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## **“Douglas EC-47D over Vietnam 1967”**



Oil painting by Steve Doyle posted by Gabe Marshall

## The President's Corner



Howdy FTVA Members,

The holidays are over, the Super Bowl is history, the Olympics are starting, and we're still in the dog days of winter. 2013 was a great year for us; however, 2014 is already looking good. The Association membership is growing along with our chapters. Congratulations to Jim McClendon for continuing his super work bringing in record donations from our corporate partners. We are also working with the AF ISR Agency to support their upcoming family picnic for deployed members and their families scheduled for early April. It should be a great time.

Andy Smith is getting ready to emcee our annual Spring Social on 8 March 1700-2000 at the Seaworld/Westover Hills Marriott Courtyard hotel. Maj Gen John Shanahan, the AF ISR Agency's Commander, will be our guest speaker. Ken Williams has ensured us that we will have good food, cold drinks and quiet neighbors this year during our festivities...remember last year. We would love to break our attendance record from last year. Come on out!

Some of you may know that the Air Force is looking at a variety of changes in the coming year. Budget and manpower cutbacks are in the works. These cutbacks may force organizational changes/modifications from the Air Staff to the MAJCOMs and below. So, guess what...the AF ISR Agency may also go through some organizational changes...again. Stay tuned because we may have to add another shield on our hats and web-site.

Finally, special thanks to Col (ret) Joe Hurst. He has decided to retire as the chairman of our annual anniversary golf tournament...believe he wants to give Jim McClendon a run for his money on the golf course. The golf outing has been one of the many highlights of our three days of anniversary activities. Joe has always been able to get us a good deal with the golf course management, arrange for great food, and the number of prizes has consistently gone up. Of course, some may say I am sucking-up to Joe since he was one of my first supervisors circa 1977 when I was a young 2Lt back in the 6931st at Iraklion AS, Crete, Greece.

So take care my friends. If you know someone who's not a member, get them to join...the more the merrier. The stronger the ties, the stronger the Association. And as always, remember to "REMAIN IN TOUCH".

*Ron*

Dear Mrs. Ardisana,

Thank you for your continued support of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association. Over the years the FTVA has supported the men and women of the USAFSS and its successors. To date over \$420,000 has been used for numerous award programs, tributes to fallen comrades-in-arms, and the support of families. Our membership has grown along with chapters from coast to coast. Your support has helped us make that happen.

Additionally, we wanted you to know that many of us walk by the bronze bust of your husband everyday as we walk into the headquarters' building. He still lives on in the memories of our FTVA members. And on behalf of the FTVA, we would like for you to accept a small token of our appreciation. We are returning your latest membership dues and have included a life-time membership card. You have never forgotten us and we will never forget you and the General.

Remain in Touch...always.

Sincerely,

Ron Haygood, President

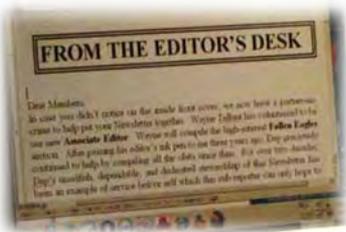
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### **“Changing of the Guard”**

(Right)) FTVA outgoing president Lee Anthony (L) is shown receiving the ceremonial souvenir gavel from current president Ron Haygood marking the recent transition in the organization’s leadership. Lee will continue serving on the BOD as Past President.





Hi Folks,

Hope y'all had a happy and healthy New Year. Once again, thanks to everyone who contributed their postings and requests to this quarter's Newsletter. As usual, we were able to include almost all your submissions in this issue, and we're gradually catching up on getting those

articles published that are still "in the queue". In this issue of your Newsletter, we say good-bye to Joe Hurst after his 10 years on the BOD hosting the annual golf tournament, and we welcome Dennis Buxton as his able successor. Don't forget to submit your nomination(s) for the 2014 Hall of Honor. We continue to support the AFISR Agency's Annual Swindell Award as well as partner with the Command in hosting the annual Spring Social event at which we welcome back Agency personnel who have recently returned from global deployment(s). Wayne Tallant has compiled over 20 pages in listing our Fallen Eagles for this quarter. We haven't forgotten to chronicle information on a couple of members in our "Then & Now" section. Another full plate awaits you in this issue.

*Happy Easter,*

Sincerely,



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**All of us could take a lesson from the weather.**

**It pays no attention to criticism.**





## *Letters to the Editor*

Dear Rass,

I much appreciated the report on the Skytop (Syracuse University) Jan. '59 fire memorial observance (Dec. '13 issue). I noted with particular interest that the S.U. Vice Chancellor showed up for the occasion, remembering the University's brash closure of the facility in the 60s.

As of Fall '58, I was a grad student there, fresh out of USAF(SS) and our Berlin detachment. The "Skytoppers" greatly encouraged S.U. as the place to go. By coincidence and much to my surprise, I had barely started school when suddenly large numbers of AF began to appear everywhere and had come for the totally new Intermediate Russian Course at Skytop. Among them was a former work colleague and friend (whose name I should not use without permission). A few months later came that terrible fire and the inclusion of his name in the follow-ups. I went up there right away to find out what had happened. His story amazed me and seems never to have gotten much attention. What he told me was that his injuries were not from the fire, but from difficulty getting through the barracks window to escape. Others, too, were hurt the same way.

The bizarre window situation was of critical importance and adds another dimension to the whole episode. Those windows were the only way out for many, yet danger was waiting there too. Your photograph of the barracks pre-fire shows the problem very clearly. A single, steel "security" bar runs right down the middle of the window space, in effect cutting it in half. The rest is easy to guess. The bar blocked exit the same as it did entry. For those desperate airmen, such as my friend, that bar became a deadly enemy. Squeezing and squirming past it in that tight space, however, meant survival; and that counted most. There were also the broken window glass remnants to contend with. All told, this was a tragedy of the first order. It's a wonder, though, the casualties were not even worse. Now, 50+ years later, S.U. has moved in the right direction with a memorial plaque on the very spot of the disaster. Meanwhile, Skytop itself is long gone.

Forward with USAFSS and FTVA!

Ronald R. Rader

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*Letters to the Editor (cont'd)*

Dear Rass,

I have been noticing lately how many of the obituaries either state that they were Agent Orange related or may have been Agent Orange related. Since many of the FTVA members served in Vietnam, it is assumed they were exposed to dioxin and are therefore entitled to compensation and healthcare from the VA.

Last August I was reelected to my fifth term as President/CEO of Vietnam Veterans of America. One of my proudest accomplishments is the establishment of a web site ([www.veteranshealth.org](http://www.veteranshealth.org)) that details the illnesses related to military service in Vietnam and the more recent wars. I urge all of the FTVA members and their families to go to this site to understand the effects of military service on their health. I was TDY to Vietnam in '67 with the 6988th before joining the 6990th that September. I am presently rated 90% disabled from diabetes and secondary conditions.

I am very concerned that many widows are not aware that they can collect Dependency Indemnity Compensation if their husband died from a service-connected illness, whether they filed a claim or not. This is especially true if the veteran died from a heart condition before the VA added ischemic heart condition to the presumptive list.

Thanks for passing on this information to the FTVA membership.

John Rowan, President & CEO  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Bat 2, 6988th & 6990th, 1967

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John -

Congratulations on your re-election and thanks much for your continued service. Surely you've been instrumental in helping a lot of our USAFSS & ESC veterans in addressing their disability ratings. Your informative letter will be published in the next (March) issue of the RIT. V/R Rass

## FTVA Board of Directors

### Dennis Buxton replaces Joe Hurst on FTVA BOD

We reluctantly bid a fond and most respectful adieu to **Col (Ret) Joe Hurst** (photo right), the BOD's resident authority on all things "document" and the POC for our annual alumni golf tournament. Joe has also kept a watchful eye on the FTVA Constitution and By-Laws for update and rewrite, and has been a mainstay on our Newsletter QC team. We will miss his ever 'eagle eye' and ready smile. Thank you, Joe, for being there for all of us over the past 10 years.



A career USAFSS-ESC-AFIC-AIA crypto-linguist, analyst and avid golfer, we welcome **Dennis Buxton** as he takes over from Joe on the BOD. Although Joe is 'retiring', he will assist Dennis through this transition year. Dennis enlisted in Feb 76 and went to the Defense Language Institute, then Goodbuddy Airplane Patch (sans aircraft) for tech school where he "majored" in Korean and "rack operations". He apparently liked Osan AB (Skivvy Nine), ROK well enough because he didn't leave until 1985 for a 3-year MECCAP tour at Fort Meade. One positive benefit of the program was earning the analyst AFSC which expanded career and assignment opportunities. In 1988, despite requests for assignment to an S&W center in Germany or England, he was somehow sent right back to Skivvy Nine. A very accepting and sensitive individual, Dennis settled back in and stayed until 1993 when his Korean citizenship was revoked and he was sent to the old AFCSC and then HQS XP before finding a home on the AIA IG team as the Ops Supe, (where he finally got to see more of the command) until his retirement in 1998. After retirement, he joined the august community of government contractors and golf gaggles and continues in that capacity to this day.



(Left) Dennis Buxton, at #14 Hole (before remodel) at the Alsatian Golf Course, Castroville, TX. This is the course where we currently hold the annual FTVA Golf Tourney.



## FTVA Hall of Honor Nominations



**Are there compatriots who you know that should be inducted into the Hall of Honor? It is time to nominate them!**

The Hall of Honor (HOH) Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction into the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's (FTVA) HOH. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association's reunion activities and is scheduled for Saturday morning, 27 September 2014, at Headquarters, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AF ISR Agency).

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

The FTVA's founders established the HOH in 1983 to honor those individuals who served the command with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. To date, 168 individuals have been inducted into the HOH. They include former officer, enlisted and civilian personnel whose contributions as technicians, supervisors, planners, managers and leaders extend from World War II through the ongoing conflicts. The HOH preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the Nation.

We have all had the privilege of serving with individuals who are viable candidates for induction into the HOH. This is an opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in an attempt to ensure they receive the recognition and lasting tribute they have earned...**if you don't nominate them, they cannot be selected!** The Selection Committee will review all eligible nominations and select individuals for induction into the HOH using eligibility criteria and procedures pursuant to the HOH Charter. A copy of the Charter is available in the newsletter and on the web page at <http://www.ftva.org>.

Nominations must be received by email to myself at [chiefajh@gmail.com](mailto:chiefajh@gmail.com) and to Bob Cope at [rcope6@earthlink.net](mailto:rcope6@earthlink.net) not later than 2 June 2014. **\*\*Nominations must be limited to one page, front and back, Times New Roman, 12 Pitch, using the HOH Nomination Form available in the newsletter or on the website. In order to ensure fairness, the Committee will return nominations that do not conform to these instructions.**

Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your nominations to recognize those who are deserving of this recognition. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above e-mail address.

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

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**PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU!**

(Our electronic subscription now totals over 250 members.)

## Annual FTVA Officer Elections

The BOD has appointed the nominating committee for the annual officer elections to be held in September 2014. This year, the nominating committee is accepting submissions for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Dennis Rassmussen is again heading the committee composed of Jim McLendon, Dennis Buxton, and Grover Jackson. Any member in good standing is eligible for nomination; however, for obvious reasons, only those who can attend the monthly BOD meetings in San Antonio can be seriously considered. Please submit your nomination(s) prior to May 10, 2014. Those selected as nominees will then be published in the June issue of *Remain In Touch*. One submission per position at a time please. E-Mail to: [Newsletter@ftva.org](mailto:Newsletter@ftva.org) or use UPS address:

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

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## The Membership Corner

**Annual Dues:** It is membership renewal time again. Have you paid your 2014 dues? The easiest way to tell is to check the mailing label on the envelope this newsletter arrived in. If your name is followed by a “2013”, you have not paid this year’s dues. If you recently mailed your dues they probably crossed paths in the mail. It can take up to three weeks for mail to funnel down to me. Unfortunately, if your 2013 dues are not paid by the end of May, this will be the last newsletter we can mail you. If you owe 2014 dues, please mail your dues (\$20.00) to:

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P.O. Box 691616  
San Antonio, TX 78269-1616

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

*Bob Baert*, Membership Support  
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Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

### **2013 CMSgt James C. Swindell Award Winner**

AF ISR Agency Team,

Please join me in congratulating the AFTAC Logistics and Systems Directorate (LS) as the winner of the 2013 AFISRA CMSgt James C. Swindell Award. This annual award recognizes one AF ISR Agency organization or unit with the best communications and information systems operations.

The Swindell award was established in 1974 in honor of the late Chief Master Sergeant James C. Swindell, who is considered to be the most professional communicator to have been assigned to the USAF Security Service (USAFSS) (Predecessor of ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency).

Many communication advances we rely upon today are attributed to Chief Swindell. These include the establishment of the first long-haul, secure, on-line circuits in the early fifties as well as the merger of critical communications and automatic digital network (CRITICOMM/AUTODIN) trunking.

Congratulations to the men and women of the AFTAC Logistics and Systems Directorate. Well done!

//Signed// 27 Dec 2013//

John N.T. Shanahan, Maj Gen, USAF  
Commander

## **480<sup>th</sup> ISR Wg - Langley Air Force Base, VA**

The 480<sup>th</sup> ISR Wing Manpower and Organization office was recognized by the AF District of Washington for having the best program for 2013.



L-R TSgt Shaun Duff, Mr. Ed Banaszek, MSgt Rhonda Knipmeyer (who also won the Gen Billy Boles Mentorship Award) and MSgt Russell Niebuhr.

## **480th ISRW Airmen Direct ISR Global Operations**

Adapted from an article by Senior Airman Jason J. Brown  
633rd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the sensitivity of the Air Force ISR mission, the last names of personnel have been removed in this article.

Most of Langley's 18,000 Airmen and civilian personnel have left for the day; their tasks completed. However, the U.S. Air Force's mission never stops, as witnessed by the dedicated personnel who work late into the night to accomplish their objectives. Airmen working in the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing Operations Center (WOC) are among these night-shift warriors, working diligently to provide support to the Air Force's ISR mission.

The WOC serves as the hub for all the Air Force's network of Distributed Ground Systems and exploitation sites around the globe. The Airmen working in the WOC facilitate the processing, exploitation and dissemination (PED) mission, accepting requests for support from U.S. military and coalition partners and determining which exploitation site is best suited to execute the mission. The sites collect thousands of hours of ISR products, which analysts review, decipher and extract pertinent

information to provide to the requesters, giving warfighters "eyes in the sky" information to help them safely accomplish their mission."

Due to the sensitivity of their mission, WOC Airmen are very limited as to what about their jobs they can talk about publicly. As the amount of ISR missions has increased, so has the misconception of what Air Force ISR professionals actually do - something the Airmen called "frustrating." "Our main job is not to drop bombs; it's to collect information. We'd rather get a hold of the bad guy and figure out more information and avoid collateral damage where we can," Lt Wes said. "You turn on the news and hear about drone strikes and how we indiscriminately use these assets to attack people, and that's simply not the case."

### **480th ISR Wg Celebrates 10th Anniversary**

Adapted from an article by A1C Victoria H. Taylor  
633rd Air Base Wg Public Affairs

The 480th ISR Wing celebrated its 10th anniversary at Langley Air Force Base, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Service members paid tribute to the unit's history and accomplishments, which enabled the wing to become the U.S. Air Force leader in globally-networked ISR operations. Your FTVA contributed a significant amount in support of this celebration.



(Left) Col. Jeffrey A. Kruse, 480th ISR Wing commander, speaks at the Heritage Observance Celebration at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Dec. 5, 2013. Three ISR Airmen also gave presentations which focused on their experiences in a deployed environment that directly affected the mission on home soil.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Victoria H. Taylor/Released)

The 480th ISR Wing heritage dates back to 1943, when the unit was activated as the 480th Anti-submarine Group. The group used specially-modified B-24 "Liberator" bombers to combat German U-Boats in the

Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea during World War II. During this time, the unit lost 50 percent of its personnel and received the Distinguished Unit Citation for its actions during the Battle of the Atlantic.

In 1951, the Air Force activated the 580th Air Resupply and Communications Wing. This unit employed various aircraft in support of psychological warfare and intelligence operations. At the end of the Korean War, the Air Force inactivated this unit.

In 1985, the Air Force consolidated the 480th Anti-submarine Group with the 580th Air Resupply and Communications Wing to form the 480th Special Operations Wing. The Air Force didn't activate this special operations unit, but after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the Air Force initiated action to strengthen its intelligence capabilities. The Air Force re-designated the 480th Special Operations Wing as the 480th Intelligence Wing. The new organization was activated Dec. 1, 2003. The Air Force officially re-designated the unit as the 480th ISR Wing on Jan. 1, 2009. As part of the anniversary celebration, ten distinguished wing veterans received a tour of the 480th ISR Wing and 497th ISR Group facilities. The event concluded with the Heritage Observance Celebration at the Bayview Commonwealth Center.

The celebration featured remarks by special guest and distinguished visitor, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Larry K. Grundhauser, the 480th ISR Wing's first commander. "This showcases our accomplishments and just how important it is to reflect upon the origins of the wing and the history of our organization," said Grundhauser. "Seeing how far we've come is truly amazing." Three ISR Airmen also gave presentations which focused on their experience in a deployed environment that directly affected the mission on home soil.

Col. Jeffrey A. Kruse, 480th ISR Wing commander, wrapped up the celebration with closing remarks to Airmen. "It is a thrill to be on this team," said Kruse. "This team dares to excel and dares to exceed and there is no telling what we will achieve next." The 480th ISR Wing continues to accomplish its mission by delivering timely and relevant ISR information from a variety of platforms, 24 hours a day, year-round in direct support of Air Force leaders, key coalition partners and combatant commanders worldwide.

### **CMSAF Discusses Force Management with ISR Airmen**

(Adapted from an article by Marge McGlinn, 480th ISR Wing Public Affairs)

1/13/2014 - Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va. -- While visiting the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing Jan. 7 and 8, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody talked openly with Airmen about force management measures which will affect the future of the U.S. Air Force.

"We're going to have to reduce the size of the force to a significant degree," Cody said. "We need to make sure our Airmen have the information they need to make informed decisions. Our frontline supervisors are a big part of that - it's critical they help Airmen fully understand their options and refer them to agencies that can help."



The enlisted retention program is one of several expanded force management programs to be implemented this year. Other fiscal year 2014 programs include a chief master sergeant retention board, enlisted retention boards, enlisted quality force review boards, an officer force shaping board, enhanced selective early retirement boards, a reduction in force board, and officer and enlisted voluntary separation pay incentives for Airmen in non-critical, overage specialties.

"A lot of good Airmen will have to leave our Air Force, and that's unfortunate," Cody said. "But there will still be a lot of Airmen in our Air Force, and it's important they ask themselves, 'Do I want to be an Airman? Do I want to serve my nation in the world's greatest Air Force?' If the answer is yes, there will be a place for you in our Air Force if you work hard and do your very best. If the answer is no, then you may need to think about what is next for you, and that's okay."

Through these force management measures and budgetary constraints, Cody assured Airmen that he and other Air Force leaders would be transparent and make decisions in the best interest of the Air Force and its Airmen.

## **Vietnam War POW Talks Teamwork**

Adapted from an article by A1C Samuel Daub  
70th ISR Wing Public Affairs



*Capt. (ret.) Guy Gruters, Air Force Vietnam War veteran and former prisoner of war, recounts his experiences as an F-100 Super Sabre pilot to Airmen at the Airman Leadership School Jan. 22 at Fort George G. Meade, Md. (U.S Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Samuel Daub)*

1/24/2014 - FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. -- Capt. (ret.) Guy Gruters, Air Force Vietnam War veteran and former prisoner of war, shared his experiences with 70th ISR Wing Airmen and Fort Meade service members January 22, at the Airman Leadership School and Friedman Auditorium.

During the presentations, Gruters recounted how he survived torture at the hands of communist fighters while imprisoned in North Vietnamese prison camps. Gruters survived more than five years of imprisonment and, in 1973, returned home with honor. He credited his strength to carry on to a

strong faith in his leadership and teamwork with his fellow captives. "To me, the most important message is to have a strong faith and, above everything else, to try to do the right thing in every aspect of your career," Gruters said. "I mean always, always, everyday try to do what you truly believe is the right thing despite any consequence."

Gruters went on to clarify: "That right thing involves real obedience to your leadership and all your procedures and everything that everybody is telling you to do above you and real loyalty to your leadership and real loyalty and true loyalty to all the people you are responsible for -- loyalty up and down the line. Don't play any games with any selfishness - truly try to be unselfish in everything and you'll never regret it."

"If you're a leader who really cares for your people, your people know it and will do anything for you," he said. "You won't have people doing just what they are supposed to do. They'll go above and beyond for you and the unit will be stronger because of it."

<b>BEDSIDE MATTERS</b>
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**Ed Note: Maj (Ret) Tom Turner** - USAFSS/ESC  
Tom Turner and his wife Mary moved from San Angelo, TX to San Antonio last summer to be closer to family and specialized medical treatment. Recently, Tom underwent surgery and contracted a resistant bacteria in his spine.



### Jan 9, 2014

**From Tom's wife Mary:** Last night Tom had an MRI and they have located his Staph infection in his back. They took him for another MRI this evening to confirm that and no discs are damaged. Since a Staph infection can go to the heart, they are being careful there. His arm is swollen larger now, so they are giving him an ultrasound there to identify if there's a blood clot or something wrong.

### Jan 13

**Tom** was able to come home yesterday. Since then, it has been a whirlwind. He is homebound but can go to his Dr. appts and a few things like that providing we inform the nurse who comes by 3 days a week and then, soon, once a week. Tom does well with his walker.

### Jan 30

**Ed Note:** Talked with Tom this morning. He's been making steady progress over the past two weeks. He's now expanded his daily PT to include both inside and outside exercise - he goes about the length of a football field and is trading his walker for a cane. Says he feels much better and anticipates having visitors by the end of Feb. His home address is in the *Member Directory*. Please keep Tom in your prayers.

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### Feb 5

**Ed Note: CMSgt (Ret) Wayne Babb** – posts on-line (Roll Call/Misawa) web sites reported that Wayne was in Surgical ICU in Chattanooga, Tenn. I talked with Wayne's wife Fran who confirmed that Wayne had been experiencing discomfort and complications after undergoing gall bladder surgery. Wayne was in the Surgical ICU for the past two weeks, was then released from intensive care once his situation had stabilized. He will be recuperating at the Lifecare Center of Hixon, Tenn 37343. Please keep Wayne in your thoughts and prayers.

**CMSgt (Ret) Danny Prichard** - Friends, Teresa and I went into the hospital this morning all set for my surgery. However, the Doctor decided she didn't like what she was seeing, postponed the surgery and ordered further tests. They did another MRI and ultrasound and discovered the tumor had grown large enough to tear some internal muscles. So, they must address/correct the muscle tears and a couple of other issues. I am still going to have to get the surgery. The scarring is so bad internally that they couldn't actually see all that they wanted to see with the MRI and ultrasound. The good news is they caught this prior to performing the surgery. Much respect and a huge THANK YOU to the doctors on Fort Gordon. The bad news is a new bunch of complications and, as weird as this sounds, NOT getting the surgery done. Anyone who has had major surgery has their own way of preparing. I try to "get my mind right" and prepare for a battle. Like I did prior to a game when I played sports and like I did prior to any big event in the Air Force. So it is sort of a letdown, which I know sounds odd, but as most of you know, I'm odd. Here's my "silver lining" that I think about every time I have a physical set back (some think this may have originated from my involvement in Desert Storm. I outlasted that bastard Saddam Hussein and those two maniac sons of his. Every day on this earth is another day that I beat him. Thanks for all the good thoughts and prayers. Danny.

(Danny's home address is in the *Member Directory*)

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**FTVA CHAPTER NEWS**

*An open note to our Chapters from Andy Smith, FTVA Vice President:*

I absolutely love working with the professionals of the FTVA Board of Directors to help us "remain in touch." One of my functions is to be the conduit for information flowing to and from FTVA Chapters across the country. If you've got an issue to bring to the FTVA BOD monthly meeting, please give me a call or send me an email. We meet on the third Friday of each month. Additionally, please include me [aasmitty3@yahoo.com](mailto:aasmitty3@yahoo.com) on your chapter's minutes. I'll be reaching out to each chapter this month to make personal contact.

*Andy*

## Heritage Chapter

Submitted by Larry Ross, Secretary



Chapter members and guests finally celebrated our annual Christmas dinner on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The outing was originally scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> but due to extremely cold weather and icy road conditions it was cancelled and eventually

rescheduled. So what do we now call the event? Christmas dinner didn't seem appropriate as it was well into January.



**Left: Karen & Corky Bingham, Tom Nurre, Chaplain Robert & Patti Bohnsack with Ed Bendinelli and JJ Graham in background.)**

Wayne Bascom suggested calling it our “After Christmas Hangover Party.” This won unanimous consent, so it is now known as such and may well become an annual event. The venue at Nacho’s Restaurant was excellent and each attendee enjoyed visiting around the room.

(Right)

Also in attendance were Chaplain (Capt) Robert Bohnsack and his wife, Patti.

Robert’s father, Maj (Ret) Rich Bohnsack, flew EC-47s in Vietnam in the early 70's. Although none of our members served with Rich, other FTVA members may have known him. The next time the chaplain’s father hits town, we plan on taking him to dinner and swapping some war stories.





**Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO**

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

Compiled by Sharon Frizzell, Secretary

Submitted by Bernie Gavin, President

**RMC Chapter Continues to Grow and Thrive**

The last quarter saw a growth in meeting attendance and some special visitors. The October meeting even brought out a vagabond or two.



(Left) V. President Greg Roman welcomed Larry Strang to the RMC while visiting in Colorado Springs — a second home for our sea-going friend. He is now on a boat in warm waters somewhere, we understand. Don't blame him — it has been cold and snowy in Colorado!

In November, we met as usual, although our Secretary was off gallivanting in Maine, and picked up another new member!



(Above) In December, we were honored with a visit from Maj Gen Shanahan, AFISR Agency Commander. Many RMC members traveled from different parts of Colorado to welcome the general at a Meet-and-Greet at Rhino's Sports Bar.

The annual Christmas gathering was held at Bernie and Judy Gavin's home again, but this will be the last year as Bernie has announced that he and Judy will be returning to San Antonio following Judy's retirement from the Air Force later this year. All of the members of the RMC owe Bernie and Judy a big thank you for all they have done to get the chapter started and keep it going during these first three years. We will miss you so much! But we know that we will see you at the annual reunions and that you will Remain In Touch!

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



(Left) Bernie presented Chapter Secretary Sharon Frizzell with a certificate of appreciation for her participation in the June 22, memorial ceremony held at the Air Force Academy.

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## Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President

Attached is Aloha Chapter's RIT input for March along with a picture (below).

(Right) Chapter members Steve Crain, Al Teel and John Toillion (aka *The Three Amigos*) met for lunch on January 31, 2014 at the Hickam NCO Club. While small in number, we enjoyed sharing memories from the past, concerns for the present, but hope for the future while enjoying some good ole NCO Club delicacies (burgers, fries and shrimp)!



Topics of discussion seemed to focus around how much federal workers in many areas, but especially in the Intelligence arena, are taking lots of “hits” these days from those NOT in the know. We likened it to days past in the Viet Nam era when not only the feds were disliked but the military was not appreciated as well. At least the military gain from respect these days.

We finally decided over the last few bites of “ono grinds” (aka super food) that not all is doom and gloom - Al continues to work active duty federal service while Steve is still working in the private sector. And then there’s Tilly, who claims he’s retired but there’s evidence he’s still working, albeit part time, for that “No Sharing Allowed” agency.

As mentioned in previous reports, each time we’re together we realize the importance of paying respect and honoring the spirit of our Association’s quarterly newsletter “*Remain in Touch.*” Even though we’re small in number we realize the importance of keeping this Chapter alive. Actually we thought with the continuation of terrible bad weather back on in the East Coast, we would surely have more visitors to Hawaii. And with that we offer a warm and loud A-LOOOO-HA!!



**Gold Country Chapter**  
**Yuba City, CA**

by John Aurelius, Chapter President

I have a few newsworthy items for you this time around. As we start 2014 our focus is on recruiting. I have enlisted some officers to provide their viewpoints on how we can work on base to increase awareness of the FTVA and its activities. We are looking for new ways to reach the active men and women at Beale Air Force Base where we are closely affiliated. One approach is to use the underutilized base theater and sponsor an entertaining and enlightening speaker each quarter. We intend to open each event with a brief explanation of who we are and what it is we offer.

For our first event I have lined up one of our new members who had the privilege of serving as the intelligence briefer to Secretary of Defense McNamara at the Pentagon during the Viet Nam War. Ron has been with us now for two of our monthly meetings and I note that due to some very interesting conversations, the meetings are happily lasting twice as long as usual. Now that the new Commander of the 548<sup>th</sup> ISR group has been here for a few months I have arranged a meeting with him next week to discuss our mutual objectives for the year. With that completed, we will have our plans laid out for the rest of the year. They are having an open house this month and the Commander has made sure that the FTVA members and their families will be able to attend.

John Aurelius

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



Our support for Hurlburt's ISR troops returning from deployment continues uninterrupted. Things have been quiet but sunny around the Chapter this past quarter.

**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/>

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**March 27 – 29, 2014**

**US Army Language School, Monterey, CA Class R9-3**

Location: Monterey Hotel

POC: Ed Mathias ph. 410-643-3898 email: [eemath1@verizon.net](mailto:eemath1@verizon.net)

Comments: Members of R9-3 and friends from other classes as well as vets from Misawa and Wakkanai have met regularly over the years. Please call the hotel at 831-375-3184 for reservations (notify John Mollard email: [jkhmollard@gmail.com](mailto:jkhmollard@gmail.com))

**Apr 29 – May 1, 2014**

**‘Doggers’ Annual Fall of Saigon Party (FOSP)**

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Comment: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual USAF Vietnamese Cryptologic Linguist Reunion This year's hotel will be Harrah's on the Strip (ph 888-458-471). Tom Riggins has been working hard on this while also dealing with his brother's recent passing in Washington. Our group rate (averages just under \$70/night for four nights)--yes, Tom got a deal for 4/28 through 5/1). Rate avail through Mar 28 - Get your group code from Joe.

POC: Joe Turney - ph. 512-825-7290 email: [parrotjet@yahoo.com](mailto:parrotjet@yahoo.com)

**June 5 – 8, 2014**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual USAFSS in Misawa Reunion** – All USAFSS, ASA & NSG vets who served at Misawa, Japan between 1949 through 1979.

Location: San Diego, CA

POC: Helen Henderson ph 904-829-9235 email: [etaya49@hotmail.com](mailto:etaya49@hotmail.com)

Web Site: [www.usafssmisawa.com](http://www.usafssmisawa.com)

**Aug 14, 2014 - 17, 2014**

**6937<sup>th</sup> Comm Gp – Peshawar Air Station Turkey**

Location: Detroit, MI

Comments: This is the weekend of the Woodward Dream Cruise - the largest collection of classic cars in the world. Our Saturday night dinner banquet will be something different and fun for all. Mark your calendar and check the 6937th.org website [www.6937th.org](http://www.6937th.org) for details and registration information. Hotel details: pending.

POC: Rick Biggs ph 586-255-7004 (cell) – email: [rbiggs@frontier.com](mailto:rbiggs@frontier.com)

**Aug 20 – 24, 2014**

**Prop Wash Gang (PWG)**

Location: Omaha, Nebraska

POC: CMSgt (ret) Bill White - email: [bjwhite1@cox.net](mailto:bjwhite1@cox.net)

Comments: Website - [www.propwashgang.org](http://www.propwashgang.org) Reunion Info for more details. This year's PWG reunion is being held simultaneously with the 97 Intelligence Squadron's Ninety-Seventh Anniversary celebration.

**Sep 04, 2014 - 08, 2014**

**6911th RGM**

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Comments: 6911th RGM Annual Reunion will be held at the Regency Hyatt Downtown Milwaukee @ \$109.00 per night, Free hot breakfast included in fee. Tours pending. Mail-outs to follow within 30 days. Hope to see you there!

POC: Pat & Rich Merrill ph 303-985-3575 email: [rich1pat2@aol.com](mailto:rich1pat2@aol.com)

**Sep 26 – 29, 2014**

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

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

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

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

**September or October, 2014**

**6913<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sep 22 -26, 2014**

**37th RSM, 6952nd RSM, 6952nd RG, 7535th ABS**

POC: Harry Hathhorn ph c-208-420-5824 email: [harryhat2@msn.com](mailto:harryhat2@msn.com)

Location of Reunion: - The Orleans Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

Comments - Former personnel stationed at RAF Station Kirknewton, Scotland 1952-1966)family and friends are invited to attend. Additional reunion details may be viewed at:

<http://www.rafkirknewton.com/reunion2014-earlybird.htm>

**Sep 26, 2014 - 27, 2014**

**Third Man (Transec/Comsec) Association**

Comments: The Third Man Association will host their 2014 reunion in San Antonio, Texas on 26 and 27 September, in conjunction with the annual FTVA reunion. This reunion is for USAF TRANSEC/COMSEC personnel, prior to the 1N0 conversion, including operations, maintenance, support/admin, and associated officer personnel. If you were one of us, please join our "Third Man Association" Facebook group for reunion details, and PASS THE WORD!

POC: Bill Buchsbaum ph 210-481-6543 email: [BillBSATX@email.com](mailto:BillBSATX@email.com)

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**ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL**

Our **AFISRA/FTVA Spring Social** will be held at the San Antonio SeaWorld/Westover Hills Marriott Courtyard Hotel (11605 State Hwy 151 - San Antonio 78251) again this year. Activities begin at 1700 on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. FTVA members and active duty service men and women are all invited to enjoy this special evening – no reservations needed. Maj Gen John Shanahan, AFISRA Commander, will be our guest speaker as we will again recognize some of AFISR Agency’s recent returnees from deployment. Your donation of \$5.00 per person includes heavy “puu-puu’s” (i.e. Chips & Dip, Meatballs, Buffalo Wings, and Sliced Fresh Fruit) along with a pay-as-you-go bar.

See You There!



**REUNION REPORTS**



**29<sup>th</sup> RSM Reunion, Nov 2013**

Rass,

Our 8<sup>th</sup> reunion was at the Quality Inn in Biloxi, Mississippi on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2013. I hope you can find space in the magazine for this pic. Thanks for your hard work. Bob Rennick



**Seated, L to R:** Bob Lee, Buddy Nicholson, Rex Sorby, Bob Sutman, Fred Newton, Bob Rennick, Earl Anderson, Wm “Tiger” Lyons, Bob Whitmer **Standing, L to R:** Shirley Moeckel, Del Marker, Jim Coston, Don Newburn, Jim Soat, Rick Soat, Mike Breslan, Buddy Lyons.

The 29th Radio Squadron Mobile, (Heavy), was active in the PI from Aug 1, 1952 - May 8, 1955. Our gang grows smaller, but lots of enthusiasm and love to tell old stories still remains. We have two members under age 80 and they are only a couple months behind the rest of us. We look forward to receiving your newsletter every quarter.

## RAF Kirknewton Reunion Sep 18-21

Submitted by Don Franklin

(Extracted from My Family Roll Call, the 6910<sup>th</sup> website Oct 5, 2013 and narrative via USPS from Don Franklin received Oct 19, 2013). My apologies to Don. Dec issue of RIT size limitations caused a delay in posting his article.)

RAF Kirknewton - also known as 6952<sup>nd</sup> RSM Reunion #10 was held in Edinburgh, Scotland at the Royal British Hotel, with a lunch (nibbles they called it, but it was a feast) hosted by the RAF 661<sup>st</sup> VGS Glider Squadron at RAF Station Kirknewton for 84 attendees including about 18 USAFSS veterans and their families. There were tours of the city and castle, a tour of the old base, and a formal banquet on Sep 21<sup>st</sup>.

The alumni group photo (below) was taken behind the old motor pool hangar. Note that the new compound was located just beyond the grove of trees left center in background and the older original compound was to the right of the grove of trees on the right.



L-R (Bagpiper, Joe Cobb, Harry Hathhorn, Tom Tessorao, Dick Schuetz, Roger Olson, Earnie Price, Stan Harris, Charles Crossley, Fred Crawford, Charles Coulter, George Cunningham, Gene Britt, Roy Dahl, Larry Rounsevell, Dick Littlefield, Don Franklin, Don Beets and Bagpiper.

The banquet was held at the Royal Overseas Club on Princess St organized by Fred Crawford with local assistance by Monty Snider. Duke, the trip did bring back memories of 60 years ago. Edinburgh has not changed much over the years. I now live in Arizona and my kids live in California, and it was quite a weather change stepping off the plane in Scotland. But the local's thought the weather was 'Geogeous'!

Actually, it wasn't bad... No kilts for me but there were a couple Yanks that wore kilts to the banquet. It was also kinda chilly the day we visited the old RAF Station. (See the following insert)



(Left) Group with the flag embroidered with our shield which we presented to the RAF at what is now a glider school on the former USAFSS base at Kirknewton

Don Franklin reports, our visit was not limited to historic archives and museums. (Right L-R) The first night, my Son, Craig, his wife Sandy and I got into Edinburgh for the Kirknewton Reunion, we had dinner at a pub on Rose Street. They (along with my granddaughter Lauren who took the photo) enjoyed steak with Yorkshire Pudding - I had 'Fish-n-chips'. We adults had half-pints afterwards.



(Left) This is a photo of the men and women of the glider squadron that hosted the 6952nd RSM reunion at the old base. (Posted. by Bob Baker)

(Right) Folks stationed at Kirknewton will remember "Hurricane Road" that ran from our residential area to Operations. The house seen in the distance is where the AP shack and bus stop used to be. (Photo by Don Franklin)





The reunion was actually scheduled to be held for just the three days, however many attendees arrived earlier and stayed longer than scheduled and did more touring of the UK and Europe. (Right) Although the Cadets provided two pipers for the welcome, our own Fred Crawford played a note or two.

Later, Fred gave a presentation to all attendees which included the following history of the Yanks at Kirknewton :

*The unit at Kirknewton started out as Detachment 102 of the 10<sup>th</sup> RSM and later became the 37<sup>th</sup> RSM with 6 officers and 39 airmen. During its first year of operation, the base was used to evaluate a number of antenna configurations, with the aim of determining the most effective configuration one. By August 1952, the 37<sup>th</sup> RSM began operations as a functioning unit and by September had 17 officers and 155 airmen. At the end of June 1953, five antennae had been dismantled and replaced by an array of eleven Rhombic antennae, and by the end of 1953, USAF Security Service 37<sup>th</sup> Radio Squadron Mobile employed 17 officers and 463 airmen. Over the following years, the project grew. On May 8, 1955 the 37<sup>th</sup> RSM was re-designated the 6952<sup>nd</sup> RSM. On July 1, 1963 the 6952<sup>nd</sup> RSM became the 6952<sup>nd</sup> Security Group until inactivated in July 1966. Manning levels fell to 300 over its fourteen years of operation, with the base finally closing in August, 1966. The Lord Provost of Edinburgh marked the closure of the base at a formal ceremony, held that year, in the Lord Provost's chambers.*

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**Q:** *In California , you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg.*

**Why not?**

**A:** *You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.*



## Annual Florida“Maxi-Mini” St Augustine

Jan -24-25, 2014

Posted by Jim Kaus

**(Right)** Jim: My best shot at the Photoshop of three images put together. I'll try to work on a list of names that go with faces. A truly great reunion.

**(Ed: Please excuse the incongruence in my layout of photo relative to the format of caption below).**

**ack, l-r:** Charley Beddis, Joe Melanson, Jack Chomor, Skip LaMay, J.J. Johnson, Woody Wilson, Dave Minshew, Gardener Gore, Lee Hansel, Dick Loker, John Gluschick, Jim Meagher, Glenn Sellars, Bob Willis, Larry Varndoe, Ladd Hitchins, Paul Meese, Steve Lyons, Jack Kanapaux, Tom McCullough, Joe James, Buzz Fredrickson, Joe Crittendon, P.W. Elliott, Carroll Sickles, Wes Delaney, Tom Costello, Gerry Stein, Bob Haines, Dave Shepard

### **Front,l-**

r: Jay Johnson, Pete Richard, Dave Bristol, Steve Mobry, Jim Kaus, Don Haygood, Walt McKee, Carol Davison, John Godfrey, Bill Doolittle Bill Patterson, Randy Roby.

**Down Front:** Harold Hollingshed and Jane Doolittle.



**St Augustine Reunion Out-Takes (cont'd)**



L-R Back: Ted Costello, John Godfrey, Glenn Sellars, Lee Hansel, Don Haygood, unk, l-r Front: Jay Johnson, Woody Wilson, Harold Hollingshed, Jim Kaus, Walt McKee, Bill Doolittle, Dave Shepard. Front, Jane Doolittle. (Posted by Jim Kaus)



War Story Time at St Augustine. ( by Red Barthel)

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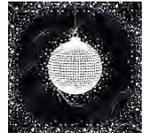
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 Bob and Debbie Cope (IMO Bruce Strotman)  
 Ronald and Sharon Price (IMO Bruce Strotman)

### St Augustine Reunion Out-Takes (cont'd)



Getting acquainted - Unk, then Jim Kaus, G. Gore and John Gluscheck.  
(Posted by Red Barthel)



Randy Roby (tux) gave away 5 gift certificates to Creekside Dinery this year. This was Randy's first reunion. He also provided small bottle of wine with a St. Augustine 2014 USAFSS Logo on the bottles. Thanks Randy. (Posted by Jay Johnson)

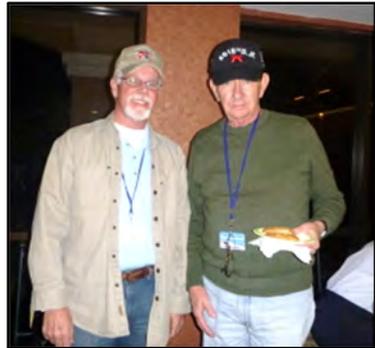
### St Augustine Reunion Out-Takes (cont'd)



More hospitality room people sharing stories. We had a lot of new comers this year, and hope to see them again next year. (Posted by Jay Johnson)

### Mini 6918<sup>th</sup> Reunion out-takes at St Augustine.

Dave Minshew, 6918<sup>th</sup> C-Flt 70-71 & John Gluscheck, C-Flt 66-68 @ the USAFSS reunion in St Augustine, Fl . (Posted by Dave Minchew)



(Left) Dave & Yvonne Minshew @ the Creekside Dinery attended the St Augustine reunion along with Approx 100 USAFSS vets and spouses. (Posted by Dave Minchew)





**HISTORY & MEMORIES**

**Libya Out of the Past**

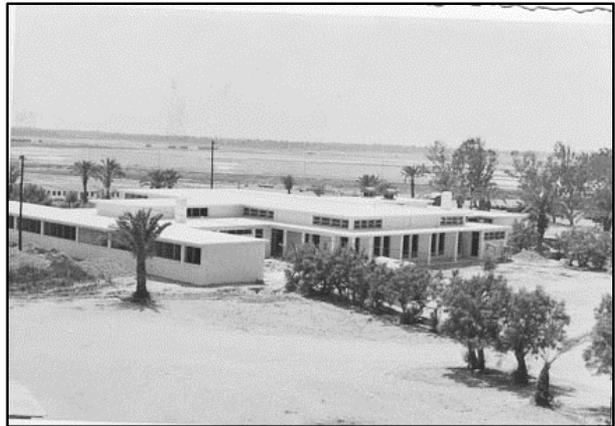


**Tom Echols** (Jan 17, 2014): Tripoli was my first overseas assignment in 1956; then it was the 6934th, later re-designated the 6930th RGM. I was at Wheelus AB for 18 months. In my 17th month several of us



found out that we were being sent to the 6950th RGM, Chicksands RAF Station, England for one year due to personnel shortages. Even though we regretted it at the time, we found England to be a really enjoyable assignment. Photo posted by Jim Kaus prop of Tom Harder)

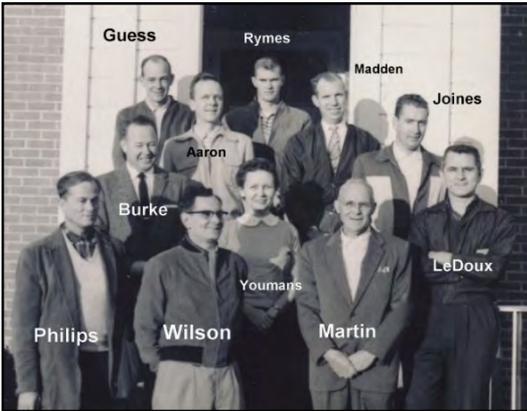
Here's another picture of the 34RSM (a.k.a. 6934th & 6930th) Headquarters bldg. This picture is the same bldg snapped from the 34th barracks angle. (Posted by Duke Keeter)



### Remember When?

*Posted by Ron Joines 4 Jan 2014*

Taken c.1955. The R-600 was a fairly good receiver except for the poor tuning system. In those days the Collins couldn't be beat. The R-390 was a more modern receiver than the 51J4, which was our main HF receiver.



We used the Racal HF receiver sometimes along with few older receivers for LF monitoring. The piece of equipment in front of me (above), just above the Collins, is the remote DF control unit. At that time, we used a vertical dipole Adcock DF antenna with each end of 20-ft boom controlled from the monitoring.

Position. Spent my early days with FCC at Powder Springs, GA.

(Right)

A combined total of over 100 years with FCC (All are ex-military: Me, then Bill was a Navy electronic tech., Gene was an AF Radio Op aboard B-29 tanker and Bob stationed in Germany with USAFSS.



## **6910<sup>th</sup> Vets Still Remain In Touch**

Dec 30, 2013

Hi all,

It's getting harder and harder to stay in touch, what with changing e-mail addresses, but I'm always glad to get a shout from those I served with in the USAFSS. I grab any name/e-mail that comes my way and some of you may be wondering, "How did I get on HIS list?" :- ( And sorry, I know you sometimes get duplicate copies. (Please let me know if you wish to be removed...)

The FTVA Mail List is a great place to look for people, and the newsletter is always nostalgic and informative...well worth the annual dues! FTVA Happy New Year to the FTVA crew that keeps it all going!

If you don't know about the books about the USAFSS in the early years, by Larry Tart and Trish Schlessler, take a look!

Let's all think about our buddies around the world still doing what we did, trying to defeat our enemies and some of them are in harm's way as we enjoy our holidays between the years...

Blessings to all of you!

A1C Ray Thompson - Traffic Analyst, USAFSS 6910th, 1951-55  
<http://www.raymack.com/usaf/memories.html>

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Hi Ray,

Thanks for your msg. I was a member of the 6910th Security Group from 1954 to 1957. Do you recall Bob Wielenga, Al Picard, Joe Montesano, Riley Woodford, Gerald Dombecki, Olie Morneau, Bill Purser, or Norm Duxbury? Great recollections! I will never forget them. It was an experience that did more for me than any other. I joined IBM a few years after attending college and remained there for 30 plus years. I am retired of course, but miss the experience for sure. God Bless you and yours,

Bob Sheehan <[rwsheehan@comcast.net](mailto:rwsheehan@comcast.net)>

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### Christmas Wreath Laying

Posted by Bobby Edwards



On Dec 14, 2013, our VFW group along with our Ladies Auxiliary and fellow DAV Chapter 13 along with Vets from the Presbyterian church in Kirkwood all gathered in memory of our veterans at Christmastime. I laid

a wreath at the grave of one of Custer's cavalryman - killed at the Battle of Haws on May 28th, 1884. By the way, my ancestor was there – on the other side of that battlefield. He made it through the war. Remember those who were lost.

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### MEMORIALS



The FTVA acknowledges the following bequests, generously donated In Memory Of (IMO):

Note: All donations are used to provide financial assistance directly in support of people programs for the AFISR Agency and its predecessor organizations.

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### Memorial Donations Received this Quarter

- Bob Icenogle **IMO** Jack Reidel
- BGen (Ret) Charles Bishop **IMO** Mike Gilroy
- Robert Pfister **IMO** Marvin Brossett

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## FALLEN EAGLES



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

**Compiled by: Wayne Tallant, Associate Editor**

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Ballinger, George E., CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**

Barnes, Anne H., Spouse Col William “Bud” Barnes (Dec) **HOH 1989.**

Barnes, Charles Leeroy, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Bergman, Paul Michael, USAFSS-Vet.

Branagan, John “Jack” Edward, MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Burns, Louis “Lou” Ray, SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**

Camino, Raymond K., MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Cantrell, Orlin Reece, MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Carr, Terrance “Pappy” “Terry” Leonard, USAFSS-Vet.

Cobb Jr., Lawrence Alexander, CMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Daubert, “Chuck” Charles, SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.

Day, Allen, USAFSS-Vet.

Fricke, Roy Arnold, USAFSS-Vet.

Garver, Gary L., USAFSS-Vet.

Gilbert, Garry, USAFSS-Vet.

Gilroy, Kevin “Mike” A., Col-USAF-Ret.

Glauben, Robert N., USAFSS-Vet.

Graves, James Roy, SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.

Harris, Henry “Hank/Tex” Woodson, USAFSS-Vet.

Hartman, Clifford “PD” A., MSgt-USAF-Ret.

Hauslee, Jean M., USAFSS-Civ-Ret.

Heilman, John “Mac/Omar”, Malcom, USAFSS-Vet.

Helbling, Victor M. Lt Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**

Hill, Jimmie D., Maj-USAF-Ret.

Jackson, Wilbur “W.L.” Legree, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.

Koch, Russell, SSgt-USAFSS-Vet.

- Likens, Donald Richard, USAFSS-Vet.
- Martinez, Alexander, USAFSS-Vet.
- McCallum, Ewell Elliott, Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
- McKone, John R., Col-USAF-Ret.
- Mills, James “Jim” Franklin, MSGt-USAF-Ret.
- Mishkofski Sr., Joseph Adam ASA/USAFSS USCGR-CWO-04-Ret.
- Life Mbr.**
- Mueller, Karen Irene, Spouse of Jerry “Mugsy” Mueller, USAFSS Vet.
- Ohlemacher, Carol, Spouse of Jim Ohlemacher-USAFSS-Vet.
- Orr, Clyde Patrick, TSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
- Parrish, Branch Arthur, USA-WWII, SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
- Riedel, John “Jack” H., SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **HOH 1998, Life Mbr.**
- Saldana, Daniel E., MSGt-USAF-Ret.
- Schram, Monte Leigh, USAFSS-Vet.
- Sobik, Richard “Dick” L., USAFSS-Vet.
- Stokes, Powel “P.B.” Burton, USAFSS-Civ.Ret. **Life Mbr.**
- Swearingen, Gene, MSGt-USAF-Ret.
- Tache Jr., Charles “Chuck” S., USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
- Trickey, Michael Leroy, MSGt-USAF-Ret.
- Vose, Stan, USAFSS-Vet.
- Waldo, Daniel R., USAFSS-Vet.
- Wilkinson, Larry Donald, MSGt-USAF-Ret.
- Williams, Ronald D., USAFSS-Vet.

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**CMSgt George E. Ballinger**, 83, of San Angelo, passed away Jan. 14, 2014, in a San Angelo hospital. In 1951 he enlisted in the USAF and proudly served for over 20 years. He served in many posts around the world. His final post was at Goodfellow Air Force Base, where he served as Commandant of the NCO Academy from 1972 until his retirement in 1974. After leaving the military, he was co-owner of Concho Valley Refrigeration and Heating until retiring. He was a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association and lifetime member of the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom through Vigilance Association. He is survived by his wife, Alice. //Obit – GoSanAngelo// //Notified by **Buck Vogt**//

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**SMSgt Charles Leeroy Barnes**, 78, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away peacefully Dec 7, 2013 at Hospice of Chattanooga. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Barbara. Charles served in USAFSS for 22 years as an Airborne Mission Supervisor specializing in Soviet intelligence. He flew out of Shemya, Alaska and served in Asia and Europe, including Turkey, Greece, England, Korea, Japan and Vietnam.. His stories of the strange life working in intelligence during the Cold War were sometimes hilarious as the men living under high stress used humor to relieve the pressure. **//Obit - Chattanooga Funeral Home//**  
**//Notified by Son – Jeff Barnes//**

My father was an Airborne Mission Supervisor with assignments at the 6985<sup>th</sup> 64-67 and 72-75, 6988<sup>th</sup> 67-72. I know he flew on the RC-130 Cobra Ball, and Rivet Brass missions in Southeast Asia.

Charlie and I were high school classmates. We drove my '48 Pontiac from Chattanooga to Monterey for Basic Russian in 1955. He went to southern Japan while I went to Japan and then Chicksands. We met up in the same Intermediate Russian class at Syracuse in 1959-60. **//Brooks Northern//**

I met Charlie at National Vigilance Park (Fort Meade) during a rededication ceremony of the C-130 60528 Aerial Recon Memorial on 2 Sept 1999 -- He and the late “Big John” Deaver, who hailed from Knoxville, served together, flying ACRP missions on C-130B-II aircraft while assigned to the 6988th Scty Sq at Yokota in the mid-1960's. **//Larry Tart//**

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**Anne Margaret Hifler Barnes**, 88, of Jacksonville, FL, formerly San Antonio, TX, passed away peacefully in her sleep, December 14th. She married the late Col. William “Bud” Barnes in 1945, and they were stationed, among other places, San Vito AS, Italy, Fuchu AS, Japan, Key West, (Cudjoe Key) FL, and Shu Lin Kou AS, Taiwan before moving to San Antonio, TX in 1974. Anne is survived by her three children: Barbette, John and Becky. Anne was buried alongside her husband at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. **//Obit – San Antonio Express News//**



**Paul Michael Bergman**, 72, of Wabash, Indiana, died May 31, 2012. He was a consultant for Homeland Security. Paul was a member of the USAF Honor Guard in Washington, DC, served in intelligence units overseas, and received many distinguished service awards. He is survived by his wife, Diana Bergman of Wabash, Indiana. //Obit – Tributes.Com//

Paul was Air Policeman - 6911/6910 Darmstadt, Germany 1961-1962. Served in TUSLOG, Det 3 at Karamursel, Turkey 1960-1961 and the 6938th at Wheelus AB, Tripoli 1959-1960. I am not sure of his rank. //Charlie Church//

Paul and I served together on the same Flight on Karamursel Air Station, Turkey. We were good friends. We played on the A.P. softball team together. My wife Margie and I send our condolences to you and your family. Craig Damon sent a message to the KAS 60-61 Web Site about Paul's passing. //Dickie P. & Margie Free//

Paul had a most illustrious career serving his country, community, and family. An outstanding citizen, and a tribute to all of those he served. May he Rest in Peace. //Bobby Edwards – 6910<sup>th</sup> Web Site//

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**MSgt John Edward "Jack" Branagan**, 82, passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Retired at the rank of MSgt from the U.S.Air Force and later from Army civil service. Survived by his wife Helen. //Obit – Express News// //Notified by Arlen Trapp – 6913RSM//

Hello all - Earlier this week, Mrs. John E. Branagan informed us that her husband passed away last Oct. His widow can be reached at their home in San Antonio. At Bremerhaven, Jack served as a communications equipment maintenance technician (A1C, SSgt) in the Radio-Printer Section (Easy Flight) from Nov 1958 - Nov 1961. He enlisted in August 1952, served a three-year tour of duty at Kirknewton, Scotland (1954-57), then duty at other command locations, retiring from the Air Force in May 1974 in San Antonio. Sorry to have to deliver more sad news. //Arlen Trapp//



**SMSgt Louis Ray Burns** died Nov 29, 2013 at the Hospice House of Rutherford County in Forest City, N.C. Raised in Maud, Alabama, he joined the USAF in 1959. His assignments included England, Japan, Germany, Vietnam, Goodfellow AFB, TX, and Ft. Meade, Maryland. Lou retired in 1973 after 24 years and then worked for NSA at Ft. Meade for another 10 years. Lou was a 202 and along with his Vietnam service ribbons, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He had a great dry wit and was a beloved member of the Maud, Alabama community. //Info - **Harold Overton – CMSgt-Ret**//

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Another old friend from Trick one in the late 50's has passed away. **MSgt Ray Camino** was a 202 back then on Trick one and then on days. I'm sure many of you remember him from either Misawa or one of the other USAFSS sites where he served. This is the email from Ray's sons. //Bob Wynn – Misawa Web Site//

*Hello friends and family,*

*We regret to inform you that our father, **Raymond Camino**, has passed away on November 17, 2013, at San Jose Regional Medical Center. During the past year, he has been fighting a battle with cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes, and kidney failure. We are comforted to know that he is in god's hands now. He will be remembered as an honorable man who retired as a USAF Master Sergeant, a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, brother, son, and friend. Regards. //Joel and Paul Camino//*

Ray was an instructor with me at Goodfellow and lived one block away. Sorry to hear of his passing. Our prayers are for his family and relatives during this time. //Dave Shepherd –Misawa Web Site//

Ray and I were stationed/worked together at Chicksands '67-'70 timeframe, he served as our softball team coach and celebrated the U.K. championship together. He was a good man and a good 202 for sure. You'll be missed my brother.....R.I.P. //Jim Stephens – Misawa Web Site//

Ray worked for me on T1 (59-60) as a W202...Taught me a few things. He emulated the Airman/NCO image of an Air Force Troop. Via Con Dios. //B.J. Cook – Misawa Web Site//

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**MSgt Orlin Reece Cantrell**, 78, a 41-year resident of Annapolis, died Nov 6 at his home. He served in the USAF for 21 years and was employed by the DOD for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, Sharon. //Obit – The Capital// //Notified by Jim Hart//

The NSA Phoenix Society posted yesterday that Orlin R. Cantrell, MSGT (Ret), USAFSS passed away on Nov 6th, 2013 at his home in Annapolis, Md. Orlin had a 21-year career in the AF and another 22 years with the DOD. I worked with him at the Agency. He worked both as a linguist and analyst. Looks like he was in Misawa in the early 60's, although I did not know him there. RIP fellow warrior. //Jim Hart//

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**Terrence "Terry" Leonard Carr**, 79, of Bloomingdale, GA died February 17, 2013. Soon after graduating from high school in Niagara, WI, he joined the U.S. Air Force which he made a career. Upon completion of basic training and technical school, he was assigned to the USAFSS, the communications security branch of the National Security Agency. His career assignments took him numerous times to Europe and the Far East. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Terry is survived by Phyllis McElhaney, his companion and "Guardian Angel". //Obit – Savannah Morning News//

Received a phone call from Fred Teschner (currently in assisted living at Glendale, AZ). Fred doesn't currently have e-mail access... he reported on the death of a **Terrence "Pappy" Carr** on Feb 17, 2013. "Pappy" was an X-1 stationed with Fred at Udorn and Ramasan. //Info – Rass through Fred Teschner//



**CM Sgt Lawrence Alexander Cobb Jr.**, 75, of Greenville passed away Nov 5, 2013. CM Sgt Cobb began his relationship with the 55th in 1962 at Forbes AB, Kan., assigned to the 55th Aircraft Maintenance SQ. In August 1966 Chief Cobb was part of the advance team that established a presence at Offutt AFB, Neb., preparing for the Wing's move from Forbes AFB. He later transferred to the in-flight Maintenance Technician shop and began a flying career in the RC-135C aircraft. From 1967-1971 he flew numerous operational missions, and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and nine Air Medals. Assigned to the depot at Greenville, Texas, Chief Cobb organized the team to equip, modernize, and standardize the RC-135 aircraft to the new Rivet Joint configuration. Upon his retirement from active service in 1983, Chief Cobb became a project engineer for the RC-135 depot maintenance and flight test unit at Greenville. For more than 40 years his management and support has had a major impact in maintaining the Wing's combat mission's capabilities. He is survived by his spouse, Arlene. **//Obit Herald Banner// //Notified by Alex Zonj and Bob Cope//**

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**SSgt Charles "Chuck" Daubert**, 78, passed away on Nov 25, 2013 at his home in Kalamazoo, Michigan. SSgt Daudert served in the U.S. Air force Intelligence Service at Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th RSM from 1955-59 on Charlie Flight. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western Michigan University and received his Juris Doctor from Wayne State Law School. He is survived by his wife Carol. **//Info – 6913<sup>th</sup> RSM//**

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**Allen Day**, 75, died 2 Nov 2013 of esophageal cancer. He was born in Missoula, Mont. Allen was in the Air Force for four years, most of which was spent at Misawa, Japan. One of his great pleasures in recent years was being reunited with many of his old buddies from Misawa. We will miss his humor and his wisdom. He taught us to laugh often and he helped us to see that many of life's trials are not worth the effort it takes to get upset. He is survived by his wife Jayne. **//Obit – The Daily Courier//**

Jayne Day just called me to let us know that my dear friend, Allen Day passed away. I think most of you know he had been suffering from cancer. He was my roommate in Misawa for three years and my friend for 56 years. We will miss him. Please keep his wife Jayne, daughter Molly, and son John in your prayers. //Bob "Skosh" Wynn//

So very sad to hear this news. As I've said many times, on this site, Allen was truly one of the nicest people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. May he rest in peace. //Jay Emmer//

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**Roy Arnold Fricke**, died 1 Jan 2014. He was a graduate of the USAF Academy, class of 1965. He was OIC at the 6987th at our Hou Keng site, and later moved to Operations as a Flight Commander through June, 1966. At that time he was transferred to the 6924th in Danang as a Flight Commander. //No Obit//

// Info - Gary "Yogi" Knighton – Roll Call Web Site//

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**Gary L. Garver**, 71, passed away on 6 Jan 2014. Gary joined the Air Force in Quilin, MO in Oct 1960. He was stationed at Eglin AFB, Davis Monthan AFB, Bremerhaven Germany and Darmstadt Germany where he met his future bride. Gary was honorably discharged in Dec 1967. He is survived by his wife Helga. //Obit –

**St Louis Post-Dispatch// Notified by Arlen Trapp//**

Gary was assigned to 6913th Easy Flight, Ops Admin, beginning in early/mid 1961. Later, he was reassigned to the 6911th RGM at Darmstadt. He took his discharge in Dec 1967. You can reach Helga at their home in St. Charles, Missouri. //Arlen Trapp – 6913<sup>th</sup> RSM//

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I am sorry to report my good buddy, **Garry Gilbert**, formerly stationed from 1978-1981 at Iraklion Air Station passed away this morning in Texas of a heart attack. He was a broadcaster with AFRTS. //No obit// //Info taken from Robert Ray Hill's Facebook page by Jim Kaus//



**Col Kevin A. "Mike" Gilroy, 77**, completed his final flight from this earth, ascending into the welcoming arms of his Lord on 13 Nov 2013. It was a privilege to encounter Mike who served as an example for the virtues of integrity, valor, and love. Mike served as an EWO for 34 years and earned three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Silver Star, and the Air Force Cross. He is preceded in death by his first wife Mary Nell whose life was tragically cut short in 1978 by cancer. He is survived by his wife Patricia. //Obit – Express News// //Notified by Bob Cope//

I knew him at ESC as he was Commander of the Electronic Warfare Center. His Obit also doesn't tell that, after retirement, he was Mayor of Gilroy, California, where his family came from. //Jim Youngson//

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**Robert N. Glauben, 74**, died Dec. 26, 2013, at the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton MA. Robert graduated of Silver Lake Regional High School in 1956 and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 -1960 as a 292XX at the 6918<sup>th</sup> RGM 1958-1960. //Obit -Pembroke Mariner & Reporter. //Notified by – Carol Farr 6918<sup>th</sup> RGM/RSM//

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Attempted to contact **Jim Graves**, retired and living in Darmstadt, Germany. Both addresses bounced. Checked the VA/SSDI and discovered the bad news that **SSgt James Roy Graves** died 20 June 2012 and is buried in the Alter Darmstadt Friedhof (Old Darmstadt Cemetery). Jim set up the Darmstadt portion of our Kent Haaven 2001 "Return to Darmstadt and beyond" tour that 18 of us old 2<sup>nd</sup> RSMers enjoyed so much. //Paul Laffitte – 2<sup>nd</sup> RSM 6911<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM Darmstadt//

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**Henry Woodson "Hank/Tex" Harris, 78**, passed away on Oct 30, 2013 at Cabot, Ark. Born Aug 24, 1935 in Arkansas Pass, Texas. Henry served 20 years in the USAF, in Vietnam and also Bremerhaven, Germany, with the 6913<sup>th</sup> RSM.. After his retirement from the military he worked for the United State Postal Service for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Edith. //6913<sup>th</sup> Web Site//



**MSgt Cliff A. Hartman** passed away on Oct 12, 2013 at Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife Yuko. Cliff was committed to living the life of a good man who was both practical and trustworthy. An Air Force Veteran, he served in Vietnam and with USAFSS in Japan from 1964-1975; Holloman Air Force Base, NM from 1975 - 1980, and at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev from 1980 - 1985. **//Obit – Palm Northwest Mortuary and Cemetery//** **//Ed Note: Notified by Oly Harrison (left in photo) Cliff Hartman is on the right in the photo//**

I am stunned to learn the news of Cliff's passing. We called him P.D. in Hakata, Japan in the late 60s. The 6918<sup>th</sup> had its latest reunion in September in San Antonio, and assumed he had other obligations since he did not attend. P.D. was there in 2011 for the first time most of us had been together in over 40 years. I have a picture of "our crew" that includes him and I will always treasure it. My heartfelt condolences to Yuko and P.D.'s family, may God Bless his soul. **//Danny Johnson, Durham, North Carolina//**

MSgt Clifford A. "PD" Hartman was a 292 on Dawg Flight during his tour from 1965 to 1967. He died 12Oct2013. We do not show any orders associated with his name. **//Carol Farr 6918th RSM/RGM//**

Cliff Hartman was a Vietnam Vet serving at Da Nang with the 6924th SS. He was stationed at Misawa in the 70's on Main Base in the CBPO. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Yuko, and Son Abe and Daughter Gina. Cliff was a big man with a big heart. **//Oly Harrison//**

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**Jean M. Haulsee**, 79, died Jan 19, 2014. For many years, Jean was a military wife and lived in Bremerhaven, Germany and Iraklion, Crete, eventually arriving in San Angelo, Texas where she resided until 1973. Jean moved to San Antonio that year, continued her education, and began her military career with USAFSS, retiring after over 22 years of service. Jean was most proud of her military career. Everyone who knew Jean will know to celebrate her life and not mourn her death. **//Obit – Express News//**



**John Malcolm “Mac/Omar” Heilman**, 75, died Dec 28, 2013. Mac served in the United States Air Force for 20 years in the Far East, Japan, and Italy. Mac was a 292XX at the 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM, Hakata 1969-1072. He returned from overseas serving at Keesler Air Force Base as squadron commander. Mac is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 47 years, Patricia Faggard Heilman. He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Jean Cochran Heilman of Jackson, MS. //Obit – Sun Herald//  
 //Notified by - Carol Farr – 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM//

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**Lt Col Victor M. Helbling**, 59, died Oct 6, 2013, six months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Rosie, and four children. Vic joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War and worked USAFSS at Elmendorf AFB. He received a Bachelor’s degree in computer science at the U of NE at Omaha, a MS in R&D Management from AFIT, and a MS in Information Systems Management from Creighton U. Vic was a certified information technology project manager professional. He served 25 years in the Air Force as a software engineer, project manager, and Chief Information Officer. Since retirement in 2000, he served as a project manager for security software development in industry and government. Vic's passion was encouraging education. He was his AFCEA chapter's VP of scholarships and a tireless advocate of STEM education and internship opportunities. In 2013 he received the AFCEA Education Foundation's Distinguished Service to Education Award.//Obit–Express News// //Notified by Rosie Helbling//

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**Maj Jimmie D. Hill**, 79, passed away peacefully at home April 23, 2013. Survived by his loving wife Martha. Raised in Corpus Christi, TX he entered the Air Force in 1951 and ultimately transferred to Washington, DC, in 1971 for duty with the CIA. For the next 25 years he served in several positions with the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). After more than 45 years with the Air Force and CIA, he retired in 1996 as the NRO's Deputy Director and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. He garnered numerous awards including the Presidential Distinguished Executive award in 1980 and 1988, the DOD’s Civilian Distinguished Service Medal four times,

the Legion of Merit, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the Central Intelligence Agency's Distinguished Intelligence Medal, and the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. In 1996 he was chosen as the recipient of the Goddard Memorial Trophy and in 1998 was awarded the Goddard Astronautics Award. The NRO dedicated the "Jimmie D Hill Conference Center" in his honor. Jimmie recently received the Founders Award as a visionary leader of the NRO (an award not given out since it was established in 2000). **//Obit – Washington Post// //Notified by – John Pfister//**

I just learned that Jimmy D. Hill lost his fight with cancer last April. After leaving the AF, he had many commendable achievements at the National level. I think he was at the 6987th from mid-1965 - 1967. I was there from July 66 to Oct 1967 and worked for Capt Hill when he was the 6987<sup>th</sup> Comptroller. He was an enlisted aircraft mechanic before earning a commission thru OCS. At the time he retired, he was selected for promotion to Lt Col; but turned it down to accept a job offer in the Sec of AF office - on paper he was assigned to the CIA. **//John Pfister//**

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**SMSgt Wilbur Legree “W.L.” Jackson** died November 27, 2013 in Pennington, New Jersey from complications of a stroke. He was visiting his daughter, Kathy and her husband. After graduating from North High School in 1946, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He subsequently joined the Air Force being stationed in England, Germany and the island of Crete in Greece. His last military assignment was in San Antonio, where he retired in 1969 after over 20 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane. **//Obit - Express-News//**

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**SSgt Russell Koch** died Dec 3, 2013. During his 6 years of service (1964-1970) he completed Russian Language training at Syracuse University Class DLI 9-1-65B. Additionally, he had assignments at the 6944<sup>th</sup> School Sq, Goodfellow AFB, TX, 6933<sup>rd</sup> ESG, Karamursel, Turkey, 6970<sup>th</sup> ESG, Ft. Meade, MD, and the 6921<sup>st</sup> ESG, Misawa AB, Japan. **//No Obituary// //Notified by – Skip Kimbrow//**

**Russ** was a classmate of mine at Syracuse University. Following this, we served together at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas before we were launched overseas with USAFSS units, going our separate ways. During that first enlistment, Russ served in Karamursel, Turkey, and Misawa, Japan, and returned to language school again, becoming proficient as a linguist during that second enlistment. He had planned to make a career in USAFSS, but illness caused his early retirement. He had a wonderful wife, three children, and a successful career. Russ organized a class reunion in 2008 which started a series of reunions. Of all of the things he'd done and accomplished in his life, being with old buddies seemed, next to his family, most important. Russ made this possible - he had a marvelous sense of humor, was incredibly intelligent, with a streak of kindness and compassion. He contracted brain cancer during the latter part of this past summer. //Skip Kimbrow//

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**Donald Richard Likens**, 79, went to be with the Lord Oct 23, 2013 at Avante of Reidsville N.C. He was a retired employee of N.P.C., Inc. of Eden, NC, a US Air Force Veteran, having served with the 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/SS, Hakata, Japan and had lived in North Carolina since 1962. Donald is survived by his wife Delphia. //Obit –

**News & Record// //Notified – Carol Farr – 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/SS//**

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**Alexander Martinez**, 54, was called home to be with our Lord on Dec 23, 2013. Mr. Martinez is loved and will be missed by his mother, Ejinia R. Martinez; brother, Alfred R. Martinez and wife, Victoria; along with numerous relatives and friends. Alex was an accomplished musician, and avid Spurs fan and served his country with honor in the United States Air Force. //Obit – **Express**

**News// //Notified by Ed Honeycutt, TCA Airmen and 6912<sup>th</sup> ESG//**

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**Lt. Col Ewell Elliott McCallum**, 82 passed away Jan 16, 2014 in Louisville KY. A graduate of the University of Louisville, he earned his MBA from Indiana University and served his country for 26 years in the USAF. An Enrolled Agent, he was a 60 year master mason with St. Matthews Masonic Lodge, #906 KY and

the Victory Lodge, #1160 TX, and a member of the Alzafar Shrine and the Scottish Rite. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen M. McCallum in 2007. He is survived by his wife Maynette Smith McCallum. //Obit – Express News// //Notified by – Jim Youngson//

Ewell McCallum, was USAFSS Budget Director in the 60s. After retirement he had a CPA firm here in San Antonio for many years. As is so often the case, his Obit tells you nothing about his military career. //Jim Youngson//

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**Col John R. McKone**, 81, of Hardyville, VA died Oct 31, 2013. Survived by his wife, Norma Jean. John was raised in Tonganoxie, Kansas and graduated from Kansas State University in 1954 where he was an Air Force ROTC cadet. He served 28 years in the USAF, retiring as the Wing Commander of Offutt AFB, NE on

Sept 1, 1983. His military decorations include the Silver Star and Legion of Merit. Col McKone became famous when his RB-47H reconnaissance bomber was shot down over the Barents Sea on July 1, 1960 by a Soviet MIG-17. He was one of only two survivors (Freeman Bruce Olmstead was the other), both of whom were placed in solitary confinement for 7 months in Moscow. They were released on Jan 25, 1961 then flown to Washington D.C. where President John F. Kennedy met their plane. A book entitled, The Little Toy Dog, written by William L. White relates the full story of this incident. //Obit - Lawrence Journal-World// //Notified by “Skip” DeRousse and Bill Sheck//

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**MSgt James Franklin “Jim” Mills**, 82, died Nov. 22, 2013, at the home of his daughter in Florence SC. He served in the USAF and was a captain with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and S.C. Law Enforcement

Officers Association. Survivors include one daughter, Mary Jo Singleton, one son, James Edwin Mills of Darlington; one stepdaughter, Lynn McCaskill. //Obit – The Item// //Notified by Phil Fling//

Sad news -- I just learned from Philip Fling that retired MSgt. James Franklin. "Jim" Mills passed away on 22 Nov 2013 at age 82. While assigned to Det 1, 6924th RSM, 1955-57, Mills (a Morse intercept operator) and Fling (an AMT) were pioneering crew mates aboard RB-29A 62290 (the first USAFSS ACRP) and RB-50 ACRP's that operated from Yokota AB, Japan. But for fate, Mills would have been aboard RB-50G 47133 when that aircraft disappeared on 10 September 1956 on USAFSS' first operational RB-50 ACRP mission over the Sea of Japan. Switching flights with A1C Harry S. Maxwell Jr. (a fellow Morse operator), Mills flew a local training mission (TOL's @ Yokota) aboard RB-29 290 on 10 September and Maxwell was one of 16 crew members lost aboard 47133. Retiring after a 26-year AF career in 1974, Mills completed a second career in law enforcement (police officer in Bishopville, SC, and deputy sheriff in Lee County, SC). Succumbing to cancer after an extended illness, Jim wrote his own epitaph: "Hold heads high and don't weep for me because everyone is going this way sooner or later." -- James F. Mills. RIP JIM MILLS! //In Brotherhood – Larry Tart//

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**CWO-04 Joseph Adam Mishkofski, Sr.**, 84, passed away at home Jan 25, 2014. He was a retired US Coast Guard Reserve Chief Warrant Officer 04 with a combined 36 years active and reserve service. After a hard fight, he lost his battle with Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson Disease. After graduating High School in 1947, he served in the US Army Security Agency until

being moved into the new USAFSS. He served cold war assignments in Berlin, GE and Thule, Greenland then left the service to attend Penn State University. Recalled to active duty following the beginning of the Korean War in 1950, he had a military career that led him to the US Coast Guard Reserve, where he was a SAR watch officer. Later he was an exercise planner, concluding with designing the opposing forces for Exercise Solid Shield. He is survived by his wife of 60 years. //Obit – The Virginian Pilot//

Joe served in the 2nd RSM at Herzo Base and Darmstadt 1948 to 1950. He was with the unit during the transfer from ASA to USAFSS. He left the Air Force after the Korean War and joined the US Coast Guard Reserve in Virginia Beach, VA. Following is a note from Marie, Joe's wife: //Notified by Aubrey "Duke" Keeter//

Dear Hugh and Willie,

Joe passed away Saturday morning. It was a blessing, for he struggled with pain. Service at a later date. I am as good as I can be under the circumstances. Thank you, Aubrey, and the others who were part of Joe's life and made him happy. Truly a military man. **Best Regards, Marie**

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**Karen Irene Mueller**, 72, of Locust Grove, VA, passed away Dec 14, 2013 at her residence in Locust Grove, VA. Karen held several jobs, including working on the 1990 census for the Census Bureau and working as a training assistant for the Navy Research Lab. She retired as a federal employee in 2000. Karen is survived by her husband of 51 years, Gerald J. Mueller. //Obit –

**Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory//**

In an email from Jerry "Mugsy" Mueller, a fellow 203 on T4 during my time (1959-62). He reported that his wife, Karen, had been sick for over 2 years with cirrhosis of the liver and had passed away on December 14. Jerry asked me to post this for the Misawa Family. I've known Karen ever since 1962 when several other Misawa rowdies and I returned from Japan to Syracuse for an Intermediate Russian class. Jerry and Karen were newlyweds then and she welcomed us all into her home with a big smile and open arms, simply because we were friends of Jerry. My thoughts and prayers are with Jerry RIP, Karen. //Dutch Wiest – Misawa Web Site//

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**Carol Ohlemacher**, 68, passed away January 25, 2014, in San Antonio. She was born in Southport, England. Carol was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Her survivors include her husband, Jim Ohlemacher; 2 sons, Darren and Chris and daughter, Kerri. //Obit Express

**News// //Notified by Friend – AL//**

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**Clyde Patrick Orr**, 77, of Visalia passed away on Nov. 24, 2013. He was a Ground Radio Communications Technician in the Air Force for 21 years. Clyde worked on the Iron Horse Computer System while TDY at the 6924<sup>th</sup> in 1971. //Obit - Visalia Times-Delta and Tulare Adv-Register//

Just posted that we lost Clyde last night – 24 Nov. Rest in peace, Brother. He will be greatly missed. //Jim Kaus – Roll Call Web Site//

Clyde Orr passed away Sunday night. Maintenance, stationed at Da Nang and Misawa. "So sad to say that Richard called me and CO passed away last night. Don't have any details but Margaret was with him. Another warrior at peace. Never would have believed my Dad and CO gone within 6 months...Take Care Lu" //Ralph RJ Jones//

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**SMSgt Branch Arthur Parrish**, 90, passed away on Oct 12, 2013 at his home in West Falmouth, MA. Branch was raised as a southern gentleman in Norfolk where he began his military career in the US Army from 1941-45 and re-enlisted in the US Air Force in 1948. He retired in 1965. His extensive military service took him

around the world including Japan, the Philippines (until the start of the Korean War). He then deployed to India and Pakistan where he served the United Nations in Kashmir as Radio Operator on UN aircraft until 1953. Next he flew MATS from Westover with short stints in Brazil, Florida and finally stationed in Saudi Arabia where he participated in the successful rescue of the Shah of Iran's son serving with Air Sea Rescue. He returned stateside to Otis AFB from 1955-58 where he met his wife Barbara. They began their adventures together in Okinawa, Japan from 1958-60 where he became a member of the USAF Security Service for the next seven years of his military career. Branch was stationed with the 6913th RSM at Bremerhaven, Germany on Charlie Trick from 1960-63. He retired at Langley AFB in 1965 receiving numerous medals and commendations over his military span. He was a man of honor, trust, and integrity and had an unwavering moral compass. He was highly respected by his fellow comrades and continued to travel to his military reunions with his wife Barbara. //6913<sup>TH</sup> Web Site//



**SMSgt John “Jack” H. Riedel**, 75, died Dec 4, 2013. After high school, Jack attended Allegheny College but left to enlist in the Air Force. While enrolled in Language School at Syracuse University he made the wise decision to ask Carolyn Leavitt, a nursing student to dance. They married in 1959. During the Vietnam

War Jack flew over 200 combat missions. The citation on his induction to the FTVA Hall of Honor in 1998 begins by stating – “The words, ‘They don’t come any better than this one’ describes Jack Riedel.” The Defense attaché in Vienna, Austria, wrote of Jack, “I have never worked with anyone who could approach the dedication and professionalism of Jack Riedel. He is truly a national intelligence asset.” Statements his numerous friends enthusiastically endorse. Jack proudly served for 27 ½ years. After retirement Jack and Carolyn moved to Leesburg in 1983 where he carried the mail for the U.S. Postal Service for 14 years. Jack was an avid fisherman, agreeing with Herbert Hoover that “The gods do not deduct from man’s allotted span the hours spent fishing.” He belonged to the Central Florida Offshore Anglers. He was also a member of the Freedom through Vigilance Foundation. Jack is survived by his wife, Carolyn. //Ed Note – **The obit was a small part of the eulogy delivered by Jack’s Uncle Ralph. Edited for brevity.//**

Just got word that Jack Riedel launched on his final mission last night.....Red Haire must be over his flying hour limit.....Jack was a great op (Russian, Vietnamese and self-taught Hungarian and Czech), leader around the world, hardest worker I knew, and great friend to all. He lived integrity. He's already missed.....Carolyn remains at 12022 Pine Court, Leesburg FL 34788-4517. //Bob Cope//

Jack touched the hearts and the minds of a great many. I have often expressed my sincere thanks to a number of folks on this forum for orienting me in the proper direction. For some reason I often fail to mention Jack. I met Jack 41 years ago while serving my second tour at the 6908th in Nakhon Phanom, Thailand. It is hard to believe it has been that long but a look in the mirror confirms it. Jack taught me a lot about mission and responsibility. Beyond the mentoring and the insight into what leadership is about, Jack touched my life in a very personal way. Jack was pretty much responsible for introducing me to my "child bride" of forty years. It is very difficult for me to look at her or my children without remembering that day and Jack's introduction. //Lonnie Henderson//

**Twilight Communion – Mournful Reunion  
Loss of a crewmate – John H. “Jack” Riedel**

As the morning air stirs, the vessels of life are warmed and we are revitalized in the bright soft caress of the new dawns.

Yet the radiant gleam of the sun cannot penetrate the sorrow in our hearts as we prepare our farewells to a friend and crewmate.

The crescendo moan of the mourning wind gathers us together as another comrade begins a solo journey, rising into the heavens.

A friend departs, a sole slowly ascends. Like the eagle it soars toward eternal rest in a far-off Aerie prepared by the Lords hand.

We stand at attention and salute in honor of service rendered by a faithful silent warrior.

With great respect we pause to reflect on that camaraderie, that sense of mission, that aircrew esprit de corps so few others ever know or share.

Kindred through spirit, we were one, we are one and we shall forever be one.

We bow our heads in quiet reverence. We recoil at the crisp crack of the rifles; we wince as the lamenting wail of the buglers cry assails our senses, exacerbating the well of sadness.

Through a chilling mist our eyes glimpse evanescent shadows of those who have gone before, spirits now proudly standing in line abreast to receive the newest member onto a seasoned, experienced crew who, forever vigilant, stand that eternal watch over us.

In this mourning we are rejuvenated through memories aroused. We remain in touch as we commiserate and we console one another. We abide this sadness in the knowledge that our sojourn is fleeting.

Through our kinship we live for another moment with our friends and crewmates whom we shall never forget, those with whom we shall celebrate in that final great and everlasting reunion.

**//Thomas L. Penn (January 2010)//**

Met Jack at Offutt, early 1980's. He was NCOIC of DOU and I was working in DOO (same physical space). I believe he PCS'd out to Ops Supt in Key West...being from the Keys, I was jealous. Always looked sharp in uniform and had the technical stones to back up what he did!  
**//Tom Giroir – Facebook//**

A sad day indeed! Met Jack in the early 80's. Best memories were on the first trip to Panama. He made sure we were well taken care of. RIP Jack ... condolences to the family! **//Mark Benkendorf – Facebook//**

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**MSgt Daniel E Saldana** passed away 7 Sept 2012. Daniel was on Able Flight at the 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM from 1960-1963. Daniel's daughter Martha Hobbs confirmed his death. **//No Obit// //Info – Carol Farr 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM//**

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**Monte Leigh Schram**, 71, of Greenville passed away Dec. 8, 2013. Monte proudly served our country for 23 years in the USAF. He was a proud member of the 6990<sup>th</sup> Security Squadron. Don't know how many of you knew Monte, he was always low key and reserved but a heck of a 294/205. RIP Monte. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, DeVonne. **//Obit – Herald Banner// //Notification and Input – Alex Znoj//**

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**Richard L. "Dick" Sobik**, 71, passed away on August 18, 2013 at Roanoke, Virginia. Dick served in the U.S. Air Force, and was stationed with the 6913<sup>th</sup> RSM at Bremerhaven, GE, on B - Flight from 1961-1964. He was a member of the 1963 'Fliegers Football team ('63 champs of Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation). He worked at NSA and retired from a retail business. Survived by his wife, Sheila. **//Obit – Roanoke Times// //Info – 6913<sup>th</sup> RSM//**



**Mr. Powell Burton "P.B." Stokes**, 87, died Nov 5, 2013. After retiring from the Air Force Civilian Services Rev. Stokes became an ordained minister for 22 years. He prayed for San Antonio, the city he loved, from the Tower of the Americas every Thursday for almost two decades. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty.

**//Obit – Express News// //Notified by Bob Cope and Clay "C. C." Laster Jr//**

USAFSS Engineer Extraordinaire.....Put the first computers on airborne platforms, notably the COMFY ECHO C-130s at Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN that identified and "broke" target codes. Extremely hard-working and dedicated, PB launched and recovered every mission over an extended period. He not only proved the concept, he made the practice an every mission success, and did it with a constant smile! P.B. was a real leader in USAFSS' civilian workforce!! I feel honored to have known and worked with him. **//Bob Cope//**

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**MSgt Gene Swearingen**, 78, of Gulfport, died Nov 2, 2013. His loving wife of 39 years, Jan Swearingen, was at his side. Gene was a Morse Intercept Operator with assignments at Keesler, Misawa, Germany, and Turkey. He retired after 21 years of service. Mr. Swearingen also

retired as a reporter with the Sun Herald. **//Obit – Sun Herald//  
//Notification and input – Dick Baumgartel//**

I am saddened by Gene's passing. He was my first boss in the Air Force in Misawa, Japan. I was late for work once after being on the job for a few months. Gene read me the riot act. I have never in my life since that time been late for work. It was a lesson I will treasure. I also served with Gene at Keesler as an instructor. I will always remember his kindness and caring for his troops. **//Dick Baumgartel//**

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**Charles S. "Chuck" Tache Jr.**, 71, of Tipp City, passed away Jan 10, 2014 at Miami Valley Hospital. He spent a career in the USAF. While in the USAFSS/ESC, he was an A207X1 crew member for 12 years on RC135 reconnaissance aircraft as well as flying 174 combat missions on EC47's in Vietnam during 1968-1969. His airborne

assignments included the 6985<sup>th</sup> SS, Eielson AFB, Alaska, 6949<sup>th</sup> SS Omaha, Nebraska and 6994<sup>th</sup> SS, Danang, Vietnam. He also spent five years as an Air Force Recruiter in Erie, PA and another four years as a First Sergeant in Kunsan, Korea and Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. For Vietnam service, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He also received the Meritorious Service Medal, 15 Air medals, 2 Air Force Commendation Medals, along with numerous awards and decorations during his Air Force career. Chuck is survived by his wife, Lois. **//Obit – newcomerdayton.com// // Input – Bob Marcelle//**

I was shocked to hear of Chuck's passing. I flew with him in Vietnam and we met up again in Darmstadt - he was a hard worker and a personable guy. So sorry to hear this news. **RIP! //Chuck McFarlane – Roll Call Web Site//**

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**MSgt Michael L. Trickey** died 31 December 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Akers, of San Antonio, and Autumn Tull, of Oxfordshire, England. Mike retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1991 after a total of 24 years of service. He was a lifetime charter member of the Airborne Maintenance Technicians Association and a member of the Air Force Association. His Air Force career included postings in Okinawa, Thailand, Korea, Alaska, Florida, and England. At the time of his death he was living in Premont, Texas, where he had worked for the Raytheon Corporation for 20 years. **//Obit – Porter Loring Mortuary North// //Notified by Dave Schoff – AMT Association//**

We have lost another friend, fellow AMT and LIFETIME CHARTER member in the AMTA. Mike Trickey has been a strong supporter of the AMTA since it was founded in 2004. I do not know any more than Dave has shared with us. When we find out more we will pass it on. Please be in prayer for Mike's family and friends as they go through this extremely difficult time. I presently don't have the information about sending cards or letters as Mike was single. I will share that information with you when Dave passes it along. Thanks to everyone. **//Johnny Estes – AMT Association//**



Hi, I'm posting this under **Stan Vose**' Facebook. I am Stan's son, Daniel. My father passed away this morning (3 Nov) from chronic liver failure. It was a painful passing, but my dad took it like a champ. As he was dying, he was calling out to his deceased brother, Steve and was even reaching out for him. My father was the best man I have ever known or ever will know. My dad taught me that it's okay to be a flawed human being, as long as you are there for the ones you love. My dad never complained about a damn thing. He was as tough as nails. I can't even express how much I love and will miss this man. I can only hope to strive to be even half the man he was. I'll see you again someday. I LOVE YOU. //Daniel Vose – Message forwarded for Red Lloyd and Skivvy Nine//

Stronger and tougher than a nail. Can't think anyone he came into contact with was not positively influenced. Was a pleasure to have been a subordinate and "mentor-ee" //Mike England//

Very sad news—Stan was a good man. I worked with a lot of very smart people in my years in the Air Force (over 10 of which were at Skivvy Nine), but I must say Stan was among the sharpest, quickest-thinking people I worked with. He was my supervisor for a while and did I give him some challenges in that capacity. But he was always fair and patient. His passing will take a while for me to cope with. Rest in peace, Stan. And thank you for blessing my life with your tutelage. //Karl Leggett//

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**Daniel R. Waldo**, 73, of Lincoln, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 6, 2014. Family members include wife, Sharon L. Waldo; son, Peter Waldo; daughter & son-in-law, Deb (Waldo) and Neal Thompson; three grandchildren, David, Zach & Katie Thompson; sister, Ruth (Waldo) Currier. //Obit – Journal Star// //Notified

by Michael McLaughlin – AMT Association//

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**MSgt Larry Donald Wilkinson**, 71 of Carolina Shores, NC passed away Oct 4, 2013 at home. Mr. Wilkinson was born in Bay City Michigan on Oct 27, 1941. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 28 years, Della Toner Wilkinson. He proudly served our great nation for over 26 years in the USAF. He was a Russian and German linguist at the 6915<sup>th</sup> RSM Hof AS Germany and also served in Berlin, GE. After his retirement, he worked with the Department of Defense. He will be greatly missed. Larry is survived by his devoted wife, June. //Obit – Sun News// //Notification and Input – Bruce Shaw//

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**Dr. Ronald D. Williams**, 73, who served The Foursquare Church in various capacities for more than 48 years, died on Oct. 25, 2013 in Bodfish, California after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

One of my dearest friends from Misawa, Ron Williams, died recently - I got a notice from a mutual friend. Ron was a 203 on Trick 4 at Misawa. He played trumpet with me at the Friday night Baptist Chapel Service and we traveled around northern Honshu on visits to missionaries. He left the Air Force in 1962, went to college and became a minister in the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. He pioneered a congregation in Canada, went on to serve as a missionary in Hong Kong, and ended his formal career as head of public relations for the denomination. In retirement, he served as pastor of a Chinese church there in California. He outlived his first wife Carole and is survived by his second wife Lorretta. Ron was the author of at least one book, a commentary on the Psalms. //Harry Mann – Misawa Web Site//

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**Ponderisms by Andy Rooney**

**“One thing I've learned over the years is that... sometimes, all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.”**

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**Looking For Lost Buddies**

E-Mail - [deedias@msn.com](mailto:deedias@msn.com) 30-Dec-13

From: Norbert Dias Unit - 6933 SSQ, Det 94 Karamursel

Comment - Just joined FTVA a few months ago and am

looking for some possible lost buddies.

E-Mail - [kthomas2@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kthomas2@cinci.rr.com) 11-Jan-14

From: Don Schneider Unit - Chicksands, England

Comment - Looking for any guys who were Stationed at the "Sands" 1965 Thru 1968.

E-Mail - [Kenfsr@bex.net](mailto:Kenfsr@bex.net) 12-Jan-14

From: Kendall Fielder Unit – AFSCC

Comment - Besides the last assignment to AFSCC, I had previous assignments at TUSLOG 3-2 (Samsun Turkey)1965-1966 and, and Hof Air Station 1966-1970. After a few years in the civilian world, I hired on with the NSA in 1977. I spent 5 years in Harrogate, England 1981-1989 and 4 years in Denver, Co (1986-1990). I retired in 2003.

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**A Gift of Love and Support**



One of our members suggested, and your BOD agrees, that a truly deserving cause for some charitable giving would be **The Navid Garshasb Family**. Navid's life was cut short by brain cancer late last year. Before he was medically retired, MSgt (Ret) Garshasb was assigned to the 25th Intelligence Squadron at Hurlburt Field.

He was fluent in six languages and a hero to fellow airmen in his field. He earned a Bronze Star and received the Pitsenbarger Award for Heroism in 2002 following a helicopter crash. He was the first non-rescue airman to receive the award, which is given for saving a life or preventing serious injury. His wife, Joani, and sons, Shawn and Andy, could certainly use your support. Your check should be mailed to the "Garshasb Family" at St. Augustine's Church, P.O. Box 5425, Navarre, FL 32566. Please put FTVA in the memo portion of your check. // **Bob Cope**//

**THEN & NOW**

**CMSgt (Ret) Danny Prichard (USAFSS/ESC/AFIC)**



High School Grad



1<sup>st</sup> Day at Basic Training



BMT Barber Shop



Overseas in the 80's



At daughter's wedding



In recent times

Many of you know Danny Prichard. Some of you might not know that while at the 6922<sup>nd</sup> SG in 1990, CMSgt Prichard was selected by name to be the Pacific-area's primary trainer on the newly introduced ULLMAN collection system. Not only that, but he provided for the needs of stranded families as striking Filipino workers barricaded the Clark AB gates when he "...took decisive, lifesaving actions ... his bravery in the face of extreme physical danger saved lives." During the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in 1991, Danny led a 130-person team of intelligence specialists in performing airborne, ground, remote, and seaborne operations. He was the Ops Superintendent in Saudi Arabia; deployed for 167 days in Operation DESERT STORM and also served as the 'Ops Supe' at Osan, ROK. Did you know he was the 'Ops Supe' and later the Command Chief at the 692 IG in Misawa? He retired as the 'Ops Supe' at Fort Gordon, GA. An impressive resume. Danny was inducted into the FTVA Hall of Honor in 2005.

**THEN & NOW**

**CMSgt (Ret) Charles “Chuck” MacFarlane (USAFSS/ESC)**



In the early 60’s

Chuck MacFarlane entered the USAF the end of August 1958 and retired the end of Jan 1991 (and yes, that’s **33 years** folks)



In more recent years

Chuck is not a stranger to most of you. Basic Training was at Lackland & Radio Op school at Keesler 58-59. USAFSS/ESC assignments were: 59 - 60 Peshawar, Pakistan. 60 - 63 RAF Kirknewton, Scotland. 63 - 64 Peshawar, Pakistan. 64 - 65 Kelly AFB (RIRAK) San Antonio, TX. 65 - 68 Karamursel CDI, Turkey 68 - 69 Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN (ARDF) 69 - 70 Goodfellow AFB, (ARDF Instructor) 70 - 71 Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN (ARDF) 71 - 72 Darmstadt, Germany. 72 - 74 Augsburg, Germany. 74 - 80 San Vito AS, Italy. 80 - 85 RAF Chicksands, England. 85 - 91 NSA (ESC Liaison Office). Worked for State of Maryland (1 yr) & Texas (10 yrs) before retiring for good in 2002. Check out the number and variety of his overseas tours!!

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