their children. A memorial service was held at Quantico National Cemetery. **//Complete obit at [obits.dignitymemorial.com//](http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/) //Input and notification by Dean Daigle//**



Altho A. “Jack” Allen, 76, died Sept 2, 2012. Mr. Allen was born in Mobile. AL on Nov 27, 1937. He served in the USAF from 1960-1968 and was stationed at the 6937th in Peshawar, Pakistan. Jack was a member of the VFW and a member of the American legion Post 612 where he was adjutant. Jack is survived by his wife Patricia. **//Complete obituary at Colonial Funeral Home// //Input by Dave Mitchell and Jim Hatch//**



I have moved **Stephen C. Andert** from the 6918th main roster A Flight to the Fallen Eagles list. His widow Annelie has been added to the survivors tab. Stephen served at Hakata from 1959 to 1961. Stephen passed Aug 26, 2012 and is buried near Hamburg, Germany. **//No obituary available//E-Mail from Carol Farr//**



Everett J. Backes, 75, of Osceola, WI. died June 5, 2012. Everett was born April 8, 1937, in Tony, Wis. He graduated from Tony High School in 1957. He attended Northwest Telegraph School in Minneapolis. From June of 1960 until 1964 he served in the USAF as a Morse code interceptor at the 6921st in Misawa, Japan. On Nov. 14, 1964, he married Marilyn Eveland and is survived by his wife of 47 years. **//Complete obituary in The Sun, June 7, 2012// //Notified by Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//**



Richard Henry Birchfield, 72, of Denver died Sunday, April 1, 2012. Richard was born Feb. 25, 1940, in San Antonio, TX. Upon graduation from Amarillo high school he joined the Air



Force, which sent him to a foreign language school at Syracuse University in New York; he then served two years in Japan. Upon completion of his service, he attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated with a degree in English and a minor in Russian.

**//Complete obituary in the Amarillo Globe-News, April 6, 2012//
//Notified by Richard Davis//**



Lillias Jane "Lil" Bowlby, 76, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt passed peacefully from this life on August 23rd 2012 in Dallas, surrounded by her loving family. Lil was a resident of Garland, Texas since 1978, when she and her family moved to Garland after her husband Clifton "Cliff" retired from the US Air

Force. Lil was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on November 24th 1935. She spent her childhood growing up with younger sister Louise. She attended Royston and Ainsle Park schools. She married her husband Cliff on November 28th, 1959. Son Gary Scott (b. 8/21/1960) and daughter Debra Jean (b. 10/26/1961) were born in Edinburgh while Cliff was stationed at RAF Kirknewton. Lil and her husband moved frequently while in the service, with tours in RAF Kirknewton, Scotland, RAF Chicksands, England, San Angelo, Texas, San Antonio, Texas, and San Vito, Italy, with their final tour in South Dakota just before Cliff's retirement from the USAF. She is survived by husband Clifton of Garland, Son Gary, two daughters Debra and Sharon and their families.

**//Complete obituary in Dallas Morning news on Aug 28, 2012//
//Notified by Husband Cliff Bowlby//**



Gisela Bullard, was born Gisela Hedwig Maria Bergtholdt on 20 September, 1941. Gisela passed away Aug. 7th, 2012. I arrived in Germany 1956 and met Gisela the following year. They finally sent her up north in Germany, near Hanover, to a finishing school in hopes that she would get me out of her system. We continued to correspond and after six months she returned to resume

our relationship. We dated for two years during which time I was not

allowed to visit her at her home but she would sneak off under the pretense of going out with other friends. Finally Gisela told her family that she intended to marry me and they finally accepted me. Gisela was awarded an honorary certificate as a USAFSS Pioneer for a career in Intelligence on my behalf. Gisela and I were married 53 years. She fought a valiant year-long battle with lung and brain cancer. She was my life and I will miss her terribly. //Submitted by husband Perry//

Initially I could not find words to express my shock and sorrow. I could only get out, "Oh Perry, Dear Lord". Having had time to ponder her passing and reading all the glowing post on-line, I want to further exclaim my feelings. I opened the doors at Roll Call on October 9th, 2006. On October 14th, I received a request from Gisela Bullard, wife of Perry Bullard. There were no rules in those days, and while I didn't know why a wife would want to participate, I said sure, and sent her an invite. During those first forming months of Roll Call, Gisela was a leader here. When we discussed our purpose, or tried to find our way, she took the lead, offering her opinion in a calm and mature fashion. Her advice was sound, and I paid appropriate attention. She got as well as gave, holding her own when topics were debated. Two years later, at a reunion in San Antonio, I gave her a token of my appreciation and declared that on Roll Call, Gisela Bullard was "One of the Guys". She and I exchanged emails and phone calls often, and I always paid appropriate attention to her opinion. We've lost a giant, folks, there's nobody else like Gisela. There are a lot of people in this world that wore the uniform and loved USAFSS. There has never been a greater champion for us, one who never wore the uniform, and not American born as was Gisela. I personally lost a great friend and I will miss her dearly. //Jim Kaus – Roll Call Web Site//



Lt. Col. Howard W. Bunton, 69, passed away Oct. 11, 2012, in Crestview, Fla. He was born September 1943, in Spokane, Wash. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathleen Bunton He was close to lifelong friends A.J. and Virginia Harrison and Bob Posey. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on April 19, 1962, as a ground radio communications equipment repairman. During his 15

years as an enlisted airman, he served as a tactical ground radio/radar maintenance technician and radio operator maintainer with direct air support squadrons in Sault Saint Marie, Mich.; Tan Son Nhut Air Base,

South Vietnam; Fallon Air Force Base, Nev.; Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines; McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.; and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. In 1976, he was honored as one of the U.S. Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant through OTS in September 1977 and served as a weapons director at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., and Eglin Air Force Base. In April 1982, he was selected as Chief of Electronic Combat Warfare Operations and incorporated command control and communications counter-measures (C3CM) into the newly formed Electronic Security Command's (ESC) operations. As the Inspector General's Readiness Team Chief, he raised ESC's war-fighting readiness posture to new levels. He earned his intelligence credentials when he became Director of Operations at Marienfelde Operations, Berlin, Germany, after serving as the Director of Operations at Tempelhoff Operations. He was selected as commander of the 6914th Electronic Security Squadron, Sembach Air Base, Germany, and he served with distinction as commander of the 6975th Intelligence Squadron (Provisional), Riyadh Air Base, Saudi Arabia. He finished his 33-year career as Deputy Commander, 67th Intelligence Group, San Antonio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the "USAFSS/ESC Memorial Fund" (FTVA, P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio, TX 78269-1616). **//Complete obituary in the Northwest Florida Daily News – October 16, 2012//**

Regretfully, the sheer number of tributes to Lt Col Bunton preclude us from including them all here. The following is offered on behalf of all those offered on line:

Just got home from Lt Col Bunton's funeral. A very nice Eulogy by A.J. Harrison, a retired linguist who worked with Col Bunton on a couple different assignments. A very nice account of "living with Dad" by his son Tom who lives in Ft Walton Beach. He did something I could not do when my Dad died, I just couldn't get through it. The Eglin AFB Honor Guard provided full military honors, folding of the flag, 21 gun salute and Taps with a real bugler, not a recording. All in all, a very nice send off for a great officer, gentleman and friend. **//John "Mike" Miller//**

Please pass on our deep condolences to Kathy and the family. Howard was an inspiration and leader to all of us. **//Bob and Debbie Cope//**

This hits very, very hard. He was my boss at the Group - great guy to work for. **//Lee Anthony//**



John I. Cardenas, 88, born on Durango Street in San Antonio, Texas, on May 24, 1924, christened Juan Indalecio Cardenas, sadly died on Sunday, September 16, 2012. John attended Central Catholic High School and studied pre-engineering at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He then served in the Army during WW II and received an honorable discharge. In 1950, John earned

his BS in Electrical Engineering from A & I University in Kingsville, Texas. He was a licensed Professional Engineer, and a member of numerous professional associations. John was married to the love of his life, Maedean Hance, for 52 years until her death on February 23, 2003. John worked as a professional engineer in industry and with the government for over 60 years, only retiring at the age of 87. His long and illustrious career led to work as a managing engineer at Lackland AFB, thereby beginning a long career with the United States government. John had two tours of duty to Germany with HQ European Security Region (USAFSS), where he was Chief of Construction Division for worldwide operations. John then worked for HQ Electronic Security Command and HQ United States Air Force as Chief, Advanced Systems Branch, Directorate of Engineering and Services, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics and Engineering, at Kelly AFB, until his retirement from government service in May 1989. He was awarded the Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service to the Department of the Air Force.

//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express News, 21 Sept 2012//



Col John J. Carey, born July 21, 1938 in Marlborough, Mass. and died August 16, 2012 in Rochester after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. John joined the United State Air Force in May 1960 and was commissioned through the Aviation Cadet program in April 1961. He flew reconnaissance missions during both the Vietnam and Cold War receiving many medals and citations including

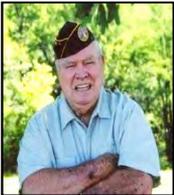
the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one device, and the Airman's Medal for Heroism. He was stationed in Texas, Mississippi, Kansas, Nebraska, England, Maryland, Alabama, Hawaii and Alaska. John retired in 1986. His last assignment with the Air Force was as DCS Intelligence for Alaska Air Command. He attended the RAF Staff College, Bracknell UK and the Air War College. He loved not only his family and friends but also his country which he served with valor.

//Complete obituary at PostBulletin.Com//

John was with us in the early eighties as the Squadron Commander of the 6981st at Elmendorf. Don't know if he was a member of the Association. I am off to Canada early AM. I would suggest you e-mail Ron Strong for further details should you desire. Ron was one of John's closest friends.
//Reg Urschler//



James R. "Jim" Caron, 71, passed away Thursday, August 23, 2012, in the comfort of his own home. He was born April 27, 1941, in Kelso, Washington. He graduated from Montesano High School in 1961 and later earned his Bachelor's Degree in college. He married Sheila Rowland on December 26, 1961, and together they raised two children. ("Russ" and Patricia. I think Russ was in high school at San Vito). Jim proudly served his country for more than 47 years; 21 years in the Air Force followed by 26 years in a Civil Service career. In addition, Jim was a Master Mason and Eastern Star member. **//No obituary available// //Notified by Larry Gerhardt//**



TSgt James "Jim" Preston Coats, 77, died August 4, 2012 at Brownwood Regional Hospital. Jim was born of Cherokee Scottish heritage on November 23, 1934 in Elk City, Oklahoma. He was united in marriage to the late Juanell Maxwell Coats on July 6, 1953. Jim was a 39 year-resident of Proctor, Texas. Jim honorably served his country as a technical sergeant in the United States Air Force for twenty years. He earned a top secret security clearance working as a German and Russian linguist, transcriber, and analyst. He was stationed in Berlin, Germany in 1958-1961 before the Berlin Wall was constructed and again in 1966 – 1969 while the city was occupied by American, British and French forces in the western section of the city. Jim completed his military career in 1973 serving at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland. He is survived by four children. **//Complete obituary at www.brownwoodnews.com// //Notified by Bill Burhans//**



Joan Anne Connors (nee O'Connor) 76 succumbed to her five-year battle with lung cancer on September 28. She was born in New York City in 1936. She is survived by her husband of 57 years John Connors., her brother and sister-in-law Tom and Sally O'Connor of Hauppauge NY, her daughter and son-in-law Maryellen and Steve Catlett of Tampa FL her son and daughter-in-law John T and Judy Connors of Henderson NV. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren. **//FTVA E-Mail from John Connors//**



Peter "Pete" J. Dobrydnio, 67, beloved husband of Rena Dobrydnio, and formerly a long-time resident of Eastchester, New York, passed away on August 7, 2012. Peter was born in Mount Vernon, NY, and graduated from Eastchester High School. He joined the United States Air Force in 1965 and was honorably discharged in 1971 after four years of Active Duty and two years in the Reserves. **//Complete obituary at elbennettfuneralhomes.com//**

I am truly sorry to have to report that Pete "Whiz" Dobrydnio passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Pete and his wife Rena have hosted 5 of the past 6 reunions that we Ramasun vets have held. This year's reunion was held at Pete's cottage in Sandy Hook, Ct. in June. Pete was a great guy who was also active in the Ct. POW-MIA program, the VFW and various animal centers. I served with Pete while we were both in Thailand at Ramasun in 68-69. I received a copy of the obituary from Rena but don't know how to send it on to this site. Pete will be sorely missed by all that knew him. RIP, Whiz. **//E-Mail from Dave Minnery//**



MSgt James W. Edwards, 80, of Cypress, Texas, went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012, in Tomball Regional Hospital. He was born on Feb. 27, 1932, in North Braddock, Pa. MSgt. Edwards had a highly successful career in service to our country in both the U.S. Army and then the U.S. Air Force. He retired from the United States Air Force in May 1977. His military career took Jim from New York, Maryland and Texas and overseas to Japan, Germany and Thailand. He was a past president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 457 Concho Valley. Jim's memories of the Vietnam

War made a lifelong impact on how he lived his life. Jim is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce. **//Complete obituary in GoSanAngelo – October 25-26, 2012//**

First met Jim at Misawa in 59 where he was a newly minted Russian linguist. Next saw him at the 6990th in Okinawa in the late 60's. Then in the 6994th at NKP where he was working as a Vietnamese linguist. Following that, at the 6940th at Goodfellow. Jim was always a pleasure to be around due to his ironic and wry sense of humor. Am sure he will be missed by all of us who knew him. **//E-Mail from Dave Naab//**

Jim and I go back a long, long way beginning in early 1958. We were in the same Russian language course at Syracuse. In fact, we shared the same room in the barracks that was adjacent to the one that burned down in January 1959 while our class was still there. Jim married Joyce on November 1, 1958, leaving me alone in the barracks. We both were assigned to Misawa and the 6921st RGM working in GOEXD. Jim and Joyce, along with their adopted Japanese son were assigned to the 6912th in Berlin. Our paths crossed again in San Antonio at SpecComCenter in 1965. Jim asked if I might be interested in cross-training to Vietnamese and go airborne. I jumped at the opportunity and we both went to Ft. Meade for Vietnamese and eventually wound up stationed at the 6990th together: While I was attending the USAFSS NCO Academy at Goodfellow in 1973, Jim, Joyce and family rolled into Goodbuddy and our paths crossed once again. Jim retired in San Angelo for many years until he and Joyce moved to Cypress near Houston to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Over the years we visited together at the annual FTVA gatherings. Jim was a great guy with a keen sense of humor, typical of his Scottish heritage. I last saw Jim at the Dogger reunion in San Angelo. He will be missed, but not forgotten! Jim had many, many friends, some very close who still reside in San Angelo. Regards. **//E-Mail from Bill White//**



SMSgt Donald “Don” R. Elliott of Niceville, FL. passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 18, 2012, after a courageous battle with melanoma. He was born Aug. 25, 1941, in Benham, Ky. Don attended Eastern Kentucky University in 1960 and joined the USAF Jan. 3, 1961.

After graduating from Non Morse Intercept School at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, he was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. In 1965, he moved to Arlington Air Force Base, Va., where he worked

for the Defense Intelligence Agency. Jan. 18, 1969, he married Patricia Graham. In Sept. 1969, he was assigned to the command section at HQ PACAF, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. In July 1973, Don was selected for a special duty assignment at the United States Air Force Academy. In May 1980 he became a first sergeant, a job that he has always held dear to his heart. Don touched the lives of many people and made many lifelong friends along the way. Don was a devoted husband, father, and a hero to many. Don is survived by his mother; Nona Elliott of Benham, Ky. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Elliott; and daughter, Jennifer Elliott. **//Complete obit in Northwest Florida Daily News August 21 to August 22, 2012//** **//Notified by B.J. Cook//**



CMSgt Thomas Carl Gentry, 74, died on October 19, 2012. He was born on July 24, 1938 in Barton County, Missouri. Tom entered the Air Force in 1959 and had tours at Lackland AFB, Thailand, Little Rock AFB, Korea, Okinawa, Germany and ESC/Kelly Hill. He retired in 1989 after a 30 year Air Force career. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Donna Gentry and other loving family members. **//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express News October 23, 2012/**
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Carl Rex Gossett, 63, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, April 21, 2011. He survived by his wife, Lisa Gossett. **//Complete obituary in Knoxville News Sentinel//**

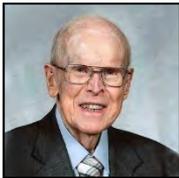
Carl Rex Gossett was a 292 assigned to "D" Flight with the 6918th SS during the 1967-1969 time period. He passed away on 2011-04-21 at the young age of 63. My research revealed that his Obituary was published in the Knoxville News Sentinel on 2011-04-24. Today, I spoke with Susan Axley from the Knoxville News Sentinel and she was kind enough to send me the Obituary. I am forwarding it to all of you for whatever appropriate action that you feel needs to be taken. Thank you very much. I'll be talking with y'all later. **//E-Mail from Bill Spencer//**



MSgt Robert Lee Harmon, 79, born Oct 3rd 1932 - died Sept 8th 2012. Robert enlisted in the USAF early February 1950 and served honorably until he was medically retired in 1970. He served 17 years as a member of the USAFSS Elite Emergency Reaction Unit. Following his discharge, Robert joined the Ft.

Sam Houston Memorial Service Detachment (MSD) Friday Squad in September 2005, proudly serving as Flag Bearer and Rifleman. Subsequently selected to be a member of the MSD Color Guard, served as Rifle Guard during the annual San Antonio St. Patrick's Day Parade, San Antonio Symphony's Annual Veteran's Day Concert at the Municipal Auditorium honoring all US Military Service Members, and many other patriotic area events. During his seven years with the MSD, he participated in 1,718 military honors ceremonies. Robert married Alma R. Davidson in 1955 and was a cherished husband and father, the foundation not only of his family but others that came into his life.

//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express-News -Sept 12, 2012//



Major Sam C. Herrin Jr., 80, of Antioch, Arkansas died Aug. 18 2012. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Patricia. He was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, October 11, 1931, and grew up in Little Rock. He retired from the Air Force as a major in 1971 after completing over twenty years of enlisted and commissioned service, much of which was on overseas

assignments as a Russian Linguist/Intelligence Officer in Europe and the Far East, along with duty at the National Security Agency and the Pentagon. He served as an Intelligence officer in Danang, Vietnam in 1968-69. He also served at Misawa AB, Japan. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" for valor, and others. **//Complete obit at Westbrook Funeral Home// //Input and Notification by Delano Jolly//**

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SMSgt Mark Cameron Johnson, 66, died Aug. 8, 2012 at his home in Arnold, CA. after a four-year battle with cancer. Mr. Johnson was born in Phoenix, Ariz., and grew up in Coronado. After graduating from high school he joined the U.S. Air Force where he served for 20 years before retiring to a life in defense contracting. **//Obituary at ThePineTree.Net//**

I don't know if you knew Mark Johnson (not a flyer, but a damn fine MA); we received word today that he passed away on 8 Aug after a long struggle with tongue cancer. Mark's tours that I know of included Berlin and Moscow. He spent quite a few years in Sunnyvale, California working for ESL and later TRW. I don't know the specifics on Mark's assignments but he (as I recall) retired as a SMSgt and had been through Advanced Russian. //E-Mail from Dan Hagy//

SGM Harold Gene Killingstad, age 83, passed away August 3, 2012. He was born on January 28, 1929 in Detroit Lakes, MN. He was a retired U.S. Army SGM and also retired from the Electronic Security Command at Kelly AFB. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ilse L. Killingstad. A graveside service was conducted at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with U.S. Army military honors. //Obit in San Antonio Express News – Aug 6, 2012//

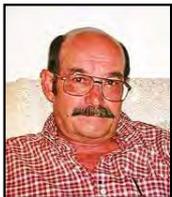


Sgt Craig E. Landis, 57, of Spring, Texas, died Aug. 24, 2012 at Health South Hospital, The Woodlands, Texas. He fought a courageous battle with kidney cancer. He was born Aug. 19, 1955 in Keyser, W.Va. He was a graduate of Bruce High School with the class of 1973 and Frostburg State University in 1981. Craig enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1974 and served until 1978. Craig was a 202X0B and worked in COMSEC. He is survived by his mother, Erma.



//Complete obituary in the Cumberland Times News – 29 Aug 2012//
//Notified by James Westerlind//

Ronnie G. "Arky" Lewis, 65, of Paragould passed away September 9, 2011 at Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. He was born June 16, 1946. in Paragould. Ronnie was a 1964 graduate of Greene County Tech. He served in the US Air Force as a member of the 6918th SS and was a Vietnam veteran. He was a retired sergeant with the Paragould Police Department. He is survived by his wife, Rose. Ronnie was truly a servant to others. He was always there to lend a hand or smile to those in need. He expressed his love through service and devotion to his family, community and country. //Complete obituary at Mitchell funeralhome.com// //Notified by Dave Bethard – 6918th SS//





MSgt Robert Phillip “Bob” Lloyd, 68, a 25-year resident of Millersville, died June 22 at Baltimore Washington Medical Center of natural causes. He was born February 8, 1944, in Raleigh, NC. He joined the U.S. Air Force on June 19, 1962 and retired on June 30, 1982. During his career, he received many awards including Meritorious Service Medal (two times) and Air Force Commendation Medal, Survived by his wife, Donna. Jo. // [Hardestyfuneralhome.com/Helen Henderson/](http://Hardestyfuneralhome.com/HelenHenderson/)

Some of you may or may not know, but Bob was taken to the hospital on Friday, June 22nd. He had a systemic infection and while all efforts were made to stabilize and treat him, he passed away that evening. Bob had many friends, so in an attempt to make sure that no one is missed we are sending this to everyone in his contact list. //E-Mail (in part) from the Lloyd family/



Lt Col Juan F. Lopez, 77, passed away August 30, 2012 in San Antonio. He was born December 4, 1934 in New York, New York. He was proud to have served our country for 29 years in the U.S. Air Force and then as a civil servant for many years afterwards. Juan is survived by his loving wife, F. Elaine Lopez and other loving family members. //Complete obituary in San Antonio Express-News September 2, 2012//

Again, the number of tributes to Col Lopez precludes us from including them all here. The following are offered on behalf of all:

Sorry to hear of Lt Col Lopez's passing. Only knew him for a short while in early 1980's when he was TDY to San Vito and I was in DOO. Had him over to the house a few times, and my wife Ryuko made sure he had plenty of Japanese cooking. //Larry Gerhardt – Misawa Web Site//

After the KAL 007 shoot down, I took my crew from 5AF to Misawa to show them where the material they worked with came from. Col Lopez was kind enough to give us a guided tour of Lady Love. He was a very gracious host to people from out of Command. My people came away from our briefings with a whole new outlook on how things really operated. My heart goes out to Col Lopez. He is one in a million. //Roy Heath – Misawa Web Site//



Sgt Paul Leo Joseph Morin, 63, passed away peacefully at the Togus VA Hospice Unit-Augusta on July 14, 2012, with his loving son Jeremy at his side. He was born on Feb. 13, 1949 and moved to southern California in 1955, where he spent his childhood. He graduated from Pacifica High School in 1967 then enlisted in the Air Force. Paul served his country 1967 to 1971 in USAFSS and attained the rank of sergeant-After being honorably discharged from the service, he returned to Maine where he met and married Priscilla C. Pushard. **//Obit in Kennebec Journal – July 20, 2012// //Jim Houle//**



James S. Mulvey, 70, died July 6, 2011, at Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, following a long illness. Born in Bennington May 18, 1941. Mr. Mulvey was a USAF Vietnam veteran and also served at the 6918th RSM in the early 60's. Survivors include a daughter, Tammy MacPherson of Incirlik Air Base, Turkey; and a son, Daniel Mulvey of Bennington. **// Rutland Herald on July 8, 2011// //Notified by Dave Bethard//**



Leroy "Lee" Olson, 77, OF Reno NV. died June 20, 2012 per his widow. He was born April 30, 1935 in Trempealeau, WI and grew up in the La Cross area. Lee entered the USAF in 1952 and served 8 years. He was a 293XX stationed at Misawa AB, Japan 1953-1955. He is survived by his wife, Ruth. **//Complete obituary in the Reno Gazette-Journal – June 23, 2012// //Notified by**

Helen Henderson and Dutch Wiest – Misawa Web Site//



SMSgt Bernard J. O'Reilly, 73, of Pottsville, passed away Monday morning at home. He was born in Coaldale, May 15, 1939. Bernard was a 1957 graduate of Nativity BVM High School and attended Syracuse University, where he studied Russian. He was an Air Force veteran having served as a linguist intelligence officer. He retired with 30 years of service for our country. Bernard is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Sang Sun O'Reilly. **//Complete obituary in Republican & Herald – Sept 26, 2012// /Info Perry Keeton//**

Again, the sheer numbers of tributes to Bernie preclude us from including them all here. The following is offered on behalf of all:

Rocky LeCorn and I drove up to Pottsville to attend the viewing, funeral mass and burial of our longtime friend Bernie J. O'Reilly. Both of us served with Bernie overseas. Bernie was a wit and a treasure, always thoughtful yet decisive and willing to provide quiet counsel. I remember Bernie trying to practice a bit of Lao from time to time and making the house girls giggle exuberantly. He was a trivia wizard and best of all he was a good friend - I am proud to have served with him. I will always remember his sparkling eyes ("when Irish eyes are smiling") that often hinted at a bit of mischief. Our early morning trip, a little over three hours from Odenton to Pottsville, was cloudy and rainy (tears for a fallen hero; water to replenish the earth and to nourish our souls). The rain eased off a bit as we approached his small town and then stopped as if knowing there would be few dry eyes. After a bite to eat, we went on to the church and added our condolences to Bernie's family and to Sang, Bernie's widow. The large attendance was certainly testimony to how well known and well-loved Bernie was. Our hearts were heavy with grief but the saddest part yet to come. We knew the final words were near and that horrific mournful sound would pierce our hearts once again. As I stood listening to the final words, I knew that Bernie would be happy and at peace. As the rifle shots reverberated through the hills and the dirges bemoaned the loss of an American hero, I came to the realization that Bernie's final resting place affords him a panoramic view looking down over the valley below and up at the distant rolling hills surrounding his home. Our hearts were heavy as we began the long drive home but we were happy in the knowledge that our friend was given a loving and proper send-off with full and well deserved honors. **//Tom Penn//**



SSgt Douglas K. Patterson, 53, of Timberlake Village, died June 15, 2011. He was born June 29, 1957, in Jacksonville, N.C., and was a longtime Lake County resident. He was a graduate of Mentor High School, Class of 1976, and then served for eight years in the United States Air Force as a 207X1 Morse Systems Operator serving at the 6931st SS, Crete from 1976-1978 and again from 1981-1983. He is survived by his beloved wife and friend, Jolene. **//Obit in the News-Herald – June 20, 2011// // Jim Houle//**



Lt. Col. Edward H. Poff, 90, of San Antonio, died September 30, 2012. He began his 29 year military career as a co-pilot on a B-24 Liberator in Europe during World War II and went on to serve multiple tours as Deputy Base Commander as well as Personnel Officer for the AF Electronic Security Command. His family enjoyed stations all across the US as well as Germany, Japan, Pakistan, Greece, and Thailand. Lt Col Poff was Deputy Commander at Iraklion AS, Crete in 1969-1970. After retiring from the Air Force in 1976, Edward attended St. Philip's College earning an AAS, summa cum laude, in Air Conditioning & Refrigeration. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Winifred.// **Obit San Antonio Express News – Oct 7, 2012//**

//Jim Youngson//



George Hal Pool, born on November 1, 1928 in Buna, TX, went to be with the Lord on September 3, 2012, at the age of 83. He is by his beloved wife, Barbara.. He is survived by his children, John Mark, Diane Swiger, Gary and Gregory. George served his country honorably in the USAF during the Korean War, where he was in the 6925th Radio Squadron Mobile at the Security Service office at 13th A.F. Headquarters. One of his duties was to debrief the crews of the U.S.A.F. electronic surveillance aircraft that flew at night very close along, and sometimes over, the coast of Communist China. // **Obituary in the San Antonio Express News -September 6, 2012//**



CMSgt Frank J. Prosser, 84, of San Antonio, TX died Oct 15th, 2012. He began his military career in 1946 with the Air Weather Service serving in the Philippines. His career with USAFSS began in 1950 when he was ordered to report to the 6969th Security Squadron at Arlington Farms, VA. In 1951, he left for the 10th RSM at Chicksands, England. In 1954 he was reassigned to

AFSCC in San Antonio until 1956 when he returned to Chicksands with NSA Field Unit Number Two. In 1959 he was sent to NSA at Ft Meade and remained there until 1962, when he was transferred to the 6921st Security Wing at Misawa AB, Japan until 1965. He returned to AFSCC and retired on 1 August 1966, at the USAFSS parking lot . During all his travels he was accompanied by his wife Joanne and his two children all of whom survive him. //Comment from Joanne – Frank wrote this some time ago so am sending it as is.//



SMSgt John Ernest Russell, 79 died August 9th. John is survived by his wife, Jimmie, the love of his life for almost 60 years. John spent 25 years in the U.S. Air Force. SMSgt John Russell's military career included receiving several service awards and serving in numerous foreign destinations that included Japan, Thailand, the Philippines and England. Moving to Alaska was always a dream and when offered the opportunity, he went to Alaska, where he extended his military career, moving to Fairbanks and then Anchorage, spending 15 years in Alaska. He eventually moved to Fredericksburg, TX.
//Obituary in San Antonio Express News – Aug 11,



MSgt Robert Cleveland Schell, 68, of Vancleave, MS finally lost his battle with lymphatic cancer on June 15, 2012 surrounded by his beloved family and friends. He was born 22 Mar 1944. He served his country in the USAF, retiring after 26 years. Robert was a 304XX FLR 9 Antenna Maintenance stationed at the 6921st SG, Misawa AB, Japan. He was a civil servant for 14 years until retirement in 2005. Mr. Schell is survived by his wife of 44 years, Betty Schell. **//Obituary in the Sun Herald – June 18, 2012//**

Bernard D. Sims, 68, of Cullman, AL died Sept 8, 2012. Bernard was a 292XX stationed in Misawa 1963-1965. **//No other info available//**
//Notified by Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//

Margarite A Steelnack , better known as **Peggy**, died on July 31 from cancer. Wife of Col. Einar H. Steelnack. “Ed” was with USAF Security Services in 1959 thru 1965. He is in the Hall of Fame. Born in Hershey, Pa. in 1925, she trained as a nurse during the war. She married in 1948 and had three children, Bill, John and Deborah. **//E-mail from John Steelnack//**



Lt. Col. Ralph E. Stone, age 81, passed away on October 11, 2012 in San Antonio. Ralph was born on January 30, 1931 in Hugo, OK. He worked for American Airlines and was able to join their pilot training program, which led to his cadet training in the Air Force. Ralph joyfully flew KC-135's until he was medically grounded. Still seeking that thrill, he joined USAFSS and worked all over the world in classified

intelligence. After his retirement from the Air Force, he and his wife owned and operated Stone's Marine for many years. **//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express News – Oct 13, 2012//**



Arthur Lee Stump Sr., 83, died in Wytheville, Virginia on 17 July 2012. His widow, Vivian (nee Miller), can be reached at her home in Wytheville (postal address is available). Art and Vivian attended at least one reunion of the 41st/6913th RSM, in September 1998; he was in

touch with the planning committee for many subsequent reunions as well. He served in Bremerhaven (Dog Trick, 41st RSM) as a Morse Intercept Operator from early 1952 until August 1954,. When I spoke with him in March 2004, he told me he had retired in 1986 after working many years for the Exxon Corporation. Also, he held a HAM license (C/S WA4WY). **//Obituary in Wytheville Enterprise – 12 July, 2012//**
//Notified and input by Arlen Trapp//



CWO-3 Mario J. “Ted” Tedesco, 85, passed away September 28, 2012. Having emigrated from Italy as a naturalized citizen at the age of three, Mario had a great love, patriotism and appreciation for the United States, a country that lovingly accepted his family into its fold. Mario eagerly entered a special military program for the

U.S. Air Corps at Norwich University. During his military career, he completed tours in the Army-Air Corps, U.S. Navy and his final 16 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force until his retirement, having served during World War II,, Korea, and Vietnam, and earning the specially created CWO-3 rank because of his position with the USAF Security Service as the Top Secret Control Officer for cryptographic material for Headquarters First Air Force - keeping all military secrets even until his passing. Mario left behind his wife of 62 years, Mary. **//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express News – Oct 7, 2012//**

Emi Tinnirella, 82, passed away in Misawa City Hospital after a few months of illness. She and “T” were married 55 years. Some of you may remember “T” as the rough and tough but really fair First Shirt. Right now he is really down and any words of encouragement from his friends will greatly help. **//Joe Roginski – Misawa Web Site//**



Wayne Norman Vannes, 75, passed away on April 24, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. Wayne was born Jan. 4, 1937, in San Antonio, TX. He married Donna R. Whitley on June 11, 1959. They shared their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2009. Wayne served proudly for four years in the U. S. Air Force working as a 202XO

Systems Analyst at Misawa AB, Japan circa 1957-1958. He is survived by his wife, Donna. **//Complete obituary in Green Bay Press-Gazette – Apr 27, 2012// //Notified and input by Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//**



Lt Col Josias Olivares Villarreal, 85, was born September 4, 1926 in New Braunfels, Texas and met his Lord, July 25, 2012. He spent his early childhood in Denison, TX. He felt the calling of his nation and enlisted in the Marines during World War II. He managed to meet the requirements of enlistment before the service realized he was just shy of his sixteenth birthday. He served his country honorably in the South Pacific at Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He recalled vividly the excitement amongst

the Marines the day the American Flag was raised on Iwo Jima. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Engineering from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Class of 1951. As an architect, Josias held jobs with the Corp of Engineers at Galveston, Southwest Research in San Antonio, and Electronic Security Command at Lackland Air Force Base. Concurrently he served in the Air Force Reserves, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1986, he retired with a total combined federal service of 34 years. **//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express-News July 29, 2012//**



MSgt Thomas Charles Waltz Jr, 64, of Niceville, Fl, passed away at his home on Aug 7, 2012, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born June 15, 1948. He was also retired from the State of Florida DCF and spent 26 years volunteering in programs for the City of Niceville. **//Complete obituary in**

Northwest Florida Daily News – 13-14 Aug 2012//

Tom was a 202X0 who spent much of his career working at SOC III, Kindsback Cave Germany. His wife, Lynne, ran the Noritake Concession at Einsiedlerhof for many years. About 1982, Tom PCS'ed to DET 1, EST at Eglin AFB FL. Det 1 provided SIGINT support to the quarterly Blue Flag exercises held at Hurlburt Field, and other SIGINT support to the Tactical Air Warfare Center (TAWC), and to the Air Ground Operations School (AGOS) at Hurlburt Field as required. During the time we worked together, Tom proved to be an outstanding, hardworking analyst who greatly enhanced the support provided to the Blue Flag exercises. It is with my regrets that I forward this obit to the Fallen Eagles. **//John M. Miller/**

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Douglas Stanley Whitaker, 60, of Wichita Falls died July 20, 2012 near Vernon, TX. as the result of a motorcycle accident. Douglas was born March 21, 1952 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He proudly served our country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam era as a member of C Flight circa 1971-1972 at the 6918th SS at Brady/Hakata, Japan. He has lived in Wichita Falls since the Air Force brought him here in 1977. Doug married Rosalie Ozuna September 10, 1983 in Wichita Falls. He was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, Blue Knights, Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Harley Davidson Owners Group. He was a volunteer for the local DAV and drove veterans to the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City every month. Doug was very involved in many aspects of community service. He was as a man who would stop what he was doing to help another person. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Rosie. **//Several memorials and pictures – just Google his name//**



John Wigand, of Boerne TX passed away on Aug 11 2012 from blood cancer. Born in McKeesport PA, he joined the Air Force in 1961 serving at Lackland TX and Lincoln NE Air Force Bases. His initial assignment within USAFSS was in 1967 as an electronic technician at the AFCD. He then moved to

the USAFSS engineering laboratory for 5 years and then spent another 5 years in AFSCS. His next assignment was as the XRP for the Kelly Communications Squadron. In 1985 he moved back to the Hill and

served the remainder of his career in various DO positions until his retirement in Jan 2002. In 1992, John started the current SA BEST Robotic Competition Program, helping to inspire area high school students to become interested in science and engineering. He is survived by Pat, his wife of 48 years, and three daughters. At his request, he was cremated and there was no public service. //E-Mail from wife, Pat//

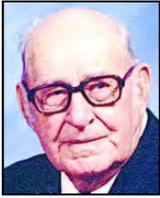


Rebecca Ann Wingo, 32, died July 20, 2012 in the Aurora Colorado Theater massacre. She was born October 1979 in Torrance, California. Rebecca loved everyone but never put anyone ahead of her two daughters Jaylen and Jewel. She served her country in the USAF as a Mandarin Chinese Linguist with ESC/AIA in Hawaii and continued to advance on every aspect of her life as a civilian. In her passing she will be remembered and guided through the thoughts and prayers of her family and friends as well as the world. We will never forget her smile. Rebecca is survived by her beautiful daughters, Jaylen and Jewel Wingo and their father, Robert. //Complete obituary in the Denver Post - July 27, 2012//

Regretfully, the sheer numbers of tributes to Rebecca preclude us from including them all here. The following is offered on behalf of all:

Rebecca and I crossed paths in our time spent in Hawaii. I remember her as the wittiest person in class. We had some very interesting exchanges trying to get ready for PT training and wellness instruction. My heart breaks for your family, but please take comfort in knowing that Rebecca touched and inspired whomever she met and I was moved very deeply when I heard the news. She was a great friend and amazing person. I feel blessed to have known her for the time I have. Her daughters and family will be in my prayers. //Dee Turner MSgt-USAF-Ret. – Sumter, South Carolina//

I was Rebecca’s flight chief in the Air Force in Hawaii. I just found out about her death and I’m in total shock right now. I’m so sorry for this loss. Her family and friends will be in my thoughts, heart and prayers. //M. Boring//



Lt Col Leo Lavurne York, Sr., 92, peacefully passed away at his home on September 18, 2012. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 70 years, Helen. Leo was born in Corsicana, Texas on February 15, 1920. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps. A buck sergeant at the beginning of World War II, he was one of the first troops shipped to England. After six months, attended OCS. And returned to England to prepare for the invasion of Europe. There, he established supply depots in France and Germany. After the war, Leo had assignments throughout the United States, the Middle East and Iceland. Lieutenant Colonel York retired from active military service in 1962 at San Antonio, Texas. Leo then went to work at Kelly AFB as a civilian in Security Service. After 42 years of combined military and civil service, he found his true calling as a South Texas cattle rancher at SASPAMCO, Texas. As a 15-year volunteer at Wilford Hall Medical Center he reconnected with many former military friends. **//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express News – Sept 22, 2012//**



Arthur M Zich, 77, died July 30, 2012. He was born Nov 29th 1934. _____

A bright light among veteran USAFSS Chinese linguists has been extinguished. Art was among the brightest and most erudite of our AF Chilings chat group. His input ranged from insightful, well-researched journalistic pieces to grumpy, curmudgeonly ripostes -- couched in brightly descriptive terms and in the finest kind of 'American English'. Art was educated at Yale (Chinese) and Cornell (Liberal Arts). His career was filled with interesting peregrinations that took him to Okinawa (USAFSS), Vietnam (war correspondent), to other various exotic spots around Asia (China -- 3 Gorges Dam pieces for Nat'l Geographic, as well as Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Singapore and other locales) from which he reported for the international reading public. So long, Art. If there is a great beyond after all, may your journeys there be even more exciting and interesting. I'll look forward to your reporting should I ever find myself sojourning there. **//Luther Deese//**

Anniversary Announcements



Dave & Norma Shepard celebrated 52 years of marital bliss on July 30th, 2012. Photo was taken at our 55th high school Reunion in Jacksonville, Florida.

A Christmas Reminder

Posted by Bob Askew

Interestingly, each year during Christmas, the Lackland Base Exchange conducts a day of shopping for the basic trainees there. The recruits are bussed to the BX where they shop for their families, girlfriends, etc. and take their purchases to the Base Theater where dozens of volunteers wrap the gifts and prepare them for mailing - the Post Office and UPS then accept them for delivery to where ever they are addressed. It's a great service for those young men and women who will be spending their Christmas Holidays in boot camp.

Last year, Virginia and I worked all morning into the afternoon wrapping and chatting with the recruits patiently waiting their turn in line. When it was all over, on the way to the men's room, I had a casual conversation with one of the young basic airman there. I asked him what stage of training he was in, and he told me he had finished basic and was headed to tech school. I inquired where he was going and what was he planned to do. When he told me he was headed for language school in Monterey, California. I asked him, what language?.."Chinese" he said. "You must be kidding" I answered, "that's what I did 55 years ago when I left Lackland headed for Chinese language school at Yale."

It's a small world after all.

Merry Christmas!

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