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The first Labor Day was held in 1882. Its origins stem from the desire of the Central Labor Union to create a holiday for workers. It became a federal holiday in 1894 and was originally intended to be a day with a street parade to allow the public to express appreciation for trade and labor organizations. After the parade, a festival was to be held. In later years, prominent men and women made speeches. This is less common now, but is sometimes seen in election years. One reason for choosing to celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday in September was to add a holiday in the long gap between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.

Labor Day is a day of rest and the last chance for many people to go on trips before the summer ends. For students, it is the last chance to organize parties before school starts again. In some neighborhoods, people organize fireworks displays, barbecues and public arts or sports events. The football season starts on or around Labor Day and many teams play their first game of the year during Labor Day weekend.

For the FTVA and the AFISR Agency, Labor Day means retirees, active duty military and civilians begin to put final preparations into high gear for the annual Command anniversary activities held on the final weekend in September.



The President's Corner

Dear Members,

Much has taken place as we continue to work toward September's Reunion activities! In June, we said goodbye to Maj Gen Bob Otto and welcomed Maj Gen Jack Shanahan as the new AFISRA Commander. General Shanahan attended our July Board of Directors Meeting (see pp 7-8). He is well aware of our support through the years, and we look forward to his vision and leadership as he guides the Agency's intricate missions and responsibilities. We were also pleased to have had a combination of Rocky Mountain and Heritage Chapter representation at the July meeting. Both of these chapters have been extremely active during the past few months, as evidenced by the Ratchett 33 memorial ceremony and plans for the EC-47 ARDF display at Goodfellow (see pp 19-21).

I often encounter active duty personnel, retirees, and alumni who are unfamiliar with the FTVA. I'd like to challenge each of you to be proactive in identifying those eligible for membership and encourage them to join the Association. Familiarize them with our website, Facebook page, and assist in obtaining membership documents via the website, newsletter, or pamphlets. Bob Baert works hard to facilitate access for new members. New members are our lifeline for continued success and support – without them, FTVA becomes a stagnant and diminishing organization. Please contact us with any ideas you may have to publicize our efforts and expand our overall membership.

This is my final President's Corner. I've been very fortunate to serve with a great Board of Directors, Chapters, and a dedicated membership for two terms, and will continue to contribute to the Association in any way possible. We have a great organization that provides key support for many deserving people and a common connection for our members. This isn't possible without an active membership and the generosity of individuals, families, and corporate Vigilant Partners. Jen and I have been fortunate and proud to represent you in a variety of venues, and we've continually heard compliments and words of thanks from so many organizations and individuals. We sincerely appreciate your participation and look forward to seeing many of you during the upcoming reunion and future activities!

Remain In Touch, *Lee*



FTVA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Douglas R. Holden



Doug Holden was actively involved in the USAFSS/ESC from its inception, and he remained in touch with its successor Intelligence Commands through his participation in FTVA's recurring activities. At the monthly meeting of our BOD on June 21st, Doug announced his retirement from the position as Special Activities Chair. A Charter member of the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association, Doug has

been the proverbial "Jack of All Trades" and historical mentor for this organization for the past 32 years. As you might expect, he holds a wealth of memories from "back in the day".

Doug's career started with the U.S. Army Security Agency in 1946, he then joined the Air Force Security Service HQs at Brooks Field as a civilian in April of 1949 and served there until his retirement in 1988. Doug's induction into the Command Hall of Honor in 1990 reads:

"Mr. Douglas R. Holden, USAF Civilian (Ret), is honored for his significant contribution to the USAFSS, ESC, Air Force, and our country in communications security. His many "firsts" include the design, development, and testing of cryptographic systems, and the development of the first-ever Air Force secure facsimile system. He engineered complex worldwide networks and had a major impact on obtaining the computer security mission for ESC. Doug was one of the original pioneers in this business, and through his superior efforts, significantly enhanced the security of our country."

Doug served as Alumni President (1985-87) and as interim Secretary at various times during his long tenure on the BOD. With the expanded mission and change to the Air Force Intelligence Command in the early 90's, Doug proposed our association adopt the Command Motto "Freedom Through Vigilance Association" which was subsequently accepted by the membership. He is also well known for his volunteer involvement in San Antonio programs for the blind and those in need.

On July 19th, 2013, your BOD unanimously designated Doug as an FTVA Director Emeritus.



Hi Folks, Hope y'all had a happy and healthy summer. Looking forward to our always fun annual FTVA reunion at the end of September? This issue of RIT should give you some interesting and enjoyable reading whether it's from our History and Memories section or our coverage of Chapter activities, reunions or

Command News. We welcome Ken Maynard who has graciously joined our Auxiliary Newsletter Staff. Ken will compile multiple articles (i.e. for the AFISR Agency section and provide overall QC/content review). In our Member Spotlight, we bid farewell to Doug Holden who retires after serving over three decades on our BOD. There are several FTVA articles, including AJ Harrison's announcement of our 2013 HOH inductees. There are a number of area get-togethers in San Antonio planned in conjunction with our annual festivities. Jacque Lerma oversaw the acquisition of a new FTVA Central picnic tent as the reliable Chair of our picnic this year. We all look forward to seeing you at the golf tournament, the remembrance/picnic and/or the annual meeting the end of September.

Sincerely,



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Letters to the Editor



From: John Brown (6949th SG)

Comment - An absolutely great Remain in Touch newsletter this quarter. There was more about the major bases of operation and the people that were part of it. The Eielson entry this time was great. Love to hear about the beginnings and the era of the retired. //28May2013//

From: Benjamin Candelaria (HQ USAFSS 1975)

Comment - Rass, The FTVA has come a long way since I retired. Duke Dapolito did a fantastic job on the Newsletter with the tools he had at his disposal. It's a downer to read the Fallen Eagles section because I see more and more of my buddies from the 1950 era! USAFSS was a great experience and I never regretted helping develop the Command in its earlier years. //29May2013//



FTVA Newsletter in Soft Copy

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(Our total electronic subscription is now at 200 even.)

From: eagle1964@juno.com (Monday, June 3, 2013)
To: membersupport@ftva.org
Subject: Re: Soft Copy newsletter

Bob - I just logged on to my first "soft copy" newsletter. Wow, it's great! Had no idea what I was missing without the color photos and very crisp, clear copy. Now I'll have to get into my photo archives from my 2 years at Tuslog Det 94, Karamursel and share some memories with you in the times ahead. Regards, Dan Benson - Able Flt. Cmdr.

To: FTVA Membership Chairman membersupport@ftva.org
Subject: Re: Change to soft copy format

Bob, I like the E-version much better than the hard copy. It's easier to enlarge and read and the color photos are great. Keep up the great work on the newsletter. It is much appreciated by us old far.....err, excuse me, 'Senior Citizen Retired Vets'.

AFISR AGENCY COMMANDER VISITS FTVA BOD



(Above) On July 19, 2013, your FTVA BOD hosted an introductory visit from Maj Gen John “Jack” Shanahan (upper left), recently assigned as the new Commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency.

With introductions completed, including a handshake with Brig Gen (Ret) Grover Jackson (Right), the general gave a brief overview of his vision for the Agency which was very well received by those in attendance. He then thanked the FTVA for its continuing support and opened the floor for a discussion on FTVA alumni organization involvement.



Mr. Ken Williams (2nd from left) welcomed a foursome from the FTVA Heritage Chapter in San Angelo, TX: J J Graham, Tom Nurre, Ed Bendinelli, and John Garrett (Goodfellow Tech Training Center History Office).

Tom Nurre led a discussion on the Heritage Chapter's recent initiative to provide a display on ARDF training and operational history in the Goodfellow Wing HQ building (see June 2013 RIT p 18 for particulars).

(Right) Lee Anthony then summarized his trip to the Giant Safari/Rocky Mtn Chapter Remembrance Ceremony at the Air Force Academy (see pp.16-18 in this issue).



Annual FTVA Officer Elections

This year, the nominating committee accepted submissions for the offices of President and Vice President. With the unanimous concurrence of the FTVA BOD, Messrs. Ron Haygood and Andy Smith (intro's in June 2013 issue) accepted nomination to serve as President and Vice President respectively for the upcoming term. Formal announcement and installation will be at our annual meeting on Sep 28th.

Dennis Rassmussen, Committee Chair

The Membership Corner

FTVA Reunion packets (ballots, banquet info etc.) were mailed to the membership in mid-July along with the annual 2013 Member Directory. If you would like to make sure that your membership never lapses, consider a life membership. Dues are listed on the Membership Application located on the inside back cover of this newsletter.

Bob Baert,

Membership support (webadmn@ftva.org)



FTVA Hall of Honor Selections



The Hall of Honor (HOH) selection committee takes great pleasure in announcing this year’s “Decade of the 90s” selections for the HOH at the 28 Sep 2013 induction ceremony. The following HOH members comprised this year’s selection committee: Brig Gen Grover Jackson – USAF Ret; Col Bob Cope – USAF Ret; Cmd CMSgt Okey Warden – USAF Ret; CMSgt /GS15 Bob Egger – USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Crabtree – USAF Ret; CMSgt Ed Jolly – USAF Ret; and CMSgt Edward Barnes - USAF Ret.

On behalf of the Committee, I hereby announce the following individuals representing "The Decade of the 90s" as your 2013 inductees into the FTVA HOH:

- Maj Gen Paul Dettmer, USAF (Ret)
- Mr. Dennis H. Alvey, DAF (SES) (Ret)
- Ms Betsy S. Witt, DAF (DISL) (Ret)
- Chief Master Sergeant Jesse K. Coultrap, USAF (Ret)
- MSgt John H. Armintrout, USAF (Ret)

Thank you and Remain In Touch,
A.J. Harrison, HOH Program Chair

Official Activities

This has been a very busy couple of months for our Vigilant Partner Program. It is the seasonal start of many renewals as a norm, but this year—thanks largely to the efforts of Bernie Gavin and Greg Roman—we now have a very active Colorado Chapter of the FTVA. This added quite a few members to our Partner Program, and provided the means of support for the U-28/Ratchett 33 memorial ceremonies held in Colorado Springs. Now, while we’ve added those numbers, we have also seen a few drop off. We extend an invitation to both corporations and individuals to participate as Vigilant Partners. If you are interested and have any questions about the program, please contact me at jmclendon@sbcglobal.net or call me at 210-493-9898.

Jim McLendon
Special Activities Chair



Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

Introducing The New Commander of AFISR Agency: Maj Gen John N. T. "Jack" Shanahan



On 7 June 2013, Maj. Gen. John N.T. "Jack" Shanahan assumed command of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. General Shanahan is responsible for providing multisource ISR products, applications, capabilities and resources, as well as Cyber ISR forces and expertise. The AF ISR Agency includes the 70th and 480th ISR Wings; National Air and Space

Intelligence Center; Air Force Technical Applications Center; 361st Special Operations Forces ISR Group; and all Air Force cryptologic operations. In his position as AF ISR Agency Commander, General Shanahan also serves as the Commander of the Service Cryptologic Component. In this capacity, he is responsible to the Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service, as the Air Force's sole authority for matters involving the conduct of cryptologic activities, including the spectrum of missions directly related to both tactical war-fighting and national-level operations. In addition, as the Air Force Geospatial Intelligence Element Commander, General Shanahan facilitates AF GEOINT federation and integration into the National System for Geospatial Intelligence.

General Shanahan received his commission in 1984 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at the University of Michigan. He has served in a variety of flying, staff and command assignments. His staff assignments include Northeast Asia Regional Exercise Branch Chief in the Operations Directorate at Headquarters U.S. Pacific Command;

senior military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; and Deputy Director for Global Operations, Operations Directorate, Joint Staff. He has commanded the USAF Weapons School Support Division, Nellis AFB, Nev.; 480th Intelligence Group, Langley AFB, Va.; 505th Command and Control Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and the 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Agency 'Motto' Stands Test of Time, New 'Slogan' Sought

(Adapted from a press release by Wayne Amann, Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs)



Throughout its nearly 65-year history the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency has seen many changes. But one thing has stood the test of time, a retirement and three attempts to change it:

as the official motto. "Freedom Through Vigilance" was unveiled as the organization's motto July 27, 1963, during a ceremony on Security Hill when the agency went by its original United States Air Force Security Service moniker. "While others provide aerospace communications facilities for the Air Force, the Security Service maintains an around-the-clock vigil to safeguard information transmitted over these facilities. Thus, we strive to provide freedom through vigilance," said USAFSS Commander Maj. Gen. Richard P. Klocko in announcing the selection.

When USAFSS was re-designated as Electronic Security Command Aug. 1, 1979, the command retired its motto. On Dec. 23, 1986, Headquarters ESC began a contest to select a new motto. On June 3, 1987, then-ESC commander Maj. Gen. Paul H. Martin announced that "...'Freedom Through Vigilance' a motto with a proud heritage and special meaning for the organization, would again be the ESC motto," said Air Force ISR Agency historian Gabe Marshall. Through subsequent re-designations as the Air Force Intelligence Command (Oct. 1, 1991), the Air Intelligence Agency (Oct. 1, 1993) and, most recently, the Air Force ISR Agency (Jun 8, 2007), the motto has remained constant.

Shortly after Maj. Gen. John N.T. Shanahan took command of the agency earlier this year he asked the enterprise, past and present, for its

thoughts on a possible new motto. His request led to a spirited defense of the existing motto plus a list of suggestions. "I'm impressed by the number of people who don't want to change the current motto," Shanahan said. "Not surprisingly, this is about preserving our legacy and history. I agree with you. We should not be spring-loaded to change a motto that has worked for the agency since the early 1960s. **'Freedom Through Vigilance' will remain our official motto.**"

Meanwhile, the submitted suggestions will be the nominees from which a new agency slogan will be chosen. "While 'Freedom Through Vigilance' is designed to endure over the ages, our new slogan will continue to be updated to reflect missions added to our portfolio," Shanahan said. "We've changed quite a bit over the past 20 years. It's eye-watering how much we really accomplish every day as part of Air Force and joint operations."

Fallen Agency Airman Added to Memorial Wall

(Adapted from an NSA press release)

Army Gen. Keith B. Alexander, Director, National Security Agency/Chief, Central Security Service, paid special tribute May 28 to Army Spec. Joshua N. Nelson and Senior Airman Julian S. Scholten, at a memorial ceremony held here. Scholten was a Tactical Systems Operator assigned to the 25th IS, 361st ISR Group, at Hurlburt Field, Fla. He was killed Feb. 18, 2012, when his U-28A reconnaissance plane crashed near Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, after returning from a combat sortie flown in support of a joint special operations task force. The ceremony included a traditional wreath laying and the unveiling of both names on the NSA/CSS Cryptologic Memorial Wall. The wall, dedicated in 1996, lists the names of 171 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, and civilian cryptologists who have made the ultimate sacrifice, serving in silence, in the performance of their duties since World War II.

//Additional information on the Memorial Wall and a special historical monograph highlighting Nelson's and Scholten's lives, service, and sacrifice can be viewed on the NSA/CSS website at the National Cryptologic Memorial web page.//



Intelligence Oversight Keys Agency Success

(Adapted from an article by Wayne Amann, Air Force ISR Agency Public Affairs)

Oversight is a unique word because it sports completely opposite meanings. On one hand it refers to something being unintentionally overlooked. But, it also means watchful care or management. The AFISR Agency prides itself on the latter when it comes to its Intelligence Oversight training program.



Intelligence Oversight involves measures taken to ensure intelligence activities conform to U.S. law, executive orders, DoD directives and Air Force regulations. Intelligence Oversight protects the constitutional and legal rights and privacy of all U.S. persons. The agency's Intelligence Oversight program balances two fundamental interests: gathering intelligence information needed to protect national security and protecting individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Its primary objective is to ensure those

conducting intelligence activities do not infringe on or violate the rights of U.S. persons. Protecting Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable search and seizure is a key component of the agency's IO training program.

"We take the protection of our inalienable rights very seriously," says Ted Colquhoun, AFISR Agency/A2 representative. "We train on IO from day one to protect those rights. This continuous training reiterates and reemphasizes the steps we take when conducting our missions." The IO training is stringent. Agency personnel must, at a minimum, successfully complete the Air Force Intelligence-developed IO computer-based training course within 45 days of arrival at their new duty station, annually thereafter, and before deploying. The effectiveness of the IO training program stems from the backing of command leadership and filters through the agency rank and file. Everyone is on board. "That's why our program is extremely effective," Colquhoun said.

Each unit in the agency conducting an intelligence mission is evaluated on its IO training by the agency's Inspector General during consolidated unit inspections. "To date we're 100 percent compliant," Colquhoun said.

BEDSIDE MATTERS



Pete Richard//May 29, 2013//I am now back in my home after undergoing a sigmoid colon resection last Tuesday (May 23). I'm feeling pretty good. Still a little slow and groggy from the pain med that I am taking. My surgeon said that he removed about a foot of the colon which he described as the part that was causing the pain. Now it is time to take the road to full recovery, 2 to possibly 3 or 4 months.

//**Jay Johnson**//June 15 – 22, 2013// Before my shoulder surgery, during one of my regular visits to the Vets home on- June 15th, I shared Flag Day with my elder military brothers.



That day included birthday celebrations for Cpl. Rudy Pirec a WW II 1943 POW (Left in photo, holding flag). Rudy will be 92 this month. On my left is Machinist Mate 1st Class John D James. He is also 92.

//June 22, 2013// Thankfully, Doc didn't find any tears in my rotator cuff, but had to do some extensive scraping to clean up the calcium deposits that were causing the pain. My right shoulder was a complete tear in 2010. It took almost a year to get back to normal. This one in my left shoulder was just to get rid of a calcium build-up that was irritating the tendons, no tear. Should be a month or so at 3-days a week in rehab, and be good to go. I know I looked like death warmed over after surgery (see insert), but I managed to stay awake long enough to see the Miami Heat Repeat





//**Luther Deese**//May 29 – June 6, 2013//

I did a couple of weeks in the hospital recently -- weird "stuff:" happened to me... I was over aggressively treated with antibiotics for an infected toe (with fear that the infection might have traveled to the bone) but the medication messed up my body chemistry. While at the Podiatrist's office discussing getting the d@#n toe amputated my mental well-being went up like a whirlwind. I began to see and talk to people who weren't there -- to see things that weren't there and, basically I was in a parallel universe. My kidneys went into acute failure, I became dehydrated, my ammonia levels went up and up until they were finally affecting my brain -- a bit of brain damage ensued but I've recovered everything...I think ;-). Anyway, my chemistry balance was regained in about 10 days, but I was weak as a popcorn f@%t. Nine more days in re-hab and I should have been fine except for this increasingly painful area in my right groin and hip area. Well... I had a Sonogram supported aspiration done the end of May to see if any infection from the toe might have migrated there -- they got enough fluid with the aspiration needle to try for a culture. Met with Orthopedic Surgeon later and was informed that I do have an extremely rare infection of the left hip joint -- it is a Staph infection. The following week he cleaned out all of the infection and bathed the joint area with antibiotics. For the next 6 weeks I'll attach a small bag of bug killing juice to the Pick IV. This means I'll be able to fly to MD the end of June for our 17th Annual USAF Security Service Yale Institute of Far Eastern Languages Alumni reunion: - I've arranged them all, it is only fitting and proper that I be able to attend. The purpose of the reunions is to relive and enhance our wonderful memories of serving our country at a variety of installations around the Pacific Rim, in S.E. Asia and on the Indian Sub-Continent. Our war stories get better each year. Sometime in August I'll be scheduled for hip replacement surgery, rehab and whatever. All of the above means that my 'Toe-Ectomy' will have to be postponed to late August or Early September. . Still have a Triple By-Pass to fit into the schedule. Getting old is fun... I can't wait for my next challenge.

//From Yogi//July 28, 2013//FYI: **Ron Laske** was admitted to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore earlier this month (July 7th) with a perforation of his small intestine caused by an ulcer. The Doctor did not expect him to make it through that first night; in fact his son Bryan was summoned

home from Afghanistan. Ron, being the fighter he is, made it through those first difficult weeks in ICU and is now gaining ground. He has many weeks/months of recovery ahead of him. The Doctors want him to have physical therapy to gain muscle weight and tone once he is stronger. As you might expect, Ron could use some encouragement. When I also talked to Ron on the phone, he told me that he's aware of the long road ahead of him to recovery. If you know him personally, he would get a big lift out of some conversation, so if you've a mind to, you may call him ph # 443-287-1229 or mail to:

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FTVA CHAPTER NEWS



Sunshine Chapter
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by Jim Kaus, President



What an honor I had last June, to welcome home two ISR Warriors from deployment in the combat zone. SSgt Fast (Above Left with Jim Kaus) and SSgt Novotny (Above Right with newborn son) returned to their home base at Hurlburt Field. I told them both, "America Thanks You!"

Heritage Chapter

Submitted by Larry Ross, Secretary



Members of the FTVA Heritage Chapter attended a Memorial Day ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located near the entrance to San Angelo regional airport.

Heritage Chapter members (L-R): JJ Graham, Larry Ross, Ed Bendinelli, Don Goff, Bruce Foreman, and John French at Memorial Day ceremonies.

Vietnam Veteran Honors Comrades With Monument

(Redacted from San Angelo Times Article by Denise Morris)



SAN ANGELO, Texas — Mary Goff was not exactly thrilled a few months back when her husband started building a “grave” in the front yard of their Ardmore Street home.

Two stark, larger-than-life-size soldier silhouettes, cut from plywood and painted black, create a moving scene

at the Goff’s’ corner home. A smaller-than-life-size stack of stones with an American flag flying on top depict the departed soldier. “This is to all my friends, living or not,” said Don Goff, himself an imposing figure with unblinking focus beneath a Vietnam veterans cap. He’s the lone remaining member of his unit from the Vietnam War — a Mobility Operations Base unit that started with several hundred members under the USAFSS Command. “I can’t tell you what we did or even my job over there,” he said. “I can tell you I worked in military intelligence.” Although his wartime activity goes back to 1973-74, Goff said it remains classified. Despite being disabled for most of his adult life since Vietnam, and despite losing friends to the fires of war, Don Goff does not regret his fight for freedom. “If I had to do it all over again, I would.”

Goodfellow's New Commander Departs Misawa

Posted on Misawa Family Site by Joe Roginski, Misawa Retiree Affairs Office



On May 3rd the 373rd Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group/Misawa Security Operations Center held a picnic to honor Colonel Kimberlee P. Joos for her leadership of the “Hill” for the past two years and to send her off to her next assignment as Commander of the 17th Training Wing, Goodfellow AFB, Texas. Like a few of her predecessors, Col Joos expressed a special liking and respect for “Hill” alumni and always tried to include them in MSOC family events. Hence, several alumni retirees living in Misawa presented her a plaque thanking her for her support of Misawa “Hill” retirees.

It was a typical Misawa day in May--cold, windy, spatters of rain with an occasional snowflake. A few hundred families shivered around the barbecue pits and after eating, the presentations began. Representatives of the various units presented plaque after plaque, framed photos, Hachinohe horses and mini-samurai swords, etc., accompanied by the citations and tokens of appreciation.

(Right) Bringing up the rear of the presenters, Cecil Hahn, a long-time Misawa retiree and representing the Hill Alumni of the Misawa Military Retirees' Association, began to read the plaque he was presenting to Col Joos. He began, “Col Joos, In appreciation for your outstanding support of the Hill Retirees... blah, blah, blah...” Now, if any of you have had the pleasure of working with Cecil, you know he is a man of few words and that he HATES making speeches. Anyway, it brought the house down, or the roof off the picnic pavilion...the glee could be heard on Main Base, and Col Joos laughing the loudest. Cecil's well timed ‘social error’ brought a well-needed flash of humor to the event and the presentations concluded very upbeat with lots of well-wishing and hand-shaking.



-JJR



Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO

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

Ceremony Honors Silent Warriors

Submitted by Sharon Frizzell and Jeff Waldeck

At this year's Big Safari Reunion in Colorado Springs, CO, the Rocky Mountain Chapter (RMC) of the FTVA, was honored to welcome families of the four crew members of the U-28 mission aircraft ("Ratchett-33") lost in Djibouti, Africa, on 18 Feb 2012: Ryan Hall (pilot), Nick Whitlock (copilot), Justin Wilkens (combat systems operator), and Julian Scholten (tactical systems direct support operator).

RMC members escorted family members of each crew member to special events incorporated into the Big Safari reunion. One of those events was a ceremony dedicating a memorial plaque to all who stand the watch as silent warriors, especially the crew of Ratchett-33. The ceremony took place at the AF Academy cemetery on 20 June (Some of the family members who were able to attend can be seen in the picture below).



In addition to the family members of Ratchett-33, distinguished guests included retired Generals Santarelli, Koziol, and Moorhead, the current 645 AESG commander Col Ed Topps, and 3 prior Big Safari Directors.

*The Big Safari program converts, updates, and maintains specialized military aircraft

**The U-28A variant of the PC-12 is used for intelligence gathering, reconnaissance and surveillance operations and can operate from airstrips that the bigger MC-130's cannot.



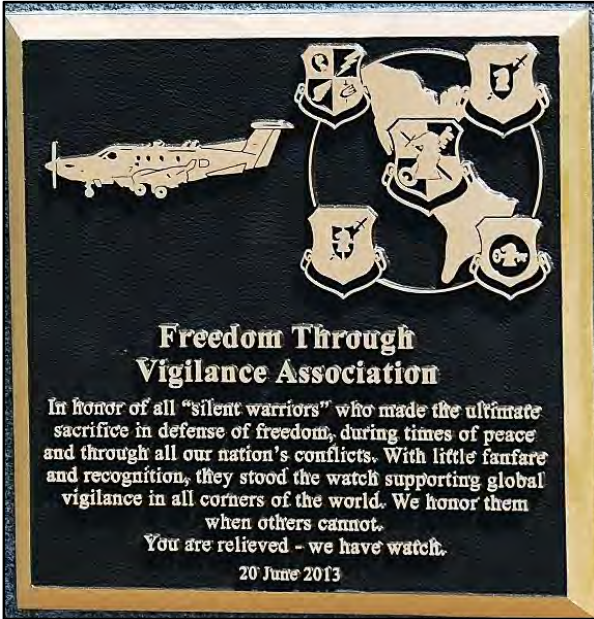
(Left) Greg Roman, vice president of the RMC, acted as master-of-ceremonies for the event, and introduced remarks from Col Ed Topps; Lee Anthony, FTVA president; and Bernie Gavin, RMC president, who read the biographies of each of the four crewmembers.

(Right) To close out the ceremony, Sharon Frizzell, FTVA RMC treasurer/secretary, read the poem “The Watch” reminding us that those “silent warriors” who have paid the price of freedom will not be forgotten, but will be remembered by future generations for their sacrifices and that we “stand the watch” for them.



After the ceremony, chapter members Greg Roman and Rick Osmun invited the group to Rhino’s Bar for some social time and several of the family members were able to join us for some fellowship.

(Above) FTVA RMC member Ike Eichelberger talks with family members Dennis and Kliffa Hall, and Jimmy and Clare Whitlock.



(Above) Following these speeches, Lee Anthony and Bernie Gavin uncovered the FTVA memorial plaque (Left).

In the days following the ceremony, RMC received several expressions of appreciation for the ceremony, among them the following:

Lee Southard and Family commented:

“Thanks so much for the wonderful memorial, one comfort my wife is able to appreciate is the idea of people and organizations such as yours who prove through your deeds that the fallen are truly never forgotten, not by only their immediate families, but by those who are dedicated to live by that creed. It was an honor to have met you and all the other great people who helped plan today's memorial. Again, we are extremely grateful to you all, thank you very much!”

Dear Greg,

I would like to thank you, and ask that you pass this thank you along to others in your Association, for the work and expense you all expended to organize the Memorial held in Colorado Springs to honor the crew of Ratchet 33 and the ISR community. My wife and I are very grateful for all that was done to make this happen and the assistance provided for the family members travel. Without trying to be too melodramatic I feel I can reasonably say that the time since the crash has been extremely difficult in many ways. Nothing can make everything "right" or take away all of the pain following this loss however it means a great deal to know that there are people and groups who do remember our son's sacrifice and continue to recognize the contribution they made to our nation's security. Please know that while we may not always thank people and/or groups for remembrances such as the one you orchestrated adequately, it means a great deal to us and we are extremely grateful!

Thank you, Warmly, Jim Wilkens

21 Jun 2013//FTVA President, Lee Anthony:



All,

I can't tell you how many compliments I received following Thursday's ceremony - Bernie, Greg, and the entire Rocky Mountain Chapter really hit a home run. Several retired Generals (Santarelli, Koziol, and Moorhead were the ones I saw) and the current (Col Ed Topps) and 3 prior Big Safari Directors (Grimes, High, Hoffmann) attended, among the many VIPs. Multiple active and retired O-6. Sharon Frizzell and Bernie both gave very heart-rending words and readings, and Bernie and I unveiled the new FTVA plaque. The Major who led the SAR and recovery of the platform/bodies following the crash was extremely impressive - he told of how disappointed his crew and the base was when they returned with no survivors. No dry eyes in the house. All four families were represented, and I got a chance to speak with each of them. One mother told me that she had no idea that her son's passing affected so many people...it took me a few seconds to respond, and whatever I said was close to being incoherent. We did the right thing by supporting this project - I thank each of you for your contributions and assistance.

Lee



Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President

The Aloha Chapter met for lunch on Friday July 26 at our infamous local hang out for seniors – Zippy’s! Ya know, *da kine place mit two scoops rice, Zippy’s chili, and teriyaki beef*. They are also famous for their golden fried chicken, Zip Pac, oxtail soup, saimin, and much more. 😊

We welcomed back Dickie Hites who had just returned from da PI. Dickie’s doing good and glad to be back in the islands with his grandson. Mahalo to all who have stayed in contact with Dickie as he journeys through this difficult time with the recent loss of his daughter. While our Chapter remains fiew in numbers, we be close knit – always there for each other.

(L-R) Al Teel, Dickie Hites, Ken Een, John Toillion and Steve Crane



Ever wonder what five old geezers (would have been six if Hoppi could have made it) talk about while having lunch at Zippy’s? Would you believe the subjects ranged from TRICARE For Life Issues; MEDICARE; Golf; and oh ya, the two most talked about subjects: (1) Edward Snowden – the traitor and (2) recent media articles (talking stink) about Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Accounting Command (JPAC - with which several Chapter members are intimately familiar). The majority of us remain “Silent Warriors” because we all took an oath to neither confirm nor deny whatever the media may say about what we do or did. Remember, if your travel plans bring you to the islands, we stand ready to welcome you in with da Aloha kine spirit and can usually arrange to meet for some ono (great) grinds (food) like Zippy’s.! That’s be it for now and as Don Ho usta say...

”A-LOHHHH-HA!”

Tilly

2013 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Notifications of Upcoming Reunions for 2013-14

NOTE: Any Reunion plans for 2013-14? 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/>

Sep 14 – 17, 2013

KAS 60-61 (6933 RGM Karamursel, Turkey)

Location: Myrtle Beach, SC

Comments: For members of KAS 60-61. Membership requires assignment to Karamursel Air Station anytime from 1957 through the end of 1961. Web site will be updated with additional info and details for our 14th annual reunion as they are finalized.

Site: <http://www.kas60-61.org>

POC: Pete Johnson - ph 704-243-6769 - pjohnson010@carolina.rr.com

Sep 18 - 21, 2013

RAF Kirknewton - 6952nd Security Group

Location: Royal British Hotel on Princess Street, Edinburgh, Scotland

Comments: Group discount rates have been established with Delta and United Airlines. Events include a visit to the old site, city tour and private tour of Edinburgh Castle. Annual banquet Saturday night.

POC : - Phone: 952-431-5241 e-Mail: phrederic1@aol.com

Sep 25 – 28, 2013

AMTA (Airborne Maintenance Technicians Association)

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 – 28, 2013

Society of Old Bats (SOBS)

Location: San Antonio, TX

POC: Gary Belcher ph – (575) 257-0373 E-Mail -gdbel34@gmail.com

Comments - Plans are incomplete but we are resurrecting the SOB group due to popular demand. We meet in conjunction with the annual FTVA reunion and look forward to a good turnout on short notice. Pass it on and more details will be available shortly. Contact Gary Belcher or Pete Siegel (210) 657-2293

Sep 26 – 29, 2013

ANNUAL FTVA REUNION in San Antonio, Tx

POC: Lee Anthony, president@ftva.org

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

Comment: Reunion packets included in the *Member Directory* in July.

Sep 26 – 28 2013

6994th Scty Sq at Radisson Hotel Branson, MO

Location: 120 South Wildwood Drive - Branson Missouri 65616

ph 1-800-967-9033 and ask for 6994th reunion rates.

POC: Rick Yeh at blk67cougar@gmail.com for those playing golf.

More Information on <http://www.6994th.com/reunion2013.html>

October 2-4 2013

Prop Wash Gang Reunion

Location: Syracuse, NY (Best Western Plus)

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>

6913th RSM (Reactivated) Bremerhaven, Germany (1951 – 1968)

Note: We’re planning our next Reunion for September or October, 2014.

To chair this Reunion, we are sharing responsibilities among our 'Unofficial Reunion Committee': Previous Reunion Chairpersons: Zane Maddox, Arnie Olson, Huk Tracy; Webmaster, Ron Fandrick; Squadron Coordinator, Arlen Trapp; and anyone else interested in helping out.

<http://www.6913th.org/2014REUNION/2014-01.htm#top>



REUNION REPORTS



Det 2 6910th Southwest Reunion

Posted by Mike Baye



Guys from Det 2 6910th Scty Wg, Camp Pieri, Wiesbaden, Germany at our reunion this past weekend (14-15 June) in Kansas City, Missouri. Bob Johnson (2nd from left) wears that fatigue shirt at every reunion. This is not his original uniform shirt, it is the same size, but one he purchased a few years into his Air Force days. One of the things that sets this uniform top apart from the ones that we wore at Det 2 was that as a rule most of us didn't have any Security Service patches on them as we were Transec and didn't want to give away our mission while "visiting" other USAFE bases to do our mobile missions.//No Names posted.//Ed.//

6918th Buddies Reconnect

//Posted by Dave Bethard//



This photo of John Baranoski and Richard Lefebvre was taken at their September mini-gathering in NY. It only took them 49 years to get back together--but both are already committed to the 2013 reunion in San Antonio. Only through John's persistence to locate old friends was this reunion possible.

Misawa Project Annual National Reunion
Virginia Beach May 30-June 1, 2013



Project Officers

(Left) Three former presidents of the USAFSS in Misawa Project: L-R Tom Ryan, Bob Wynn, Denny Arnold joined, with our congratulations, the new Project president: Terry Cullivan.

“The” National Reunion Cake



Misawa Project Reunion cake at Virginia Beach - 2013

(Above) This is the reunion cake served in the hospitality suite.//Posted by Bob Wynn// Whoever designed that did an excellent job. I like the USAFSS logo turned into an umbrella. Thinking about it, the USAFSS umbrella performed well in its job of protecting our Country. //George Logan//



Harold Hollingshed, Tom Ryan, & Dave Hullinger did a superb job of entertaining everyone in the hospitality suite. //Posted by Bob Wynn//



Thank you again to every single soul who helped make this reunion so wonderful. What stays in my mind: puppy Maisy running up to hug my leg “just because”; “Lump” was grinning hard and was SO happy to have reconnected with us; the complete silence of 200 people at the banquet as Jane Doolittle presented the solemn POW/MIA ceremony, broken only by soft sniffs all over the room; the absolute joy of talking with the other folks about any and every thing on earth; and most of all, the feeling it gave me to watch new friends and old friends all hugging hello and goodbye and enjoying time together.

//Posted by Lydia Crooks on the My Family Misawa Website//





Jane Doolittle, Harold Hooginshead and B. J. Cook Posted by Syd Scales

To some, BJ may seem like a grumpy old man (no comment) but he's got a heart as big as gold. He recognized that these folks have been doing our flag ceremony so professionally and made all of us proud. And if I must say, a little teary eyed at times, so BJ took it upon himself to buy, at his own expense, a token of appreciation for Harold Hollingshead and Jane Doolittle. //Jim Stephens//

At the Navy Museum



At The Beach

(L-R) Waco Wetterman, Harold Holingshead, Jim Stevens and Tom Ryan.//Posted by Bob Wynn



Trick 1 "Geezers" - 2013 Misawa Project Reunion in Virginia Beach, Virginia
B.J. Cook, Joe Dowd, Bill Ratliff, Bob Dellapi, Dick MacWilliams, Carson Schnell
George Beech, Frank Weiss, Glenn Turk, Denny Arnold, Ron Swindle, Bob Wynn
Lee Carpenter, and Bob Wiltuck

Posted by Bob Wynn



Trick 2 Baker Flt

Jack Sukenik, Howard Smith, Perry Keeton, Ray Chandonnet, Jerry Estep & Vince Benedict were R203's & worked for Ray.

//Posted by Curtis Lowe//

Trick 4 Dawgs



(Left)

We had 17 members of our Trick IV come to the reunion. 10 of us had the new Dawg's Rule shirts. Just wait until next year.//Posted by Syd Scales//

(Right) Bob Wiltuck and I first met in July 1956, we went through Basic, 202 School, and went to Misawa at the same time, and were roommates.....and, out birthdays are two days apart. (I'm younger) 57 years sure flies by.//Posted by Syd Scales//



(Left) Jay Johnson & Ben Whitten repeated their last year's "Red Shirt Day", in Virginia Beach.//Posted by Jay Johnson//

(Center Right) //Jim Stevens says, "Hanging with one of my best friends, Bill Ratliff. Ms Helen is thinking, "What's that all about?"....hehehehe.//





Danny Russell remained his ol' cheerful self as he showed up at the eatery on his favorite "chick-mobile".

Alumni of 6918TH RSM/SS Hakata AB, Japan

July Hakata Newsletter Summary (Redacted)

By Stan Freymuth



Way back when, in the early 1970's, a couple of 6918th Dawg Flighers decided it had been awhile since we had seen each other and it would be a fine idea to get together for a reunion. The first-ever 6918th alumni newsletter was born. I think our first roster numbered in the low 20's. Now 40 years later, our newsletter goes out to 963 members and today our 'Taps' roster of Fallen Eagles totals 349 and it is becoming the norm to have a reunion every two years. It now takes internet, computers and many more dedicated people to make it happen. I am humbled and proud to still be a part of it. The next reunion starts on Sept 26th 2013 at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio. Contact Bill Mink or Dave Bethard. Arrive Thursday and depart Monday Sep 30th. The Hospitality Suite Ice Breaker is on Thursday from noon – midnight. Then Friday is the bus tour to Lackland, BMTS parade and museum followed by the FTVA Remembrance Ceremony and Alumni Picnic on Security Hill., followed by the 6918th/6924th mixer hosted by VFW Post #76 (10th & Broadway) from 5 – 8 pm. Saturday is for our biennial 6918th alumni business meeting from 2 – 2:30pm. The skyline Atrium (7th floor> Hospitality suite is open noon—Midnight. Sunday is reserved for sightseeing and our Reunion Banquet. 5pm – 10pm in the Tango Ballroom Hall featuring messages from your individual Flight Coordinators, Special Guests, notable announcements and grand prize drawings. Keynote speakers are Col (Ret) David T Kuntz and Brig Gen (Ret) James E. Miller. who will share some of their best USAFSS and Brady/Hakata experiences.

ROLL CALL REUNION
BRANSON, MO JUNE 18 - 22, 2013

Posted by Jim Kaus



Back Row L-R: Stan and Gail Van Meter, Jim Botsford and Miyoko

, Bob Allen and Jodie (our tour guide), Steve and Judy Mobry, Jerry Stein and Carole Maier, John and Christine Alms, Robert and Charlotte Willis.
 Front Row, L-R: Jim and Alice Kaus, Virgil and Kay Fordham, Bill and Elsie Patterson, Ralph and Ruth McDonald, Ron, Kay, Susan Weaver and Vallerie Waddel, Holden Moyer and Joann McQuade, Dave and Norma Shephard.



June 22 Robert Allen sings with our entertainer. Don't remember the song but Bob did a great job. It was an Everly Brothers song, "Bye-Bye Love" and he nailed it. Let me add that Bob retired from NYPD as a Captain. No small accomplishment. First time for me to meet him; he's a helluva guy!

The Onna Point guys and their ladies added a great deal to our great reunion this year.

(2013 Roll Call Reunion Cont'd)

2013 Roll Call USAFSS Pioneers



Gerry Stein, Steve Mobry, Stan Van Meter, Bob Allen, John Alms, Holden Moyer, Bill Patterson, and Bob Willis all joined USAFSS over 50 years ago.



(Left) Ralph McDonald was picked from the crowd to do a hippie routine at "Hits of the 60's" show in Branson.

Ralph McDonald (Roll Call Reunion attendee) was the closest thing they could find to a hippie looking guy. How could he resist three beautiful girls? The reunion members got a real kick out of Ralph's antics.

(Right) Ron and Kay Weaver with daughters Susan Weaver and Vallerie Waddell



(2013 Roll Call Reunion Cont'd)



This is a group from 6927th RSM, Onna Point Okinawa that I recruited at their reunion last year in Orlando. The group had dwindled to a point to where it was no longer feasible to continue having annual reunions. So glad they were able to attend the Roll Call reunion this year and glad to have them as Roll Call members.



There in the back row, 3rd from left is the 2nd RSM member Virgil Fordham and his wife Kay standing in front of him.

Sixteenth Annual Yale IFEL Alumni Reunion

Submitted by Steve Feit

(Note: IFEL = Institute of Far Eastern Languages)

For the sixteenth year in a row, the usual Yale IFEL alumni "suspects" gathered at the Chungking Restaurant in Laurel, MD, for our annual reunion on June 21st and 22nd. It was home for the USAFSS Chinese language program from 1952 through 1966. During that period, some 2,900 of us went through the program. Our time at IFEL left an indelible imprint on practically all of us as well as forming close friendships that have lasted through the decades. In a way, we were our own version of a "Band of Brothers." Anyway, that's enough about IFEL and its alumni and now, on to the reunion.

On Friday, June 21, we gathered at the Chungking for a luncheon. The main feature, as always, the Chungking's famous Mongolian BBQ -- about as authentic as you'll find this side of the Big Pond.



(Photo: Joel Aronson)

In attendance at either or both events this year were: Joel Aronson, Gary and Myra Blackburn, Dennis and Barbara Conklin, Les Duffin, Tom and Nancy Fallon, Steve Feit, Gordy Hedges, Rich Kokal, Jim and Frances Koors, Walter Lambert, Ron Laske, Kevin Riddle, Ed Rockstein, Mike Stein (Majoring in Chinese at the U of MD), Gil Taylor and Earl and Jenny Wieman.

Notably absent this year, our event's founding "father," Luther Deese. Luther had been grounded with a couple of health problems and even though a team of wild horses couldn't keep him away, he grudgingly took a bye this year. We're all hoping that long before next year's event, Luther will be back to his same old self. Nevertheless, Luther's absence didn't go unnoticed by the Tianjin Beer people – they had a slump in sales for the last 10 days in June. I guess the onus will be on Luther to make up for it next year. //See *Bedside Matters* p 12 in this issue. **Ed//**



(Left) We gathered again on the following evening for a sumptuous, sit-down traditional seven-course banquet which featured a variety of Chinese dishes chosen for their authenticity.

(Photo by Gary Blackburn)

(Since nobody thought to keep sign-in sheets, we had to pool our recollections after the fact. I think we have everyone accounted for. If I somehow missed you, a thousand pardons, Duibuqi, Gomen-nasai.)//**Steve Feit**//

Metro-Tango Annual Reunion

Submitted by Ken Maynard



Former members of the Metro Tango gang, their spouses, and at least one grandchild, gathered at the Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, WV, for a couple of days of good food, good wine and mostly good reminiscing.

(L-R) Judy & Ken Maynard, Darin & Deborah Adair, Rebecca Miller, Claudia & Jeff Hoffman.

Rob and Dawn Coulter put together a fantastic program of golf, fine dining, sightseeing, and a volksmarch along the C&O canal. Watch the Metro Tango Facebook page for information on next year's reunion scheduled for Boston, MA.



(L-R) Bob & Vickie Watkins, Dawn Coulter, Casey & Michelle Teliczan, Beryl & Jim Hocking



HISTORY & MEMORIES



6910th SW Darmstadt Germany

Posted by Bobby Edwards



This is only a part of the X-Wing of the old 6910th Operations Site, as seen from the Parking Lot.//**Bobby E.**// From what I remember, that central area is a loading dock with the double doors leading to the back area of operations. The area to the left of the loading dock is the incinerator where I had the pleasure of getting closely acquainted with the end products after burning. //**Ray Colbert**//

Pueblo Incident Reminder

Submitted by Charles Church

Rass:

Since you ran an item on the USS Pueblo in the June 2013 issue of "Remain In Touch," I thought you and your readers might be interested in the following. For the last 44 years, the Pueblo crew has been holding annual reunions. In 2012, it was in Annapolis, MD and one of their activities was a visit to the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade. I have been a volunteer there for the last seven years and was working the front desk when they arrived. There were about 20 members of the crew and wives, plus Betty Boucher, the late skipper's widow.

I have to admit that I was never so awe struck as I was just being in the presence of living history. What a bunch of guys they are. If knowing of their exploits back in 1968 under most trying circumstances doesn't make you extra proud to be an American, nothing will. I commented to one of the crew that I thought that it took a lot of cojones to do what they did. His reply was, "Not really. We were just a bunch of young and foolish kids."

Anyhow, here's a photo of them demonstrating their famous "Hawaiian 'Good Luck' sign."



National Cryptologic Museum Ft. Meade, MD
September 14, 2012
Demonstrating the "Hawaiian Good Luck Sign" they made famous in Pyongyang in 1968



(Right) USS PUEBLO during and after repair work at Botong River Shipyard in Pyongyang and move to the War of Liberation Museum. The move of the ship from Wonsan to Pyongyang was handled by Secretary of Defense William J. Perry who had been appointed by President Clinton as his North Korea Policy Coordinator. In that role he was in favor of negotiation and appeasement and was instrumental in arranging Secretary Albright's visit to NK. Thus, the ship's relocation from East to West.
//Posted by Charles Church//

Hi Rass. I just had to get this note out to you for the newsletter. The passing of a dear old friend, Capt. Gary Engler (May 20, 2012) touched me. I read it in the FTVA newsletter along with another touching item. Never saw anything about either of these occasions so here goes. Capt Engler was our squadron commander in the 6926th SS(M) in the PI. I think he followed Major (later) Lt Col. "Twisted Blue Steel" Stark. The 6926th was the Far Eastern Emergency Reaction Unit (ERU) with a total of 18 enlisted (16AFSCs) and two officers (Commander and Supply officer). For his departure gift from the squadron for his new assignment in Hawaii, we presented Capt Engler with his portrait... painted on the inside lid of a toilet seat cover! He loved it. //Bill Allen//

Reminder: I am sending this note to remind you that the latest Remain in Touch had an item on the USS Pueblo and DID NOT have the below information I'd sent earlier. To us in the trenches and waiting on flight lines, our efforts were a serious contribution, at least the Joint Chiefs thought so. The USAFSS ERUs never did get any command recognition.

Shortly after **the Pueblo Incident** took place, we implemented an unwritten O-Plan which came in via TWX from the Chiefs of Staff. We had prepositioned materials (fly-away-kits) in support of some 16 PACAF contingencies. We rolled out our materials for transport to Osan in support of the soon to arrive 6948th troops. We got to the runway at Clark anticipating prompt airlift in support of the new O-Plan and waited there for several days until several empty aircraft arrived and we loaded them up with weapons, vehicles, generators and loads of construction stuff. The handful of us that would be going to Korea remained on the flight line protecting our materials. When we arrived at Osan (along with dozens of other supporting elements), all hoses on all vehicles ruptured from the change in climate, i.e. PI to Osan), and our Supply Officer went to the site for assistance. Along with a couple of others, I waited with our stuff on the Osan flight line. We almost had to shoot folks (Red Horse people) who wanted to get materials that they thought were theirs. When they realized I was serious, they left us alone, and we repaired everything and went to the site. About five or six days later, we returned to the PI, leaving all our equipment in Korea. The Joint Chiefs recognized our squadron's efforts with a nice letter on our "rapid response efforts."

//Bill Allen//

Remembering a Visit to Fukuoka and Hakata, Japan

//Posted Earlier by Lois Goodier Wood//



(Left) Lois and Cooper Wood toured Japan in 1986 for three weeks by themselves. Lois was 1st grade teacher at Hakata School while Cooper was collection division officer 6918th OPS 70-72 when the unit closed. (Item included for the following historical information.)

(Right) Saitozaki Ferry became a Mississippi river boat after the Hakata Park opened. I cried all the way back to Fukuoka as everything I'd remembered was gone.//Lois Wood//



Trabzon Softball Championship Team 1965 Baker Flight

Posted by Jay JJ Johnson



Front Row (L-R): Dick Coyle, Bill Rockwood, Bill Salvage, John Kupyar, Keith George, Tony Vezina, Jerry Guth.

Second Row (L-R): Dave Tucker, unk Nedimyer, Denny Plahn, John Donges, Lloyd Belcher, Jim Hughes, George Mingione, Gary Maples, Troy Quinn.

Third Row (L-R): Homer Reynolds, Jay "JJ" Johnson.

Misawa's Professional Development School

Posted by George Binkley May 23, 2013

Okay, I found it, but am not sure what this is a pix of. The commander probably wanted a picture of me and all the outstanding troops under his command so he could hang it on his wall. LOL!!! I tried to clear it up so the name tags could be readable, but don't have my old software. I recognize about one-third of them.



Norm Taylor photo

//Following on-line response was submitted by Ed Benningfield//
As I recall, this was an NCO Leadership Course started and taught by Chief Pat Pasley (last person on the right). He was assisted in teaching this course by several local NCOs, including TSgt Ed Bendinelli (first person on the left).

Two of these NCOs worked for me in the mission management day shop at this time, SSgt Chris Scherer (fallen eagle and second from the left), and SSgt Stevenson (third from the left). Stevenson (can't remember his first name), was short and getting ready to depart Misawa as was Norm Taylor (the person who took this picture). Chris Scherer was replacing Norm on days. Their job was managing and maintaining the unit Master Program. As with Bill, I recognize a lot of these people, just wish I could read the nametags. The 6922nd in the Philippines began downsizing in 1974-75 and had an overage of people, especially NCOs. Consequently, Chief Pasley and another chief (who's name I can't

remember) were transferred to Misawa from the PI. There were chief slots at Misawa that were not filled, so there was a job waiting for Pasley and the other chief. Both these chiefs were assigned to the unit Training Shop for duty. Pasley started the local NCO Leadership Course with the commander's approval; I believe this began in 1974. Today, Pat Pasley lives in Orlando, Florida, Ed Bendinelli lives in San Angelo, Texas and Norm Taylor (person who took the picture) lives in Sumter, South Carolina. **//Ed Benningfield//**

//Following response from Ed Bendinelli//

Rass, The photo you sent me is of Class 75-H of the 6920th's NCO Professional Development School (PDS) created by former USAFSS NCO Academy instructor CMSgt Pat Pasley in late 1974. Pat wanted to introduce a management-type training program into the Ops building so NCOs could discuss things they actually deal with on the job. Pat's curriculum for the 2-week program focused on Leadership & Management and Communicative Skills: writing and speaking. The course was eventually accredited by the Los Angeles Community College as MGT-47 and earned registered students three credit hours in management. Keys to the course were the open discussions the students had with such notables as the Wing, Base and Group Commanders. I attended the PDS in the spring of 1975. Not long after that, Pat came to me and asked if I would be interested in teaching it. I immediately declined. I had been an X1, on shift, for some 15 years; that was my comfort zone and teaching was the furthest thing from my mind. Well, Pat played dirty! He got my wife involved. She relished the idea of having a "day" worker husband for a change. Well, when all was said and done, the three of us won. Pat got me reassigned to the PDS, Kathie got me on days and me, well, that one decision steered my career and my life into a totally new direction. Class 75-H is one of the last PDS classes that Pat was involved with. In September 1975, we began a program called Interpersonal Communications (INTERCOM), which was a shortened version of the PDS targeted at E4s and below. This one week program focused almost entirely on communications and meeting face-face with all the Wing notables. After the first few INTERCOM classes, Pat was selected by the new Wing Commander, Col Les Mellott, to be his Senior Enlisted Advisor (SEA). That put both the PDS and the INTERCOM programs smack into my lap. Col Mellott who, as Captain and then Major Mellott, was my Commander at Det 1, 6994th Security Squadron, Nha Trang, RVN, back in 1966-67, was wonderfully supportive of both programs and never missed an opportunity to visit

with the classes. Pat would come back as SEA to talk to each class as well. When the new, official USAF PME I program was established in 1977 (I think), Col Mellott agreed to let INTERCOM continue and even invited me to guest-teach in the new program. In July 1977, I attended Class 77-E of the USAFSS NCO Academy at Goodfellow. After having taught PDS Leadership & Management curriculum for two years, it was just my luck to have to listen to a brand new (“inept”) instructor (you!) teaching very similar material to his very first class! Truth be told, however, the Academy was yet another “life-changing” experience.

Several months later, I learned my next assignment would be as an instructor at that Academy. Before leaving Misawa in December 1977, I was allowed to bring in a new instructor to continue both the PDS and INTERCOM programs: Tom “Dagwood” Rinderle. From Jan 1978 - March 1982, I worked at the Academy for enlisted PME icon CMsgt Jim Heath and with a corps of Academy and Leadership School instructors unmatched anywhere in the Air Force. My last four years were spent as Superintendent of Goodfellow’s Management and Analysis training programs. After retiring in Jan 1986, I attended Angelo State University and achieved what had become a life-long goal: teaching at the university level: I taught Marketing, International Business and Human Resource Management at Angelo State until 1991.

Now, I know this is supposed to be about the NCO PDS but let me throw a little twist into this narrative... you started this whole thing with that photo. Each one of us, if we’re lucky, has someone who mentors him, challenges or encourages him to do something new, take a new path in life or reach for the stars. Many of us old veterans met or knew someone like that during our careers: an old MSgt or CMSgt or a Colonel who took the time to listen, teach or motivate. CMSgt Pat Pasley, with his invitation back in 1975 to teach in that little 2-week program inside the Ops building at Misawa, did all those things for me. He saw something in me, invited me, challenged me and taught me. CMSgt Pasley and the NCO PDS changed my life forever. If you were lucky enough to have someone like him in your life, and he or she is still on planet earth, don’t forget to write or call and say “Thanks. Thanks for making such a difference in my life.”

(Hey, I was on a roll! Hope this answered your e-mail.)

//Ed Bendinelli//

1965-Tom Stroh and J J Pitzeruse

Posted by Lydia Crooks

(Right)

Tom Stroh helped me become the owner of an Article 15 which made my making SSgt take a little longer. Ron Marcoullier (left in photo) was my supervisor at the time. He took good care of me(?) //J J Pitzeruse//



Taking care of JJ was like squeezing toothpaste back into the tube. But, I wouldn't trade it for anything. We had some great times together at Misawa and elsewhere... most notably, at NKP. //Ron Marcoullier//

Personalized Flight Patch



Gerry "Andy" Anderson sent me this beautiful scan of his Able flight (60-62) patch last night. Talking with him this morning, he's not sure who designed it or just when--but it's a wonderful memory! Note his nickname on the bottom--meaning they were all personalized.//Dave Bethard//

A Snippet of History

Posted by Robert Dorr, CMSgt (Ret)

(Please share this with any newsletter readers who might be interested.)

If my lifelong friends Joe Fives, Larry Harry, Bill Randol and Dick Ristaino (6929th RSM, Korea) were still with us, they would remember "Black Tuesday," June 16, 1959, when we listened to two North Korean MiG-17s attacking a Navy P4M-1Q Mercator reconnaissance aircraft over the Sea of Japan. Later learned the P4M-1Q pilot, who saved his crew and plane after being fired upon, was Vincent Anania (1920-2008). He was the father of Elizabeth Edwards (1949-2010), wife of a prominent presidential candidate. (They're gone now, all of them.)

Memories of the 1965 Shemya Earthquake

Posted by Skip Lemay

I'm asleep in my single bunk during a stretch of mids. It's a three man room, however, at this time I have no assigned room-mates. I'm awakened by the head of my bed tapping the wall, bouncing gently up and down. Ok, who is trying to tell me it's time to get up?

On seeing no one, I roll over and look under the bed. Still no one. Inside the built-in metal clothes lockers some empty clothes hangers are tingling against each other. No longer just a gentle bouncing, now I've become aware of a growing rumble and the sounds of men rapidly moving down the hallway. Think quick! Do I want to die in fatigues or civvies? Grabbing a pair of jeans and a flannel shirt, I slipped on boots, and my parka. Rumbling much louder now. One sharp side-ways jerking motion of the floor. I'm outa here. I join the mass exodus out in the hall, down the stairway three floors, out through a little used exit, hit the snow and slide down a small berm on my butt. So here we stand, shaking. To myself, and most of the group of airman standing there, it's a new experience. Are we shaking from the cold or is the earthquake continuing? Is it over? Eventually we decide it is safe to re-enter.

Ok, so we just had an earthquake. Damage on Shemya was minimal. Our Composite Building (Headquarters, living quarters, mess hall, mail room, BX, Library et al) was built to withstand earthquakes and very high winds. For 46 years I had felt grateful to have safely experienced an earthquake. In March 2011, after hearing of Japan's huge earthquake and tsunami, I searched the web to see if a tsunami had or would hit Shemya. In one search result I was greatly surprised to learn that back in 1965 I had been in the sixth largest recorded earthquake, worldwide, ever.



(Left) This is where the radio operators and linguists worked during my watch. There was a small unit which occupied the room (entered from the front) and had equipment that could detect nuclear weapons detonations. They weren't allowed into our operations area nor we into theirs. We got into our

operations area thru a door at the back of the building.

Morse Ops Class 12106 January 1967

Posted by Red Barthel on the Darmstadt Site



What a great looking bunch at Keesler AFB//Bob Troutman//
 (L - R) **Front:** Ang (CA), Seymour (MN), Dannels (PA), Gross (FL), Martin (CA), Johnny Veatch (Joplin, MO), Lynch (CA), Spake (FL)
Center: Michael Schamansky (PA), Stayduhar (PA), Sherrin (CT), Tsgt Shore (VT), AIC Cobb (CA), Sibley (TN), Soule (MD), Schagensky (PA), Robert Troutman (NC), West (?)
Back: James Wayne (Ben) Proffitt (Hamilton, OH), Shimkko (WI), Swartz (IN), Bell (TX), Donovan (PA), Washington (WA), Michalson (Seattle, WA), Sponaugle (?), Viers (WI), Dunn (Pittsburg, PA)
 Veach, Schanansky, Troutman, Proffitt are the ones I remember (too old to remember any others) as having rotated to 6910th in 1967.

Gate at Boztepe (on the hill) Trabzon, Turkey 1965.

Posted by Jay Johnson



Security Service at its best. Ah, brings tears to my eyes!!!! Some names I remember from that era...John Link, Sal Rizzo, Russ Puckett, Ken Dodd, Paul Campbell, Pete Weidergartner, Larry Nellis, Sabri (tailor down town). Just give me an Interaction Desk, a Mod 19/27, and a beer... J.J., remember when the White Boat took a vacation and the only "meat" we had to eat were hotdogs...prepared in 100 different ways... the hotdog omelet was my favorite.



MEMORIALS

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Col. Bud Day, 88, July 27, 2013 in Shalimar, Fla.

A Medal of Honor USAF fighter pilot who was shot down in the Vietnam War and who defiantly endured more than five years of brutality as a POW without divulging sensitive information to his captors. It was Colonel Day and Jim Stockdale, along with John Flynn, Jeremiah Denton, John McCain and Robbie Risner, who set the example for scores of American airmen imprisoned at the Hanoi Hilton and other North Vietnamese POW

camps. With little hope for their release, a fact repeatedly underscored by their captors, Day and other senior officers endured a constant routine of beatings, starvation, threats and boredom. Day provided exemplary leadership, inspiring others to hold out -- and hold on -- against the North Vietnamese. A true American hero -- may he RIP.



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

Avellino, Alfred “Al” J., USAFSS-Vet.
 Bell, Dennis Gene, SSgt- USAFSS-Vet.
 Black, Norma Jean, Spouse of James Black-TSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
 Brandon, Darryll, USAFSS/ESC Vet.
 Brooks, Robert Frank, USMC, MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
 Brown, David “D.H. Jug” H., USAFSS-Vet.
 Butt, Billy Keith, USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
 Charette, Joseph “Nonni” Anthony, TSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
 Costin, Alpheus “Al” Alfie”, E., USAFSS-Vet.
 Davenport “Rosie” Rose, Spouse of Lewis Davenport, USAFSS-Vet.
 Day, Alfred “Pete” Owen, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Deal, William “Bill” C., USAFSS-Vet.
 Dickson, Richard A. AFISR Vet.
 Dinkjian Jr., Charles, USAFSS-Vet.
 Ebeling, ‘Ebe” Gary L., USAFSS-Vet.
 Echols, Margaret “Ms Maggie” E., Spouse of former USAFSS Senior Enlisted Advisor, Thomas J. Echols-CMSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Fenstermacher, Robert “Bob” A., SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
 Fullwood, Alfred “Al” F., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Gainer, John Franklin, SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.
 Goldberg, Eugene Benjamin, USAFSS-Vet.
 Lewandoski, Helen, Spouse Joseph Lewandoski-Col-USAF-Ret. (Dec)
 Luther, James B., USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
 Maninno, Peter L., USAFSS-Vet.
 Mumper, Ronald K., A1C-USAFSS-Vet.
 Nelson, Richard, SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
 Nye, William “Bill” G., CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
 Orr, David Lee, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Smith, (Thomas) (Lofton), Saundra A., SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.

Sorenson, "Piggy" Verne, USAFSS-Vet.
 Stancil, Charles "Chuck" Maurice, USAFSS-Vet.
 Strotman, Bruce D., Col-USAF-Ret-**HOH, Life-Mbr**
 Thompson, Jimmy, A1C (E4)-USAFSS-Vet.
 Varrell, David C., USAFSS-Vet.
 Whitaker Sr., Luther T., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
 Willems, Willard, USAFSS-Vet.
 Wolfe, Vance M., USAFSS-Vet. 1Lt-USAFSS-Vet.
 Worth, Walton James, USAFSS-Vet.



Alfred J. "Al" Avellino, 72, of Egg Harbor Twp. Died July 11th, 2013. Al joined the USAF in 1958 and served with the 6918th RSM / SS as a Morse Intercept Operator. After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Al joined the Philadelphia Police Department, serving in several divisions. Al is survived by his wife Sandra. **//Obit – The Press of Atlantic City//**_____

Al fought a valiant fight against cancer for well over a year, and had hoped to be strong enough to attend the 2013 San Antonio reunion one more time. Not to be, but hopefully some from his family can attend on his behalf. **//Dave Bethard//**



SSgt Dennis Gene Bell, 67, died July 2nd, 2013, at the Denison Care Center in Denison, Iowa. Enlisted in the Air Force from 1964 to 1969. He was stationed in Misawa, Japan and attended Syracuse University 203 Russian Class SR9-1-65B. Even though he was trained as a 203, he worked as a 202 in Misawa. Survived by his wife, Mary. **//Obit – Denison Bulletin/Review//**

RIP 'Ding'. A great friend during our time together at Misawa on Trick two and exploring Japan on our off hours. So many great memories – see you like it was just yesterday smiling, joking. **//John Klees//**

A brief note: Dennis trained at Skytop, Syracuse University in 1965. He was one of those incredibly friendly and upbeat folks you meet along the way. I will always remember his humor and decency. **//Skip LaMay//**



Please include in the ‘Fallen Eagles’ section of RIT my wife, **Norma Jean Black**, who passed away on Nov 9 2012 at the age of 81. We were in Berlin, Germany from 1967-1970. I am a long time member of USAFSS starting in 1957 at Shiroy, Japan and retired as a TSgt in 1970. //Norma’s husband, **James T. Black (FTVA Life Mbr)**//



Darryll Brandon, 60, died Jan 12th 2013. Raised in a military family, Darryll live in many locations. After graduating high school in 1970, he enlisted in the USAF and served twenty years in the intelligence field before retiring in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by wife Debbie. //Obit – **San Antonio Express News**//



MSgt Robert Frank Brooks, 81, died on May 14th, 2013. He was a veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam. He served in the USMC and the USAF, retiring after 26 years then serving in Civil Service for another 16 yrs. The Bronze Star was among his commendations. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ruth (Taura) Brooks. //Obit – **Express News**//

His military service and affiliation with the “old” Security Service especially, meant a great deal to my husband. Frank always looked forward to receiving the “Remain in Touch” newsletter. Thank you for your diligence. //Sincerely, **Ruth H. Brooks**//

Frank and I were at Ashiya (15th/6922RSM) in 1955. He ran the gym at Security Hill for quite a while. //Willard “Addi” **Addington**//

Knew Frank. He worked civil service on Security Hill in AFCSC (vault) and later the MWR guy on the Hill in charge of the gym and other MWR functions. Real nice guy. //Ron **Moyer**//



David H. “Jug” Brown, 76, of Panama City, died May 7, 2013. After two tours of duty in the USAF in Vietnam with the 6924th SS, Jug retired, and began writing songs, poems and short stories. He had 7 songs recorded by Darrell McCall, Gene Watson, The Super Grit Cowboy Band, and others. His song, "Dreams of a Dreamer" is still a country standard, and has been used nationwide. Released in 1977, it was recorded by Darrell McCall as "classic American honky tonk" and is in the Smithsonian Institution. He is survived by his wife: Colleen.

//Obit - Panama City News Herald//



I/we must pass on this very difficult news of the passing of **Keith Butt**. Keith had a reaction to medicine, had been hospitalized for weeks. I have been "frantic" trying to locate him since he was dismissed, calling his home all hours of the day. Finally, decided to call the hospital today. Keith was an only child. We, as part of your 6911th Family ask that as many of you that can possibly make it the San Antonio Reunion, please make it part of "our plan to honor Keith Butt" and his many years of service with the 6911th RGM. God Bless. **//Rich & Pat Merrill//**



TSgt Joseph Anthony “Nonni” Charette, 72, of Land O’ Lakes, Fl. died May 16th 2013 from the effects of ALS. Nonni was a retired USAF Vietnam Veteran. He served in Misawa, Taiwan, Keesler and Vietnam among other places. He is survived by his wife JoAnn. **//Obit – Eastbay RI//**

Joe Charette and I served at the 6929th RSM, Osan in 1962-63. We were part of a whole bunch of 3-D SSGt’s. We were on the same flight, along with T.B. Smith, Ron Schofield, and George Cunningham and many others. We recently reconnected through the Sunshine Chapter and it was like we'd been together all these years. Joe had tours to Bangkok, Kelly, ‘Nam and then to Orlando, FL, where he married JoAnn, his high-school sweetheart. They went on to ‘Vito, 6987th, Keesler, Misawa and retired at McDill AFB, FL. JoAnn sent a notice on May 18th about Joe’s passing. Joe was one of those special characters, and I do mean character, who crossed my path during my 26-year career and whose memory I will forever cherish. **//Ed Bendinelli//**



Alpheus "Al" E. Costin, 78, died June 18th, 2013. Al retired from the US Air Force after serving 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Sandra. //Obit – Herald Tribune//

Al was a brilliant 202 and a good guy too. We were stationed together at the I.G. Farben building in Frankfurt. I really enjoyed working with him. I'm sorry to hear he has passed away. //Homer Waring//



Rosie "Rose" Davenport, 74, died April 29, 2013. She is survived by, and leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 54 years, Lewis Davenport. In August 1958, Rose and Lewis were married, and as a military wife, she and the family were stationed throughout the US and overseas, including Misawa, Japan; Darmstadt, Germany; and Taipei, Taiwan. //Obit – San Antonio Express-News//



SMSgt Alfred (Pete) Owen Day, 79, died July 1, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. In 1954 Pete enlisted in the Air Force proudly dedicating 21 years active duty. His first duty assignment was Iwo Jima to support the Air Force flying missions in the Pacific. Other duty assignments with the USAFSS and NSA SIGINT projects were in Turkey, Pakistan, Japan, Goodfellow, Forbes, Nellis, Andersen (Guam,). Pete earned the Outstanding Supply Achievement Award, Meritorious Service Medal (w 3 OLC), the Joint Service Commendation Medal. In addition, Pete received numerous USAF Supply Achievement and Air Force Medals before retiring at Randolph AFB in 1977. In 1981 Pete started his Civil Service career. //Obit – San Antonio Express News//



William C. (Bill) Deal, 79, died May 18th, 2013, after his battle with Alzheimer's. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Vilma. He entered the USAF in Sep 1952 and retired in Nov 1979. During his career, Bill served overseas in Pakistan, Turkey and England. He was recognized and received the Strategic Air Command Educational Achievement Award, Security Service

Outstanding Airman of the Year, Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year, several USAFE Educational Achievement Awards, and was a three time recipient of the Freedom Foundation George Washington Medal of Honor. Bill was widely known for his intelligence, integrity, and his ability to make people laugh. //Obit – San Antonio Express News//



Charles Dinkjian, Jr., 67, passed away at home on Thursday, July 11, 2013, after battling cancer. Upon graduating from high school, Charles enlisted in the USAF. He served in the 6918 Security Group in Japan. Charles spent 33 year career in the banking industry. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Marie Ryan Dinkjian. //Obit – Asbury Park Press//



Gary L. Ebeling, 72, of Sebring, Fla., passed away May 25, 2013, in Sebring from cancer. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; son Todd (Tracy) Ebeling. Gary loved Florida, the sunshine, golf and friends. He donated his body to the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He

wished for no memorial services. //Dave Bethard – 6918 RSM/SS//



This morning (Apr 28th) my wife, **Margaret Echols**, passed. Please pray for our family and Margaret. We will celebrate her ‘Going Home’ at a date to be determined. We respectfully request that no flowers be sent. For all, your prayers and kind thoughts are much appreciated. Margaret died from lung and brain cancer. She fought the good fight for the past 27 months. We had been married for 57 years.

//Tom Echols (60-65) – Apr 28, 2013//

Your sweet wife was my sons’ favorite teacher/caregiver at the church there in San Antonio. My wife and I loved her. She took great care of both my sons 74-78. One afternoon she was there watching Rex play T-Ball. I asked her where you were. She replied, "He's home waiting for supper. I want to watch Rex hit that ball!" Sorry your supper was late that date 38 years ago. My sincerest condolences, Tom. //Steve Mobry//



SMSgt Robert A. "Bob" Fenstermacher, 73, died May 12, 2013 in Hanover, MD. After 20 years in the USAFSS, Bob went to work for the United States Government for the next 30 years. Assignments include: Kami Seya, Japan (58-60), USN; Onna Point, Okinawa (61); Misawa, Japan (62-63); PacSctyRegion HQ, Hawaii (63-64); Crete, Greece (65-67, 70-73, and 76-78); Chicksands, England (67-70); Yakima, WA (73-76); Ft Meade, MD (78-80). Bob is survived by his wife of 45 years, Annetta. //Obit – Capital Gazette//

I am sending out this email on behalf of the family to let you know that my father passed away this morning peacefully at home after battling cancer for the last few years. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers and most of all your wonderful friendships over the years. //Sincerely, Laura (Fenstermacher) Talbert//

I've met with Bob in the recent past, when we had a pleasant lunch together. I had requested a "follow-up" lunch with him but he asked for a delay since his health was "causing problems." Bob and I developed a friendship in the late 1960s, and our paths crossed many times between then and now. He was an American Patriot, unashamedly so. //Al Gray//



CMSgt Alfred ('Al') F. Fullwood, passed away Monday, July 15th, 2013. Al's wife Hazel preceded him in death. Al retired in 1975 from the USAF with 30 years of Military Service. The first two years was spent in the Navy. He was a Decorated Veteran of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and participated in the Berlin Airlift operations.

His last 16 years of military service was in the USAFSS. Al was the first enlisted man to receive the Air Force's fifth highest medal "The Legion of Merit" during his time of service. After serving in the Military for 30 years, Al obtained a college degree and worked as a sole proprietor in the restaurant business and retired from a local credit union in 1985. //Obit – San Antonio Express News//



SSgt John Franklin Gainer, 77, passed away on April 16, 2013, at St. Paul University Hospital in Dallas, Texas. A 1953 graduate of Abilene High School, John served in the USAFSS, from 1953 to 1962, as a Radio Intercept Operator. He was stationed at the 6921st Scty Gp, Misawa AB, Japan 1958-1960. John is survived by his

wife, Peggy. //Obit - Dallas Morning News//



Eugene “Gene” Benjamin Goldenberg, 78, of Northeast Philadelphia, a former wholesale seafood dealer who later worked as a police officer for the Defense Department, died, April 24, 2013, of complications of dementia at Sierra Oaks of Bensalem. Gene joined the USAF in 1953. He was stationed in the United States and Turkey as a radio operator. He was discharged in 1957. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn. **//Obit – Philly News//**

Gene Goldenberg was an AF Association state officer here in PA. He told me once that he was a linguist stationed at one of the remote Turkish bases back in the 50's. **//Tom Baker//**



Helen Lewandoski, a loving mother and grandmother, died on May 12th, 2013. She was 90. Married for 68 years to her true love Col (Ret) Joseph Lewandoski, they served the USAF in the U.S. and overseas in Italy, Japan and Hawaii. Helen worked for several years as an assistant to three Admirals at the Pentagon. She was preceded in death by her husband.**//Obit – San Antonio Express-News//**



James B. Luther, 74, passed away June 8th, 2013, at his residence. He served for nearly 22 years in the USAFSS as a Morse Operator in the 1960s and 1970's. Assignments include 88th/Yokota (65-68), 44th/Offutt (68-69 & 73-75), 90th/Kadena (69-71), 94th/Saigon (71), DaNang (71-72), Ubon (72-73) and 85th/Eielson. He worked AF civil service at Warner-Robbins AFB, GA. Jim was active with veterans in the area, especially Vietnam veterans. Survived by his wife of 44 years Gaylyn. **//Obit – The Telegraph//**

My earlier message was quite brief as I had no information other than my friend of 47 years had passed away from what appears to be natural causes. He and Gaylyn had just returned from attending a birthday party when he experienced some discomfort and eventually collapsed. EMT's were called but they were not successful in saving him. **//Ron Buteau//**

I know Jim was at Bremerhaven in 1961. My only knowledge of his assignments was his airborne ones at the 88th and other flying units. I do know that he had many thousands of flying hours and was decorated for them. RIP ole friend Jim. **//Dave Bristol//**

I knew Jim and flew a number of missions with him. Sorry to hear of his passing. RIP Jim. **//Chuck Tache//**

I knew Jim in the late 60s at Yokota. In fact, in September of 1967, I was TDY to Udorn, Thailand, from Yokota when my wife and son arrived in Japan without me there to meet them. Capt Gary Belcher, the 6988th ops officer, sent another operator to Udorn to relieve me. That operator was Jim Luther. I was always grateful to him for that. **//Tommy Smart//**

Really sorry to hear about Jim. Served and flew with him at various locations, the last time at Eielson AFB, AK in the '70s. Jim was a very good op and I always enjoyed working with him. We had some good times both on and off duty at the 6985th RIP. **//Greg Mahoney//**



Peter L. Mannino, 76, of Meiers Corners, died Friday in Richmond University Medical Center, in West Brighton. He was a lifelong Staten Islander. He grew up in West Brighton and graduated from Curtis High School. Mr. Mannino served in USAFSS from 1955 to 1959, stationed in RAF Chicksands, England. "He loved to make people laugh; he was a comedian," said Nancy, his wife of 50 years. "He was always telling jokes." **//Notified by Patric Pucillo//**



A1C Ronald K. Mumper, 76, of New Germantown, PA passed away Oct. 5, 2012, at his home. He was an Air Force veteran with a tour of duty at the 6918th RSM/SS, Hakata, Japan. Ron is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lois, and four children. **//Dave Bethard – 6918SS/RSM//**



SMSgt Richard Nelson, 68, of Oakton, VA died July 28, 2013 at Fairfax Hospital. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Currently, it is taking 2-3 months to have a burial there. Once we learn more, we will share with everyone. If you need to contact us, please call the house phone (703)938-5767, or Mike at (703)581-4288. **//Obit – Washington Post//**

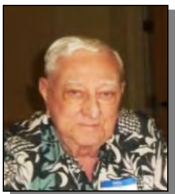
Rick retired in 1991 after 26 years of service. According to Rick's son Mike, Rick had a lot of problems over the past 18 months. He was in hospital for 2 weeks and Mike, who lives in South Carolina, talked to him Friday. Rick experienced serious breathing problems - kidneys and other organs were failing. **//Ed Bendinelli//**

Was stationed with Rick at Hakata. He was a good friend. When Hakata closed, in Mar 72, Rick PCS'ed to the P.I. While at Clark, he was reenlisted by one of the first returning POW's from Viet Nam. May he RIP. **//John Mike Miller//**

Very sad news. I don't know about you, but I could use a hug right now. **//Sharon Frizzell//**

Served with Rick and we will miss him and his smiling face. A great leader and mentor and his passing will be felt by many. Please accept my and my family's sincerest condolences on your loss. He touched many and influenced countless Airmen. **//Dennis C. Killian, Col USAF, Ret//**

On behalf of the 6918th Alumni we express our thoughts and prayers to Rick's family during your loss. May Richard's memories bring peace and comfort to you all. Rest in Peace to our "Fallen Eagle" **//Carol Farr//**



CMSgt William G. "Bill" Nye, 83, of Las Vegas, died May 12, 2013. Bill served in the USAFSS during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After his service, he was recruited by White Westinghouse and ARAMCO companies as a curriculum writer, and subsequently was the most well-received and liked academic dean for the U.S. Naval School of Health Sciences in Portsmouth, Va., and Tampa College in Florida. He is survived by his beloved wife, of 37 years, Pearl. **//Obit – Las Vegas Review Journal//**

I am totally shocked and overwhelmed at this sudden loss. Bill suffered a severe setback trying to recover from pneumonia and sepsis. Sadly, he did not pull through this time. Those of you who know us may know how painful and distressing this is for me. Words fail to sufficiently describe my thoughts and feelings. God Bless! **//Pearl//**

Bill was on the Board for several years and served as the Remain in Touch Editor. First met him at NKP in 1973. **//Bob Cope//**

//Redacted//We lost a brave soul in Bill Nye. He was a good & true friend that I knew since 1970-Viet school, survival, airborne at 6990th, then NKP and through our final years in Command. Mark this chief with no other measure than that he was trusted and respected by all who served with him. He was one of the good guys. **//Ken Allison//**

//Redacted//After being notified by Pearl that Bill had passed on Mother's Day, I promised to attend the May 24 funeral services. At her request, I agreed to give a eulogy. The services were held at the Las Vegas Chinese Christian Church (LVCCC) and attended by a large number of Pearl's family from California including her brother Peter who conducted the service. The eulogy included several significant references or stories related to me from various sources such as Bob Cope, John Nolander, John Derin, Rosie Rosenstrom and Bill himself. Tom, Jake and I served as pall bearers after the service and a VFW ceremony. Bill's burial in the Boulder, NV Veteran's Cemetery was accompanied by an Air Force Honor Guard and an Air Force flyover. **//Bob Finch//**



MSgt David Lee Orr, 83, died 26 Feb, 2013. In addition to Korea and Vietnam, David had a tour of duty at the 6918th RSM/SS, Hakata AB, Japan. **//No obit// //Info – Dave Bethard//**



SSgt Sandra A. (Thomas) (Lofton) Smith passed quietly , shortly after noon today, 9 May. Sandra was with USAFSS at Karamursel during the 1970's. She also served at Hessian-Oldendorf, Germany (the HOG), Edwards AFB, CA and Scott AFB, IL. She was like a sister to me and one of my best friends ever. I will miss her very much. Her services with military honors were held at Houston National Cemetery. **//Gerald Churchill//**



Please pass on that an honored Skivvy Niner, **Vern "Piggy" Sorenson** passed away this morning. He was living in Millersville, Maryland. As I know more info I will pass it on for the viewing. One of the good guys from the Niner's. //Dave Masson//

I only knew Piggy by Piggy. I was in Skivvy-nine at Osan from 1971-74. Like all that worked in our field, he was an outstanding person and really good friend. My deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Sorensen family. //Ned Crimmin aka Popcorn//



Charles Maurice "Chuck" Stancil, 68, of Hoschton died July 23, 2013. Maurice loved his family and church where he served as treasurer and played the bass guitar. He also played with The Taxman Air Force Band. He was a member of the Dixie Cruiser Street Club. He was a United States Air Force Veteran. He is survived by his loving wife of 9 years Sharon Phagan Dodd Stancil. Special seating at his memorial service provided for former Air Force Personnel. The family asked that all Misawa vets to please wear your "Trick Caps". //Obit – Barrow County News//



Sgt Jimmy Ray Thompson, 71, passed away on May 22, 2013 at his home in North Richland Hills, TX, following a long illness. Jimmy enlisted in 1961. After basic, he went to the USAFSS and to Goodfellow AFB, TX for analysis training. Jimmy went to the 6917th ESG, San Vito Italy (62-64) and then HQ USAFSS until the end of his enlistment in 1965. He then worked for NSA from 1965 until his retirement in 2000. He held a variety of staff positions during his Agency career, with assignments in England and Georgia in addition to Fort Meade, MD. His experience, knowledge and abilities were widely recognized within NSA. Survived by his wife of 38 years, Karen. //Obit – The Capital//

Like old soldiers, memories also fade away. Jimmy was our 202 in the small 8-man X2 section in the early years at San Vito, and he was my room-mate. Except for day watches, we were beach bums. He was paid to be a lifeguard, and I was the bum. I met him again at Chicksands (6950th) around 1970 as an NSA civilian, TDY from Harrogate. Many fond memories. Sorry to hear of his passing. //Jim Klima//



David C. Varrell, 73, husband of Brenda M.F. Varrell died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 22, at their home. Mr. Varrell was a USAF veteran, serving as a USAFSS airborne operator (Russian linguist) flying recon missions with the 6916th SS at Rhein-Main and Incirlik in 1960 and 1961. He studied at Syracuse University and Northeastern University. //Obit – Lowell Sun//

Mr. Tart; I regretfully inform you that my dad, Dave Varrell passed away on May 22nd, very unexpectedly. He was a very proud member of the Propwash Gang and was so looking forward to attending the reunion in October. I would love to stay in touch with information about the Prop Wash Gang, in tribute to my dad, so please add me to any email list you have, if it appropriate. //Matthew Varrell//David had contacted me earlier this year about our PWG reunion in Syracuse in October, but that was not to be. Rest in peace, David Varrell. //Larry Tart//



MSgt Luther T. Whitaker Sr, 87, of Sarasota, FL, died Feb 19, 2013. He was a United States Air Force veteran who served for 23 years with a portion of that time as a 292X0 at the 6921st Scty Gp, Misawa AB, Japan, in 1964. Luther is survived by children Jeffrey and Carol.

//Notified by Helen Henderson//



I sadly report the passing of a very old and dear friend, **Willard "Bill" Willems**. Bill passed on April 11th from a sudden heart attack. He and his wife Lynn Weddle had just moved from Bloomington, Indiana, to the The Villages in Florida. They had been there only six short weeks. Bill was in my Russian language class at Indiana University 5-62 to 2-63. He is the only 203 I ever knew who didn't go overseas. He was stationed at Kelly for his entire hitch after training at IU and Goodfellow. Bill left the AF in '65 as an E-4. He'll be sorely missed. //Steve Mobry//



1Lt Vance M. Wolfe, 69, died April 16th 2013. He is survived by his wife Betty Wolfe. After serving in the USAF as a Signals Intelligence Officer, he received his J.D. degree from Williamette University College of Law. //Obit – Seattle Times//

Lt. Vance Wolfe was assigned to the 6986th in Wakkanai, Japan from 1968-1970 as Delta Flight Commander. Initially (7/68), I was Mission Supervisor working for 2Lt Wolfe. Upon learning we were both from the Seattle, Washington area, we immediately hit it off. I don't know about his subsequent assignments. //James E. "Rote" Hensley//

Walter James Worth, 87, died May 17, 2013, in Titusville, FL. He graduated early from Peterborough High and enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1944. In 1971, Walter retired from the USAF Security Service. He is survived by his wife Mary Worth. He was buried in Florida national Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. //Obit – Newcomer Funeral Home//



Posting this last-minute notice as the Sep Newsletter goes to press:



Colonel Bruce D. Strotman, USAF (Ret.), 81, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Aug 9, 2013. Funeral held in Rockwall, TX on 14 Aug. He married his high school sweetheart in 1954. He graduated from Iowa State, had a 28-year stellar USAF career, and spent a life of service to his family, God and country. He was a 1996 inductee into the FTVA Hall of Honor. //Notified by his son. Full obit & tributes will follow in the Dec issue of RIT. //Ed//

MRSEA
Maximum Recovery Southeast Asia



Closure has been brought to the families of the crew of CAP 72, an EC-47Q ARDF reconnaissance aircraft shot down over Laos February 5, 1969. On-board were five crewmen from the 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (TEWS) and five reconnaissance crewmembers from Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron (USAFSS) operating out of Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam. At a Repatriation Ceremony on Saturday, 25 May 2013 in Olive Branch, Mississippi (five miles outside Memphis, Tennessee), MRSEA repatriated the remains collected at the crash site in December 2012, and those remains handed over to the Department of Defense for DNA analysis and identification. Paul Clever's priority was to bring closure for the families of the ten crew members who paid the ultimate price on 5 February 1969. The Patriot Guard Riders of Mississippi participated in the Repatriation Ceremony.//Larry Tart//

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Submitted by George Adams May 26, 2013

I met Bob Batson in Olive Branch Friday afternoon. Having not seen each other in a little over 40 years we didn't recognize each other at first. We made a joint recon of the route for the procession and ceremony. The route was lined with over 100 American Flags, put out by the Patriot Guard (Right).



The casket was loaded onto the caisson (Left) and the procession began down the route, caisson in the lead, escorted by over 100 of the Patriot Guard riders.

On Saturday morning we met with Larry Tart, again, and several other attendees and then proceeded to the High School. Upon arriving at the high school (Right) the caisson and casket went to the entry point and the Patriot Guard Riders to theirs.



(Left) Everything was very solemn and respectful. The coffin was carried from the caisson to the bier (Below) by the MRSEA Honor Guard.

(Above) Danny Russell (far left) following the MSREA Honor Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, opening prayers were given. The history of the “Gold Star Banner” was read and then each crew member’s biography was read and at the end of each biography a “Gold Star Banner” was presented to a family representative that was present.



That’s Paul Clever with flag on the far left and Waco Wetterman on the far right with ROTC members in the middle. The Patriot guard is standing behind the bier.

After a closing prayer, the coffin was carried to a hearse where the remains & artifacts would be transported to the Central Identification Lab in Nebraska for possible identification.

Following the ceremony Bob and I had the opportunity to meet and thank the 6994th (or whatever it is now called) commander and his guide-on NCO. We had actually spoken with them earlier in the day and related some “stories.”

We also met with and spoke extensively with Boone’s older brother (Mac), related some Boone stories (all three of us), and then we parted ways; Mac to Arkansas, Bob to Nashville, and me to Alabama. After 43 years, I feel there is some closure. I hope Bob, Mac and his family feel the same way. It was an honor for me to be able to attend. **George Adams**



Observations:

The entire recovery mission from the beginning and through this special day was sponsored by MRSEA (Maximum Recovery Southeast Asia). It is the end result of the steadfast quest of a son to find closure in the loss of his father by going to the jungles of Laos to recover artifacts and remains from the crash site that took place 44 years ago. The son, Paul Clever, lost his Morse System Supervisor father TSgt Louis Clever as a result of a shoot down of this mission aircraft. As the end of the somber ceremony approached, the remains were once again embraced by their fellow countrymen in a ceremonial adornment of the casket now draped with the American Flag in all its full glory. The crew was finally home; repatriated by caring families. Families true to the motto that is inscribed on the national POW-MIA flag "You Are Not Forgotten". RIP CAP 72. Finally, in the words of the many Vietnam Veterans that greet each other, "Welcome Home, Brother".

(Footnote: Following the repatriation, the remains were then escorted to a unit of the Central Identification Laboratory in Omaha, Nebraska for final DNA matching. All crew families have donated their DNA so accurate matches can be made.)

//From: Tom Crowley//The Repatriation Ceremony for the crew of CAP 72 just concluded in Olive Branch, Mississippi. It was beautiful, moving, and well-attended. The most profound moments to me, were the arrival on a horse-drawn caisson bearing the beautiful wooden casket with the remains of the crew, followed by the POW-MIA flag, together with the contrasting departure ceremony of the honor guard covering the casket and repatriating our crew with the American flag. Larry Tart was on the MRSEA (Maximum Recovery Southeast Asia) planning team. For those who were not able to attend the ceremony, Larry put together a nice video presentation to give you an idea of what happened.

Go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqgPHCWOjCA>



**A friend of mine admitted he was addicted to brake fluid.
When I asked him about it he told me,
"Don't worry, I can stop any time."**

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16th Annual Misawa Alumni Social

We've changed the name of "Kings". Previously known as Maya's Kings Lounge it is now using the trade name of "Lily's Kings Lounge". I turned the business over to my wife Lily earlier this year and felt it was an appropriate time to change the business trade name. We renewed the license through May 7, 2015. On Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 6 PM, all USAFSS Misawa veterans are encouraged to stop by Kings to meet up with your old friends to kick off FTVA annual reunion weekend. Group pictures will be taken at 8 PM. I am also sponsoring a King's golf tournament on Wednesday, Sept 25th, 9 am tee off at the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville. Call me (Walt Ritter cell) at 210-260-3062 for additional info.

E-Mail - WA2VQV@AOL.COM

Name - Russell Young

Unit - 6910th RGM, SEMBACH, 1958

Comment - I arrived at Sembach Sept.1955 and went on the line at Gruenstadt in Nov 1955 as a Radio Intercept Opr. In April 1956 went to Det. 3 at Wasserkuppe Rhoen. In Sept 1957 Det 3 was disbanded and I went back to Sembach. I rotated back to the ZI in August 1958.

Women Veterans Hotline

Posted by Sharon Frizzell

The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched its new Women Veterans hotline 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)-an incoming call center that receives and responds to questions from women Veterans, their families, and caregivers across the nation about available VA services and resources. Women now make up 15 percent of active duty and 18 percent of Guard/Reserves service members. Based on the upward trend of women in all branches of service, the number of women Veterans and female VA users is expected to double again in the next decade. Despite this rapid growth, women constitute only six percent of VA's total patient population. VA has also found that women Veterans underutilize VA care, largely due to a lack of knowledge about VA benefits and available services.

MEMBER THEN AND NOW

**Edward Benningfield (USAFSS/ESC 1957 – 1983)
CMSgt (Ret)**



'57 Basic Training



1960 Taipei Pedi Cab.



1984



Ed Today

This is Ed Benningfield. Basic at Lackland 57; then to Keesler for, 207X1 Training (57 - 58); 6987th at Shu Lin Kou Air Station, Taiwan (58 - 60); Permanent Party Squadron at Keesler, MS (60 - 63) and on to ATC Headquarters at Randolph AFB, TX (63 - 65); 6989th at Misawa (65 - 69); 6993rd at Medina (69 - 70); Det 2, 6994SS at Pleiku and DaNang (70 - 71); 6993rd Medina (71 - 73); 6920SW at Misawa (73 - 76); 6911th (Mobility) at Hahn, Germany (76 - 79); 6940th SW at Fort Meade, MD (79 - 83). That adds up to 26 years folks and over half of those were spent overseas. One notable memory is chronicled in the historical article on p 38 of this issue.



King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

Anniversary Announcements

Vogt's Celebrate 55th Wedding Anniversary



Janet Evans and Buck Vogt met at high school dances and have been dancing together for over 60 years. The two were married on July 13, 1958 at St. Marak's Church in Wheeling WV and immediately left for Buck's assignment in Great Falls, MT. Buck spent a 20 year AF career in the AF as a linguist and cryptanalyst. Besides overseas duty in Korea, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines, they served tours in New Haven, CT, Key West, FL and San Angelo, TX where he served on the USAFSS NCO Academy instructor staff before retiring there in 1976. They worked in the Real Estate business for another 30 years along with a long list of volunteer projects including an equal number of years as dancing instructors. Both Buck and Janet have been inducted into the Concho Valley Senior Hall of Fame in recognition of their community service.

Czubinski's celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Lawrence Czubinski and Sandra Joyce Shy were married July 15, 1961, at St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Milwaukee. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 15, 2011, with a gathering of family and friends at River Terrance Restaurant in San Angelo, TX hosted by their children. Larry and Sandy are the parents of four daughters and two sons. They also have twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Larry was an instructor supervisor in the Management and Analysis training school at Goodfellow when he retired from the U.S. Air Force (USAFSS/ESC). He then worked in the U.S. Postal Service. Sandy retired from the Army Air Force Exchange Service and was also employed by the 1st Community FCU and Dillards.

60TH Anniversary of the Cease-Fire Ending the Korean War



For historical purposes, the start of the U.S. ground war experience in Korea is generally marked from President Truman’s June 29, 1950, authorization for Gen. Douglas MacArthur to commit ground troops to blunt communist aggression from the north. Korean War ground actions went on to span three years, one month, and two days, “officially” ending with the signing of the cease-fire on July 27, 1953.

“By its participation in the Korean conflict the Army of the United States, in a determined effort to restore international peace and security, was for the first time committed to battle under the flag of the United Nations. Confronted by the most arduous conditions, the American military fought with traditional bravery and skill against Communist aggression in Korea and met every test with honor.”
 (J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Aug 16, 1949 - Aug 15, 1953)





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