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The President's Corner



Howdy FTVA Members,

It's an honor and privilege to be elected as the FTVA President. I really appreciate the confidence that the selection committee had in me. I have been lucky enough to serve as the Vice President for the past four years under the out-going President, Lee Anthony. I have big shoes to fill. Lee has led the Association to unprecedented levels in membership, participation, involvement and support to the AF ISR Agency. He has encouraged the Board to strive to new heights; adding new Chapters, greater visibility with AFISRA Headquarters and our units in the field, plus the best finances in the history of the FTVA. Thanks Lee!

Our annual Reunion in September was another tremendous success, thanks to the great teamwork of the Agency's planning team led by Major Keith Rogers and our Board member sponsors. Under Joe Hurst's careful oversight, the golf outing was another success...nice weather, beautiful course, good food, and great camaraderie.

The Remembrance Ceremony was moving as always, added this year with the poignant tribute to our recent fallen heroes who died in a MC-12 crash in Afghanistan. Special recognition went to SSgt Richie Dickson, a member of our SOF unit at Beale AFB, whose family was present at the ceremony. The picnic followed with food, beverages, and the telling of a few...okay lots of war stories.

Saturday morning started on another high note when we added five new members to the Hall of Honor from the Decade of the 1990's including: MGen (Ret) Paul Dettmer, Mr Dennis Alvey, Ms Betsy Witt, CMSgt (Ret) Jesse Coultrap, and MSgt (Ret) John Armintrout. MGen Shanahan followed with an engaging and informative briefing on the status of the Agency. The Reunion festivities culminated that evening at the banquet. Gen Shanahan was the guest speaker and again gave a powerful speech discussing the five Hall of Honor inductees. All-in-all a great three-day event.

I want to encourage our membership to get involved, either here in San Antonio or in our Chapters spread across the country. A special shout out to our newest Chapter in Colorado. Bernie Gavin has done a super job gathering an energetic team of FTVA members that have already made an impact in the community. Jim Kaus and his ever-expanding membership in Florida has taken on the special task of supporting our SOF unit at Hurlburt. Our Chapter in California continues the special support of our units at Beale AFB. The Heritage Chapter in San Angelo has preached the word with a continuous flow of intel trainees at Goodfellow AFB since 1993. Our Chapter in paradise, a.k.a. Hawaii meets and supports our units there at Hickam and Kunia. And last, but not least, our Chapter in the DC area has plans to become more invigorated with the help of Paul Dettmer, Al Dowling and others.

As Lee eloquently said four years ago: "We need each of you to remain proactive, encourage new membership, document our rich heritage, and most importantly...REMAIN IN TOUCH!"

Cheers, *Ron*

A note from our new FTVA Vice President:

By way of introduction:



I consider it an honor to work with the outstanding people in FTVA to provide support to the intelligence professionals in AFISR. I served 30 years, all under the AFISR and preceding organizations dating back to ESC. One memorable assignment was running the Sensor Olympics (now the Maj Gen Doyle E. Larson Awards Program) at HQ AFISR where I learned all that FTVA does to enhance the recognition programs for our intelligence professionals. That led me to become a lifetime member of the FTVA in 2004. I finished my career in the Air Force as the SID/Senior Enlisted Leader (Operations Superintendent) at the Texas Cryptologic Center and a member of the 93 IS. I started planning my transition from the Air Force about 3 years before retiring and have built a successful foundation for my twilight career as a real estate agent.

May you all enjoy the holiday season,

Andy



Hi Folks, Hope y'all had a happy and healthy summer. Also, this *Annual Reunion Issue* has lots and lots of photos. As usual, I had to use my editorial “redacting” eraser a few times to keep within our 3.5 oz size limit for postal mailing and still include your articles.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their postings and requests. Unfortunately, we were unable to include all your submissions in this issue, but keep ‘em coming and I’ll get them published eventually. Meantime, hope you enjoy this issue of YOUR Newsletter... it’s loaded!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Sincerely,



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Letters to the Editor
Erratum (Trans: “My Error”)



The lead two paragraphs and photo (“Good Luck Sign”) in Sep 2013 RIT article on pp 37-38 regarding the Pueblo Incident was submitted by **Steve Feit**. My special thanks to Steve for submitting this very informative and interesting historical input based on his personal experience. I inaccurately attributed the whole article to Charlie Church who provided the third paragraph and photos on page 38. I owe both of you an apology for this oversight.

Rass



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THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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Know someone who is eligible for FTVA membership but is not a member? Why not get them a yearly membership for Christmas (form is on the inside back cover of this booklet or use the FTVA web site at: <http://www.ftva.org/membership/FTVAApplication.pdf> Once they see what we are about and get a look at the newsletters they will probably cherish the gift. If you include a personal note for them with your gift membership we will make sure that note is included with the new member package we send to them.

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FTVA annual memberships run from January to December. So, if the label on this newsletter has the year "2013" after your name it is time to send in your 2014 dues. Dues are \$20.00 per year, or \$40.00 for two years. Please mail it to:

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FTVA Hall of Honor Inductions

The Hall of Honor was created in 1983 to honor individuals who served USAFSS/ESC and its successor commands with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to mission excellence. The Hall preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions. The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency along with the FTVA, inducted four new members into the Hall during a ceremony in AFISR Hqs Sept. 28th.



Major General Paul Dettmer climbed all the steps of the ladder. Squadron Flight Commander to Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for ISR...ground and downlink sites, Airborne Signals and Imagery Intelligence, US ATOMIC Energy Detection System to future systems' research and development, ISR and cyber... he performed in each position with class and flair! From the Predator and Reaper we fly today to a new state of the art laboratory, he made it happen. He also ensured his successors are postured for the future...in key positions and ready to take AF ISR to the next level. The consummate professional, Maj Gen Dettmer took care of the AF Intelligence business, and he took care of this Agency.



Mr. Denny Alvey put "Distinguished" on each of his 41 years of service as an officer and then civilian! From Peshawar to Frankfurt to Ramasun Station, from USAFSS to the Air Staff, to the formation of Electronic Security Command and every program since then. He established a Civilian Career Development Program ensuring a modern workforce for today's ISR mission. Whether leading from the front in multiple assignments overseas, to support from the Air Staff, to directing responses of the Air Intelligence Agency during 9/11, he was the driving force behind moving from the single scope USAFSS to the 21st Century multi-disciplinary ISR Agency it is today!



Ms. Betsy Witt: She did it all at NASIC for 33 exemplary years! She oversaw and produced 3,200 intelligence assessments, as the Air Force Representative and leader for many key Intelligence Community committees, and as the Technical Director for three NASIC Groups – Air and Cyberspace Intelligence, Global Exploitation Intelligence, and Space and Missiles Analysis. A recognized expert on space and counter space topics, she briefed Capitol Hill over 50 times affecting legislative actions, and led an Intelligence Community focus group that recommended priorities to the President. As a DISL, Ms. Witt excelled as a Center and AF Intelligence ambassador.



From Radio Intercept Analyst at Shu Linkou AS, Taiwan, to Chief of Policy and Planning at the Headquarters, Jesse Coultrap blazed quite a forty-three year path! He provided the key guides to tactical operations and Electronic Warfare analysis and reporting during Vietnam. He was a key member of ESC, AFIC and AIA reorganizations, leading the standup of organizations affecting 13,000 airmen in 65 units worldwide. He led the startup of AFIC's CARS with two ground stations, which has grown into the Air Force's premier multi-intelligence weapon system. Always the consummate Chief, mentor to officers, enlisted, and civilians, and the "go to" person for all the 'tough jobs' in AF intelligence, Jesse is truly the BEST!



Master Sergeant John "Bubba" Armintrout epitomized "mission first" with over 12,000 operational flying hours and over 2,000 days deployed supporting USCENTCOM. He was an AMS on all RC-135 variants. When his aircraft was attacked by Peruvian S:U-22's, he attended to the critically wounded, using his own body and equipment to shield them from subsequent fire while simultaneously performing mandatory destruction for specialized positions and coordinating closely with the entire crew. Applying first aid skills he learned as a volunteer ambulance technician, he ultimately saved Sergeant Hetzel's life ... a true hero in battle.



Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

AFISR NEWS//Thursday, September 26, 2013//

Subj: Thanks for AF ISR Support of Navid Garshasb Memorial Service

To: SHANAHAN, JOHN N Maj Gen USAF AF ISR AGENCY/CC

Sir, I wanted to let you know that Hurlburt Field's 25 Intelligence Squadron did an absolutely fantastic job honoring Navid Garshasb this past Monday. I had the privilege of officiating at his memorial service and was absolutely amazed at the level of support generated by Maj Johanna Ollerich, Capt Jessica Zenger, and MSgt Mark Romero. They took care of all the planning, protocol, and logistics and produced an event that honored a national treasure and inspired everyone in attendance. The service even included remarks from former commanders Ron Chilcote, Jake Johnson, and Chuck Allison. Others honored him during the service, including a crew member from Knife 03 who gave a firsthand account of G's heroism. Mrs Garshasb and her family were deeply grateful and comforted by their wonderful comments and stories. MSgt John Jones, from your AF ISR/A3 section, was instrumental in organizing and supporting this event. He did much of the behind the scenes work and delivered immense support not only for the memorial service but to Joani and her family. He is an amazing SNCO and he and his wife, Hilda, epitomize Service Before Self. I have never been more proud of our Air Force family-especially our ISR community. The love and support the ISR family has extended to the Garshasb's throughout this difficult journey has been truly stellar. Finally, please know that Mrs Garshasb deeply appreciated your letter. We read it to the attendees at the memorial service-a very fitting tribute to "G"! Thanks for your personal touch.

May God continue to bless you and our AF ISR community,

//SIGNED//

STEVEN P. McCAIN, Chaplain, Colonel, USAF
Joint Base San Antonio Wing Chaplain

BEDSIDE MATTERS

From: Perry Keeton@cox.net//yahoo groups//
22 Sep 2013



Had a lengthy phone conversation today with our old friend **Larry Mills** (HOH 2009). As many of you know, Larry has not become an internet user, so he doesn't keep us updated as we would like. Anyway, he and his family are all doing just fine, except that he is currently undergoing chemotherapy for cancer of his larynx. He assured me it isn't real serious, but I thought some of you might want to keep our dear friend in your thoughts and prayers.

I advised him to get on with filing a claim through the VA since I believe this type cancer is one of the presumptive conditions caused by exposure to dioxins, in particular Agent Orange. God knows Larry spent enough time there to have been regularly exposed. He says he remembers at Tan Son Nhut being housed right next to the flight line where they were loading the C-130s, remembering how they could smell the stuff constantly. From tent city at Da Nang you couldn't throw a rock far enough to hit a blade of grass.

Some good news is that their son Rick, commander of the 90th from 2009-2011, has been selected for Colonel and is assigned to the PACAF in Hawaii. Also, their daughter has been selected for Lt. Colonel and assigned to Barksdale. To say Larry's proud of them would be an understatement. If you'd like, give him a call at (325) 651-4257. His voice is a little weak at this time.

In other news, Larry's wife, Miki, spoke with Hideko Lantz, Bob's wife, not so long ago. Bob's condition is basically unchanged, still nearly totally unresponsive and in a nursing facility. His daughter, June, has moved back to the Las Vegas area from Australia. Their son, Ken, is a school teacher there in Vegas, so the whole family is there close to Bob. It breaks my heart to think that something like Alzheimer's could do this such a magnificent mind.

Perry

(Bedside Matters Cont'd)

//Sep 7 2013//Rass: Use this tad of info as you like. If you decide on a shorter article in the FTVA, edit please. Mention the untreated blood sugar kept the wound from healing as well as my 20 years in USAFSS as a comm weenie. (Ten o/s assignments and 32.8 years total service.)

Thanks, **Bill Strickland**

I've battled an ulcer on my foot for close to two years caused by a podiatrist. Had a callus on the bottom of one of my toes and when he shaved it off, shaved too close and an infection set in. Saw four other foot doctors, an orthopedist and my family doctor over close to two years and all any of them did was tell me to use OTC Neosporin and a Band-Aid. Woke up on July 31 of this year and all the toes and right foot were swollen beyond belief. Went straight to wound care and was admitted to the hospital within thirty minutes and put on three of the strongest antibiotics via IV available. On the 5th day, the surgeon came in and told me I had a choice to make - - - have all five toes and about three inches of the right foot removed then, or the whole leg within a short while. No choice there and the surgery took place that afternoon. I had never experienced pain in my life but this was the worst I ever imagined, even with morphine drips in the vein every ten minutes.



Three weeks in the hospital, a week in rehab and now at home with a nurse coming by daily to check and change the bandage. I'm doing much better than I imagined and can walk fairly good, use a walker as a back-up but not really needed. They tell me with about six weeks I'll be healed, have special shoes and orthotics

and won't even think about the surgery. I saw Ben Candalaria's article ref the excellent piece of work you're doing with the FTVA quarterly and couldn't agree more.....a very nice job on your part. I'm telling you about the foot problem now as I failed to copy you when I sent it to the others. CAUTION: When you have your blood checked, make damned sure they check for blood sugar and A1C - - the medics say this is why my foot wouldn't heal and I didn't even realize my sugar was that high. Was never put on insulin and no doctor ever cautioned me. Take care my amigo and let me hear from you. By the way, Candy Candalaria and I exchange emails often, he lived next door to me at Osan and we hung out together. Quite a guy and is now 88 years old.

Bill



Posted by Jim Kaus//Sep 30//: Visited with Tomi and **BJ Cook** outdoors in Destin, FL (left). BJ is making great progress after suffering a stroke two weeks ago that affected the right side of his body. Right now he's still in a wheelchair. He plans to be in St. Augustine later this year.

I took BJ the get well card we signed at the FTVA reunion, and a tee shirt and new hat. I also printed out everyone's comments. He appreciated them. Though slightly slurred, his speech is greatly improved and we had a nice visit, outdoors.



//Ed update//Oct 31//, My wife and I had lunch with BJ, Tomi, Mike and Vic Miller in Mary Esther, FL while we were visiting our family at Hurlburt yesterday. BJ's now walking with the help of a cane, just as talkative as ever, and almost back to his ol' normal self. He thanks you all for your kind

support. (His phone # and address are in the FTVA Directory.)

To: FRANCE, DOROTHY J GG-12 USAF AFISR Agency/CCE

//Sep 29//Hi Dottie, This is Dana, **Gordon Sommer's** daughter in law. Gordon is doing well, but he has had some tough luck. He fell, August 15, and broke his hip. He is recovering at physical therapy at Parklane West. One interesting side note, while Gordon was recovering from surgery, he was a little confused because "his whole office staff had come to visit him and wish him well." He repeated that he just couldn't believe how thoughtful they all were. So, obviously you all are still a great comfort to him. The church staff asked me to interview Gordon and compose an article. He was very tight lipped during our interview and quipped that if he answered my questions, he'd have to kill me. :-)
Thank you again for thinking of him. Your e-mail will be great medicine for him.
Dana Sommers

FTVA CHAPTER NEWS



Sunshine Chapter
<http://www.sunshineftva.org>
by Jim Kaus, President



While I was in San Antonio for the September alumni reunion, I presented the annual status report for our chapter at the FTVA general membership meeting. Our support for Hurlburt's ISR troops returning from deployment continues uninterrupted. Next activity will be our annual get together coming up in Florida later this year.

Happy Holidays
Jim

Heritage Chapter

Submitted by Larry Ross, Secretary



After nearly eight years sitting exposed to the West Texas weather, the EC-47 aircraft, 43204, on display in front of the wing headquarters building on Goodfellow AFB was given a face lift in July. The new paint scheme is in accordance with the original Technical Order which specified the colors and gloss. This shiny coat was a surprise to Vietnam veterans who were used to seeing the muted olive drab colors



Photo 1 above is from Oct 2005 when the memorial was dedicated.

Photo 2 above is from October 2013 Showing the new gloss.

From: J. J. Graham, Chapter President:

On 2 October, representatives of the Heritage Chapter met with Col Kimberlee Joos, the new 17th Training Wing commander. Chapter members Ed Bendinelli, Tom Nurre, and JJ Graham welcomed Col Joos to Goodfellow and briefed her on past chapter activities on the base and our plans for future projects. Col Joos, who recently arrived from Misawa AB, Japan, was already very familiar with the FTVA and its many activities. Ed and JJ talked about our efforts to add shadow box displays to the buildings on base which were named for EC-47 crew members killed in action in Vietnam. There are currently four such buildings on Goodfellow: Cressman Dining Facility, in honor of Sgt Pete Cressman; Leftwich Hall, in honor of TSgt Ray Leftwich; Melton Hall, in honor of SSgt Todd Melton; and Ryon Hall, in honor of MSgt John Ryon. Each shadow box will contain a picture and biography of the individual, as well as the medals they were awarded. Along with Tom Nurre, they also briefed the commander on the Chapter's desire to name a building in honor of Sgt Dale Brandenburg, a cryptologic maintenance technician killed in Vietnam while flying as a crewmember on the ill-fated BARON 52. SSgt Melton and Sgt Cressman were also crewmembers on the same aircraft. Tom then provided Col Joos with a detailed update on the EC-47 Memorial, which included the artist's concept drawing. She was very pleased with the design and is looking forward to having the display in the headquarters building.

Col Joos was very supportive of our proposals and indicated she and her staff would be available to help if needed. Throughout our discussions she demonstrated her knowledge of historical events and provided some insight that will make our tasks a little easier to accomplish. Overall, we were very pleased with Col Joos' willingness to listen to our ideas and offer her assistance. It was evident that she shares the Chapter's belief in communicating the history of our Air Force intelligence pioneers with the intelligence professionals of tomorrow – the young men and women training at Goodfellow. Based on our discussions with Col Joos, we are currently putting together two shadow boxes and with the help of the 17th Training Wing historian, Dr. John "Doc" Garrett, we've started the process of getting a building on Goodfellow named in honor of Sgt Brandenburg. "Doc" has always been a huge supporter of Heritage Chapter initiatives, and has proven to be an invaluable source of knowledge and a critical link in working with the base. . The Heritage Chapter welcomes Col Joos to Goodfellow and looks forward to a mutually beneficial relationship.

International Allied Officer Students Finish Training at Goodfellow

By Michelle Gaitan (Redacted)

A slew of flags provided a colorful and symbolic background for 11 students graduating from Goodfellow Air Force Base's International Intelligence Applications Officer Course in September 2013.

The special course familiarizes students from allied countries and national agencies with the Air Force's training in cryptology and intelligence. The graduation ceremony was held at the base's Event Center for students representing Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, United Arab



Emirates, Italy, Kuwait, Romania and Morocco. Graduating students were awarded a certificate and badge for successful completion of the course. "It's the fruit of the last three months," said Capt. Jawwad Shah of Pakistan. The "course was useful. Now we are able to work with coalition forces."

The intelligence course curriculum focuses on cryptologic linguistics and analysis, intelligence applications and operations, imagery, targeting and intelligence-related communications and electronics maintenance. It also includes building relationships between Americans and allied countries, preparing participants for the day they will "need to work together in a coalition environment," said instructor Sara Undeutsch, teaching an IIAOC training course for the first time.

The training program works with about "43 countries, but it changes all the time based on our defense agreements with other countries," said Yolanda Folks of the international military officer student training department. Goodfellow offers IIAOC training three times a year. "All 14 students in our next class are from Saudi Arabia," Folks said. "Going back home is always great," Shah said. "I must say I've worked with excellent people, learned from teachers and instructors. I am going to carry a good, positive message back to my country about America."



The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights wearing armor raised their visors with thumbs up to reveal their identity.

Gold Country Chapter
Yuba City, CA

by John Aurelius, Chapter President

Change of Command



In early August I had the honor of being invited to the change of command for the leadership of the 548th ISR here at Beale. Against a backdrop of a significant number of flags standing on the stage before a floor to ceiling American flag, Command was passed

from Col Patrick Flood to Col Jim Sipowicz. Col Flood had been here since June of 2011 and attended our dinners on many occasions. I'd like to thank him for all of his support and wish him well on his new tour. We welcomed Col Sipowicz, who I had an opportunity to meet and I learned that one thing we had in common was that we have both flown in the same aircraft. Note that this was not at the same time and to be certain, not even in the same decade, but it is the kind of thing that ties all of us (young and old) together in the FTVA. While the backdrop was the large array of flags, outside the open Global Hawk hanger doors were three of the currently active aircraft. Representing several decades of service was the U2 Dragon Lady, the Global Hawk and the new MC-12 Liberty. We look forward to working with Col Sipowicz and assist him in serving the Beale community.



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(Above) Final GCC dinner with Col Flood (left center) before COC

Assisting Families

In April the Air Force ISR community experienced the loss of four airmen when their MC12 Liberty crashed in Afghanistan. One of the four airmen had ties to Beale Air Force Base here and family in the area. The FTVA national leadership voted to provide \$2000 to SSgt Richie Dickson's family so that they could travel to this year's AFISRA/FTVA remembrance ceremony in San Antonio. FTVA President, Lee Anthony came to Beale and presented the check to MSgt Shaylin Butler of the 306th IS. When prospective members ask what we do, this is one perfect example of how we serve.

End of an Era

During its active service, Beale Air Force Base was one of the hosts of the incredible SR71 Blackbird. Some of the last visible structures of the program have remained at Beale until this summer when demolition crews removed the old hangars and five 400,000 to 657,000 gallon fuel storage tanks. These tanks held the JP-7 jet fuel that was created to feed the SR71 engines. It is interesting to note that the scrap from this project is being recycled to help pay for the demolition.



Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO

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

Compiled by Sharon Frizzell, Secretary

Submitted by Bernie Gavin, President

(Right) October meeting attendees (Not in order): Bernie Gavin, Greg Roman, Jeff Waldeck, Sharon Frizzell, Stan Cook, Steve Sperry, Ron Fitzke, Larry Strang. New member: Cristina Stone and Guests: Mike Schaub; Mike Rogers, and Judy Gavin



Minutes of the September meeting were posted on the Chapter's Facebook page for review and approved at this meeting.

Projects report: Bernie Gavin gave a brief update on efforts to engage members of the 544th and AFA cadets that are interested in the intel career field. No cadets are currently active in this program, but we will continue to pursue and provide briefings to cadets as warranted.

New Business: Elections. All of the current officers for President, VP, and Secretary-Treasurer stood for re-election and were confirmed by acclamation. We are considering a community outreach project to provide transportation for vets to CO Springs clinic. Bernie has details on available vehicles.

Old Business: Bernie reported on the FTVA reunion in San Antonio. Five new HOH inductees and new FTVA officers: Discussion continues on how to attract members, particularly younger members currently active in the AFISRA community. Ideas welcomed.

Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President



Aloha Rass,

Attached is Aloha Chapter's RIT input for Dec along with a picture (below) of the "Magnificent Five" - at least on that night.

Aloha Chapter members Ken Een, Steve Crain (and wife Marivic), and John Toillion (and wife Diana) met for Mongolian BBQ at the Hickam O'Club on Thursday, October 24, 2013. While small in number, we enjoyed a great time of eating great Hawaiian 'grinds' and 'talking story'.



At the top of the discussion list for da boys was a book Steve Crain read recently titled “*The Liberty Amendments: Restoring the American Republic*” by Mark R. Levin. According to Levin, for a century, we have watched a construction project steadfastly distorting and evading our constitutional system in pursuit of an all-powerful, ubiquitous central government. The result is a growing assault on individual liberty, state sovereignty, and the social compact. The delegates to the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia foresaw a time when—despite their best efforts to forestall it—the Federal government might breach the Constitution’s limits. Agencies such as the IRS and EPA and the current outreach of social programs demonstrate that the Framers’ fear was prescient. Therefore, the Framers provided for amending the Constitution i.e. empowering the states to bypass Congress and call a convention for the purpose of amending the Constitution. Simultaneously during da boys’ discussion, da girls’ discussion focused on our children (now grown up) and our grandchildren. Throw in a tid bit on the latest in jewelry designs and Wahllah – a fun evening was had by all! That be it for now and as Don Ho would always say,

”A-LOHHHH-HA!”

2014 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notifications of Upcoming Reunions for 2014



NOTE: Any Reunion plans for 2014? Let us help. Use the form found on the FTVA web site to ensure widest dissemination: go to <http://www.ftva.org/>

June 5 - 8, 2014

USAFSS in Misawa IRSM/6989/6921/6920 et al.

Location: San Diego, CA

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

Comments: All SS, ASA and NSG people who served in Misawa, Japan, during the years 1949 through 1979 are invited to our 11th annual reunion in San Diego. Visit our website: www.usafssmisawa.com

September or October, 2014

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.



REUNION REPORTS



Misawa Vets Kick Off Reunion Week With Ice Breaker

As usual, Walt Ritter was the perfect host for his 16th annual Wednesday Golf Tourney, Ice Breaker and BBQ at Lily's King's Lounge complete with complimentary hot dogs, sausage, hamburgers, beans and 'taters.



Photo by Jim Lipa

After a few hours of telling war stories and “swappin’ lies”, the Misawa alumni then gathered for the annual family picture. Front Row: That’s a cardboard cutout with B J Cook’s picture sitting on the chair between Jim Stevens and the Alumni sign. BJ was obvious by his absence, which was felt by the many attendees who wished him a quick recovery (see Bedside Matters on p.11).



(left) Familiar annual attendees, Charles & Lisa Millsap had a good time visiting of' friends at the King's Lounge and later at the picnic on Friday.

(Posted by Jim Lipa)

"Stick" Armstrong & Ray Ivey enjoying their visit at the Misawa Ice Breaker.
(My Family photo)



Joe Hornsby (Left) is one great guy. We made a pact to play a round of golf. So far Waco has volunteered and I think, Jim Stephens will join us.
(Posted by Jim Lipa)

“Survivors of Herzo Base” Reunion Sep 9 – 13, 2013

Hugh Hill, Virg Fordham and Duke Keeter (L-R) having breakfast during the Herzo Base (ASA) reunion 9/13 thru 9/15/2013. We served together in 1948/49 while the 2nd RSM was an ASA unit. Needless to say we are the oldest (83-84-83) Herzo Survivors that attended the Norfolk Reunion.



ANNUAL FTVA & AFISRA ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Sep 26 – 28, 2013



2013 Reunion Week Golf Tournament

by Joe Hurst, FTVA Tournament Chairman

Reunion week activities again kicked off with the 2013 FTVA and AFISRA Golf Tournament starting at 1300 on Thursday, September 26th, at the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville, Texas. We also again had cooperative weather for the 142 people who played this year, although it was on the warm side. The AFISRA commander, Maj Gen Jack Shanahan, and several of his senior staff were able to join us for the day.

The Alsatian Golf Course (and its staff) was a superb host for the tournament. Club manager, Will Bedinghaus, took every chance to help us with the tournament, including adding the Flop Wall and Glass Breaking contests.

A group of volunteers again made sure we were ready tournament day. As he has for many, many years, Armando Zepeda was first to arrive, getting the goody bags ready and on the carts. Our AFISRA points of contact, Karl Cator, assisted by SMS Eleazar Tellez, were essential to getting Security Hill players signed up and to the tournament.

Although we started an hour later this year, the pace of play was very good. We were able to get everyone through their 18 holes, fed a great fajita dinner, and had all prizes awarded by about 1900. The top six teams and the last place team received cash awards. We also recognized two closest to the pin winners and the longest drive champ. Once more we gave out several door prizes of cash and golf balls. The Alsatian GC also donated six rounds of golf that we gave away as door prizes.

Winning this year was the team of Joe Sanchez, Sam Sustaita, Trey Oats, and Bob Willhite. Second place went to Randy Baronet, Dennis Buxton, Andy Gossman, and Bill Tidwell. And in third place was the team of Tim Haugh, Rick Brumm, Mike Labbe, and Eleazar Tellez.

The longest drive winner for 2013 was David Fowler. Bobby Guthrie and Rod Teuscher collected the closest to the pin prizes.

Security Service Federal Credit Union graciously provided a significant cash donation to the tournament, along with the goody bags and most of the things in the bags. Our other significant cash donation was from the Freedom Through Vigilance Association.

See you at the 2014 reunion and tournament.

Joe



First Place : Sam Sustaita, Trey Oats, Joe Sanchez, Bob Willhite

Second Place: Dennis Buxton, Andy Gossman, Randy Baronet, Bill Tidwell



Third Place: Mike Labbe, Rick Brumm, Eleazar Tellez, Tim Haugh



2013 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

by Tech. Sgt. Trevor Tiernan
AF ISR Agency Public Affairs

Echoing the words of the Air Force Creed, the FTVA along with the AFISR Agency honored its own "Proud Heritage," "Tradition of Honor," and "Legacy of Valor," during a Remembrance Ceremony at the Agency's 65th Anniversary.



Held in front the Air Force ISR Agency Headquarters building, the Sept. 27th ceremony brought together current and former Agency Airmen, to honor the Silent Warriors who have given their lives in service to the United States. The term "Silent Warriors" refers to Airmen who served under the various iterations over the years--the United States Air Force Security Service, Electronic Security Command, Air Force Intelligence Command, Air Intelligence Agency and the present day Air Force ISR Agency.

"We gather here this morning for something exceptional; something that distinguishes us," said Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, AF ISR Agency commander. "We join together to honor and remember the Silent Warriors who sacrificed their lives while in service to our nation."



In attendance, were family members and squadron leadership of one of those fallen Airmen--Staff Sgt. Richard Dickson (Photo Left) Dickson was killed when the MC-12 Liberty aircraft he was a crew member of, crashed in Afghanistan April 27, 2013. "We gather to celebrate their lives and accomplishments, honor their contributions while continuously reaffirming our commitment to protecting our great nation," said Gen Shanahan.



With the C-47 static display as a backdrop, the General recounted some of the stories of those Silent Warriors beginning with that of "Tide 86," an EC-47 shot down over South Vietnam in 1967,

then moving on to the account of Staff Sgt. Elmore Hall, a radio interceptor with the 6994th Security Squadron, who was killed when his aircraft was shot down in 1969, again over South Vietnam, and for whom Hall Boulevard--the street the Air Force ISR Agency Headquarters building is located on--is named.

Shanahan continued to tell of "Yukla 27," an E-3 AWACS aircraft that crashed on takeoff in Alaska in 1995, killing all 24 crewmembers including the 381st Intelligence squadron's Tech. Sgt. Ernest Parish; of Staff Sgt. Shane Kimmett, 25th Intelligence Squadron, killed when his MC-130H aircraft crashed in bad weather in Puerto Rico, in 2002; of 1st Lt. Roslyn Schulte, killed by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan, in 2009; and of Senior Airman Julian Scholten, whose U-28 aircraft crashed in Djibouti, in 2012. The General brought the audience to the present day with an account of the AF career and death of SSgt Dickson.

The words with which General Shanahan closed each account rang true:

"We will always remember."



After Mr. Lee Anthony, FTVA outgoing president, addressed the crowd, the ceremony moved on to the presentation of a remembrance plaque to Sergeant Dickson's family.

(Right) Major Gen. John Shanahan, AF ISR Agency commander and family members of SSgt. Richard Dickson look at the memorial picture honoring him at the AFISRA/FTVA remembrance ceremony.



(Photo TSgt Trevor Tiernan)



Ted Colquhoun reads the Roll Call.

After 'Amazing Grace' was played by a lone bagpiper, the ceremony culminated, as has been tradition, with a roll call of former civilian and military service members who have passed away during the past year.

This year, a wreath was displayed at the site of the ceremony. (Right) TSgt. Wardell Newell carries the wreath placed in front of the AF ISR Agency headquarters building as the AFISRA/FTVA remembrance ceremony, concluded.

(Photo by TSgt. Trevor Tiernan)



PICNIC AT STAPLETON PARK

Newsletter Compilation



The FTVA Information Center was up and running before noon. Here we see (L-R) Ron Haygood, Joe Hurst and Bob Baert helping Jim Cox with his annual membership renewal.



(Left) A.J. Harrison and Jacque Lerma were caught discussing the finer points of running a beer booth. Both of these hard working members are mainstays at the FTVA picnic and have been helping to make our reunions a success for many years.

(Right) Bob Finch, Dave Domyancic, and Jim Sickich enjoy a :’cool one’ under a partly cloudy sky. The weather was balmy and rain-free except for a brief 10-minute sprinkle. Looks like only Jim may have gotten wet.





FTVA Sunshine Chapter president Jim Kaus found a friendly table in a pavilion with (L-R) Jim and Barbara Lipa, Lisa Milsap, Kay and Ron Weaver.

(Right) Jesse Coultrap, newly inducted into this year's Hall of Honor, enjoyed a visit in the shade with A.J. Harrison and Chuck Younkin.



FTVA REUNION BANQUET

On Saturday evening, over 230 members and their guests gathered at Lackland's Gateway Club to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of USAFSS and its successor commands. Maj Gen "Jack" Shanahan, who recently assumed command of AFISR Agency, headed up the list of distinguished attendees as the evening's guest speaker. Each of this year's HOH inductees were then introduced by this year's event Emcee Wayne Amann.



(Left) When we first arrived, we found MSgt Vince Jarvier, the Agency Co-Chair for the Banquet along with Cynthia Jenkins with welcome smiles in the foyer of the Gateway Club.

(Right) Ed Warfield, Mark Hess, Ron Haygood, Emily Rogers and Mike Shields met up at the refreshment stand in the foyer.



(left) Axel Anaruk brought his son Andrew to the banquet affair. Anyone who knew Axel back “in the day” might say his son is a chip off the ol’ block!

(Right) No annual banquet would be the same without representation by the Air Force Ambassador. This year it’s the Agency’s own Capt Aaron Eggers. That’s his wife Becky by his side.



(Left) This was no doubt one of the ‘fun’ tables at the banquet. (L-R) Jardin and Juie Toso, Ted and Dylan Colquhoun, Jacque Lerma, Sue Douglas, Aleta Allen and Rachel Aldez (anyone see Marco?)



Biennial Hakata 6918th RSM/SS Reunion

Posted By Dave Bethard

Sep 26 – 29 saw a large gathering of USAFSS veterans who were stationed at Hakata, Japan sometime since its opening in 1958 until it closed in 1972.



Two weeks after the events, I'm still enthused about the 2013 San Antonio reunion.

This time, we had SO much good stuff to record, that we were forced to make a 3-disc 'Then & Now' 2013 Reunion DVD! Too much of a good thing can be very good! While we did see a slight drop in attendance, to about 135 total, we did see numerous first time attendees, and we think

we made a positive impression with them! We also had most of our 'standard crew' return this year, and once again, with one exception, the event was executed nicely by the Holiday Inn Riverwalk hotel staff. The exception was the live streaming video set-up, which wasn't executed correctly by the hotels' A/V contractor—certainly sad news and a big disappointment for all. Because of that, however, the hotel did credit the 6918th Corporation for the entire charge—if only that could give our people another chance to view it live, or to listen to our wonderful speakers this time!



(Above: 2013 Reunion DVD Cover)

Colonel (Ret) David Kuntz and Brig General (Ret) James Miller provided wonderful presentations and memories of the 6918th, the personnel, and the Security Service overall. Both were exceptional keynote speakers, and will be very hard to top in 2015. Our thanks to them for their generosity and their service, and for volunteering their time and expertise.

(Left) As the last commanding officer of the 6918th at Hakata from 1970 - 72, Col David Kuntz shared his unique perspective on the unit's closing.



(Right) As a Flight Commander in 1971 at his first duty station, Gen Jim Miller took notes which influenced his long career.



(Left) Fred Barnes is shown with probably the most red, white and blue outfit I've ever seen, at the 2013 San Antonio Reunion. Thanks to all who attended--and all are invited to leave feedback here--good, bad or indifferent--about the event, facilities, food, etc. Plans for 2015 are already well underway, and more photos of this years' event will follow shortly.



(photos by Bill Spencer)

(Upper Right) As always, Charlie Flight was well represented at this years' reunion. Shown left to right are Dennis Rassmussen, Al Benzing, Ron Epperson, Les Saddler, Dave Minshew and Wayne Graczyk. Wayne and his wife Yoshiko traveled all the way from their Tokyo homestead to be with us. Wayne has attended every 6918th Reunion since St Louis in 1998.



(Left) Troy Powell and Tom Winter share some laughs before the 2013 banquet meal in San Antonio.

(Right) Joe Webb is shown with Stan Freymuth following a raffle giveaway of a Security Service patch at this years' reunion.



Those who attended (or who didn't) can share their thoughts on-line, at one of our two Hakata 6918th web sites, so that everyone can make comments. On behalf of the organizing crew, thanks to all who attended and/or donated to the reunion, making it the tremendous success it certainly was!

(Right) Vic and Wanda Shumate are shown at the San Antonio event. This was their first 'big' reunion attendance, and they seemed to enjoy it!



(Left) Gil Cadena (L) and Scott Layne. (R) Scott is the person responsible for Silver Eagle Distributing, which provided the free Keg beer. Thanks Scott! Others shown to Scott's right is McKinley Mitchell. In the background

are Tom and Anna Neeley, Fred Barnes and Dave and Yvonne Minshew.

HAKATA GROUP FLIGHT PHOTOS



Able Flight



(Bill Spencer) **Baker Flight** (Roger. Pratt)



Charlie Flight



Dawg Flight



Days

NOTE: There were numerous other attendees who did not wait for the photos to be taken, since it was at the end of a longer than expected program, and late in the evening.

Moving on — tentative plans are developing to have our next reunion in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota in 2015, with Charlie Flight’s Carl Aegler (photo left) acting as our point man. Right there on the ground, Carl has already done a significant amount of work and coordination, (as we learned at this year’s business meeting). Additional details will be forthcoming, so pay attention to the web sites and your newsletters.



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San Antonio Drury Plaza Riverwalk*



(Thanks to Mike McLaughlin, Dan Sloan, Bob White Noe C. Guerra and our fearless leader Jonnie Estes.)



(Left) Herb, Judy, Sharon and Randy are shown at the reunion banquet.



TC Del and Jim



Golf with Whitey Dan and Tom



Tom and Cissie



Del and Sharon



The Pike Family Singers



6994th Security Squadron Reunion

Summary and Photos submitted by Rick Yeh

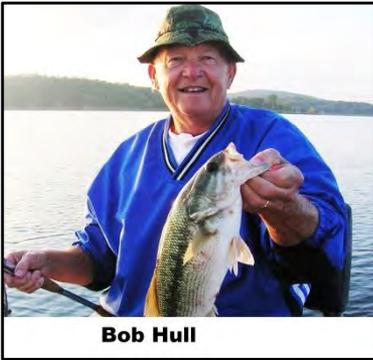
The Radisson Hotel in Branson, MO was the site for the 2013 Reunion of the 6994th Security Squadron. 35 returning squadron members enjoyed a variety of local activities such as fishing, a Lee Greenwood concert and a luncheon tour aboard the Branson Belle Showboat.

6994th Security Squadron 2013 Reunion United States Air Force Security Service



Front l-r: Bob Profit, Jim Hart, Rich Miklaucic, Joe Martin, Ben Stewart, Joe Giamichelle, Bob Hull, Roger Sigworth, Howard Goodwin, Chuck Repik, Steve Meyer, Steve Underdahl, Rich Renkas, Rick Yeh. row 2, Lars Ritola, Ed Bendineli, Dave Seidl, row 3: Tom Glass, Gary Schmitt, Larry Ross, Gordon Loiseau. Top Row: Mitch Cooper, Bill Francis, Rick Valdez, Rich Krejsa, L.C. Cooley, Larry Ayer, George Montague, John Pfedehirt, Dan Loomis, Richard Brewer, Dale Zoebisch, John Hannan, Andy Valdez, Tom Hutchins.

Unofficial reunion activities began early with a fishing trip with 2 anglers catching & releasing a whopping total of 23 bass & 2 blue-gills in just 4 hours.



Bob Hull



Rich Krejsa

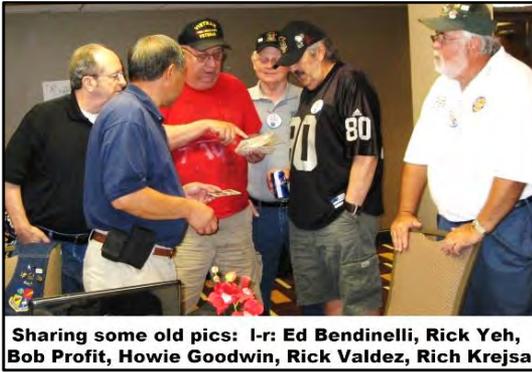


6994th Golfers: front - Rick Yeh. back l-r: Bob & Sue Profit, John Pferdehirt, Nancy & Tom Glass, Gary Schmitt, Jim Hart, Mitch Cooper, Rich Krejsa

(Left) The Thousand Hills Golf Club hosted 10 duffers on a difficult layout, but at least it was a beautiful day!

(Right) Five of our Vets looking at photos from TSN, Vietnam: Joe Martin, Gary Schmitt, Jim Hart, Tom Glass and Rich Rankes





Sharing some old pics: l-r: Ed Bendinelli, Rick Yeh, Bob Profit, Howie Goodwin, Rick Valdez, Rich Krejsa

(Left) As usual, the hospitality suite was well stocked with adult beverages and a variety of snacks including freshly baked cookies, brownies & lemon squares. In addition to the usual telling of embellished war stories, the members looked through several scrapbooks and a stack of

orders from the squadron.

(Right) Also on display were some sports trophy plaques that had been sitting in a collector's garage for the last 25 years, including the Travis Trophy Plaque presented to the Detachment Commander, LTC Leon Inge in a ceremony at NSA in 1969.



6994th trophies recovered after 43 years



Squadron members enjoy pizzas before the Lee Greenwood concert

(Left) During an afternoon pizza party in the hospitality suite, a surprise turn of events: it was announced that the people attending the concert could have a private meet & greet with Lee Greenwood before his concert.



(Left) In an additional surprise, Lee stopped by the hospitality suite to visit those squadron members that did not attend the show and signed autographs and posed for photos for about an hour. Lee also inspected a model of an EC-47 and received a quick tutorial on the ARDF mission from Rich Krejsa.



Lee Greenwood poses with members of the 6994th in the hospitality suite after the concert

On Saturday, reunion participants boarded the Branson Belle Showboat for a luncheon tour and show. During the show, Bob Profit was chosen out of the audience to ‘assist’ the magician on stage, and ended up stealing the show. The evening ended with a banquet with Joe Martin presenting a briefing on the history of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding Program.

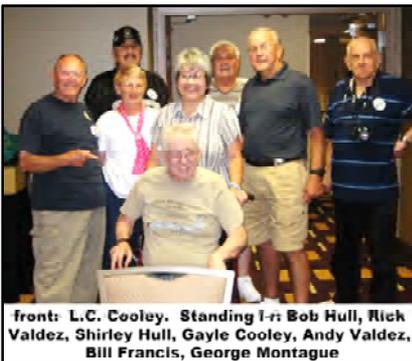


Bob Profit starring in the Branson Belle Showboat show

According to some of the spouses, the briefing was very helpful in getting to understand what the ARDF program was all about. After the banquet everyone adjourned back to the hospitality suite for a few more beverages and last minute conversations.



The reunion concluded on Sunday with members saying their final farewells over breakfast. The squadron's 2014 reunion is being planned for Seattle, Washington





History & Memories

Darmstadt, Germany



(Posted by Bobby Edwards) Modern day trolley in Darmstadt. Photo taken close to the area where the Klop was located. The narrow walk between the Strasse and the buildings was the reason why Suicide Alley was named.

(Photo by Perry Bullard)

(Right: Posted by Tom Arnold)

Do you remember taking your first

ride on the old strassenbahn at Darmstadt? Mine was a hot day. Back then a bath was once a week and shaving under the arms for women didn't happen. My trip down suicide alley on a full "bahn" with the women reaching upward to hold on to the straps gave me another idea why it might have been called suicide alley.



After two stops I decided to walk into town.



(Left: Posted by Carroll G. Sickles) My first ride was in 1949. The cars were all wood, varnished inside and out. I have a picture of them all lined up outside the Bahnhof, in the picture file on line at 6910th website someplace. The ride I remember was not my first ride though. I came out of the station and got on the car, servicemen rode

free then. It must have been a new conductor or driver and didn't know that, because he didn't speak English but he made it clear to me that I either paid or got off. Since I was the only serviceman on the car I didn't argue with him, I just paid the 10 phennings or whatever the low fare was at that time.

Skytop Remembered at 2013 Prop Wash Gang Reunion

Posted by Larry Tart Founder of PWG and Memorial Facilitator



On 1 October 2013, a small cadre of eager PWG members activated the gang's hospitality suite (24 hours early) at the Best Western Plus Carrier Circle Hotel in East Syracuse, NY. The initial cadre was complemented by the main force on 2 October. Overall, some 100 attendees (Silent Warriors, spouses, and special guests) joined us in our hospitality suite for three wonderful days of camaraderie and fellowship.

Special guests included the son Thomas P. Merfeld Sr. (Thomas Mathews, wife Jana and sons Ryan and Brett), and three of the former airmen who were injured in the fire — Chris Donaldson, Donald Mckinney, and Ray Price. We are also honored to have Chaplain Cecil Richardson and wife Jan as special guests at our reunion. Chaplain Richardson completed the Basic Russian Course at Skytop and served tours as a voice intercept operator at Karamursel and as an analyst at NSA prior to being ordained. Major General Cecil Richardson retired from active duty on 1 July 2012 as the Air Force Chief of Chaplains, HQ USAF. He was keynote speaker at our Skytop Airmen Memorial dedication and our guest speaker at PWG reunion banquet the last night.



Skytop Barracks before the fire.



Skytop aftermath.

The mission that the Prop Wash Gang and Syracuse University took on last year — to honor the airmen who perished or were injured in the fire that occurred on 6 January 1959 — was completed with resounding success. At 3:00 p.m. on 4 October, we dedicated the Skytop Airmen's Memorial that sits on a grassy knoll overlooking the area formerly occupied by barracks M-7 on SU's South Campus. The memorial monument consisting of the plaque below mounted on a granite base.



Joe Alfieri, left, and Eric Beattie look over the plaque honoring the airmen injured and lost during a catastrophic barracks fire more than 50 years ago. The plaque is part of the new memorial unveiled Friday, Oct. 4. Beattie is director of the Office of Campus Planning, Design, and Construction. Alfieri is a senior project manager in the office.



I estimate that 200 persons attended the memorial service, including the son of Thomas Merfeld Sr., several of the nineteen injured men identified on the plaque, the entire Air Force ROTC Cadet Corps. several SU dignitaries, a number of local residents who have various memories of the fire from 1959, and local members of the TV and press corps. After perfect weather (sunny in the mid-70's during the week), rain showers permeated the area overnight Thursday and threatened to intervene during the services but fortunately held off — the memorial service proceeded flawlessly.



SU provided a videographer who video-taped the ceremony, and I will share that later after I receive it. Additionally, Ron Buteau captured much of the activities at the memorial service (and in our hospitality suite) in still photos that are available on the [Prop Wash Gang website](#).

Finally, Sean Kirst, an award winning columnist with the Syracuse Post Standard Newspaper had detailed coverage of the memorial service in the printed and online editions of the Sunday Post Standard, please see: http://www.syracuse.com/kirst/index.ssf/2013/10/at_skytop_today_dedication_of.html

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To everyone who made the memorial dedication successful, Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! My objectives — to honor those impacted by the fire and their families — were achieved. After 54 years, hopefully the memorial brings some measure of closure to those who have felt abandoned and forgotten over the years. This concludes my post mission flight report on our 2013 PWG Reunion.

Others in attendance:

Dr Eric Spina, Vice Chancellor SU and Maj Gen Richardson, Chaplain Arlen Trapp (Historian who documented the incident) Thomas Mathews, Ray Presley, and Lonnie Henderson.

Injured in the fire were Christopher Donaldson, Donald Dowling, Ronald Fandrlick and Ray Presley as well as Thomas Mathews son of Thomas Merfeld (one of the airmen who perished).

As I celebrate my 58th anniversary (I enlisted in the US Air Force on 12 October 1955), I am honored to announce the availability of the Skytop Memorial Dedication Ceremony from 4 Oct 2013 on YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eogoacle5B0&feature=em-upload_owner

Larry Tart <larrytart@aol.com>

Air Force Chinese Language Vets return to Yale Campus

By Robert Bonds

Half a century after they helped Yale refine a new method of language study, 28 retired Air Force personnel who learned Chinese at the university during the 1950s and 1960s returned to campus on Sept. 25th. For many, it was the first time since their student days. The men were once students at Yale’s Institute of Far Eastern Languages (IFEL), which had its origins in the Chinese Language School started on campus during World War II to teach Putonghua to U.S. Army officers. The Army chose Yale because of its groundbreaking work in making East Asian

languages easier to learn by transliterating them using the Western alphabet, a system known today as Yale Romanization.

The Chinese Language School grew into the Institute of Far Eastern Languages in 1947, and its faculty began to develop a radical new approach to learning a spoken language that relied on intensive interaction between students, teachers, and recorded speech. This innovative new system came to be known as the Yale Method, and IFEL was among the very first programs anywhere to introduce the now-familiar “language laboratory” concept.

By the early 1950s, when the Korean War broke out, IFEL’s primary mission had become the training of U.S. Air Force personnel in Chinese and Korean. Its classes were conducted in a house on Yale’s “Fraternity Row” at 215 Park St., which had been purchased by Yale in the 1940s from a bankrupt fraternity. Many of the IFEL “alumni” who returned to campus this September related fond memories of their years in that building, where their intensive language study helped faculty refine and develop the Yale Method.

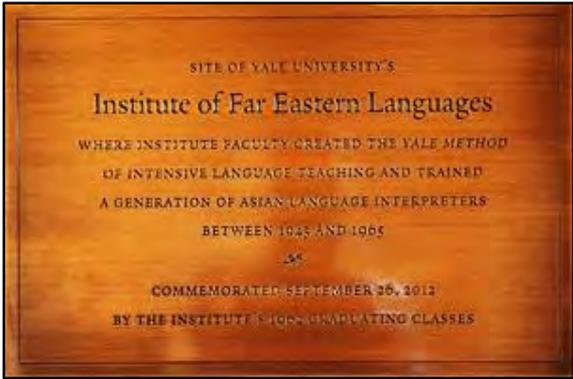
IFEL ceased to exist in 1965, when its classes were folded into Yale’s broader language programs. Its role in the history of language study might have been forgotten — except for a seemingly unrelated historical footnote. When President John F. Kennedy came to Yale in June 1962 to receive an honorary degree, his Air Force honor guard consisted of volunteers from that year’s class of IFEL students. These uniformed Air Force personnel appear in one of the most famous photos ever taken at Yale, in which they can be seen saluting Kennedy as he walks across the Old Campus (see at right). The photo appeared in newspapers across the United States the next day.





Each of the honor guard members received a print of the photograph, and nearly 50 years later one of these prints found its way into a Web album posted by Kevin Riddle, now retired and living in Virginia, who had been one of those young Air Force sergeants in 1962. In December 2011 it was discovered online by Yale alumnus Ravi Goel '93, a doctor in Philadelphia who collects rare photographs and had been researching the ones taken during Kennedy's 1962 visit to Yale. He wrote to the owner of the Web album, and when Riddle mentioned that the following year would be the 50th anniversary of his IFEL class's graduation, Goel put him in touch with the **Association of Yale Alumni (AYA)**.

The result was a day-long reunion of 22 Air Force veterans of the IFEL program in September of 2012. During the event, co-sponsored by the AYA and the Yale Veterans Association, the group donated a plaque to Yale commemorating the Institute of Far Eastern Languages and the Yale Method of instruction. The plaque, designed by university printer John Gambell, was installed at 215 Park St. this past summer, and the AYA invited all IFEL alumni to return to campus on Sept. 25 for its dedication. "After so many IFEL alumni



came back to campus last year, we were expecting a much smaller crowd for this year’s follow-up event just to dedicate the plaque,” said Henry Kwan ’06 M.A., the AYA’s liaison with the **Yale Veterans Association**. “Instead, nearly 30 showed up!”

(Above) The IFEL alumni from classes of the 1950s and 1960s attended Wednesday morning ceremonies conducted in the Great Hall of Rose Alumni House on York Street. They were welcomed by the AYA’s Robert Bonds ’71, who recapped the history of IFEL and why it was important to Yale; Tom Opladen ’66, co-chair of the Yale Veterans Association, who thanked the veterans for their service to the nation; and Colonel Scott Manning, commander of Yale’s Air Force ROTC detachment, who reminded them of their distinguished place in Yale’s history.

The Accidental TRANSEC’ers aka “Career Goodfellow Casuals”

By Bill Buchsbaum



In July and August of 1964, 28 airmen completed 8 weeks of basic training on Lackland AFB, sewed on their first stripe (Airman Third Class), and were placed on casual status while awaiting PCS orders. Special Orders AB-5952, assigning the airmen to the 6941st School Squadron were published on 3 September 1964, awarding them the Primary AFSC of

20010 and scheduling them to attend courses ABU 20330 and AQB 20220 at the USAFSS school on Goodfellow AFB.

As these airmen arrived at Goodfellow over the next three weeks they were assigned to barracks in two different areas of the base and placed on casual status awaiting class formation and scheduling. Their ABU 20330 "Common Block" course convened on 30 September 1964.

Following completion of the Common Block the airmen were once again placed on casual status while waiting the start of their 202 class. This temporary delay between courses was a common occurrence, but this one lasted six months for these student airmen! During this period the eager airmen passed the time enjoying duties which included 14-hour KP shifts at the chow hall (no one even considered calling it a dining hall at the time), mopping floors at the base hospital, and shoveling mud out of the car wash area at the base auto hobby shop.

What happened? USAFSS and NSA 1964 estimates for Korean linguist requirements were seriously overstated, creating a glut in that career field. As a result, one graduating class of 8 Korean linguists were declared excess to Air Force needs, and a decision was made to retrain these graduates (MIMIs) into the 202 career field. Because the linguists had been on active duty for nearly two years by the time they graduated, they were given a higher priority for retraining, so they "bumped" other students, including the 28 of us, who were awaiting their 202 school.

The Curriculum for the brand new TRANSEC course (ABK 20230-5) was completed in March or April of 1965 but, being a new course, no students were assigned or scheduled to attend that first class. That little problem was solved by the 28 career casuals. Their original training forecasts were deleted, and with the addition of a retrainee (then Airman First Class - E-4 - Ole Harrison), they were dropped into the lap of a brand new Master Sergeant, Oren E. (Gene) Cook, who had been designated senior instructor for the new course.

In June 1965 most of the 28 successfully completed the course, and the class was given a blanket assignment to the Air Force Special Communications Center (AFSCC) at Kelly AFB. The Air Force had run out of PCS travel funds for the remainder of the fiscal year though (the FY period ran from 1 July through 30 June at the time), so the group was once again placed on casual status.

All had sewn on a second stripe by then, but that did not exempt them from dirty dishes, dirty floors, or mud piles, so the fun started once again. In mid-June a new requirement for TRANSEC'ers was established in Germany, and the assignments section in Goodfellow's CBPO declared that the first members of the 28 to reach CBPO could have their assignments changed. I was on one of those enjoyable 14-hour KP shifts, and the cooks in charge would not release me early, so I kept the Kelly assignment. All left Goodfellow in early July of 1965 with approximately one year on active duty, ending the saga of the "career casuals". Most went to Wiesbaden, but a few of us made the long trip to Security Hill.



CREDITS: The above was compiled from the coordinated recollections of the author, retired CMSgt Joe Mudd (former Curriculum Manager at the 202 school), and retired CMSgt Charlie Clopper (one of the course writers).



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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.

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Baird, Donald Gene, USAFSS-Vet.
Baranoski, John, USAFSS-Vet.
Bell, “Web” Webster G., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Budde, Ralph, USAFSS-Vet.
Burges, Ellis G. USN-WWII, USAFSS-Civ-Ret.
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Curley, “Sam” Paul, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Donan, “Big Bob” “Bob” Robert A., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Eckler, Brian H., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Ferenchak, Leonard, A2C-USAF-Vet.
Garshasb, “G” Navid, TSgt-USAF-Ret.
Hamlin, Duane Charles, USAFSS-Vet.
Hardell, Wayne, Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
Intorn, JoAnn, Spouse of LeRoy Intorn, CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
Kenny, Terrence “Golden Ear” George, USAFSS-Vet.
Kujawa, James V., Sgt-USAF-Vet.
Lelake, “Bill” William Leonard, USAFSS-Vet.
Manwaring “Ted” Terrence, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Nanassy, “Joe” Joseph A., USAFSS-Vet.
Proctor, “DAK” Daniel A.K., Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
Rachels, Gene Alan, CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
Roberts, Jack, CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **HOH 1999 - Life Mbr.**
Russell, “Russ” Emil Mitchell, USA-Vet, MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
Samad Sr., Gary Lee, MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Sanchez, Rogelio, USAFSS-Vet.

Schmit, Harvey J., MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Shelton, Hazel Lee Etta Deitz, Spouse of Norman Shelton-USAFSS-Vet.

Sjolander, Mary Grace Moses, Spouse of Ardell "Red" Sjolander-CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**

Stonham, Bob "Stoney", Robert D., USAFSS-Vet.

Strotman, Bruce D., Col-USAF-Ret. **HOH 1996 - Life Mbr.**

Sweeney "Terry" Terrence P., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Thorley, Alan "Al" D., USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**



Donald Gene Baird, 84, passed from us on September 2, 2013. He left his wife, Joanne Baird. He loved the mountains in "God's Country", his wife of 56 years, the U.S.A., his work for Shriners, reminiscing about his military service. His sweet smile, sense of humor, and gentle nature will be forever held in our hearts and missed in our lives. Much love and Godspeed Don..Dad. //Obit in Spokesman-Review//
//Notified by Chuck Miller and Humbert Kincaid//



John R. Baranoski, 73, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL passed away suddenly on August 24, 2013 while jogging. John is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Mary Lou. He served 5 years in the US Air Force before going on to become a Philadelphia Fire Fighter, until he and Mary Lou relocated to Florida in 1969. John, a 6th Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Style Karate, taught & trained for 53 years. As a testament to John, he could still wear his Air Force uniform. John was one of the 6918th RSM/SS's most ardent supporters. //Obit - Sun Sentinel//
//Notification and info - 6918th RSM/SS//



MSgt Webster G. "Web" Bell, 71, of Papillion, NE, died Aug 9, 2013. Past President Tuskegee Airmen. Docent Aero Space Museum. Retired Manager of the Lemay Aero Club, Offutt AFB. Survived by wife, Carol; son, Scott and daughter, Kelly. Many PWG'ers will remember him as a Polish linguist with prior tours at Berlin who came to Offutt for MOB/FOB in 1973/4 and retired in the area a few years later. RIP Web. //Obit - Omaha World News//
//Notified by Tom Tennant//

Margaret and I went to the visitation for Web Bell this week, but missed the funeral due to a med apt conflict. There were a few old 6944th/49th members signed in, plus Reggie Urschler, and there were a lot of representatives from the Offutt Aero Club (Web was a longtime member and president), and Bellevue University, where his wife was employed as an administrator. Sadly, the ranks keep dwindling. //Tom Tennant//



I have been notified of a memorial service honoring and celebrating the life of our AMT friend, **Ralph Budde**. //Johnny Estes – President AMT Association//

I will help you with what I can which is not much. **Ralph** was a resident of Ontario, CA. **Ralph**, 76, passed away July 30, 2013. His daughter Tammy Killough traveled to Ontario, CA to be with her dad and stayed to get everything taken care of before going back to Texas. Ralph Budde was a great friend and one of those calm people who never got excited. Ralph had many USAF friends and the response when he passed away was tremendous. He loved living, but by his words to me before he died “I am ready to go if the Lord is ready for me to come home”. He said dying did not bother him and he looked at it as though he was going PCS. A fine man and we will miss him. //No Obituary available// //Notified by Johnny Estes//

Ellis G. Burges, 91, died peacefully September 15, 2013. Survived by his wife of 69 years, Mary Margaret Morris Burges of Castroville. He and best friend, Bill Low, received their Eagle Scout awards together. Grandsons Robb and Jeff honored him by also making Eagle Scout. He served in the Navy during WWII and then thoroughly enjoyed his career as an electrical engineer for the USAFSS for 27 years. //Obit - Express-News//





CWO-4 William Earle Carlton, Jr., 89, passed away on September 18, 2013. Survived by his son, Doug Carlton and by his daughter, Dr. Rhonda Smith. Underage, his mother signed a release to allow him to join the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944. After training, he went overseas and served proudly in North Africa, Italy

and France After discharge, he attended the University of Texas briefly then traveled to California for a stint as a forest firefighter. He re-enlisted into the new USAF. He served in the USAFSS in intelligence, after tours including Japan and California. Bill was also stationed at Brooks AFB and Wiesbaden, Germany. The last tour was in Okinawa, then retired at San Antonio. //Obit – Express News//



CMSgt Chris Cochran Jr., 81, died, October 17, 2013. He was an honor graduate at two Air Force Electronic schools, outstanding airman of the year at RAF Chicksands, and filled in as Chief of Maintenance there. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty and four children //Obit – Express News//



MSgt Paul “Sam” Curley, 71, passed away on July 8, 2013 in Papillion, NE. Sam is survived by his wife of more than 44 years, LaVerne (Sticken) Curley. Sam served in the USAF for 21 years and 5 months. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his three tours of duty in Viet Nam. Additional military decorations included two Meritorious Service Medals and two Air Force Commendation Medals and retired in 1981. Sam fully retired in 2008 and devoted his life to his grandchildren. He often called them the centers of his universe. //Obit - Omaha World-Herald// //Notified by Ken “Guppy” Dolan//

Sam was a 207x1 stationed in the P.I, Turkey, Misawa, and Danang (Several years). He retrained in the late 70’s or early 80’s. I was stationed in several places with Sam. He was a terrific person and a true X1. He leaves behind a wife, son, and 2 grandchildren. Was at Danang when the dorm was hit. A good friend for nearly 50 years, we stayed in contact all those years. RIP Old Friend. //Ken “Guppy” Dolan//



Robert A. “Big Bob” Donan, 69, died September 25 2013. Robert proudly served his country for 28 years in the USAF. He is survived by his wife Juanita.

PWG Bio: Robert was an Airborne Maintenance Tech. USAFSS career started at Goodfellow AFB in Dec 1967, then 6916th in Germany, in Dec of 68 transferred to Det 1. In July 73 to 6949th, Offutt, then Osan 6903d for a year of drone play, then at OL-ED 6948th Davis Monthan AFB for another year. Back to being an AMT at the 6990th Kadena. In June of '81 he transferred to the 6911th to continue as an AMT with Comfy Lee, (almost a Levi) till 83. He moved to Lindsey AS Det.1 6910th. Bob was the last maintenance Cat 4 E-8 in the command. In Aug 84 he moved back to Offutt 6944th and hung up his wings. On April Fool's Day of 1990 he happily retired in St Joseph Mo. //Notified by Bob Cope//



MSgt Brian H. Eckler, 69, died April 23rd 2013 after losing his long battle against leiomyosarcoma. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Lora. Brian joined the USAF where he served for 26 years. He spent the first part of his career in AFCS. Brian was stationed at RAF Sculthorpe, Norfolk, England. Next was Diyarbakir, Turkey, then 2045 COMMSQ Davidsonville Transmitter Site, Andrews AFB, Md. He was transferred to the Presidential Aeronautical Station on Andrews AFB where he married Lora. Assigned to Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, TX for school and into USAFSS. After school, he went to Karamursel CDI, Turkey for 3 years, Fort Meade Md. with the 6970 ESG for 4 years, then Corry Naval Station, Pensacola Fl. for more training then on to the 6920 ESG at Misawa AFB, Japan. Brian then came to the AF Cryptologic Support Center, Kelly AFB, TX. then a remote to 2146th Com Group, Osan Air Base, Korea. He returned to The Air Force Cryptologic Support Center at Kelly AFB until he retired in 1987. //Obit – Express News//



A2C Leonard Ferenchak, 69, was born on November 8, 1943 and passed away April 3, 2013. Leonard was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada and is interred in the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Merced County California. //Obit – Tributes.com// //Dave Bethard – 6918th RGM/SS//



Navid "G" Garshasb, 49, passed away on September 04, 2013. Navid grew up in Shiraz, Iran, moving to the U.S. in 1978 at the age of 12. He attended Nottingham High School and entered the Air Force in October 1986 where he spent nineteen years, and was medically discharged in 2005. Before being medically retired, Navid was a linguist with the 25th Intelligence Sqdn at

Hurlburt Field FL. "G" was fluent in six languages and was a hero to fellow and future airmen in his career field. In addition to earning the Bronze Star with Valor, he received the William H. Pitsenbarger Award for Heroism in 2002. He was the first non-rescue airman to receive the award which is given for saving a life or preventing serious injury. After an operation to remove a brain tumor in 2003, the doctors gave him only months to live. Since then, he continually proved the medical diagnosis wrong with his will to live. However, after two strokes, in Nov 2011 and again in January 2013, as well as battling a rare blood disorder, "G" finally lost his final fight, leaving behind his loving wife Joani. //Obit Lewisfuneralhomes.net/ //Notified with input by John "Mike" Miller//



Duane Charles Hamlin, 72, of Plattsmouth, NE died September 11, 2013 after battling liver cancer. After graduation from Dubuque High School, Iowa in 1959, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. In 1979, Duane retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service as a Russian Linguist with assignments at Misawa, Turkey, Okinawa and time at DaNang. Then he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Omaha and Papillion, NE for 22 years. Duane is survived by his daughter, Kim and son Christopher. //Obit – The Journal// //Notified with input by Ron Hentz, Dan Hagy and Pete Ogaard//

Duane and I were together for a time in the 6944SW in the mid-70s. We both came up for reassignment in late '75, him to the 6990th and I for the 6985th. Being single and having served at the 85th, I wasn't excited about it. Duane came and offered to trade assignments. I jumped at the opportunity, as the 6990th had been my first choice. We went to see Col McMakin (GRHS) who said that, since both Duane and I were TSgts and AMSs, he approved the switch, since neither unit would suffer a loss of rank or experience. Duane was a good guy and I was happy and proud to have spent part of our careers together. //Ron Hentz//



Lt Col Wayne D. Hardell, 76, of San Antonio, TX, passed away August 16, 2013. Wayne received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Wisconsin and then his Master's Degree from Trinity University. He joined the USAF in July 1960 and served with NORAD, SAC, TAC, PACAF and USAFSS. He served as an Electronic Warfare Officer (Wild Weasel). Wayne's medals include the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with the three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Medal with the three Oak Leaf Clusters. He retired after 25 years from his final position as Chief of the Intelligence Services (AFEWC) in San Antonio. After retirement in 1985, Wayne taught English at John Marshall High School, as well as at the Defense Language Institute at Lackland AFB. He is survived by his wife, Saralee. **//Obit – News Record// //Notified by Bob Cope//**



JoAnn Intorn, 73, passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer. She was born in Fremont Nebraska on 2 April, 1940. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, LeRoy Intorn, a sister, Constance Revoir, and longtime dearly beloved friend Robert Patton, caregiver for her parents, also of Fremont. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Saint Rose of Lima Building Fund, 9883 Marbach Road, San Antonio TX 78245. **//Obit – Express News//**

Leroy; Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Joann was a very sweet person and we grieve for you both. **//Tom and Mary Turner//**

We have all truly lost someone dear to us! Bernice, the girls and I all take comfort in knowing that Jo Ann lived a rich and full life, and now that it has ended we also know she is in a better place. God Bless Lee and we will continue to remember you in our prayers. **//Jim White//**



Terrence George Kenny, 74, of Park Ridge, NJ, and St. Augustine, FL, passed away Feb. 12, 2013. Terry grew up in Bergen County, NJ and graduated from Tenafly High School. He served in the US Air Force 1956-1960. Terry graduated from Russian language class SR 6-4-57 Syracuse, New York, on 1 Nov 1957. He was assigned at 6913th RSM Bremerhaven from 17 Dec 1957 until 6 Oct

1958. In October 1958, Terry was reassigned to Detachment 1, 6911th RSM at Rhein-Main, Germany. For his listening skills, Terry earned the nickname “Golden Ear”. He is survived by his wife, Virginia and two children. **//Obit – Legacy.com// //Input by Arlen Trapp//**

Hello, I am Terry's daughter, Kathy. I am sad to inform you that my father passed away a few weeks ago. He was surrounded by my Mom (Virginia), my brother, me, and his faithful dog in hospice. He treasured his time in the Air Force. My mom's email is TerryAndGingerK@aol.com If you wish to contact her. Their mailing address is 6 Cascade Ave., Park Ridge, NJ 07656. Thanks to all current, retired, and departed members of the Air Force. **//Kathy Kenny//**



Sgt James V. Kujawa, 69, of Lawrenceville, GA passed away May 28, 2013. He is survived by his wife Crista Kujawa. He was an Elinter stationed at HOF in the late 60's. He was known as “Fiat Freddie” at Hof, he loved Fiats and owned a small convertible. **//Obit// //Notified with Input by Jim McDaniel//**



William Leonard Lelake, 68, died peacefully on August 21, 2013, after a prolonged struggle with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by three daughters, and by his granddaughter, nephew, and past partners. **//Obit – Post Gazette// //Notified by Pete Siegel Jr.//**

Bill Lelake was a Yale IFEL Basic Mandarin Chinese graduate. He flew with the 6988th SS, Yokota AB, Japan in the late 60s, first as a Tac Op and then as a Bat 2 (AA in today's terminology). After separating from the AF he worked at DLI in the Chinese department. I know he was there in 1972 b/c Jim Gooding and I stopped by to see him and Harry Olsen on our way to Osan after the 88th deactivated. He took off on his final mission late this afternoon and I believe his medical conditions were Agent Orange related. I wrote a buddy letter for him a year or so ago. I post this with credit to Lonnie. **//Pete Siegel Jr.//**



MSgt Terrence (Ted) Michael Manwaring, Jr. 81, of Helotes, TX passed away on October 8, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Constance. Ted retired with 23 years military service. He went through his Alzheimer's disease with courage and optimism until the very last breath. He will certainly be missed. //Obit – Express News// //Notified by **Bill Ash**

I served with Ted at 6910 Scty Gp, Darmstadt, Germany from 1967-1970. Also a Headquarters Kelly AFB from 1970-1975. He was a good friend and we will miss him. //Bill Ash//



Joseph A. "Joe" Nanassy, 70, of Kent, Ohio passed away December 3, 2012 at Akron City Hospital Medical Center. Joseph was a 1960 graduate of Crestwood High School and a veteran of the USAF (from 1962 until 1970). survived by his wife, Theresa. //Obit – **Bissler and Sons Funeral Home** // **John "Mike" Miller**//

Joe was a classmate of mine at Kelly and Goodfellow going through 202xx School. We both arrived at Misawa the same time, Oct 1965. Both of us were assigned to Trick 2, Joe was the Advisory Support analyst on flight. After left Misawa, I believe Joe extended, but do not know for how long. He was a good friend while at Misawa, but never had contact with him after I left. Did not know he had passed; guess I will never get the \$25.00 he owes me now. //John "Mike" Miller//



Col Daniel A.K. "DAK" Proctor passed away Sept. 27, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 52 years; Mary Ann. Col. Proctor retired after 33 years of distinguished military and civil service to his country. He was awarded The Meritorious Service Medal by the President of the U.S. and was a proud lifetime member of the Billy Mitchell Chapter of The Association of Old Crows. He will be dearly missed by everyone that knew him. //Obit – **Express News**// //Notified by **Milton Driggers**//

Dan, better known to his friends as "DAK" was 85 years old and a retired Colonel who began his 33 years of military and civilian service as an intelligence officer at the 6901SCG in Zweibrucken, Germany. He served at several different USAFSS locations and was a proud lifetime member of the FTVA and the Billy Mitchell Chapter of the Association of Old Crows. //Milton Driggers//



CMSgt Gene Allan Rachels, 74, died Aug 28, 2013. He has followed his beloved wife Michiko to Heaven's Gates. After graduating from high school Gene joined the USAF and served for 28 ½ years, most of which with USAFSS/ESC at overseas locations. After AF retirement he spent ten years with Civil Service with the Propulsion Directorate.

//Obit – Express-News//

Gene was at Hakata same time I was in mid 60's. He was always there to help us low-strippers to learn the ropes. Great guy and another one of the super troops. **//Rass//**

Gene was the last living person that we know of, who both opened and closed Brady/Hakata (1958-1972) during his tours there. He was a close friend who will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace. **//Dave Bethard – 6918th RSM/SS//**



Agency retiree, **Jack Roberts**, passed away on 6 October at the age of 80. He was born in Stoneville, NC. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Roberts; 2 sons, and 4 grandchildren. He had 50 years of combined Air Force and Agency civilian service. Jack's exploits were legendary and was a model for the many young Agency employees he mentored and influenced. Jack was one of the pioneers of the airborne reconnaissance program. He served in the unit at Rhein/Main AB, Germany, when our C-130 was shot down over Soviet Armenia in 1958 and knew all the victims, and was 'almost' on the RB-47 that was shot down over the Arctic in 1960. He had Air Force assignments at US embassies in Warsaw and Moscow. Jack continued to volunteer for "everything," including a wartime assignment in Afghanistan. In 1986, as result of a political squabble, the Soviets expelled him from the US consulate in Leningrad. {One of many articles:} He was a great patriot and will be missed. **//Article published by the Phoenix Society//**

Note: Jack was a 1999 Hall of Honor inductee – fantastic linguist and op. **//Bob Cope//**



MSgt Emil Mitchell “Russ” Russell, 83, died December 4th in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patti. “Russ” as he was better known, was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict before enlisting in the Air Force, as a traffic analyst (202x0). He served stateside tours in San Antonio, Houston and Fort Meade. Overseas tours included Sinop, Turkey, Zweibrucken and Darmstadt, Germany. Russ retired following his last assignment (1973) at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Leaving Alaska, Russ took his family to Las Vegas, where he began a twenty year career in the gambling industry culminating with his Directorship of Casino Operations at both the Tropicana in Las Vegas and subsequently, Tropworld in Atlantic City. His life was his family, his sports, any sports, and his ice cream! **//Obit – Pahrump Valley Times// //Notified by Mike Schmansky//**



MSgt Gary Lee Samad Sr., 70, of San Angelo, passed away Aug. 15, 2013. Gary joined the USAF in July 1960. During his 24 years in the Air Force, he and the family traveled to assignments at Air Force bases in Japan, Greece, England, New York and Texas. He retired from the Air Force on Nov. 1, 1984. Gary started to work in civil service at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, on Dec. 3, 1985, and retired at Goodfellow on Dec. 25, 2004. During his time at Goodfellow he performed jobs as an instructor, registrar, training development chief, training manager, chief of faculty development and ended his career as the director of operations for the Training Support Squadron. He was proud of his military career and was a past commander (twice) of the American Legion and a director of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, as well as a trustee of the VFW Men's Auxiliary. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Harriet. **//Obit – GoSanAngelo// //Notified by Gerard Ferris and John House//**

Very sad day but, unfortunately, we are probably all getting closer to that day. RIP Gary. With great respect. **//Bill "Mac" McCarthy//**

Gary & Harriet were close friends with Vi and I in Crete and Misawa as well. What a wonderful person Gary was, and you couldn't find a nicer lady than Harriet. We had many great times at both stations and miss him that's for sure. I'd always ask Stan Foreman to give my best to both of them when Stan came to San Antonio. R.I.P. my Masonic brother, you're with the great architect of the universe now. **//Jim Stephens//**



Rogelio Sanchez, 84, died Aug 7, 2013. He has been reunited in heaven with Natividad, his beloved wife of 59 years. His Air Force career took him places throughout the world and upon his retirement, after 26 years, began working for the Fisheries section of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. After retiring from the TPWD, he re-entered government service with the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center, Security Hill. He is survived by his devoted children. **//Obit – Express - News//**



MSgt Harvey J. Schmit, 69, was born to Eternal Life July 28, 2013. Preceded in death by his beloved wife Chong-Cha (nee Pak). Harvey served 21 years in the Air Force and was retired from the Postal Service. Harvey was an Elinter with assignments at Hof, Berlin and NSA. **//Obit - Menomonee Falls Patch// //Notified with Input by Jim McDaniel//**



Hazel Lee Etta Deitz Shelton, 80, has "gone the distance" in her earthly journey. She departed this world on Aug. 24, 2013, after living with Alzheimer's disease for the past 10 years. She traveled the world with her Air Force husband and called many interesting and wonderful places home during her lifetime, including Goldsboro, N.C.; Valdosta, Ga.; Frankfurt, Germany; San Antonio, Texas; and Iraklion, Crete, Greece, before moving to San Angelo in 1977. Hazel worked in Civil Service for 40 years, serving as secretary to many Air Force leaders, including 9 Wing Commanders at Goodfellow Air Force Base, beginning with Colonel Charlie Powell, before her retirement in 2000. Hazel is survived by her husband of 61 years, Norm Shelton, of San Angelo. **//Obit – GoSanAngelo// //Notified by Larry Ross//**



Mary Grace Moses Sjolander, 80, died on October 18, 2013, in her home in Helotes, Texas, after a short illness. Preceded in death by her parents and brother Don. She is survived by husband Ardell (Red), children Weaver, Michael, Ronald, and Laura, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and her sisters Margaret and Judith. //Obit - Express-News//



I just received an e-mail from Steve Kelly this morning that **Robert D. “Bob” (aka Stoney) Stonham**, a 203 who served in Misawa on T3, 1959-1962, had died in Costa Rica on 28 Sept 2013. Bob had just turned 75 a couple of weeks earlier. I remember Bob living in Florida and first mentioning about 2003 that he’d like to check out Costa Rica. Next I knew, June 2005, he showed up at the Hotel Pico Blanco – looks like Costa Rica suited Bob’s taste. RIP, old friend. //Dutch Wiest //Ed Note: Photo from Misawa Web Site//

Stonham also spent a career at NSA. When he retired he moved to St. Petersburg, FL. He lived next door to another NSA and USAFSS vet, Jim Doane who passed away over nine years ago. RIP Bob. //Dick Baumgartel//



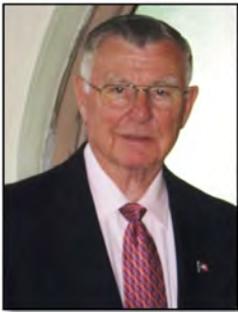
SMSgt Terrence P. “Terry” Sweeney, 67 died Oct 26, 2013. Survived by his wife Karen and five children. Terry battled pancreatic cancer for over a year. Terry was a former USAFSS/ESC Operator (Russian Linguist) who flew recon missions aboard RC-135’s from Offutt and Mildenhall from 1964-1984. Terry’s assignments included: Lackland, Syracuse, Goodfellow, 6915th SG Hof, 6924th SS DaNang, RVN, Ft Meade, 6912th SG, Berlin, Chanutte AFB, II, 44th SMW Ellsworth AFB, SD, Presidio of Monterey, 6944th SW, Offutt AFB, NE, 6954th SS/6988th SS, RAL Mildenhall, UK, and 6949th ESS, Offutt AFB, NE. //Obit - Omaha World-Herald// //Input by Billy Tolbert, Lonnie Henderson//



Alan D. “Al” Thorley, 63, of Dover, DE died May 25, 2013, at home with his beloved family at his bedside. He lost his hard fought battle against Extrapulmonary Small Cell Cancer. He served his country in the USAF for 11 years (1969-1979). He was a Bulgarian Linguist airborne in Athens, and Rhein Main. He was also stationed at Goodfellow AFB. He just recently retired

on May 1st, from the Delaware Department of Corrections as a Probation and Parole officer. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Teresa “Terry” Thorley of Dover. **//Obit – Melvin Funeral Home// //Notified by wife, Terry//**

Col Bruce D. Strotman 81, passed away peacefully Aug 9, 2013.



Bruce grew up in Waverly, Iowa attending elementary school with his future wife, Laura Gogg. He graduated with a degree in Forestry from Iowa State University. In 1954, Bruce began his fifty eight years of marriage to Laura, a twenty eight year Air Force career and a lifetime of service to his family, his country, and his community. Bruce flew over 20 different aircraft and more than 300 combat hours and 75 sorties during a tour in Vietnam. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star (combat

“V”) and pilot’s wings from both the Vietnamese and Chinese Air Forces. For his later work with Security Service and Electronic Security Command in the airborne collection of intelligence, Bruce was inducted in the FTVA Hall of Honor. He was a central figure in the RC-135 Rivet Joint Modernization Program, which is credited with dramatically reducing casualties in Desert Storm/Shield and later conflicts. His other Air Force awards included the Legion of Merit, the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Bruce retired from the Air Force in 1981. Preceded in death by his wife, Laura. He is survived by six children. **//Obit – Rest Haven Funeral Home// //Notified by Bob Cope//**

Really sorry to hear that. He was a great guy. **//Dan Hagy//**

Sorry to see this great man leave us but God has better plans for him. **//Bob Cotti//**

I had the good fortune of serving under Colonel Strotman in my final year of service in 1975 at Offutt in the Operations Division Office of the 6944th Security Wing. He was an outstanding boss and above that, he was a complete gentleman. Only a very few are as highly regarded. **//Peter Ogaard-MSgt-USAF-Ret//**

Please accept sincere condolences and deepest sympathy in the loss of your much loved father, Bruce. Your father was one of the finest officers and commanders with whom it was my privilege and honor to serve. Love of faith, family, and friends will see you through this difficult time. Blessings to the family. **//Darr King-CMSgt-USAF-Ret//**

I served with Bruce over the years in the USAF Security Service. We had a close personal relationship and I treasured him as a valued friend. God Bless You Bruce. **//Dave Cambridge//**

Bruce and Laura were such great role models for those who worked for him. **//Greg and Roberta Skeckowski//**

Certainly one of the best, if not THE best commander I ever served under! RIP, Col. **//Mike Peterson//**

I am saddened to see our nation has lost another hero. Col Strotman was a great leader during and after his service in the Air Force. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family that they may find peace during these difficult days. **//John Armintrout-MSgt-USAF-Ret.//**

We lost a great man with Bruce's passing. He was one of the best commanders I had in my AF career. **//Pete Siegel//**

Col Strotman was my first commander when I was at the 6985th SS, Eielson AFB, AK. I was at the 6944SW at Offutt AFB when he arrived for the Rivet Joint upgrade. The fact that he remembered me after just knowing me as a young E-3 in his unit was great. **//Ward Hobby//**

I remember his first day on the job. He was not a happy camper having been taken off flying status to be a flight commander for a bunch of Security Service SIGINTers. But after his first week on Dog trick he was amazed at what we did. He went to a roll call once after mids and I have never before and never since seen someone down a beer so quickly. Jim Kaus will surely remember that. RIP Colonel. **//Dick Baumgartel//**

There is another side to Col Strotman's career that I learned of late last year. One Sunday afternoon, I called and left a message with one of his

daughters. The next night he returned my call, and had a long (perhaps 45 minute) chat about old times, including a lengthy discussion about his early involvement in the Vietnam War. He was part of the first Air Commando squadron formed at Hurlburt Field in 1961 that deployed to South Vietnam, where they flew under cover with a Vietnamese crew in aircraft with Vietnamese markings. At the end of our conversation, both of us had difficulty hanging up. Finally, out of the blue, he said, "Larry, goodbyes are always sad, and this may be the last chance we'll ever have a chance to chat." As he hung up, we both were shedding tears!!!! Somehow, he sensed that this would be our last chat. I called him again a couple of times earlier this year. One of his daughters stayed with him continuously after his lifelong soul-mate and wife Laura passed on. **REST IN PEACE, SIR!!!! //Larry Tart//**

Thank you all. Dad thought the world of all of you. **//Andy Strotman//**
Rest in peace, Silent Warrior..

I SAW AN EAGLE FLY

I saw an eagle fly – looking south
 Toward Security Hill
 ‘bout six in the evening
 Early August day
 Clear, no clouds
 I saw an eagle fly
 Effortlessly
 Riding the currents
 Soaring above all
 Majestic
 Supreme
 I saw an eagle fly
 and that eagle
 looked a lot like

BRUCE STROTMAN

**FLY LONG, FLY HIGH, SILENT WARRIOR
 FOREVER ON WATCH – FOREVER ON ORBIT**

The Prop Wash Gang
 //Composed by: Lonnie Henderson//

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Resurrection of the ‘Skivvy Nine Lounge’

From: Amanda Ellis<694isrgheritageroom@gmail.com
 Subj: Osan Intelligence Alumni:

We herein announce the news of a great victory. We can get back our old "Skivvy Nine Lounge". Col Shane Hamilton was successful in gaining approval from the 51st Fighter Wing in reacquiring building 345. The 694th ISRG's plan is to reopen as the "Heritage Hall" that celebrates intelligence operations at Osan Air Base. Those of you who are members of this history. Are invited to help in the building of our new Heritage Hall. Most of the material, furniture, etc., will depend on donations (since we cannot use government funds for this purpose).

The 694th ISRG CGOG is leading this effort and has developed the following website for you to see what's going on.....and to help out in whatever way you can: <http://amieellis20.wix.com/694isrgheritageroom>

The CGOG has developed various "levels of participation" i.e. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum (see website for details). People who help will be remembered on plaques displayed in the Heritage Hall.

Warm regards to all Skivvy Nine Vets and thanks in advance for your support.

Amie Ellis
694ISRG CGOC President

Bits and Bytes of Historical Trivia



Back in the 1500’s, in England, baths consisted of a very large tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of first turn in the nice clean water, but then all the other men, then the women, and finally the children took their turns. Last of all were the babies. By then, the water was so

dirty you could actually lose a little one in the tub. Hence the saying, *"Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"*

(FWIW: The editor can neither confirm nor deny the authenticity of this report.)

Anniversary Announcements

Naab's Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



David Naab met Suiko “Sue” Kaboyashi in Misawa, Japan in 1959 where she worked for the AF. They were married on August 27th of 1963 in Fukuoka, Japan while Dave was stationed at Hakata Air Base. During the next 14 years they served at Fort Meade, Okinawa, Crete, Germany, Vietnam, Thailand, Goodfellow and Crete(again) Following his

retirement in 1977, Dave worked for GTE in Iran until 1979 (leaving just before the storied Embassy hostage crisis). He continued on as a defense contractor until his final retirement in 1992 as Director of DOD Programs for ConTel. Dave and Sue have two children, Jonathan and Scott, and three grandchildren. After celebrating their 50th anniversary with a trip to San Diego, CA and Reno, NV, Dave commented, “the smoke from the Yosemite Rim fire definitely made for a memorable stay in Reno.”



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