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October 11, 2012

Lee Anthony
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Dear Lee Anthony,

Freedom Through Vigilance Asso made a generous donation to Wounded Warrior Project™ (WWP) in honor of Scott A. Bethel. WWP is proud to use this gift to aid and assist the truly deserving men and women of our armed forces wounded in the current military conflicts.

WWP's work with severely injured service members begins on the battlefield and continues at the bedside and on as they undergo treatment and rehabilitation in Department of Defense hospitals and Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. Together, with your continuous support, we are able to bring this comfort and support to our wounded service men and women and their families.

WWP has been able to reach thousands of wounded service men and women and provide comfort items, counseling, and rehabilitation to aid in the transition from a hospital bed to an independent and productive life.

WWP is dedicated to assisting this new generation of severely injured heroes. These men and women who have served with honor deserve our support.

Sincerely,

Adam Silva
 Chief Development Officer
 Wounded Warrior Project™

For more information on Wounded Warrior Project's programs, please visit woundedwarriorproject.org.

4899 BELFORT ROAD ★ SUITE 300 ★ JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32256
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The President's Corner



Dear Members,

We sincerely hope you enjoyed a great Holiday Season! Much is happening in your Association and we're looking forward to the various activities throughout 2013. Details on our forthcoming Spring Social are provided on page 7 of this issue of the RIT, and we look forward to this annual event in mid-April.

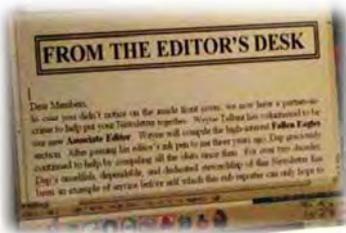
Dennis Rassmussen and Wayne Tallant continue to do a great job with the newsletter, and we've received numerous compliments on the quality and content. If your personal technology situation allows, I urge each of you to consider receiving it on-line. Those who already are receiving it via the web attest the on-line version is great with color pictures and easy-to-read format, and saves money for our association by diminishing rising mailing costs. You can sign up for the on-line newsletter version with a request via the FTVA web page, or by contacting Bob Baert.

We also welcome your pictures! If you have pictures from reunions or FTVA-related events that merit posting on the website, please pass them directly to Bob for inclusion. For those who prefer social media, you can always post such photographs directly to the Freedom Through Vigilance Facebook page, which now has over 1,500 participants!

The Board of Directors has designated Vice-President Ron Haygood as the initial point of contact for any chapter issues and concerns. Due to our chapters' growth, participation, and support of chapter activities, we've discovered that issues aren't always addressed as rapidly without a single action officer. Ron's FTVA Executive Board experience and leadership position as our Vice President make him a great focal point for our chapter leaders, and enables us to rapidly channel, answer, and resolve each individual circumstance. Please continue to bring all chapter-specific issues directly to Ron's attention.

I thank each of you for your commitment to the FTVA, and ask that you make plans now to attend our annual reunion in San Antonio, September 26 – 28, 2013. Many, many thanks for all you do to assist in our efforts to *Remain In Touch*.

Lee



Hi folks,

I encourage you to read the article by A. J. Harrison detailing changes to our Hall of Honor nomination process (pp. 5-7). Note that, due to lack of use, the traditional blue centerfold Hall of Honor nomination form is no longer provided in the hard copy RIT. Please use the form which is

available at our on-line web site. Once again, you'll find that Wayne Tallant has compiled a very extensive Fallen Eagles section, so the editorial "pen" was again active in this issue. We hope you've found the larger font we introduced last issue (Dec) has made the RIT narrative print easier to read. As always, we send our thanks to all of you members who have submitted articles and pictures for publication both directly and through your unit website postings. Hope you enjoy this issue of YOUR Newsletter... once again, it's loaded! Wishing y'all a Happy St Patrick's Day and an even Happier Easter!!

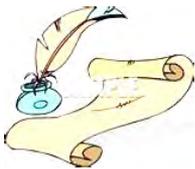


Sincerely,

Editor's Disclaimer

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Letters to the Editor



From: Terrence Carr 03-Nov-2012

To: FTVA Postmaster

Comment - Just checking in. I'm 78 so I may be checking out soon. I miss all my comrades from

Darmstadt, Biloxi, Chicksands, Misawa, Ramasun, et al. They were the most memorable days of my life. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. I hope FTVA keeps going and I thank all of you for your work in the Newsletter for helping us all to Remain In Touch.



FTVA Newsletter in Soft Copy

Wouldn't you rather receive future issues of **Remain In Touch** in softcopy format? It's in Color when viewed on-line!! 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!

The Membership Corner

Annual Dues: It is membership renewal time again. Have you paid your 2013 dues? The easiest way to tell is to check the mailing label on the envelope this newsletter arrived in. If your name is followed by a "2012", you have not paid this year's dues. If you recently mailed your dues they probably crossed paths in the mail. It can take up to three weeks for mail to funnel down to me. Unfortunately, if your 2013 dues are not paid by the end of May, this will be the last newsletter we can mail you. If you owe 2013 dues, please mail your dues (\$20.00) to:

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

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

Bob Baert, Membership Support
webadm@ftva.org



I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Annual FTVA Officer Elections

In accordance with Article VII of the FTVA By-Laws, the BOD has appointed the nominating committee for the annual officer elections to be held in September 2013. This year, the nominating committee is accepting submissions for the offices of Vice President and President. Dennis Rassmussen is heading a committee composed of Jim McLendon, Joe Hurst, Grover Jackson and Bob Sherwood. Any member in good standing may be submitted to the nominating committee; however, for obvious reasons, only those who can attend the monthly BOD meetings in San Antonio can be seriously considered. Please submit your nomination(s) prior to May 10, 2013. Those selected as nominees will then be published in the June issue of *Remain In Touch*. One submission per position at a time please. E-Mail to: Newsletter@ftva.org or use UPS address:

FTVA BOD Nominating Committee
ATTN: Dennis Rassmussen
PO Box 69616 San Antonio, TX 78269-1616



FTVA Hall of Honor Nominations

The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction into the Freedom Through Vigilance Association’s Hall of Honor. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association’s reunion activities and is scheduled for Saturday morning, 28 September 2013, at Headquarters, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AF ISR Agency).

Since the creation of USAFSS as a major air command in 1948, members of USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency, hereinafter referred to as the command, have been at war 24/7/365 as anonymous sentinels, engaged in combat with foreign enemies of the United States and its allies while conducting operations in the air as aircrew members,

on the seas aboard U.S. naval ships, and on each of the major continental land masses as well as numerous islands around the world. In no small measure, their contributions toward the preservation of our freedoms, though largely unheralded, have been vital to the continuance of our national security and our way of life. The command has been blessed with an abundance of talented members who possessed the skill sets and intellectual capacity, coupled with unselfish dedication and commitment, to conquer whatever challenges they encountered – often while confronting significant adversity and at great personal sacrifice.

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

We have all had the privilege of serving with individuals who are viable candidates for induction into the Hall of Honor. This is an opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in an attempt to ensure they receive the recognition and lasting tribute they have earned. The Selection Committee will review all eligible nominations and select individuals for induction into the Hall of Honor using eligibility criteria and procedures pursuant to the Hall of Honor Charter. **Also, I would like to notify all members that we have updated the Hall of Honor Charter, and posted it on the FTVA website at <http://www.ftva.org>.**

Over the years, we have recognized personnel of different decades, and the last decade recognized was the 80s. This year we would like to recognize the Decade of the 90s, but the only way we can do that is if we receive the nominations to make it possible. I would like to encourage you to take the time to nominate individuals you know who are deserving of this recognition and who had a profound impact in the 90s. If we receive enough nominations for a Decade of the 90s, we will hold other nominations that do not fit this era so it will not impact them so please don't hold any nominations back. We need to recognize all our outstanding performers. The committee reserves the right to make the

final decision on whether there are adequate nominations to recognize a Decade of the 90s.

Nominations must be received not later than 3 June 2013 and may be submitted either by mail or email. Nominations submitted by mail should be addressed to FTVA, Attn: HOH Committee, P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio Tx 78269-1616. Email nominations should be addressed to myself at chiefajh@gmail.com or to Bob Cope at rcope6@earthlink.net. **When submitting nominations, please limit it to one page, front and back, using the HOH Nomination Form found on the FTVA website.**

Thank you and Remain In Touch.

A.J. Harrison,
Hall of Honor Program Chair



There will be a change of venue for our 2013 AFISRA/FTVA Spring Social. This year it will be held in the Alamo/Concepcion Room of the San Antonio SeaWorld/Westover Hills Marriott Courtyard Hotel (11605 State Hwy 151 - San Antonio 78251). Activities begin at 1700 on Saturday, April 13th. FTVA members and active duty service men and women are all invited to enjoy this special evening. CMSgt Arleen Heath, AFISRA Command Chief, will be our guest speaker for the evening as we will again recognize some of AFISR Agency’s recent returnees from deployment. Your donation of \$5.00 per person includes heavy “puu-puu’s” such as, Chips & Dip, Meatballs, Buffalo Wings, and Sliced Fresh Fruit along with a pay-as-you-go bar and the chance to re-connect with fellow FTVA members.

See You There!



“Be who you are and say what you feel.”

Because

Those that matter... don't mind...

and

Those that mind...don't matter!



From: OTTO, ROBERT P MajGen USAF DoD AF ISR AGENCY/CC
To: AF ISR Agency January 17, 2013
Subject: Congratulations!!



The Agency and some of our components were recently awarded organizational awards for the 2011-2012 timeframe. The HQ has been awarded the AF Organizational Excellence Award, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) has been awarded to the 70 ISRW, 480 ISRW and 361 ISRG. Thank you all for your continued outstanding work. It's an Honor to Serve!

Bob

NSA - National Cryptologic Museum

The German Enigma is the most popular exhibit in the museum. Visitors of all ages encrypt and decrypt their own messages on authentic Enigmas from World War II. There are not many places on the planet where you can do that. Read more at <http://www.nsa.gov/about/>





The museum recently added the National Security Operations Center (NSOC) display. Photos on the display depict the vital role the NSOC has played in national defense since it was established in 1972. Some of these photos are President George W. Bush visiting the NSOC, Ambassador L. Bruce Laingen meeting President Reagan & and the First Lady at the White House after his release from Tehran in 1981, and a U.S. Navy EC121M reconnaissance aircraft such as the one that was shot down by a North Korean MiG-17 over the Sea of Japan in April, 1969.

There IS an “I” in TEAM

Commentary by Wayne Amann
Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs

12/17/2012 - **JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - LACKLAND, Texas** -- Contrary to popular belief or conventional wisdom or even the cliché, there IS an I in team. The I is you, the I is me. The I represents all the "I"ndividuals who make up a team. And nowhere is that more meaningful than in the United States military. Our Armed Forces is a microcosm of Americans - individuals drawn from across our great land who bring to the fight unique backgrounds, strengths and talents, and who adhere to certain core values governing the military That combination of people and purpose provides the backbone of the military team concept, regardless of service branch, which leads me to why I'm writing this opinion.

During my 20-year active duty Air Force career, my subsequent time as a military contractor and my current civil service stint, I've always subscribed to the team first mindset. I was, and still am, proud to be part of something bigger than myself. I found that sense of belonging

rekindled recently when I was watching this year's Army-Navy football game. Besides service academy bragging rights, the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy, emblematic of gridiron supremacy among the three academies [Air Force being the third] was at stake, so the game meant something besides its traditional pageantry

The Midshipmen were going for their 11th straight win in the rivalry and were leading the cadets from West Point, 17-13, in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter. Army had the ball and was marching down the field for an apparent winning touchdown when the handoff between quarterback Trent Steelman and one of his running backs was fumbled near the Navy goal line. The Middies recovered, won the game and dashed Army's hopes of salvaging something positive from a dismal 2-9 season.

As expected, the CBS television cameras showed an exuberant Navy squad, then honed in on Steelman, for what seemed like an extraordinarily long time. The senior signal caller was visibly distraught, holding his head in his hands on the bench. This was the fourth straight year his team lost to Navy with him at the proverbial controls. During those heartbreaking moments for Steelman, the Bowling Green, Ky., native earned my respect. I can only imagine what was going through his mind at that time, but his post-game reaction reinforced my faith in individual responsibility and accountability.

Granted, in the overall scheme of things a football game doesn't really matter. That's exactly why Steelman's emotional display impressed me. Here's a young man, who is so passionate about team success, he exhibits accountability through his body language. If he places that much importance on a football game as a quarterback, I have no doubt he'll bring that type of leadership to the battlefield as an officer. In the military, as in football, individual actions have a domino effect on the team. Each individual is responsible to themselves and their team mates. For Air Force folks, being a good Wingman is a lot like that. Each Airman, including civilians, looks out for each other, in part, by taking care of their individual responsibilities. Collectively, their accountability ensures mission accomplishment for all blue suiters.

My bottom line is: it takes all the I's working in unison toward the same goal to make an effective team. For acronym fans TEAM can stand for: Togetherness Epitomizes America's Military.

BEDSIDE MATTERS

John P. Lynch

Posted by Marv Borgman//Jan 7, 2013//



(Left) J.P. Lynch opening a few Christmas presents at a family gathering. Taken from my FB timeline. Thought a few of J. P.'s other friends would enjoy viewing.



I remember John Lynch from Hof, Germany in the early 60's. A nice guy and fine officer.//Jim McDaniel, Jan 16 2013//

Rass, I received the following response to a note I sent to J P Lynch's FB account telling him James George was asking about him.. I also agree that it will fit great in the RIT. //Bob Baert//

John P. Lynch is my Dad. His address is 900 N. Taylor Street, #1529, Arlington, VA 22203. He has Parkinson's Disease, and lives in a retirement home with the assistance of a fabulous caregiver named Flor. His phone number is 703-243-3926; some days he can communicate better than others, but Flor always answers the phone, and helps with the conversation. I'm sure he would love to hear from old friends. Best, //Michelle Zook/mlzook@mac.com//

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 each chapter, a link is available on our FTVA website. Go to <http://www.ftva.org> under paragraph two "What is the FTVA?"



Gold Country Chapter,
Yuba City, CA

by John Aurelius, President

(This is **John Aurelius**, the new president of the FTVA Gold Country Chapter.//Ed.//)



In 1969, after attending the Schools of Business, Math and Engineering at the University of Minnesota, I enlisted in the Air Force. Somehow I indicated an interest in "Security Work" which took me to the language school in Monterey. This led to flying assignments out of Kadena Okinawa. After discharge, I settled in Silicon Valley in the early 70's and ended up running the computer operations at NEC Semiconductor. I now run my own computer consulting practice not far from Beale Air Force Base. As a young airman on my first assignments, I had some questions about what I was doing. Since I wasn't able to tell my father about our missions, in his wise ways, he had one question. "Are you saving lives" he asked. "Yes" I answered, and he replied "Then keep doing it". It was that simple!!

I am honored to be elected the new President of the Gold Country Chapter by a unanimous vote. This is significant to me since I have only been with the chapter for a year. The shoes handed to me by the outgoing President, Richard Sacchetti look bigger than my feet, but I'm sure looking forward to growing into them this year. Thanks Richard for all that you do.

Coming out of the holiday season which is typically slow for us, there is not much new to report. We continue our efforts to move the Heritage Hall / Museum forward and are expecting to be involved in this effort for some time. A significant discussion at our January meeting involved new ways to attract and recruit from the ranks of busy airmen on 12 hour shifts. We made the decision to schedule our meetings on the third Thursday of every month and rotate the locations.

Remain in Touch, John

HERITAGE CHAPTER

Submitted by Larry Ross, Secretary

Heritage Chapter



November 1, 2012 was the Heritage Chapter quarterly social. Twenty-five members and guests packed the room at Lin's Grand Buffet. Members and staff of the international officer's class at Goodfellow were also invited guests. This class had students from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain, Oman, Morocco, Poland, Italy, and Thailand.; however, only those from Thailand, Italy, and Poland were able to attend.



(Left side) [Larry] & Diane Ross, John & Addie Shore, Corky & Karen Bingham
(Right side) May O'Brien, Pat & Larry Miller, Steve & Cindy Willey, Ed [hidden] & Kathie Bendinelli



(left side) Celeste & Bill Allen, Kay & Tommy Smart, Jim Cox
(right side) Janet & Buck Vogt, Al & Marilyn Wankowski, Chae & Wayne Bascom

Not shown: JJ Graham, President & Larry Ross, Secretary/photographer

Goodfellow's Opening Glut:

Officials opened five new and renovated facilities at Goodfellow AFB, Tex., including a dining facility, dormitory, learning center, student center, and Marines' training building, according to a base release. Base personnel held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Jan. 17, 2013 to mark the opening of these buildings, states a Goodfellow release.

Heritage Chapter Annual Christmas Dinner

On Dec 6, 2012, thirty-seven members and guests enjoyed fine dining and cheerful camaraderie at our Chapter's annual Christmas Dinner at Zentner's Daughter Steak House.



Those enjoying the evening: Bill & Celeste Allen, George & Alice Ballinger, Wayne & Chae Bascom, Ed & Kathie Bendinelli, Corky & Karen Bingham, Jim & Cayla Cox, SSgt Turner & son Shawn, Andy & Esther Dove, JJ Graham, Don & Mary Goff, Larry & Pat Miller, Mary O'Brien, Larry & Diane Ross, John & Addie Shore, Tommy & Kay Smart, Russ & Jane Thoma, Al & Marilyn Wankowski, Steve & Cindy Willey, Carl Wood, John & Margrit Frock. Cindy Willey presented each family with a handmade gift. This has become a much-anticipated tradition at the dinner. Tommy Smart also distributed copies of a CD with his recording of "I've Been Everywhere" (USAFSS style). Our room had adequate space for dining, but unfortunately no single area was large enough for a group photo.



Ed & Kathie Bendinelli with Steve & Cindy Willey



Wayne & Chae Bascom

Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO

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



Summary of Chapter meetings :

Dec 13 2012

Barnie Gavin, Sharon Frizzell, George Williams, Yming Tung, Dennis Daniels, George Honsacker, and potential member Steve Lord.

Barnie described the Academy Commemorative project that we have been working on. Greg Roman has recommended that we do something in the AFA cemetery area and there seemed to be broad agreement on that.

Old Business:

The banners have been made and the one for the Rockyard was proudly displayed at the meeting. The chapter ball caps were delivered by Tom Nurre and are available for a donation of \$15 each. There has been no decision yet on shirts, but Tom and Barnie are still working on this.

New Business

Yiming Tung mentioned that we could look into placing a paver at the Wings Over the Rockies museum at Lowry. He will get more information and report back.

10 Jan 2013.

Attendees: Sharon Frizzell, Barnie Gavin, Rich Harrold, Vern Humbert, Steve Lord (new member), John Morash (new member), Jerry Nolan, Tom Nurre, Greg Roman, Steve Sperry, Jeff Waldeck, George and Mary Williams, Mike Wright.

Minutes of December 13th meeting were posted on the Chapter's Facebook page and were approved by acclamation at this meeting. The Historian reported no change in current Chapter history.

Projects: Barnie described the AF Academy Commemorative project that we have been working on. Greg Roman has recommended that we do something in the AFA cemetery area and there seemed to be broad agreement on that. Barnie gave us a heads up that the Big Safari reunion scheduled for June 2013 in Colorado Springs, CO. This could result in additional funds for the organization as well as additional opportunities to fulfill our mission. Greg Roman provided more information on this

project and will provide written details and committee duty delegations to Bernie for further dissemination. Bernie agreed to begin making contacts to secure additional funding for our participation.

Old Business: The banners have been made and the one for the Rockyard was proudly displayed at the meeting. Bernie got them done at WalMart for about \$20 each and they turned out great. The banner for Rhino's will need some superficial modifications before its prominent display debut at our favorite watering hole. The chapter ball caps were delivered by Tom Nurre last month and are available for a donation of \$15 each.

New Business: At last month's meeting in Castle Rock, Yiming Tung mentioned that we could look into placing a paver stone at the Wings Over the Rockies museum located at the old (and closed) Lowry AFB in Denver.

See <http://www.wingsmuseum.org/donate/runway-of-honor> for more information. This project has since been put on hold in favor of the RMC support of the upcoming Big Safari Reunion here and the supporting projects in conjunction with that event. For more information about the 2013 Big Safari reunion, please visit:

<http://www.bigsafariassociation.org/>.

Support to the 544ISRG: due to the recent budgetary dilemma (read "fiscal cliff"), some DoD projects were put on hold and funds have been pending. With this in mind, there were discussions with the 544ISRG and FTVA RMC concerning our RMC projects to support awards and recognition programs at the 544th. Now that some of the dust has settled, the RMC will reengage on this effort with our RMC liaison with the 544th.

At the end of the meeting, Tom Nurre provided an update for the search for human remains of an EC-47 crash in Laos. The RMC provided \$80 in funds to aid in this search effort. So far there are a few more hurdles to overcome to bring closure to this case. A hard copy of the notes he provided will be maintained on file with a copy of these minutes.

Sharon G. Frizzell
Secretary-Treasurer

Barnie Gavin
President

Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President



The FTVA Aloha Chapter started 2013 off with a bang and a social celebrating with out of town guests - the Joe McDonald & Charlie Harris families - who were on island for the holidays. We enjoyed an evening of great food (Mongolian BBQ of course) and lots of war stories. I was stationed in Germany with Charlie back in the early 1970's and with Joe at Shu Lin Kou, ROC from 1974-76. Where did all those years go anyway? It's always great to meet up with old(er) friends, so please let us know if any of you FTVA'ers are headed to the islands. You can phone me anytime (address is in the *Annual Directory*).



(L-R) Charlie Harris' son and daughter-in-law, Pat & Charlie Harris, John Toillion, Joe & Karen McDonald and son Aloha!

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2013 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notifications of Upcoming Reunions for 2013



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

March 26 - 28, 2013

DLIWC Monterey Class R9-3

Location: Monterey Hotel, Monterey, CA

POC: John Mollard e-mail: jhmollard@gmail.com ph 480-946-7890

Comments: R9-3 classmates gather at the Monterey Hotel.

April 25 -28, 2013

Combined Dogger/MIMI Fall of Saigon Party

Location: Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Ft Walton Beach, FL

POC: Joe Turney parrotjet@yahoo.com ph 512-825-7290

May 30 – June 2, 2013

USAFSS in Misawa 1RSM/6989/6921st/6920th

Location: Virginia Beach, VA Holiday Inn Suits North Beach.

POC: Helen Henderson etaya49@hotmail.com ph 904-829-9235

Web Site: www.usafssmisawa.com

June 21, 2013 - June 22, 2013

Annual USAFSS YALE IFEL Reunion

Location: Chungking Resturant in Laurel, MD.

POC: Luther Deese e-mail: DILUDE@aol.com

Sep 25 – 28, 2013

AMTA (Airborne Maintenance Technician Assn

Location: San Antonio, Tx

POC: Mike McLaughlin ph 830-995-4109

Comment: More info at Web Site: <http://amtassociation.org>

Sep 26 – 30, 2013

6918th RSM/Scty Sq Hakata AB, Japan

Location: Holiday Inn Riverwalk, San Antonio, Tx

Reservations: Hotel ph 1-888-615-0726 'Ident as 6918th

POC: Bill Mink 10 Cross Trees Rd, Brick NJ 08723 Ph 732-477-3761

(e-mail: willmink@gmail.com) (<http://www.6918thhakata.com>)

Sep 26 – 29, 2014

ANNUAL FTVA REUNION in San Antonio, Tx

POC: Lee Anthony, president@ftva.org

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

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

October 2-4 2013

Prop Wash Gang Reunion

Location: Syracuse, NY (once the contract with the hotel is signed).

POC: Larry Tart (larrytart@aol.com) ph 814-238-7067

Comments : From 1951-1971, Syracuse University hosted a US Air Force foreign language training program at “Skytop,” on the university’s south campus. A memorial is planned to commemorate an early morning fire that swept through barracks M-7 on 6 January 1959. The fire killed seven and seriously injured 19 other occupants. (See Sep 2012 issue of RIT pp 38-40) <http://www.6913th.org/Bhaven/Syracuse1.htm#53rd>



REUNION REPORTS



Rass,

I enjoyed conversing with you at the Roll Call reunion. Per our conversation I have attached the following and hope this is the kind of story that will interest others. Thanks. Roy Fros

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//Following redacted in part. Ed//

In September 2012 I returned to San Antonio for the first time in fifty years. The FTVA and Roll Call reunions were the reason for my return. My association with the USAFSS began in November of 1962 when I arrived at Goodfellow AFB to attend analyst (202X0) school. After completing school, I PCS’d to Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska//redacted// followed in 1965 by a 2T assignment to TUSLOG Det 3-1 in Trabzon, Turkey. It was a big change from Alaska in many ways except one. Eastern Turkey has earthquakes also.

Being stationed in Turkey provided a couple of unique opportunities, one being a trip to the Holy Land. The trip was to include destinations of Beirut, Lebanon; Damascus, Syria; Amman, Jordan and Jerusalem. While in Beirut we were less than twenty-four hours from being in Damascus when a coup occurred and the borders were closed. We elected to fly direct to Jerusalem where we made many side trips.

Another highlight was a trip to an ancient monastery, The Sümela, in the mountains of eastern Turkey. Getting there was an adventure in itself.

The monastery was constructed high on a cliff face overlooking a valley. The monastery is decorated with several frescoes.

While in Turkey my path in life change due to one of my roommates. He had attended MIT for three years prior to joining the Air Force. Through several projects in our off duty hours, he re-peaked my interest in electronics. I was discharged in 1966 and enrolled in college under the G.I. Bill. In 1971 I graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. I spent the next thirty-eight years in the electric utility industry.

After three years in retirement and fifty years after entering USAFSS, I returned to San Antonio to reminisce with other ex-Security Service members whose experiences were as varied as mine. I do not plan to wait as long to attend another reunion. The Roll Call reunion for 2013 will be in Branson, MO and I plan to be there. Come join us and renew old friendships or make new ones.

Roy

4th Annual Mini Missy NE Reunion

Posted by Syd Scales



This year we met at White's Eatery of Westport, MA on Nov 4.

Carson Schnell, and Charlie Moran are recovering from illness and/or surgery. I spared no expense, and hired stand ins for them.

**Almost all of us have a photographic memory
It's just that some of us don't have any film.**

-Steven Wright - Humorist

Spanish Linguists Rekindle Historic Role

Posted 11/14/2012 by Wayne Amann Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs (*Edited*)

They're not related by blood, but their bond is as strong as members of any immediate family. In 1962, they were hand-picked away from their respective Air Force jobs because they could speak Spanish. They were hustled to Florida, quickly trained and thrust into a tense situation when, arguably, nuclear war hinged on their ability to translate. Their critical mission was to monitor voice communications off the Florida coast during what history called the Cuban Missile Crisis.



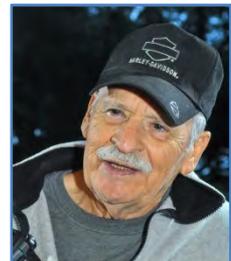
"We were the ones who caught the Cubans speaking about the 'miziles,' or missiles," said retired Master Sgt. and church deacon Manny Maldonado. "We reported to NSA (National Security Agency) and other agencies that they're building missiles there. Next thing you know we're flying U-2's that took pictures of them for President Kennedy

who told [then Soviet leader Nikita] Khrushchev where to go and what to do."

As the first group of active duty Spanish linguists in the United States Air Force Security Service, the MK'ers, as their designation was known, carved a legacy born of necessity that carries on in today's Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. To commemorate their career field's inception, in conjunction with the Cuban Missile Crisis observance, these trail blazers held their 50th reunion Oct. 25-28, in San Antonio. The four-day event honored all those who've worn the MK moniker spanning the past half-century.

War stories highlighted the reunion picnic/dinner Oct. 26 at the MacArthur Park Pavillion.

For retired Tech. Sgt. Sam Escobar, 78, (right) the sense of urgency he experienced during the Cuban Missile Crisis is still a vivid memory. "It was chaotic at first. We didn't have the flight suits right away, a couple guys had to fly in their summer tan uniform," Escobar said. "We had to borrow oxygen masks and helmets. They hurried us through the safety procedures. It was hectic for us because we never flew in a plane on an Air Force mission like

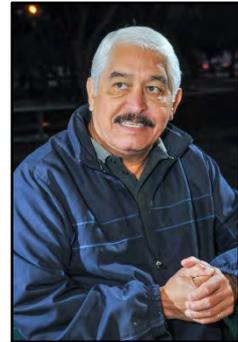


that." Those were exciting times for Escobar and his wingmen because they realized they were doing something important. "We knew we were on the brink of nuclear war," he said. "With all the ships coming, the embargoes, President Kennedy and Khrushchev going back and forth with who's going to blink first...when we were on missions we were aware of all that. We were so ready."



2012 Spanish Linguist Reunion—(L-R) Col Chris Cook with Ismael Salazar, Alberto Cazares, Lee Anthony, Ted Horneker, Eddie Perez, Joseph Figueroa, chatting with Marilyn Nelson, Kerzic Family, Mike Garrido, Scott Birnel and Juan Flores in San Antonio.

Air Force ISR Agency 2005 Hall of Honor Inductee, retired Master Sgt. Segundo Espinoza, Jr. (Right) remembers being greeted by something he didn't expect when he reported for duty in Florida. "When we first drove down there we saw anti-aircraft batteries along the road and Army tents all over the place," he said. "I asked myself, what am I doing here...I'm not in the Army!" The situational awareness didn't register at first with Espinoza. Back in the early 60's, I was 18 years old and just enjoying the ride at the time," he said.



"I spent the first three years at a ground site before I flew missions. That's when I realized the seriousness of keeping tabs on what was going on down south. It was scary because of the potential for nuclear war." While the Fidel Castro regime remained the prime target in Cuba, the mission landscape changed dramatically for the Spanish linguists in the late '70s due to civil wars in El Salvador and Nicaragua.



American actions in those places resulted in the stand-up of the 6933rd Electronic Security Squadron at Howard Air Force Base, Panama. Its first commander, retired Col. Chris Cook, (Left) was the guest speaker at the reunion picnic/dinner. "You guys," said Cook as he scanned the crowd of more than 80 past and present Spanish linguists, "the original MKs, set the standard for ISR support and combat operations today. The Spanish linguist legacy

is a tangible thing for those who lived it."

Memories from 1980's were recounted by Marilyn Nelson (Right), who was one of the first female linguists to go through airborne survival school. "One time there was an in-flight emergency on our EC-130 when we had to dump fluids and gas above the ocean," she said "That was a scary one." Nelson flew in from London specifically for the 50th reunion to renew acquaintances with fellow veterans who she hadn't seen in 26 years.



"Back then the guys weren't sure what to do with a female on the plane, behind the door (in the secure area)," Nelson said. "I was one of the guys because I didn't demand to be treated any different. I wanted to fit in as part of the crew. I'm humbled to take part in history," said Nelson who participated in Operation Just Cause during her time in Panama. "When our kids read about that in history books, I can tell them, I was there as a Spanish linguist. I can't tell them what I did, but I lived history and that's kind of cool."

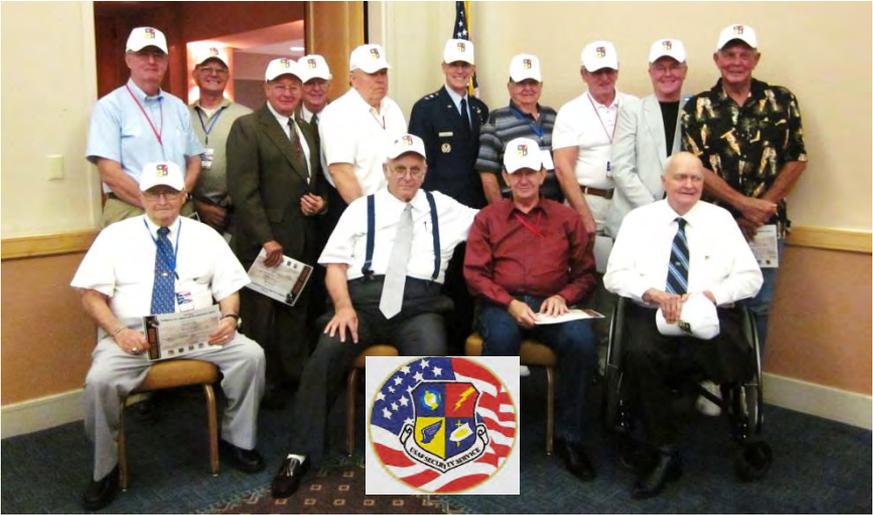


Mini-Mini-Mini

(Seattle-Tacoma WA) Sam Challis and CQ Dudkiewicz on a buddy reunion Nov 30, 2012.

For those unaware of the new name, it is now **Joint Base Lewis McChord**. They always have a huge Christmas tree there. Whether it's with one person or with a group, getting re-acquainted with old friends is a joy.

USAFSS Pioneers “Hatted”
(Sep 2012 Roll Call Reunion)

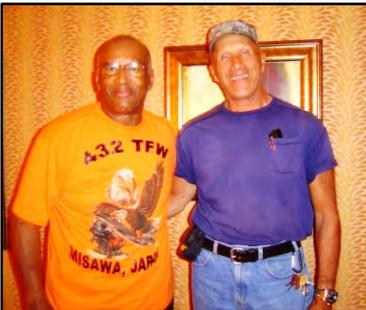


Jim Kaus (second from left), president of the Roll Call alumni organization, sits with the latest members of USAFSS pioneers who were presented a “hat” in San Antonio last September. Roll Call initiated the program which signifies an alumnus who was a member of USAFSS at least 50 or more years ago. Contact Jim for more information.

Front Row: Joe Haines, Jim Kaus, John Gluschick, William Rainey Back Row: Roy Frost, Carl Frentz, Dave Shepard, Richard Littlefield, Calvin Skidmore, Gen Otto, B.J. Witt, JJ Pitzerouse, Chuck MacFarlane, Roger Niles

2012 - Old Friends, Real Old Buddies

Posted by Oly Harrison



November 12, 2012
Golden Nugget Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

Oly Harrison & Cliff Hartman. The last time we saw each other was when we were stationed with the 6918th in 1968. We were neighbors in Gonnasu, Japan.

St. Augustine Roll Call Mini-Reunion

January 25,26,27, 2013

//Taken from Roll Call Web site//Ed//)

“Well, the 2013 Roll Call Mini at Saint Augustine, FL is in the history books. It takes a "Spark Plug" to be an event cheerleader. Jay “JJ” Johnson gets a grade of A+. When you get over the 100 folks to attend a “mini” reunion in our stage of life that takes a lot of cheer leading. Almost every day on the Roll Call site was a "Come On Down" cheer coming from "JJ". Although I couldn't make it this year, I read with great interest as to what was happening. I was with you “in Spirit”. To paraphrase, “We Came, We Met, and hopefully we'll be back”. Congrats to all that made this ‘Mini’ a huge success! "JJ, Kindly take a bow. “///Randy Roby//



We witnessed a “Wedding on the Beach” to start things off.



Steve Mobry wedding.

Steve & Judy (McClure) Mobry getting married on the beach (left) then celebrating at the St.Augustine Roll Call Reunion (below)



(Left) Jim Meagher, and Carroll Sickles making our First timer, Carol Davison feel at home.



(St Augustine Roll Call Mini Reunion cont'd)

(Right) Ed White gets the Super USAFSS award in the form of a Superman shirt. He has to bring it back next year to pass it on to the 2014 winner.



(Left) P W Elliott always enjoys the fun and good memories generated at these reunions. This year we had a creative “Let’s Make a Deal” game that everyone could enjoy

BJ Cook (far left) wins a Mickey Mouse watch; John Godfrey won a clock; and Jim Meagher wins an egg timer playing “Let’s Make a Deal”.



(Left) Jane Doolittle won a Harold Hollingshed tee-shirt while playing “Let’s make a Deal”. Looks like that shirt should fit her husband Bill just fine.



(St Augustine Roll Call Mini Reunion cont'd)

Posted by Jim Kaus

(Right) Jeanette and Don Haygood were caught enjoying lunch at Aunt Kate's Eatery



(Left) The whole gang gathered at the local Creekside Dinery for our farewell dinner.

(Right) Mr & Mrs Merritt "Red" Barthel "My son and daughter drove down from Columbia SC to surprise me on my 75th B'Day. What a wonderful surprise and probably the best birthday I ever had."



(Left) Jim Meagher, Dan Rivera-Lugo (wearing FTVA cap), and Jay "J.J." Johnson (event cheerleader) didn't mind driving to St Augustine for the "mini".



(St Augustine Roll Call Mini Reunion cont'd)

Posted on Roll Call Site

Jane Doolittle (can still fit into her uniform) and Harold Hollingsworth (back to camera) shown folding the U.S. flag and Ben Whitten telling what each fold means



Al & Vickie Krombach



Charlotte and Bob Willis



Mike Miller w USAFSS plate.



Helen Henderson, Ed & Gloria White



Posted from the 60th Anniversary Facebook page and by Cecil Hahn Misawa website.// Editor//)

From: Kimberly Joos Col USAF AFISRA 373 ISRG/CC

To: Chris Cook,

Thanks for your kind note. The 60th Anniversary Banquet was indeed an evening to remember -- made all the more special by our Alums' presence at the dinner. As Cecil may have mentioned, we are in the initial stages of planning a memorial on the site of Bldg 1555, the original ops bldg/Matejov Community Center. We are planning to have a mechanism where interested individuals can get their name/dates of service @ Misawa etched onto a granite plaque for a contribution (amount still to be determined). We had an artist's rendition of the planned site at the dinner on Sat night. More to follow soon! v/r Kim



“THE HILL” DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

L to R Maj Gen Bob Otto (AFISR Cmdr) with Ron Stark (ASA), (Navy Hill Dep Cmdr), Rich Masoner, Don Ohman, Unk, Unk, Col Kimberlee Joos (Hill Cmdr), Lee Martin, Toby Finelli, Herman (T) Timirella, Cecil Hahn and Joe Roginski//From Cecil Hahn rcvd from Capt Reyne Hochstein//

Misawa 60th Anniversary Banquet Out Takes



Youngest and Oldest cake cutters



A "thumbs up" from Col Joos



Mr & Mrs Lee Martin



The Army was well represented



(Above) Multi Service Color Guard



Toby Finelli Joe Roginski T Tinnirella



Col Joos at the Display Table

San Vito ‘75 – ‘85 Alumni Bunch

On Jan 29, 2013, this group of San Vito ‘75 –‘85 Alumni gathered for what has become a monthly recollection of war stories. This year this bunch has been meeting on the last Tuesday of every month at Applebee’s @ Bandera Rd and 1604 where Vito alumni are always welcome to share their war stories. (//Ed note// If you think this picture is blurry, you should have seen it before it was photo shopped!)



(L-R) Front Row: Larry Gerhardt, Wayne Tallant, Vernon “VO” Osteen. and Dennis Rassmussen. Back Row: Sara, Lanny Abee, Jerry “JJ” Johnson, Eddie Klem, (Bob Andress, Jim Atkinson and Bob Eakin missed this photo session)

For Onna Point, Okinawa Alumni

(Taken from 6927th web site//Ed//)

Sadly, the Oct 3-7 2012 Onna Point USAFSS alumni reunion in Kissimmee/Orlando, FL was our last. Although some of us belong to the central FTVA, Onna Point alum Dave Shepard suggested that Onna Point alums join the USAFSS Roll Call group (and then use their reunions as a vehicle for Onna Point alums to continue to get together every year). One advantage is that we no longer have to go through the annual reunion arrangement drill. Everyone just signs up and attends the Roll Call reunion where they get together and hold our own sub-reunion. To get an idea as to what the Roll Call group is about visit their Web site through <http://6927.53merc.com/rollcallat.htm> or directly at: <http://www.usafssrollcall.org/>

There you will find a link to get the details on how to become a member. Only requirement for membership is verification from someone who is already a member in good standing of the Roll Call group to verify that you are, in fact, a former USAFSS troop. Jerry Stein and Steve Feit, former chairman and co-chairman of the Onna Point reunion committee, are both Roll Call members and will arrange for anyone who is a bona-fide Onna Point alumnus (i.e., is listed in the contact list on the 6927th RSM Web site) to join the Roll Call group..

6927th Unit History

The unit was first established at Onna Point sometime early in 1953 as Detachment 2 of the 15th Radio Squadron Mobile. The 15th was located at Ashiya AFB, Japan. Det. 2 was a fully self-contained unit located at the Yomitan Airstrip overlooking the 3rd ASA site at nearby Torii Station.

At the end of October of that year, the unit was renamed Flight "A" of the 29th Radio Squadron Mobile. The 29th was based at Clark AB in the Philippines. In May of 1955, the unit was renamed the 6927th Security Squadron.

In February of 1956, the living quarters and mess hall at the new Onna Point facility were completed and the squadron moved its living quarters there and the people commuted between Onna Point and Yomitan pending completion of the Operations Building at Onna. With that move, the Flight became the 6927th RSM subordinate to the 6922nd Radio Group Mobile located at Ashiya AB, Japan. By the 1958-1960 time frames, the squadron's strength was about 350 enlisted men and officers

By February 1965, the unit had been redesignated as the 6927th Security Squadron, and its strength had grown to 850 enlisted men and 15 officers. Sometime later on in 1965, the 6927th was elevated to group status in its own right. The unit continued active at Onna Point until it was officially deactivated on March 15, 1971.



Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?



HISTORY & MEMORIES



FORTY SIX YEARS!

(From the DLI Alumni Newsletter)

Posted by Roger Morimoto, Vietnamese, Dec 1966

For some 46 years is a lifetime, for others just a journey between ports. In November 2012, a number of us traveled from Lackland AFB, Texas to the Defense Language Institute West Coast Branch (DLIWC), Monterey California, to learn North Vietnamese but not knowing in what setting. We had heard about learning Mandarin Chinese at Yale University, and Russian being taught at Syracuse University but had never heard of DLIWC at the Presidio of Monterey. While en route to the Presidio, I did learn that it was administered by Fort Ord. Upon arrival, we discovered that DLI was a tri-service “school” with classes composed of not only airmen, but also marines, sailors, and soldiers. Our quarters were open bay barracks with partitions placed 90 degrees to the walls to provide some privacy and to section off sleeping areas. Each sleeping area consisted of two beds separated by a desk. Restrooms were also open bay with no partitions between the toilets. (Was that so we could practice our Vietnamese full time?). All these memories came flooding back when a small group of us, including two spouses, were given a tour of the Institute on November 16, 2012. Ben De La Selva proved to be a very knowledgeable guide. It turns out that Ben also attended DLIWC to learn French and Polish a little before we did and knew the history of the place. His credentials are very impressive and although he is not actively involved in the school, Ben still has many contacts that are involved in its day to day operations. We all enjoyed the old landmarks, but were dismayed to see that our old barracks had been replaced with a parking

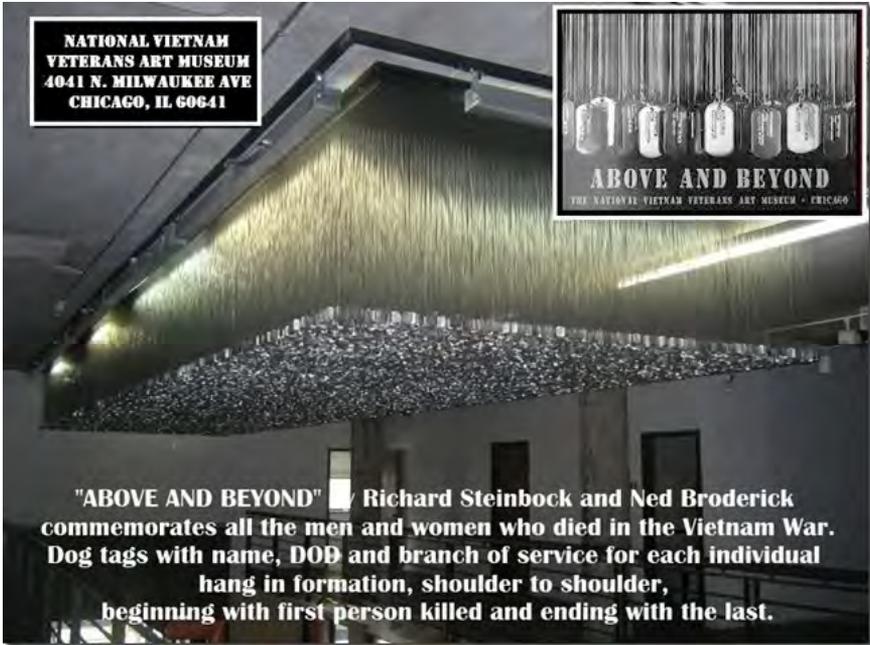


lot. It’s good to see that there’s new construction and that the Language Institute will always be growing. We thoroughly enjoyed the walk down memory lane and wish to thank Ben De La Selva for taking the time to give us an excellent tour.

(Left) Dennis and Marilyn Gurtner, Roger; Linda Morimoto; Eugene Mattke and Ben De La Selva.

“ABOVE AND BEYOND “

(Editor - “In case you didn’t know” Department.)



Vietnam Veterans Art Museum Chicago, Ill

When visitors first enter the museum, they will hear a sound like wind chimes coming from above them and their attention will be drawn upward 24 feet to the ceiling of the two-story high atrium. Dog tags of the more than 58,000 service men and women who died in the Vietnam War hang from the ceiling of the National Vietnam Veterans Art Museum in Chicago on Veterans Day, November 11, 2010. The 10-by-40-foot sculpture, entitled “Above & Beyond”, was designed by Ned Broderick and Richard Steinbock.

The tens of thousands of metal dog tags are suspended 24 feet in the air, 1 inch apart, from fine lines that allow them to move and chime with shifting air currents.

Museum employees using a kiosk and laser pointer help visitors locate the exact dog tag with the imprinted name of their lost friend or relative

Memories of Germany
Cambrai Fritsch Kaserne, Darmstadt Germany

- Posted by Jim Olson//Roll Call Site//



(left) Sign inside Cambrai Fritsch Kaserne, Darmstadt Germany denoting all the Military Detachments assigned to the Base. Note 6910th Scty Wg and RSM //Jan 16, 2013)

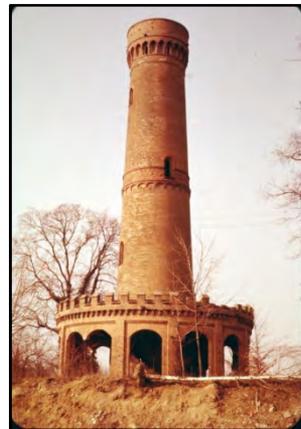
As I recall, there were indeed two separate Kasernes....Cambrai West and Fritsch East I think.....Since I was a 203, am therefore exempt from any requirement to be accurate.

AAFES had activities (retail, food, MCSS, etc.) at several of the Kasernes in Darmstadt including Ernst Ludwig Kaserne, Kelly Barracks, etc. Stars and Stripes newspaper was housed at one of the Kasernes as I recall. The gas station was located at Lincoln Village, the housing area just inside the gate...another housing area was Jefferson Village.

The PX in the '90's was directly across the parking lot from the O'Club....I don't know where the club and PX was in the 50's-60's or 70's.....The movie theater I believe was located on the "other" Kaserne, away from the main PX, Shopette and Electronics stores.....(Anybody remember the "Rainbow Club"??//Bob Askew Jan 17, 2013//

(Right) Tower of Ludwigshoehe (1963) (Darmstadt)

The tower was located in the hills right behind 6910th Baker/Dog barracks of Cambrai Fritsch Kaserne





I think photo above shows the area just behind the chow hall and what you are seeing in this photo is the end side of the chow hall. The open quadrangle and the cars parked, nose in, just off the eave of the chow hall. //Jim Olson//



(Left) A house in the hills behind Baker/Dog barracks of Cambrai Fritsch Kaserne. Picture taken from the Tower of Ludwigshoehe.

(Below) **Suicide Alley:** This is where all the cab drivers practiced their Sterling Moss act. For those who do not know, this street led from the base

to town (Darmstadt). It was exceptionally narrow, very winding, and had a streetcar that took up 1/2 of it. Looking at this picture imagine the cobble stones covered with snow and the excitement in the winter, when your cabbie was doing about forty mph downhill.

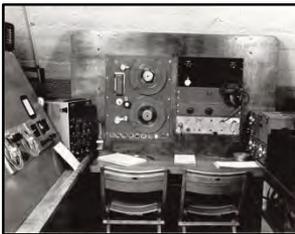


6911 RSM Landsberg AB Parade for MGen Bassett (14 May 1955

Photo posted by Jim Kaus



As I recall this day, I was standing next to the photographer, or I was the photographer...I remember the time and the event, can't remember if I took the photo or not, I was the only photographer in the 6910th Security Group, and did not participate in the marching...I do remember this was a Saturday morn and as soon as the formation was over, I caught the bus to Landsberg.....The Quadrangle for the 12th RSM is to the rear left of the troops, my back or the photographers back would be facing the row of 6910th Barracks, swimming pool to the rear of the troops, troops marching are facing the Base Headquarters...this was one long grass area, Officer Housing was to the left of the Marchers in the tree line. //Marvin Mobley//June 12, 2011//



**2nd RSM Darmstadt, Germany (1955)
Transcription Console**

Posted by Jim Kaus

(So we can remember the old equipment we used and still won the Cold War.)

At Darmstadt. The 2nd RSM-"Bloody Deuce" soon became 2nd RGM and then 6911RSM to 6911RGM which it was during my three year stint. These were very likely the three most important years in my life so far-with memories, opportunities, growth and motivation to do something when I rotated. From these London Olympics I was surprised to see the winning time for the 800 meters was less than 1/2 second faster than I ran in 1958, setting a USAFE record of 1:56.4. Of course the men's 800 m time was 14 seconds faster than mine, so I was referring to the women's Gold Medal time. Memories!//Brad Whipple//

6912th RSM - Bingen, Germany

Posted by Larry Tart



The 6912th RSM was located in a small, former Schutzstaffel (Nazi SS) post (La Marne Kaserne) on the west bank of the Rhein River at the confluence of the Rheinlander Naha

Rivers, in Bingen, Germany, 1955-1959. //(Ed Note) Check out the very well-done 6912th website at <http://www.6912th.org/index.html//>

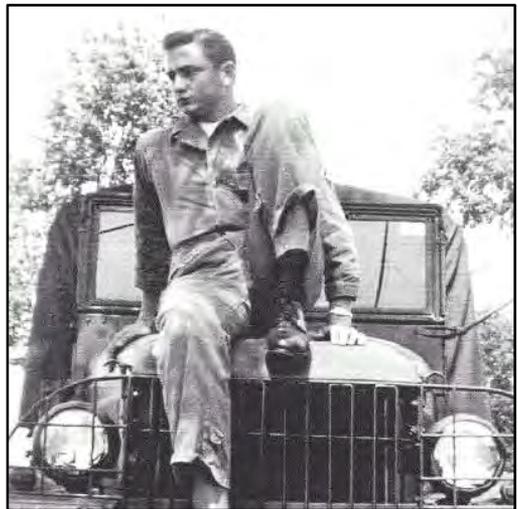
12th RSM and Johnny Cash- 1951

Posted by Larry Johnson

I heard Johnny Cash attended tech school at Keesler. I did my operator training at Keesler, then went to Brooks for DF Operator training and my security clearance. I was there 8 months playing golf and sunning at the pool. (Casual Status)

//From Duke Keeter//

According to Johnny Cash's Wikipedia biography, Cash enlisted in the USAF on July 7, 1950 After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and technical training at Brooks Air Force Base, TX, Cash was assigned to a U.S. Air Force Security Service unit, as a Morse Code Intercept Operator at Landsberg, Germany "where he created his first band named The Landsberg Barbarians "He was the first radio operator to pick up the news of the death of Joseph Stalin" After he was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant on July 3, 1954, he returned to Texas.



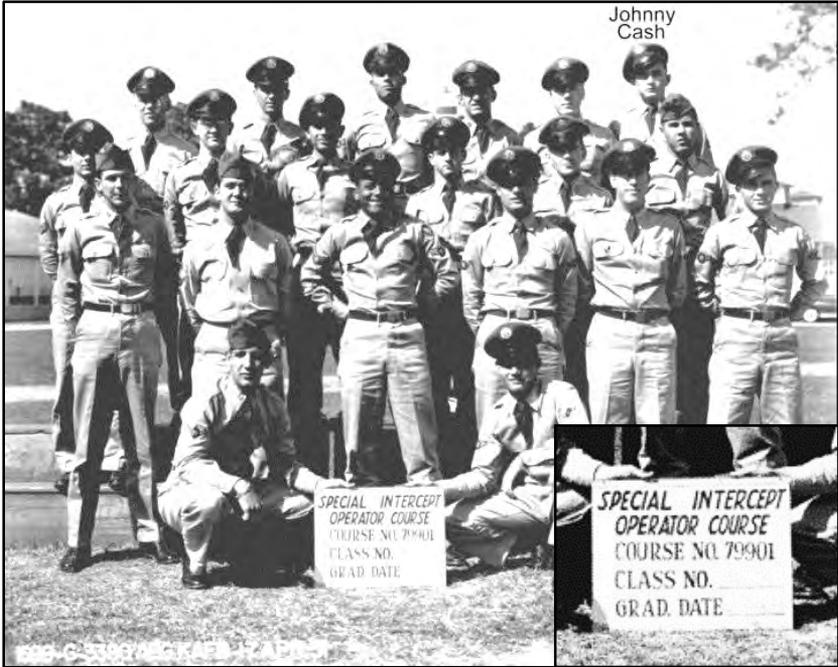


Photo taken 17 April 1951 - Johnny Cash and I were at Keesler at the same time. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Cash// Duke Keeter//

Cash graduated from radio operator school at Keesler in April 51 and subsequently entered the intercept school at Brooks (far right in photo). I supervised the first 4-weeks of the Morse Intercept school at Brooks from November 50 until August 51, but I do not remember student names from that time period (including Cash). I transferred to 12th RSM at Landsberg in September 51 and caught some of his pickin' and grinnin' sessions in the basement of the 12th RSM building. That was before he won the Air Force "Tops in Blue" contest See 6912th website at:



<http://www.6912th.org/index.html>

(Photos Posted by David Devlin)

‘The First USAFSS Recon Aircrew’

Posted by John P. Corryn

(This “first” operational airborne signals reconnaissance commenced in March 1954 aboard an RB-29A out of Yokota AB, Japan.. The USAFSS crewmen were TDY from the 6920th SG at Johnson AB, Japan).

On Sep 10, 1954, the Yokota AB newspaper reported the following: An RB-29 (#44-62290) from the 91st Strat Recon Sqdn, turned in a remarkable achievement recently. The aircraft and crew shown below, flew over 106 hours engaged in reconnaissance missions over a one-month period and only succeeded due to high level of teamwork between airborne and maintenance crews. Over its history, the 91st participated in WWI, WWII, and the Korean War as a combat photo unit.



Kneeling L-R: SSgt Roger Buley/Radio Operator; MSgt Benjamin Faulkner/Flight Engineer; 2Lt Edward Ryan/Navigator; Capt Herbert Fielding/Pilot; 1Lt Faran McClimans/CoPilot; 2Lt Thomas Amick/Navigator-Radar; SSgt George Rubel/Morse Intercept Op.
Standing L-R: A1C John Corryn/Airborne Maint Tech; A1C Ron Belky/Tail Gunner; A2C Theodorus Trias/Russian Linguist*; A2C Richard Davis/Russian Linguist; A2C Wilbur Bell/Russian Linguist; A2C Frederick Jacobites/Russian Linguist; A1C Nick Toya and A2C Henry Tahylor/Russian Linguist.

*A2C Trias later perished in an RB-50 shoot-down over the SOJ Sep 10, 1956.

Neologisms = “Alternative meanings for common words.”

Coffee (n), the person upon whom another one coughs.

Giraffiti (n), vandalism spray-painted very, very high.



FALLEN EAGLES



We learned of the following losses from caring relatives, friends or obituaries, and 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

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- Acre, “Ann” Anna, Spouse of David Acre-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
Acuff, Stephen “Steve” Douglas, CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
Anderson, Milton R., A1C-USAFSS-Vet.
Anderson, Robert Daniel, Col-USAF-Ret.
Batey, William H., A1C-USAFSS-Vet.
Cannariato, Thomas P., USAFSS-Vet.
Claire Jr., Johnston “Turk” Anthony, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Coulson, Eugene “Gene” Paul, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Cruz, “Ross” Rosinaldo, CMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Curry, “Pee-Wee” Leonard, USAFSS-Vet.
Durante, Peter G., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Epp, Martin S. USAFSS-Vet.
Ezell, Bobby L., USAFSS-Vet.
Foran, Rory, Capt-USAFSS-Vet.
Glover, Jonathan Ieronimos, USAFSS-Vet.
Guerrero, Rudy J., USAFSS-Vet.
Hessler, “Chuck” Charles, MSgt-USAF-Ret
Herbert, Barbara Montague, Spouse of Russell Herbert, USAF-Ret.
Hines, “Scotty” Warner, MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
Huguley, Wanda S. spouse of Mitchell Huguley, USAFSS Vet.
Holder Jr., Talmadge C., USAFSS-Vet.
Johnson, Glenn Echols, US Army & USAFSS-Vet.
Kirtley Jr., “Kirt” J.E., MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
Lamoureux, Alfred “Al” Stanislaus, MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
Lewandowski, Paul A., SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.
Lillis, George Washington, USAFSS-Vet.
Luopa, Phillip M., USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
MacDonald, Bryce “Mac” W., USAFSS-Vet.
Mackay, Leo S., USAFSS-Vet.
McDonald, David “Mac” Bradley, CMSgt-USAF-Ret.

- McGoldrick, John R., Col-USAF-Ret.
- Morich Jr., Randy, "Pap-Pap" P., USAFSS-Vet.
- Morrison, John "Jack" E., Maj Gen-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr. HOH 2000.**
- Murphy, Gene David, Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
- Norlin Sr., John "Jack" Louis, USA, Capt-USAF-Ret.
- Pacetti, Virgil C., USAFSS-Vet.
- Peer, William "Willy" Russell, CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
- Penton, Christal W., Spouse of L.W. "Bill" Penton-USAFSS. **Life Mbr.**
- Perdue, Thomas "Thom" Curtis, USAFSS-Vet.
- Poarch, Bobby Lee, USAFSS-Vet.
- Robbins, Alfred M., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
- Robison, William Hollis, USAFSS-Vet.
- Rodriguez, Robert Daniel, USAFSS-Vet.
- Ruderman, Grace, Spouse of CMSgt Josh Ruderman-USAF-Ret.
- Scherer, Christian "Chris" C. SSgt USAFSS-Vet.
- Shean, Lucille, Spouse of Col John P. Shean-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr, HOH 1983.**
- Sims, Bernard Dwight, USAFSS-Vet.
- Stevens, Thomas "Tom" F., Capt-USAFSS-Vet.
- Strotman, Laura Marjorie, Spouse of Col Bruce D. Strotman-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr. HOH 1996.**
- Thigpen, Clifton Keith, LTC-USA-Ret. USAFSS-Vet.
- Trischitta, Paul Joseph, USAFSS-Vet.
- Tully, William, USA-Vet, CMSgt-USAF-Ret.
- Vinay Jr., John "Red" Henry, Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
- Voltz, Robert N., USAFSS-Vet.
- Voronyak, Laverne "Lu" C., Spouse of Michael G. Voronyak USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
- Zelnis Jr., Joseph J., MSgt-USAF-Ret.



Anna "Ann" Fern Melson Acre, 74, of Winslow, Arkansas died Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at a local healthcare center. She was born October 27, 1938 in Ozark, Arkansas. She served in the United States Air Force for over two years and received an honorable discharge. Ann is survived by her husband, David whom she married April 8, 1961 in San Antonio, Texas. Inurnment will take place at Fayetteville National Cemetery. **//Obit in Flint Journal from Nov 14 to Nov 15, 2012// //Notified by husband, David Acre//**



CMSgt Stephen "Steve" Douglas Acuff, of Bonaire, Georgia died November 13, 2012 after a courageous fight against cancer. Steve was born on June 16, 1947 in Atlanta, Georgia. After attending the University of South Carolina for two years, Steve joined the Air Force and completed his degree requirements in 1987. He was a veteran of both Southeast Asia and Desert Storm and was

a Radio Intercept Analyst, Technical School Instructor, Professional Military Education Instructor, Director of Education and Commandant of the USAF NCO Leadership School at Myrtle Beach. Steve earned the ATC Master Instructor Badge and a degree in Communications. Over the years, he was stationed in Turkey, Texas (three times), Greece, Virginia, South Carolina, Italy, and retired as the Superintendent of the Military Personnel Flight at Robins AFB, Georgia. Steve was the Honor Graduate of the Air Training Command NCO Academy and a distinguished graduate of the USAF Senior NCO Academy. He was the 40th Mission Support Group Senior NCO of the year and the USAFE Inspector General NCO of the year. Between 1985 and 1989 he served on the United States Air Force Clemency Board. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three clusters and the AF Commendation Medal with three clusters. He is survived by his loving wife of forty-four years, Pauline. **//Complete obituary in The Telegraph from Nov 15 to Nov 16, 2012//**

Steve was on the staff at the ESC NCO Leadership School at Goodfellow (70's and early 80's). He went on to become the Commandant at the NCO Leadership School at Myrtle Beach. Last saw Steve at the closing ceremonies for the NCO Academy at Goodfellow a few years ago, a bright, dedicated, exemplary leader and friend. **//Ed Note//**



Col Robert "Bob" Daniel Anderson, 64, died Sept 23rd 2012. He was raised on a farm near Wilcox, AZ. After graduating from Wilcox High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in government from the University of Arizona, met and married Ruth Ziegler and was commissioned through the AFROTC program. For the next 26 years, he served in a variety of intelligence

positions, including Vietnam, the Pentagon, the Brookings Institution and as commander of the 67th Intelligence Wing. He retired in 1997. He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 43 years. **//Complete obituary in the Arizona Daily Star – Oct 14th, 2012// //Notified by Marco Aldaz//**



A1C Milton R. Anderson, 66, died Aug 29, 2012. He was born May 13, 1946. He was last living in Bloomingrose, WV. He was stationed in Misawa 1966-1967. //Notified by Helen Henderson with info from A. Vannicola//



A1C William H. Batey, 82, passed away December 22, 2011. He is preceded in death by his wife, Alice Marie and survived by his daughter Sharon. William was an Air Force veteran stationed with the USAFSS at Misawa AB, Japan in 1954. //Complete obit in the Tennessean – 25 Dec 2011//Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//



Thomas Paul Cannariato, 73, passed away on November 14, 2012 due to heart failure and lung difficulties. Tom was born in Passaic, NJ, on June 4, 1939 and moved to Weeki Wachee, FL. in 2005. He is survived by his wife Ida Bowman Cannariato. Tom served in the US Air Force from 1961-1965 in Japan. //Complete obit at downingfuneralhomeandcremation //Dave Bethard – 6918SS//



MSgt. Johnston A. "Turk" Claire Jr., 77, departed this life on January 18, 2013. Born in Harlem, New York on July 13, 1935, Turk served 26 years in the USAF, 16 years civil service at Kelly AFB in San Antonio, Texas and other jobs. He was an avid bowler along with various hobbies. Turk is survived by 3 children, Denise, Johnston A. Claire III and Craig. //Complete obituary in San Antonio Express-News - January 27, 2013// //Darr King//

Turk spent a while in the EC-47 program. Although, it seems he and I may have flown a mission or two...possibly Commando Lance (?)...back in the day. //Darr King//

Thanks for the notice on "Turk". Turk was my partner on the other Drill Press plane in the 6994th. Turk and I were the primary AMS's on the Drill Press birds in 1966 and early 67. Bob "Batchmo" Batchelor was the fill-in AMS and MSgt Tony Odom was our NCOIC AMS. Turk and I

spent many off-duty hours together playing Double Deck Pinochle. RIP partner. **//Darwin Bruce//**

“Turk” was assigned to the 6994th and 6948th in addition to other units. I worked with him at the 48th as part of the Compass Ears program from 1975-1977. His guidance was key to my learning the fundamentals of planning and staff work. **//Karl Hammerle//**



SMSgt Eugene “Gene” Paul Coulson, 70, passed away peacefully on Jan 12, 2013 in Westminster, Maryland. He was born January 13, 1942, in Buena Vista, Virginia. On his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the USAF. During 51 years of Government service, Gene traveled to over 13 countries. Of his 26 years in the USAF, 14 years were served in foreign countries. He retired in 1985 at RAF Chicksands, England. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, USAF Commendation Medal, Outstanding Unit Award, and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. After military retirement, he went on to serve his country for another 25 years as a Contractor for the National Security Agency. He is survived by his wife Beverly. **//Complete obituary in the Erie Times-News on January 20, 2013//**

I first met Gene in RAF Chicksands in 1981 - I was the Operations Superintendent and he was the Maintenance Superintendent. From 1986 to 1991 we lived in the same cul de sac in Hanover, MD and were neighbors and friends with Gene, his wife Beverly and their kids. We shared a lot of good times together. Gene was a hardworking, fun loving guy. R.I.P. Gene. **//Chuck MacFarlane – Roll Call Web Site//**



CMSgt Rosinaldo "Ross" Cruz, age 77, passed away on January 4th, 2013 in San Antonio, TX following a courageous battle with a long illness. Ross is survived by his devoted wife of almost 60 years, Mary. He was born in Dixon, NM, March 28th, 1935. Ross enlisted in the USAF on June 25th, 1956 and retired May 20th, 1982.

Among his many military awards were the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with one silver and three bronze oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, Korean Service Medal , Republic of Vietnam Campaign

Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the United Nations Service Medal. Chief Cruz was the 6917th ESG Senior Enlisted Advisor in 1981. **//Complete obituary in the San Antonio Express-News – Jan 6, 2013//** **//Notified by Bob Andress//**

Chief Cruz was the Operations Superintendent at San Vito about the 79-80 time frames I think – he was a personable, easy going man who always had a smile on his face. R.I.P. Chief. **//Chuck MacFarlane//**

Ross was Ops Sup at Vito (sometime after 1980), was in the HQS and spent time in Viet Nam. He was an old X1. **//Ron Moyer//**



Leonard L. “Pee Wee” Curry Sr., 80, of Woodlands, Texas passed away 27 Dec 2012 after a long illness. He was a member of the 2nd RSM, Darmstadt Germany in the early to mid 50’s. **//Original obituary in Houston Chronicle, Dec 29, 2012. //** **//Notified by Paul Laffitte –**

Roll Call Web Site//



MSgt Peter G. Durante, 77, passed away February 25, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years, which included a tour of duty during the Vietnam War, retiring as a Master Sergeant. Peter was an A2C 292X2 stationed at Misawa AB, Japan in 1955. He is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Kathy. He was predeceased by his first wife of 42 years, Marie. **//Obit in the Florida Times-Union on February 28, 2012//** **// Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//**



Martin S. Epp, 79, of Sykesville, died Jan. 22, 2013. He was born July 12, 1933 in Baltimore, MD. Martin served in the United States Air Force from 1953 until 1957. He was one of the early pioneers at Misawa AB, Japan and Wakkanai AS, Japan from 1953-1955. **//Complete obituary in the Carroll County Times//** **// Ray Swan//**



Bobby L. Ezell, 79, Rogersville, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2012. Bobby was a 20-year veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association, American Legion and VFW. Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Joan. //Complete obituary in Florence Times Daily on December 2, 2012//

//Notified by **Homer Waring**//

Bobby Ezell was a longtime Crypto maintenance technician in USAFSS. We were stationed together at European Security Region in the early 70's. Bobby was a great guy and a good friend. I just found out that he passed away in November. //Homer Waring//



Molly Olsen, Rory's sister just called me. **Rory Foran** died on Christmas day. He wanted to be buried in his flight suit. Molly said based on Rory's conversations that the flight suit represented the time when he was most happy. Rory was an 8035. He transferred from Samsun, Turkey to Athens in 1990. He was the 2nd Ops Officer in

Athens, believe he left Athens in 1972 or '73 and went to NSA. Rory was one of the funniest people I have ever known, and also the saddest. When I think of the early days in Athens, Rory is always part of that memory //Dick Gantzler//

Rory served in Athens when he was an Air Force Captain (early 70s, though I defer to Dick for the specific years), then at NSA after that tour. He was a gruff but gracious person. //Al Gray//

I'm sorry to hear about **Rory's** passing. He was definitely one of the Det 1, 6916th SS pioneers in Athens -- a real breath of fresh air He made life tolerable for us TDY guys from Rhein-Main. RIP RORY FORAN! //Larry Tart//

I believe that Rory may have been in Crete before Athens. Rory was the best of the best. He was all business in the compound but one of the gang off duty. He often came to my place in Glyfada to watch the soccer game of the week from England on TV. Dick Gantzler attended some of those nights. I wrote a couple of stories about him for his brother some

years ago when Rory went into a nursing home - too long to include here. Sorry to hear of his passing, RIP old friend. //Dave Bristol//



Jonathan Ieronimos Glover, 76, died October 24, 2012. His love of learning was never at a loss while he traveled the world during his 23 years in the Air Force, including serving in Vietnam, the Philippines, Turkey, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii and Greece. Jonathan is survived by his beautiful wife, Marianthe Maggioros Glover. //Complete

obituary in San Antonio Express News – 1 November, 2012//



Rudy J. Guerrero, 83, passed away on October 23, 2012. He was born in San Antonio, Texas and upon graduating from Fox Tech High School, he enlisted and served honorably in the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired in San Antonio in 1970. He is survived by his wife Carmen.

//Obit in San Antonio Express News – Nov 4, 2012//

Barbara Montague Herbert, beloved wife of Russell Herbert, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2012, in Payson, Utah. She loved to travel, was passionate about history, enjoyed reading, the outdoors, nature, and hunting for arrowheads. //Tom Baker OBO husband **Russell Herbert//**



Hello FaceBook friends, especially those of you that were stationed at Crete and San Vito. It is with sadness that I must pass on that **Chuck Hessler** passed away today while on a visit back to Brindisi, Italy. He was an -X1 and also a 1st Sgt at the 6917th Security Group, San Vito, Italy. He had a "no-nonsense" approach on the job, but loved life and

loved to have a good time. He will be missed by all who knew him. My sympathies go out to his extended family, RIP Chuck. //Jim Houle//

So sorry to hear this, Jim. Vito was my favorite assignment and working with Chuck in the Orderly Room, we became close. I was sharing stories of him Friday night - he and I, and Don Bowles, and a few with Lee

White, and our two fearless leaders, Al Chisholm, and Bill Connors. I truly loved working with Chuck. He was one of the good guys. My heart is saddened today. **//Brad Jonas//**



MSgt Warner M. "Scotty" Hines, 74, of 122 Fitzgerald Road, Rindge, NH, died suddenly Monday, January 7, 2013 in Peterborough, NH, after a brief illness. He was a USAFSS Veteran, serving his country for 22 years as a Radio Intercept Analysis/Security Superintendent. Warner leaves his wife of 52 years, Joan. **//Complete obituary in The Monadnock**

Ledger-Transcript from Jan 15 to Jan 16, 2013//

Eventually some things are declassified. A couple years ago my father shared with me some of what he did and where he went. We lived in Asia, Europe and Great Britain as my father served across the globe. He proudly served for 20+ years and retired in 1979 in San Antonio. He then served 20 years as a postal employee before returning to New England in 2002. His wishes are to be cremated and buried in the Hines family plot in Gardner Massachusetts. He will have a proper military burial and a highland piper to honor his British heritage. He was 74. Ne Oublie. Freedom through Vigilance. **//Craig Hines (son)//**

Scotty came to Det 2, 6910 Scty Gp at Wiesbaden in 1968. He remained with COMSEC at Darmstadt, Frankfurt, and RAF Chicksands. He was a good friend, a top notch NCO, and a memorable travelling companion. An expert mechanic, he was one of the few people I've known who could wear white coveralls. (He would emerge from an engine compartment totally clean; on the other hand, I only watched and would be covered with dirt and grease. **//Homer Waring/**



Talmadge "T.C." Holder, Jr., 65 of Marietta, GA died, April 13, 2012. A native Atlantan, Mr. Holder was a USAFSS veteran serving at the 6918th SS, Hakata, Japan. Interment at Kennesaw Memorial Park with military honors. **//Complete obituary in the Atlanta Journal Constitution April 15, 2012// Dave Bethard//**

Mrs. Wanda S. Huguley, of Newnan, Ga passed away August 8, 2012 at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. She loved crafts and enjoyed serving others. She was a dedicated Military spouse for 26 years, and she made friends everywhere she went. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Mitchell. // **Tom Baker OBO SMSgt Mitchell Huguley**//.



Glenn Echols Johnson, 68, of Goochland, Virginia, passed away on November 6, 2012. Glenn was born September 4, 1944 in Bainbridge, Georgia. He graduated from Bainbridge High School and Florida State University. Glenn first served in Special Operations in the United States Air Force; stationed at the 6918SS Hakata, Japan from 1964-1966 as a 292X1 Morse Systems Operator, and then, as Chief Warrant Officer and pilot in the United States Army. Glenn is survived by his wife, Sharran. //Complete obituary at iveyfuneral.com//

I can tell you without hesitation that Glenn was an Able Ace of the 6918th from 1964-1966 and was a 29251. I was there with him and remember that he was a great guy. //J. Richard Harris//



MSgt J. E. Kirtley died Dec 13, 2012 in Longwood, Florida. Mr. Kirtley served in Germany and Japan. He retired from the USAF in 1973. J. E. is survived by his daughter, Mitzi. //No obituary available// //Notified by Sharon DeRousha//



MSgt Alfred Stanislas Lamoureux, 82, entered into eternal rest on December 17, 2012. He was born in Southbridge, Massachusetts and was preceded in death by his wife, Edith.. Interment to be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. //Obit in Express-News on Dec 19, 2012// // William Sims//

Al was a great guy and will be missed by many. He was a retired MSgt, if I remember right, and then went to work in Ardisana Hall as a computer guy. That's where I met Al. When I worked for AFEWC in the late 70s, Al helped me out with programs. //William Sims//



SSgt Paul A. Lewandowski of Palm Beach, Florida died 2 Nov. 2012. He was originally from Buffalo, New York. Paul was a four year USAFSS vet serving as a 292X1 Morse Systems Operator in Okinawa, Japan, 1964-1965, 6918th SS, Hakata, Japan, 1965-1967, Det 1, 6994SS, Nha Trang AB, Vietnam 1967-1968 (flying with Doug George) and the 6993rd SS, Kelly AFB, TX in 1968. //No obituary available//
//Notification and info by Denny Click and Bill Francis//



George Washington Lillis, 75, of River Bend, North Carolina passed away August 14, **2011**. Mr. Lillis served our country with pride and distinction in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 until 1962 as a part of the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS) with duty stations in Misawa, Japan, 1957-1959 and Crete. He was a 202/Analyst. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Toni. **//Obit at Pollock-Best Funeral // Dutch Wiest – Misawa Web Site//**



Phillip M. Luopa, 72 of Dayton, passed away on Dec 9, 2012. He was a graduate of Troy High School class of 1958 in New Hampshire and a 1974 graduate of American University with a degree in Russian Language and Literature. He retired from the DOD and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force **//Complete obituary in Dayton Daily News on December 12, 2012//**

Hi Rass, One of my oldest and best friends, Phillip Luopa, former Chinese/Russian linguist and an NSA retiree passed in his sleep in Dayton, Ohio Sunday morning Dec 9th from complications of Larynx cancer and in declining health for over a year. USAFSS assignments were 6929th in Korea and the 6912th in Berlin in early-mid '60's. He was preceded in death by his only son Stephen in 2002. Thanks. **//E-Mail - Steve Mobry//**



Bryce W. “Mac” MacDonald, 76, passed away March 14, 2011 in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Born March 18, 1934, in Lincoln, Bryce enlisted in the Air Force after High School and he remained until 1973. He served in the Security Service and spent most of his 20 years outside of

the United States. In 1970, he was shot down in Vietnam and was the sole survivor of his crew of five. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Ann. Burial will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery where "Mac" will join his buddies who gave up their lives for our country. **//Complete obituary in The Concord Monitor on March 16, 2011//** **//Notified by Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//**

Condolences from all of Mac's friends with the 6913th Radio Squadron Mobile stationed together at Bremerhaven, Germany. We have some wonderful memories and I know that his wife, Mary Ann, also has wonderful memories and photos too. God Bless! **//Ron Fandrick - New Port Richey, FL//**

To Ron and all of Mac's Bremerhaven buddies - he loved all of you as brothers and I was so fortunate and proud to have some part in it to enjoy. Thank you and God Bless. **//Mary Ann MacDonald//**



Leo S. Mackay, 76, Baton Rouge native and resident of Plano, TX died Sept 26, 2012. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force being stationed at the 6918th SS, Hakata, Japan. **//Complete obituary in The Advocate from Sep 28 to Sep 30, 2012//** **Dave Bethard & Carol Farr//**



CMSgt David Bradley 'Mac' McDonald, 81, died Dec 23, 2012 in San Antonio, TX. He was born April 21, 1931 in Geneva, NY and was a 1949 graduate of DeSales High School, Geneva, NY. David and his wife, Joan where married for 48 years. He served in the USAF for 30 years and was a member of USAFSS for several of those years and on the Hq European Security Region staff after having been assigned at several European units. **//Obit in San Antonio Express-News – Dec 30, 2012. //Ron Weaver//**

Mac worked as the finance NCO in the Grunstadt personnel shop. He knew all phases of personnel and constantly went out of his way to help fellow workers and those who came in for assistance. He was the guy who generally knew the answer, and if he didn't, he immediately found it. I met him early in my career, and tried to adopt his methodology to much of what I did. **//Lynn Hebler//**



Colonel John R. McGoldrick, 84, of San Antonio passed away on December 26, 2012. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 20, 1928. Colonel McGoldrick graduated from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. in 1950, then joined the USAF. He was a member of the Inspector General's team as well as the Strategic Air Command. In 1973 he moved to San

Antonio where he was the commander of the Cryptologic Depot at Kelly AFB. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Donna McGoldrick.

//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express-News - Jan 6, 2013//



Randy P. "Pap-Pap" Morich Jr., 60, of Daisytown, died December 16, 2012, in the emergency room of Mon Valley Hospital. He was born January 27, 1952, in Brownsville. Mr. Morich was a 1969 graduate of California Area High School. A Vietnam veteran, he served with the USAFSS 6993rd and 6918th Security

Squadrons from 1970 to 1974. For his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Air Force Medal. Mr. Morich was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 33 of Greensburg. On May 15, 1976, he married Joyce Pigeon Morich, who survives. **//Complete obit in the Observer-Reporter// // Dave Bethard – 6918th SS/RSM//**



Major General John E. Morrison, Jr., 94, a 40-year resident of Davidsonville, died January 11 at his home. He was born on April 20, 1918 in Baltimore and graduated from the University of Baltimore in 1939 with a Juris Doctor degree. In 1942, John was commissioned in the Army Signal Corps and was

assigned to the Signal Intelligence Service, Army Air Forces in Washington, DC. He served in the Pacific theater during WW II, participating in the invasions of Munda, Bougainville, Green, Emirau and Luzon Islands. In 1947, John transferred to the USAF. In 1949, he attended Air Command and Staff School and then was retained on the faculty until he assumed command of the 6981st RGM in Alaska in 1953. In 1956, he went to Air Force Hq in Washington, DC as Chief of the Policy and Objectives Division . In this role, he advised President Kennedy during the 1961 Bay of Pigs Invasion. In 1963, he was designated Chief of the National Security Agency's Pacific Command and later became Assistant Director for Production. He retired from the

Air Force in 1973 and continued working at NSA until his Civil Service retirement in 1979. John's military awards included the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation medal and the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Asiatic/Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Award. He also received the Order of Service Merit, Third Class, from the president of the Republic of Korea in 1966. In 1979, John received the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal and was inducted into the NSA Hall of Honor in 2001. John was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Historical Intelligence Museum; founder, president and chairman of the National Cryptologic Museum Foundation Board; and a member of the Joint Military Intelligence College Foundation Board.
//Complete obituary in The Capital on January 15, 2013//



Lt. Col. Gene David Murphy, 81, of San Antonio, passed away peacefully on Dec 28, 2012. He is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth. Gene served for 20 years in the USAF. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Bronze Star for service with the USAFSS during the Vietnam War. "It was a demanding, 24/7 job, and he felt the best he could do in his line of work was to prevent harm to our people" said his wife, Ruth.

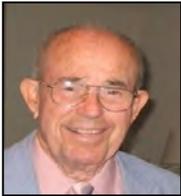
//Obit in the San Antonio Express-News from Jan 6 to Jan 8, 2013//



Capt John Louis "Jack" Norlin Sr., 73, passed away Nov. 15, 2012, in Houston. Jack, a 22-year resident of Greenville, was born in North Bend, Ore., on Jan. 25, 1939. After graduating high school, he was educated at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, and Troy University in California. His 51 year marriage to Margret Elaine Burk

began on April 2, 1961 in San Angelo. His 26-year military career began with four years in the U.S. Army; which took them to Taiwan, San Antonio, Vietnam, Turkey, Japan, then back to San Antonio. Retiring as a captain, after 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, he began his second career in Greenville as a systems engineer with E-Systems, Raytheon and retiring from L-3 in 2004. Survived by his wife, Margret Norlin of Houston. **//Obit in the Herald-Banner Staff – Nov 21, 2012//**

We knew a Captain Jack Norlin and family at Misawa - he was an 8035 & a flight commander there when I was the Sqdn Sec Cmdr (74-78). Margie is originally from Houston.// **Marv Borgman – Roll Call** //



Virgil C. Pacetti, 84, passed away on December 24, 2012. He was born April 29, 1928 in Vienna, GA and retired after 23 years of service from the US Air Force during the end of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Mr. Pacetti is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jane. //Obit **Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, Orange Park, FL** //

Rass, must be getting old and forgetful. I was notified that Virgil Pacetti had cancer at Christmas time and was not expected to live much longer. A few days later I received word that he had passed away. He was in the Jacksonville, FL area. I first met Virgil in early 1961 when he was stationed in Okinawa. He was a cryptanalyst (201). He had served a hitch in the army during the Korean War, gotten out for a time then, re-enlisted in the AF in 1956 and went to March AFB for 201 school. He subsequently became an instructor in that school and moved with the school to Goodfellow in 1958. Went to Okinawa (6922nd), back to the Goodfellow where he was converted to a 202 instructor, spent a tour at Danang then subsequently retired in 1972. He later graduated from Angelo State with a degree in accounting. //Dave Naab//



CMSgt William Russell Peer, 81, of Stafford County died Aug. 20, 2011, at his home in Aquia Harbour. Mr. Peer was born in Detroit and raised in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. He attended the prestigious Collegiate School in St. Thomas and shortly thereafter joined the Air Force in 1950. He studied Russian at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. Mr. Peer served in USAFSS for 27 years. As a young man, he saw service in the Korean War and then served multiple tours in Japan, England and Berlin. He also served at various duty stations in the U.S. Bill was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Charlotte Kahalealiihou Peer. //Complete obit at **Fredericksburg.com**// //Notified by Keith and Mark Peer//

//E-Mail from Keith and Mark Peer. Dad served over 27 years as a R20890 and a 20270. His assignments were: Korea, 1950-1951, Japan 1951-1952, San Antonio 1952-1953, Chicksands, UK 1953-1955, Zweibrucken, Germany 1955-1957, Redlands, California 1957-1959, Goodfellow 1959-1962, Berlin 1962-1965, Goodfellow 1965-1968, 6986th SS Wakkanai, Japan 1968-1972, 6912th SG Berlin, Germany 1972-1976. We miss our dad; he was proud to serve and enjoyed his time in the AF. Dad is buried at Quantico MCB. My brother and I thank you and your organization for your service as well.//



Christel Waltraut (Doerfler) Penton, 74, of Grand Prairie, TX passed away on May 21, 2012, after a yearlong battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 49 yrs, Leonard W “Billy” Penton. //E-Mail from Billy Penton: “Christel accompanied me through more than 14 years of my AF career, though my USAFSS career ended with our marriage in 1962. - Members of the 6916th at Rheine Main in the late 50's and early 60's will remember Chris as the day manager of the Cafe Royal across from the main train station in Frankfurt (a respectable restaurant and bar in the daytime and a den of iniquity at night). On Christmas day, 1961, Louis DuLong and Luke Laurell encouraged me to ask Chris to join me for a party at Luke's girlfriend's place. We were together from that night until her death.”//



Thomas Curtis Perdue, 60, was born on December 9, 1951 in Richmond, VA and went to be with the Lord on November 14, 2012 in San Antonio, TX. Thom was a 202X0 Intercept Analyst and was stationed in Korea and Japan. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. Survived by his wife, Jana. //Obit in San Antonio Express News, Nov 16th 2012//Bob Askew//

Remember all the good times and all the love he gave. RIP Thomas and we thank him for being part of our team years ago. //Chuck Tache//



Bobby Lee Poarch, 69, passed away unexpectedly, Nov. 26, 2012, at Mission Memorial Hospital, Asheville. Bobby was born, July 9, 1943, in Caldwell County. He was USAF veteran and was a member of the American

Legion of Valdesse, Post 234. He is survived by his wife, Denyse LaChapelle Poarch. **//Obituary in Hickory Daily Record, 28 Nov 2012//Notified by Doug George – Roll Call Web Site//**

Sorry to hear of another USAFSS family member moving on. Bobby was well known in Darmstadt for the great football he played at R/M for the 6910th. My prayers go out to the family. **//Chuck Tache//**

At the 6910th Reunion in Ashville in 2007, Bobby was full of life and joy. He would often break out in song. He had an excellent voice and his joy came through singing to others. Great guy. **//Bobby Edwards//**

I was saddened to hear this news of Bobby. Although he was my age and served in Darmstadt when I was there, I did not meet him until 2010 San Angelo reunion. He was easy to get to know and to enjoy his company. Months after the reunion, I even got an invite to stop in and see him if ever I was in his neighborhood. **//Skip Lemay//**



SMSgt Alfred M. Robbins, 83, died December 11, 2010. Alfred was a 292 TSgt on Trick 4 at Misawa AB, Japan 1961-1964. He is interred at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery San Antonio, TX sec 2B site 2806. **//No obit available// //Notified by Stan Morris//**



William Hollis Robison, 82, of Salado, Texas, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2013. He was born on September 9, 1930 in the small town of Shallowater, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science degree and then served four years in the Air Force Security Service. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Darlene. **//Complete obituary in the San Antonio Express-News - January 23, 2013//**



Robert Daniel Rodriguez, 74, passed away May 29, 2012. A veteran of the US Air Force and native Houstonian, he is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sylvia. Robert was as a 293XX (Ground Radio) while stationed at Misawa AB, Japan in 1958. **//Obit at Forest Part Lawndale Funeral Home//Helen Henderson –**

Misawa Web Site//



Grace A. Ruderman born January 1, 1928, in Watertown, NY passed away peacefully on December 29, 2012. Grace married Joshua Ruderman on May 17, 1952. She was an avid volunteer during her husband's USAF service in Japan and Hawaii. She is preceded in death by her husband, CMSgt. Joshua Ruderman (Ret). She is survived by her children, Lynn, Ryan, Cheryl, and Richard. **//Complete obituary in the San Antonio Express-News - December 30, 2012//**

The lovely and friendly Grace Ruderman passed away on 29 Dec 2012. Grace was the wife of CMSgt (Retired) Josh Ruderman who was a long time communicator for USAFSS. I knew Grace and Josh during their tours at the 6961st Comm. Sq, (Kelly AFB) and the 6988th (Fuchu As, Japan). **//Ron Weaver//**



SSgt Christian C. Scherer, 63, of Toms River, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Born in Jersey City, he lived in Manchester and Jackson before moving to Toms River in 1995. Christian was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Freehold. He was a USAF veteran. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Beverly. **//Complete obituary in Asbury Park press on Jan 4, 2013//Notified by Mike Porta//**

Bev Scherer, Chris's wife, called this afternoon to tell me Chris had received a heart transplant a few months ago but picked up an infection and passed away 1 Jan 2013. I didn't know Chris at Misawa but we were close friends during our time at the 6948th. Some of you may remember that Chris was my wife's sponsor for her American Citizenship in 1977. I know that both Mercy and I will always remember him. Chris was an X1 in Misawa 69-72 on Charlie Flight, 72-75 Days (DOME) and in the 6948th from 75-79. Rest in Peace Silent Warrior. **//Mike Porta//**

I knew Chris at Misawa in the 1970s (day shift) and also when he was in the 6948th. Chris was a good person and a hard worker. May he rest in peace. My condolences to Chris's wife and family. **//Ed Benningfield//**



Lucille Elaine Hawks Shean, 94, passed away October 22, 2012. Lucille was born on February 17, 1918, in Omaha Nebraska. On August 31, 1940, she married Col. John P. Shean and became a career military wife. They lived abroad in Greece, Turkey, Germany, and various bases in the United States. Lucille is preceded in death

by her husband John P. Shean who was the Ops officer at 2nd RSM and later 6910th. **//Complete obituary in San Antonio Express-News -October 26, 2012// //Notified by Malcolm Murff//**



Bernard Dwight Sims, 68, died Sept 8, 2012. He was born Sept 20, 1943 in Cullman, Alabama. Bernard was a 292XX while stationed at Misawa AB, Japan 1963-1965. **//No obituary available// //Notified by Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//**



Capt Thomas F. ‘Tom’ Stevens, age 67, of Suwanee GA passed away on Nov. 7, 2012 after a valiant battle with cancer. He was a graduate and avid University of Alabama fan. Tom served as a Captain in the USAF. He was with Data Automation as a new 2nd Lt Programmer at HQ USAFSS in the late 60’s then went to Sheppard AFB, TX, where he taught at the Comptroller School. He left the Air Force there, as a Captain. Tom is survived by his wife, Cathy. **//Complete obituary in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on November 9, 2012// //Notification and input by Jim Youngson//**



Laura Marjorie Strotman, 80, passed away at her home in Rockwall, Texas, surrounded by her family on December 29th, 2012. On June 12, 1954, Laura and Bruce began fifty-eight years of marriage. Throughout Bruce’s 28-year Air Force career, Laura raised their children lovingly, patiently and often alone, through the frequent moves, extended separations and other hardships of military life. She saw all three generations of her family off to war, taking great pride in the tradition of service fostered by her strength and compassion. Laura also served as a nurse for the American Red Cross. She is survived by her husband, Bruce. **//Complete obituary in the Waverly Democrat from Jan 3 – Jan 10, 2013//**

It is with great sadness that I pass on Bob Cotti's message concerning Laura Strotman's passing. Espy said it best: "Sad, sad news. It is very difficult for me to believe even though I knew it was coming. I saw so much spunk and life in her when we visited. I thought she would be around for a while longer yet. RIP Laura, we love you." Remain In Touch. **//Bob Cope//**

With deepest regrets I want to let you folks know the sad news that Laura Strotman passed away after a long battle with cancer. Bruce is doing as well as can be expected. All of the kids are here in Rockwall with Bruce now. Please pass this on to all of those who knew and loved Laura and Bruce. **//Bob Cotti//**



LTC Clifton Keith Thigpen, 77 of Vidalia, Georgia died September 11, 2012 in the Community Hospice House in Vidalia after an extended illness. Dr. Thigpen was born and raised in Montgomery County. He had a long military career; serving both as an enlisted airman in the 50's, (202/Analyst in Misawa 55-56 and Det 8, 1st RSM Wakkanai, Japan 1957) and as an officer in the USAF and the US Army. He earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia in 1963 and a Masters in Public Health and Safety from the University of Missouri in 1970. He lived in Montgomery and Toombs County since his retirement from the Army in 1988 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Dr. Thigpen is survived by his wife of 51 years, Eloise Powell Thigpen. **//Complete obit in the Telegraph Sept 14, 2012// //Notified by Bill Doolittle via e-mail from Keith's wife, Eloise//**



Paul J. Trischitta of Acton died Wednesday August 22, 2012 in his home with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife Anne. After Malden Catholic High School, he graduated from New Hampshire University. He served in the United States Air Force from 1963 through 1966 and was stationed in Iraklion, Crete for 2 years working in S/W Operations. Paul loved the island of Crete and often returned with his family and friends. **//Complete obit @ The Boxborough Beacon Aug 30 to Sept 6, 2012// //Notified by Gary McPherson//**



CMSgt William "Bill" Tully, 90, passed in his Severn home on Dec 30, 2012. Bill is survived by his children, Kathleen, Gordon, and Gail; stepsons David and Donald. He was born Feb 24, 1922 in Lowell, MA, graduated cum laude from Tufts; Presidio of Monterey, CA; and the Russian Institute at Columbia, NYC. Bill served in the U.S. Army throughout WWII

as a radio operator, MP Desk Sergeant and combat paratrooper. Joining the newly formed Air Force in 1950 William Tully distinguished himself during the air war in Korea where his Russian language and communications intercept skills helped facilitate allied air dominance. During the Cold War as both a USAF Chief Master Sergeant and later as a NSA Research Analyst he pioneered new intelligence techniques vital to our nation's security. Dad was a soldier with a poet's heart. //Obit in Maryland Gazette on Jan 5, 2013// Bob Leach//



Col John Henry Vinay, Jr., 89, passed away peacefully, Oct. 21, 2012, surrounded by family in Plano, Texas. John, or "Red", as he was known by family and friends, was born in Valdese, Jan. 19, 1923. After he joined the Air Force, he spent an illustrious career as both a navigator and a bombardier instructor.

After flying reconnaissance missions in Japan, he spent his remaining military career in intelligence with tours in Greece, Germany and Pakistan. After his promotion to Colonel in 1966, he served as the DOD special representative for intelligence to the military commander for all military forces in Vietnam. He returned to Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas as Base Commander and later would be elevated to Wing Commander of the 6940th Security Wing. After 32 years of military service, John retired in Dec. of 1974. John is survived by his first wife, Ruth Abee. //Obit in The News Herald Nov 18, 2012//Notified by Son-In-Law Glen Hartman//



Robert N. Voltz, 63, passed away after a long battle with cancer on December 29, 2012. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a Russian Linguist during the Vietnam War. Robert is survived by his loving wife, Corianne. //Obit in Akron Beacon Journal Jan 6 - 11, 2013//Curtis Lowe – 6924th Web and Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//

Laverne "Lu" C. Voronyak, 69, ended her battle with ovarian cancer at home with her husband on 24 November 2012 in Golden Valley, MN. Born in Indio, CA, she married Michael G. Voronyak in Princeton, Minnesota 03/07/64. Laverne was active with the wives clubs, softball, flag football, bowling and volunteering at her son's schools during the 70s and 80s at the 6911th, 6912th and 6913th. She is survived by her husband Michael and supported his Air Force career from 1968-1992.
//Complete obituary in the Star Tribune on November 28, 2012//
//Notification and information by husband, Michael//



Joseph "Joe" J. Zelnis Jr., 66, died Jan 24, 2013 in White Lake, MI. He was born July 11, 1946. Joe was a one of a kind: a loving and loyal husband, father and an outstanding USAFSS/ESC NCO. He was well known for his ready smile and quick wit. He spent most of his 20 year career overseas and the majority of that time in Japan along with his wife Nancy and three children.

Please let others know **Joe Zelnis** passed away this morning.. **//Tony Mannucci//Jan 24, 2013//**

I just received word that Joe Zelnis passed away this morning after a long illness. Joe worked radio maintenance. I knew Joe at Misawa 1970/1971 when I was on Trick II. Joe was a member of T-13 and the Rock Club and seemed to know everyone on the Hill. Deepest sympathy to his wife, Nancy, son Nathan and daughters Angela, Gloradean, and Melonie and his grandchildren. **//Joe Fraundorfer//Jan 24, 2013//**

I just heard through an email. Joe was one of my best friends and fellow T-13 members. I was able to visit with him in 2007 and again in 2009. We shared many a crazy adventures together. He will be missed. **//Rob "Gohan" Price//**

Was at Joe's initiation to the T-13 - swallowing down the hard-stuff and then left PCS back to Kelly, AFB. Saw Joe Z. again in 2007, Waycross, Ga. our first ever "T-13 and Friends Reunion". What a character! Like we were friends forever. He helped the T-13 by, replicating our T-13 medallions and introducing them to our 2nd Reunion in 2009, at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Aloha Oe, Joe Z., you surely will be missed! To Nancy and Family, God Bless and be Strong. Thank you for Joe Z. **//Stephen "espi" Espinueva 60-71//**

Joe’s passing today hits close to home. First met Joe at Missy in 70-71 then again at Goodfellow in '74 where we went through Instructor School together. Nancy phoned me about 5 pm this afternoon and we talked for about 15 – 20 minutes about Joe's bout with leukemia, blood transfusions and his heart issues. Will post representative testimonials in the March issue of the FTVA newsletter. A lot of our FTVA members have been stationed with Joe. Nancy said they were planning a family & friends picnic on Joe’s birthday in mid-July. //D. Rassmussen Jan 24, 2013//

IN MEMORIAM

We must never forget the sacrifices made and the loss still felt by many military men and women as well as many fathers, mothers, wives, husbands, sons and daughters of our Air Force family over the death of loved ones.



*These are our heroes.
They made the ultimate sacrifice. Paid the ultimate price.*



6918th Scty Sq Tribute to James Dorsey, Jr

<http://www.6918thhakata.com/>

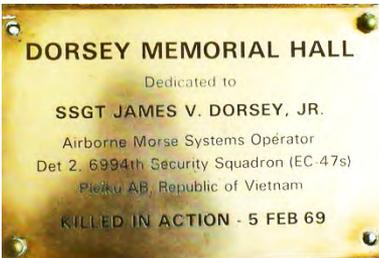
Bill Mink



SSgt James V. Dorsey, Jr. was killed in action 5 February 1969, when the EC-47 (CAP 72) aircraft on which he was serving as an Airborne Morse Systems Operator, was downed by enemy fire over Laos.

SSgt Dorsey was born 1 December 1945, in Washington D.C., and graduated from Archbishop Catholic High School in 1963. SSgt Dorsey enlisted in the Air Force 4 November 1965. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB, and Morse code training at Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

SSgt Dorsey was then assigned to the 6918th Security Squadron, Hakata AS, Japan. On 30 October 1968, he was reassigned to Det2, 6994th Security Squadron, Pleiku AB, Vietnam. SSgt Dorsey was posthumously promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant 1 June 1969. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart (Posthumously), Air Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal. SSgt Dorsey was survived by his father and brother.



On 11 November 1987, the (then) 301st Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan, named its Permanent Capability Facility (Bldg 1522) **Dorsey Memorial Hall**.



Follow up to MRSEA Search for CAP 72

(Maximum Recovery in SouthEast Asia)

//Paul Clever@ paul4MRSEA@yahoo.com//

Veterans in Single Grave Will Be Disinterred for Identification

A single grave site honoring an American crew whose plane crashed during the Vietnam War is being unearthed so examiners can identify the remains. The work began Tuesday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery near St. Louis, which has held the remains of some of the 10 man crew for over four decades. The crew’s plane went down in Laos in **Feb 7, 1969**, and it took three months for search teams to find scattered skeletal remains. DNA tests will be done to determine whose remains were buried in Missouri and whose were left behind. (AP)

6994th Security Squadron Losses

- TSgt Louis J. Clever, Westmoreland City, PA - Radio Operator
- SSgt James V. Dorsey, Washington, DC - Radio Operator
- TSgt Hugh L. Sherburn, Vancouver, WA - Radio Operator
- SSgt Rodney H. Gott, Miami, FL - Radio Operator
- Sgt Clarence L. McNeill, Warsaw, NC - Radio Operator

APRIL 15, 1969 –“LEST WE FORGET”

Posted By: Bobby Edwards (66-68) Dec 22, 2012



In scanning old photos from DaNang, I just ran across this photo, taken in March 1969, and wanted to share it – “Lest we forget” these 31 brave American fellow Silent Warriors – the

Signals crew from the U.S. Naval Security Group. On April 15th, 1969, flying a mission in the Sea of Japan, 92 miles off the coast of North Korea, PR21 (seen in this photo) was intercepted and shot down by two North Korean MiG's. All crewmen aboard this EC-121 were lost.

“We Still Remember!”
40th Anniversary of Baron 52 Shoot down

Submitted by Tom Crowley w input from Tom Penn

Feb 7, 1973: The loss of the eight man crew of **Baron 52**, an EC-47Q reconnaissance aircraft (Tail #636) flown by a 4-man flight crew from the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (TEWS). The 4-man USAF Security Service (USAFSS) reconnaissance crew were members of Detachment 3, 6994th Security Squadron located at Ubon RTAB, in southeast Thailand (formerly designated Detachment 2, 6994th SS, shortly prior was operating from Da Nang AB, RVN).

6994th Security Squadron Loses

SSgt Todd M. Melton, Milwaukee, WI - Radio Op
 Sgt Joseph A. Matejov, East Meadow, NY - Radio Op
 Sgt Peter R. Cressman, Wayne, NJ - Radio Opr
 Sgt Dale Brandenburg, Capitol Heights, MD - Systems Repair Tech

This mission was launched from Ubon RTAB February 4, 1973 23:30 (local Thailand time). **The aircraft and crew were shot down February 5, 1973** approximately 45 miles southeast of Saravane in the Steel Tiger area of Laos near the Ho Chi Minh Trail. At last report, shortly after reporting-in stating that they were taking fire and were altering course, the crew gave an "all clear" signal.

The incident occurred nine (9) days after the formal signing of the Peace Accord between the U.S. and both North and South Vietnam, "ending hostilities" in Southeast Asia. Laos was NOT a signatory to the agreement. The partially burned wreckage was discovered four days later along with four bodies but with no survivors at the crash site.. The crash site was excavated January 1993, with very few signs of any human existence. All archeological findings were sent to CIL-HI, the U.S. Army laboratories in Hawaii, for possible identification.

In 1997, a lone casket containing approximately 29 bone fragments, was interred at Arlington National Cemetery (photo right).





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CHRISTMAS IN THE DESERT

From: Ron Hentz rdhentz@gmail.com

Re: Christmas in the Desert

The Prop Wash Gang (PWG) has been supporting the troops at Christmas since 2006. This past Christmas we provided another \$5,220 along with \$500 from our "Beaners" brothers in support to the troops via our annual Christmas in the Desert program. With the \$17,365 previously provided, that brings our new total to \$22,985. POCs at the units arranged for purchases and transportation to the deployed sites.

Cheers, Ron

From: CMSgt Arthur E. Croteau Dec 31, 2012

To: Ronald D. Hentz/ Prop Wash Gang

Mr Hentz, I'm the Chief out here at the 763rd ERS, and wanted to say Thank You for the generosity of you and the rest of the Prop Wash Gang. We've received the dartboard, Keurig, coffee, vacuums, Wii (and controllers and charger) popcorn maker (with oil and popping corn) and the snow cone maker. Your generous and practical Christmas presents made us all very happy. Thanks again for your tremendous support -- especially around the holidays. With Warmest Regards, Art Croteau

From: Larry Prall//6990th Doggers//Sent: Jan 22, 2013//

Subj: Work Space



Noticed something at the office this morning and grabbed a photo of it. FWIW, the screen saver by default just says "Apple"(left) but when I switched to it a couple of weeks ago because I was tired of the others and just grabbed the

simplest one I could find and made a slight modification. Didn't notice at the time, that it also served to label another item on my upper shelf (right).



Anniversary Announcements

Richard & Colleen Lucas 60th Anniversary

Married on Oct 22, 1952 in Lingleville, TX, the Lucas' have two children, Kathleen and Robert. CMSgt Dick Lucas spent most of his 30 years as a Traffic Analyst in USAFSS. As a career home maker, Colleen taught school when the opportunity arose. Their tours included Goodfellow (2), Turkey, St Lawrence Island, Misawa (2), Omaha, Ft Meade and SanVito, Italy.



Robert “Bob” & Shirley Hull



Bob & Shirley Hull celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on November 27th, 2012. This photo was taken at the 6994th Myrtle Beach reunion in September 2012.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Happiness is always there within reach, no matter how long it may last. Life is too short. Work as if it was your first day. Forgive as soon as possible. Love without boundaries. Laugh without control. Oh, and never stop smiling!

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