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## *Memorial Day 2014*



(Photo by Jim Kaus)

***"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God,  
Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."***

## The President's Corner



Howdy FTVA Members,

Spring/Summer is here and change is in the air. We are expecting an announcement any day from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force on another organization change. The AF ISR Agency will be morphing again with a new name and a new subordination. Stay tuned and see what develops. However, no matter the name, the FTVA will continue to support its people and units serving around the world.

Last month, the FTVA supported the first annual AF ISR Agency's Deployer Family Picnic. It was a beautiful day, the turnout was good, great food and drink, and activities and bouncy castles for the kids. The FTVA bought most of the food and there were several chefs including our own Ken Williams...and he didn't even burn any burgers or dogs. The Agency's Directorates formed teams and competed in multiple games with the A5/8/9 team (use to be called XP) edging out a win. A fun day for all.

In continuing our close work with the Agency and our active duty airmen, we were allowed to give our FTVA marketing pitch to the recent Squadron Commander's Course participants. Thirty-two new CC's that will be taking over squadrons this summer listened intently and even asked a few questions...so I know they were awake. It is important that we advertise and market our organization to our current silent warriors to keep the infusion of new blood and new members.

Finally, plans are underway for our annual anniversary activities the end of September. Make your plans now to join us for the golf tournament, the Remembrance Ceremony, the picnic, the Hall of Honor Ceremony, and Anniversary Banquet. We are honored to announce that Gen (retired) Mike Hayden will be our guest speaker at the banquet. Should be a great three days of events. Come on out and enjoy the festivities, see some old friends, meet some new friends, tell a few war stories and hear some new ones. See you there.

Remain in Touch.... *Ron*

## From our FTVA Vice President



Each quarter, the FTVA Newsletter staff compiles and prints over 1,500 newsletters. The vast majority are sent out ‘snail-mail’ to FTVA membership. Currently over 300 members have elected to receive their copy of the newsletter via electronic means: members receive the information sooner and save us the expense of printing and postage, which can then be redirected to worthy causes the FTVA supports. Furthermore, everything in the softcopy version is sharper and in color whereas the hardcopy version is in black & white. You have a choice to have the newsletter in the format you want, and this is one great option for those of us who are online frequently! To sign up for electronic delivery, simply go to the FTVA website ([ftva.org](http://ftva.org)) and under the “Newsletter and Membership Directory Notes” click on the link “this form”, fill it out and submit. Or, simply email Bob Baert at [webadm@ftva.org](mailto:webadm@ftva.org) and request the electronic version.

### FTVA Transition Mentorship

Some military members have a difficult time transitioning into civilian life when the time comes. I believe that we (FTVA) can help, because a large percentage of our membership has already made that transition. When military personnel retire/separate, they potentially lose three things they’ve counted on over the years:

1. Sense of Purpose
2. Sense of Family
3. Sense of Income

In order to successfully transition, I believe planning and preparation are the keys to filling the potential voids we may face. Those plans ideally should start at about three years prior to separation/retirement. Obviously, for various reasons, we don’t always know when our last day in uniform will be. However, with a focus on now, coupled with a vision for tomorrow, transition doesn’t have to be overwhelming. I advocate a three-step process for our transitioning warriors:

1. Find a mentor (i.e. an FTVA member who wants to mentor!)
2. Develop a plan that meets the purpose, family & financial goals/needs
3. Prepare – This is the action of mentally and financially preparing for the last day in uniform. If you would like to mentor someone, simply email Andy Smith at [aasmitty3@yahoo.com](mailto:aasmitty3@yahoo.com). Also, keep an eye out for transition activity on the FTVA Facebook page. V/r *Andy*



Hi folks,

Over the past two years, we've highlighted the FTVA Member Support initiative by Bob Baert which offers the **RIT** in softcopy format via e-mail. As a result, we now have over 300 members who have signed up for this service.

Also, we have relocated the listing of individual and corporate sponsoring partners as compiled by our Official Activities Chair, Jim McLendon to the inside centerfold. Highlights from our annual *Spring Social* found their way into this issue of RIT along with our quarterly Chapter activity reports. I call your attention to the article by A. J. Harrison detailing the current status of our Hall of Honor nomination process. Thanks to your inputs we have a robust History and Memories section. Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer. It's Memorial Day time and I wish y'all a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!

Sincerely,



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*Letters to the Editor*



03/04/2014

To: FTVA Chairman & Web Admin

Subject: FTVA Dues Payment

Thanks, Bob, I can access everything in soft copy. I enjoyed reading the newsletters that way, very well done. It's always been an honor to be a part of this USAFSS family and now I feel even closer and prouder. My thanks will also go to Bob Pfister who made a Bronze contribution in Marv's memory. Maybe someday I'll make it to one of those reunions...

Rita Brossett

*( Letters to the Editor – cont'd )*

03/10/2014

From: Gary Schmitt

To: Newsletter

Comment: In the March 2014 issue of RIT there is a picture of an oil painting by Steve Doyle on page 1. Have there been any prints made from this painting as I would like to have a copy? If so, please advise how I may procure a copy. Thanks for your attention to this matter. Regards, Gary Schmitt

03/10/2014

Gary -

Understand that you might like to get a print of the painting posted in the March newsletter. I simply transferred the photocopy of the painting which Gabe Marshall posted on the 6994th internet site and placed it in the newsletter. Suggest you check the member's Directory and use Gabe's address/phone number to see if you can get a print from Steve Doyle. Sorry I can't be of more help... am attaching a photocopy of the painting. v/r D. Rassmussen, Editor

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**THE MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

*2014 Membership Dues*

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

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**FTVA Hall of Honor Nominations**



The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is currently reviewing the write-ups of nominees for induction into the FTVA’s Hall of Honor. As detailed in our last issue of RIT (March 2014), HOH nominations must be received not later than 3 June 2014, and selections will be announced in the September RIT issue. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association’s reunion activities to be held just prior to our FTVA annual meeting at AFISR Agency HQ on Saturday morning, Sep 27, 2014. Once again, thank you for your participation.

Thank you and Remain In Touch.

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

**Annual FTVA Officer Elections**

This year, the nominating committee accepted submissions for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Any member in good standing may be submitted to the nominating committee; however, for obvious reasons, only those who can attend the monthly BOD meetings in San Antonio were seriously considered. With the unanimous concurrence of the FTVA BOD, Messrs.’ Loran ‘Phred’ Sevening and Robert ‘Bob’ Cope have accepted nomination to continue serving as your Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the upcoming 2-year term.



For Secretary: **SMSgt (Ret) Loran Sevening:** retired from the USAF in 2001 and currently serves as Deputy Director of Staff at the AFISR Agency. He has served on the FTVA BOD for over 10 years in various capacities including Secretary.



For Treasurer: **Col (Ret) Bob Cope:** retired from the USAF in 1992. He is a long-time member of FTVA and has served on the Board of Directors for over 20 years in various capacities including Command Liaison Officer, President, Vice President and Treasurer.

## FTVA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### *Brigadier General Regis Urschler*

Posted by Larry Tart



While spending a couple of months as a snowbird in Fairhope, Alabama, Gen. Regis Urschler invited me to join him at his annual "stand-up"

with former SAC buddies at a local watering hole -- the Smokehouse Restaurant & Bar in Navarre, Florida. Yesterday, Jim Schultheis and I joined Urschler, a couple of former SAC ravens & a navigator for a couple of cool ones -- the BBQ was mediocre, but the



Yuengling on tap served in pint Mason jars was excellent, as was the camaraderie. A mustang officer and command pilot in SAC recon with hours in RB-50, RB-47 and RC-135s, Brig. Gen. Urschler served as vice commander of ESC (1982-85), and many of you probably flew missions with him as your AC on missions from Eielson, Kadena and/or Offutt. And some of you probably remember Jim Schultheis, who is a retired major now living in Ft Walton Beach. Jim is a former USAFSS Bulgarian linguist at Rhein-Main and Athens during the 1970s, and after commissioning, among other assignments Jim served as ESC/CC aide-de-camp, ops officer in the 6994th ESS at Fort Meade and 6954th ESS at Mildenhall, plus ESC Det CC with Compass Call @ Davis-Monthan. Finally, Jim activated the 25th Intel Squadron at Hurlburt Field and was the squadron's first CC in the early 1990s.

Jim shared with me a funny anecdote involving a visit by Vice Commander Urschler to Mildenhall in the early '80s. Running late after picking the general up at Heathrow Airport, Jim was tooling along at about 110 MPH in a staff car on the M-1 Motorway. Urschler, who was sitting in the back seat, peered over Jim's shoulder and asked Jim what was the "rotation speed" for the staff car. Jim said he got the hint and slowed down a bit.



**ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL**

The annual FTVA Spring Social for 2014 was held in San Antonio at the Courtyard by Marriott Sea World on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Over 80 members and their guests enjoyed the annual get-together. Maj Gen John N.T. Shanahan, AFISR Agency Commander (right), was our guest speaker for the evening. His very interesting and informative overview on the Agency’s current people and activities highlighted the evening and, according to many, was the best such presentation in recent years. Needless to say, Gen Shanahan was kept busy all evening long visiting with attendees.



(Above) Recent AFISR Agency returnees from deployment were recognized by FTVA at the annual Spring Social on March 8<sup>th</sup>: (L-R) Maj Steve Hovsepian, Lt Steven Wisenski, Mr Marc Aldaz, MSgt Vanessa Sidney, and Capt Caleb Bisenbee with Maj Gen Shanahan.

**(Annual Spring Social ~ cont'd)**



(Above) As has become customary over the years, the smiling faces of Ken and Shiela Williams welcomed each guest along with a complimentary name tag (which prove to be a big help as memory joggers for our happy group). Ken is the HQ AFISR Agency Director of Staff and serves as the Social Chairman for FTVA. That's Capt Heidi Gustafson on the left who provided the slide show for Gen Shanahan.



Four amigos – Ted Colquhoun, Marc Aldaz, Joe Hurst, and Ron Haygood had a chance to visit on their way to the banquet hall.

(Annual Spring Social ~ cont'd)



(Left) Small world... Not long afterwards, Marty Hort and Jesse Greene asked me where they could find Marc. They eventually found him.

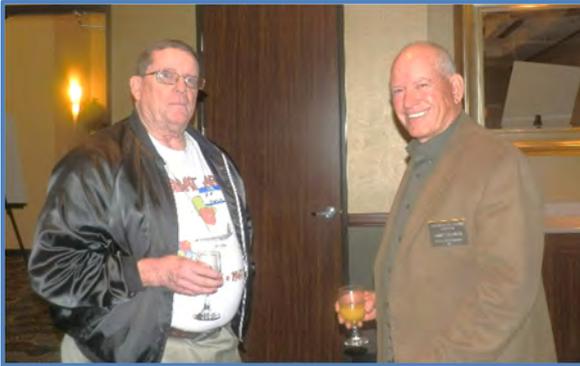


(Right) Ann and Bob Sherwood were kind enough to offer me a libation from the pay-as-you-go bar. Bob is a former FTVA BOD president and served as Chairman of our Hall of Honor program for many years.



(Above) Kay and Ron Weaver were caught visiting with Ron Graham, President of the FTVA Heritage Chapter, who came all the way down to San Antonio from San Angelo just to 'rub elbows' (and see if there was anything new for the evening buffet of course).

**(Annual Spring Social ~ cont'd)**



(Left) Bob 'PF' Pfister and Jim McLendon had a chance to share a joke or two and catch up on world affairs during the Social.

(Right) Lt Steven Wisenski, who recently returned from deployment, attended with his wife Sandra and their children Colin and Katelyn.



(Left) Bob Crabtree, Debbie Cope, and Donna Crabtree have been attending FTVA Spring Socials for over 20 years. (And they're still smiling!!)

(Annual Spring Social ~ cont'd)

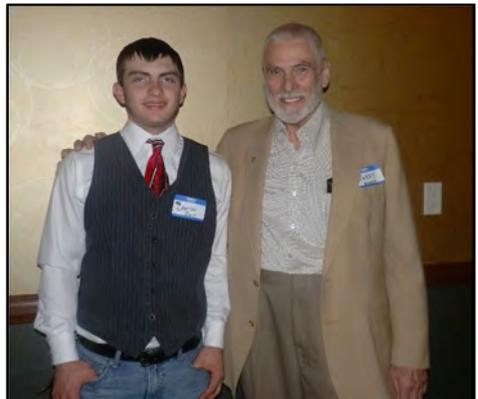
(Right) Doug and Anne Williams found 'just the right table' half-way between the speaker's podium and the pay-as-you-go bar. My camera required periodic maintenance so I had to turn down Doug's offer to refresh my glass of orange juice.



(Left) Okey Warden and Gene Sloat have "been there and done that"... now they're just having trouble trying to remember it all!!



(Right) Jerry Brisbee, who retired as a Morse Systems senior supervisor in 1983, brought along his grand-nephew Charlie Black. Charlie is entering the USAF next month and destined to be a Security Forces K-9 handler.



**(Annual Spring Social ~ cont'd)**



FTVA Vice President Andy Smith was right at home at the podium as Emcee for the evening.

Fortunately, Andy needed no introduction.



(Above) The evening buffet line provided just the right flavor to the Spring Social with several tasty choices available.

(Right) Ted Colquhoun, representing your FTVA Board of Directors, introduced each AFISR Agency returnee who then gave a short briefing on his/her deployment experience. Ted then presented each returnee with a FTVA cap.





Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

## 70th ISR Wing members honor legacy of Bataan Death March

(Adapted from an article by the 544th ISR Group Staff)

4/10/2014 - WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. —Members of the 543rd and 544th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Groups joined more than 6,200 civilians and military members March 23 to participate in the Bataan Memorial Death March, a 26.2 mile course through the hills surrounding White Sands Missile Range, N. M.

(Right) L-R: MSgt. (Ret) Barbra Creutz, Capt Ted McDevitt, TSgt. Neville Allen, MSgt. (Ret) Billy Creutz, SSgt. Veronica Ocampo, Keven Clark and MSgt. Sara Clark pause to take a group photo at the 13th mile marker on March 23, 2014 at White Sands Missile Range, N. M. (Courtesy photo)



The annual event started in 1989 as a military-only tribute organized by the New Mexico State University Army ROTC Department. The event commemorated the horrific march made by tens of thousands of American and Filipino prisoners of war during World War II. In April 1942, after being surrendered to Japanese forces, 60,000 to 80,000 soldiers were forced to make this 80-mile march through the heat of the Philippine jungles while living on half or quarter rations, minimal water, and no medical support.

Thousands died attempting the 80-mile trek, and those who survived faced captivity in a prisoner-of-war camp.

In 1993, the march moved to White Sands Missile Range and the event was opened for civilian participation. Since 1989, the event has transformed from involving hundreds of participants to thousands.

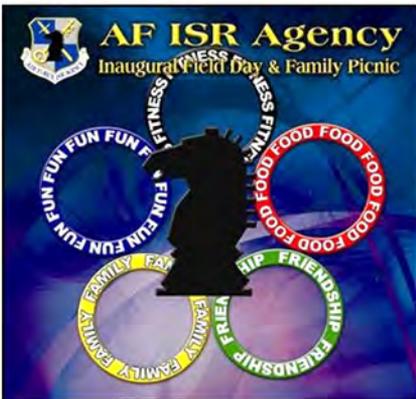
"The Bataan Memorial Death March was something I've always wanted to do," said MSgt. Sara Clark, a member of the 544th ISR Group. "My husband and I talked about forming a team and committed back in December when we gathered the mandatory five people to form a team." Clark went on to say participants can march as individuals or as a team of five. Participants could march light, with no additional gear, or heavy, with 35 pounds, in uniform or civilian clothing. "We ended up competing in the co-ed civilian category and came in fifth out of 12 total teams," said Clark.

TSgt. Neville Allen, who competed in the individual civilian light category, explained, "It is a tough, but challenging course, and I recommend all military do it."

"It is a motivating march," explained Capt Ted McDevitt, who completed in the individual military light category. "Meeting and shaking hands with some of the original Bataan Death Marchers was touching, and seeing Wounded Warriors undertake the challenge was impressive."

## Agency Works Hard, Plays Hard at Inaugural Event

(Adapted from an article by Wayne Amann, AFISR Agency Public Affairs)



4/16/2014 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - LACKLAND, Texas

The anatomy of any successful unit function is like an automobile engine - all parts have to be in synch to run smoothly.

The inaugural Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Field

Day and Family Picnic at Security Hill's Stapleton Park April 5, was running on all cylinders thanks to a behind-the-scenes team of coordinators who turned a casual get-together into a memorable event with a purpose. That purpose was to give back to those who've sacrificed so much.

"We've had so many people deployed over the last 10 years of war and these families have paid a heavy price for that," said Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, Air Force ISR Agency commander. "This is a chance for everybody to enjoy a little time with each other outside the workplace, get to know each other better, camaraderie, thanking our families for all they've put up with our deployed Airmen. It's the AFISRA family."

The event committee project officer, Capt. Katherine Couron, orchestrated the vectors of various committee members. "I was here less than 60 days when we started this so I absolutely relied on the points of contact for everything," Couron said. "Everyone stepped up enthusiastically from day one. I couldn't have done it without each of the POCs."

Besides prepping the park to accommodate the event, the committee team divided the event into five major areas of responsibility: activities, kids, supplies, food and safety. Each of the five required specific items, making for plenty of moving parts to track. Not the least of which were the deployment care packages event attendees could box up on site and send to agency deployed members. Donations included cereal bars, chap sticks, sun screen, books, games, Easter goodies plus items from the Airman Family Readiness Center here for family members with children.

"We have a variety of items to fill whole boxes plus the money to cover shipping," said Laura Shanahan of the Agency Spouses Group. "We want our deployed members and their families know they never left us. They're still part of the family and we're here for them."

One member's family which benefitted first hand from the tight knit support the agency family provides is Maj. Steven Hovsepian, his spouse Nila Mistli, son Hayden and daughter Jasmine. The major returned home the day after Thanksgiving in 2013, following a six-month deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. He gives the agency's family-oriented mindset a glowing recommendation.

"This event shows appreciation for our families, whether you're deployed or doing shift work," the major said. "They get to enjoy the Air Force community atmosphere we all share, a common bond. My wife had no experience with the military before we got married. Now it's an enriching part of our lives. It helps out that way."

For the record, the Plans, Programs, Requirements and Assessments directorate won the basketball, volleyball and tug-of-war tournaments, to easily take top overall sports honors in the form of gold medals.

Meanwhile, Crock Pot Cook Off pulled-pork category laurels went to Capt. Hannah McDaniels from protocol and to Mrs. Angel Knapp for her creamed corn which topped the "all others" category.

Competition results aside, the key to ensuring this event's success can be traced to the painstaking preparations made right up until the agency commander jogged into the park carrying a torch to signify the festivities to begin. "The set up support we had this morning was beyond what I expected," Couron said. "We maybe tripled the volunteers I anticipated. People came out of the woodwork genuinely happy to help. They really wanted to be out here and that made a difference in my morning."

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### **Shirley takes command of 361 ISRG**

(Adapted from an article by Wayne Amann AF ISR Agency Public Affairs)

4/22/2014 - JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - LACKLAND, Texas –

The latest chapter in the legacy of the 361st AFISR Agency Group began April 10 when Lt. Col. John Shirley assumed command of the organization from Col. Mike Stevenson during the group's change-of-command ceremony at Hurlburt Field, Fla.



Shirley, who was instrumental in standing up the 361 ISRG in 2008, now leads the only Air Force ISR Agency group that directly supports Air Force Special Operations Command by training and equipping direct support operators and tactical systems operators, who fly as qualified aircrew members aboard AFSOC aircraft.

"John's sterling reputation precedes him," said Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, Air Force ISR Agency commander and change-of-command officiating officer. "During the group command hiring process I fielded several phone calls and emails from people at all levels I trust explicitly. Every one raved about John's leadership qualities, operational expertise and experience. It made my decision simple. He was the only natural choice for this command."

Shirley's noteworthy ISR background includes assignments as a planning officer for the specialized Senior Scout C-130 aircraft; chief of airborne operations in the largest flying squadron in the Air Force; operations officer of an expeditionary reconnaissance squadron flying combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan; and a program element monitor for the RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft.

His most recognized assignment came as commander of the 25th Intelligence Squadron at Hurlburt. Under his leadership the unit won the 2009 and 2010 Air Force ISR Agency Squadron of the Year, the 2010 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and the 2010 National Security Agency Director's Trophy.

Prior to assuming command of the 361st, Shirley was the chief of the operational requirements branch within headquarters, United States Central Command Intelligence Operations Division.

"This was a crucial position within a command engaged in combat operations an awfully long time, and ISR is at the heart of everything that happens in those operations," Shanahan said.

Shirley, a 1992 graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C., now leads the unit which began as the 11th Photographic Group (Mapping) Nov. 19, 1943. The group's early missions included the photographic mapping of the U. S. and sending detachments to the China-Burma-India Theater, the Near and Middle East, Mexico, Canada,

Alaska and the Caribbean to conduct similar missions. It was officially disbanded Oct. 5, 1944.

The Air Force re-established and re-designated the 11th PG as the 361st Tactical Intelligence Group July 31, 1985, but the unit was never activated. That allowed the 361st TIS to be re-established and re-designated the 361st ISR Group Oct. 10, 2008.

Nineteen days later the Air Force ISR Agency activated the group at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The new group, under AFSOC operational control, took command of the 19th IS at Pope, Air Force Base, N. C., and the 25th IS at Hurlburt.

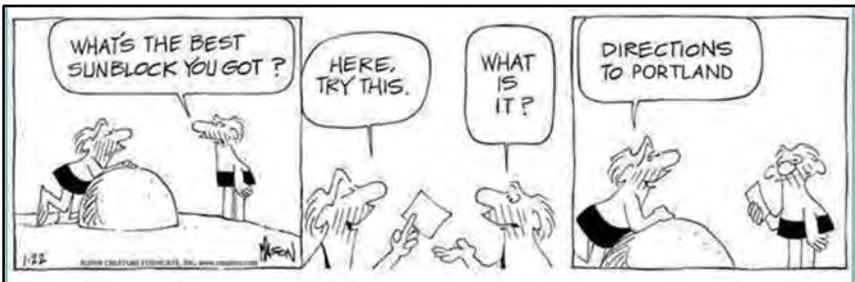
The 361st is a selectively-manned and uniquely tasked unit, providing specialized ISR across the spectrum of operations from conflict through humanitarian relief, and is heavily tasked around the world.

It's a responsibility Shirley, selected for promotion to colonel, embraced when he addressed his new command.

"You are here because you are the best and brightest America and the Air Force has to offer," he said. "You've earned the trust of our special operations forces mission partners and together we make the right decisions that keep friendlies safe while capturing or killing our enemies. America needs you now more than ever and you will continue to bring a razor-edge competence in each of your individual skill sets. Together we will succeed!"

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## ISR Agency Exchange Officer Briefs Queen

By Wayne Amann, AFISR Agency Public Affairs



(Left) Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II greets Capt. Brusle Sherburne of the AF ISR Agency at Royal Air Force Marham, United Kingdom Feb. 3. Sherburne is with the Tactical Imagery-Intelligence Wing at RAF Marham.

3/6/2014 - **JOINT BASE**

**SAN ANTONIO - LACKLAND, Texas** -- The Air Force prides itself on giving Airmen opportunities. For Capt. Brusle Sherburne IV of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, his special job afforded him the chance meeting of a lifetime.

As the first United States Air Force exchange officer at Tactical Imagery-Intelligence Wing, Royal Air Force Marham, United Kingdom, he's the officer commanding standards and plans, responsible for the quality of the output of imagery analysts and engineers and the long term planning of the wing. His position is key to the ongoing success of CROSSBOW, the UK Distributed Ground System node, through his coordination with the agency's 480th ISR Wing. His job requires a full immersion into the Royal Air Force. That includes learning all its acronyms, writing annual performance reports on RAF airmen and trying to maintain the same level of understanding of RAF policies and capabilities as an RAF officer of seven years.

EOs are expected to fully integrate into their respective military. "I don't feel like I'm an American in a Brit unit," Sherburne said. "I barely hear accents anymore. I feel right at home with my Brit brethren."

He was in the right place at the right time Feb. 3 when he briefed the US/UK relationship regarding ISR, to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, during a rare visit by the monarch to RAF Marham where she is the honorary air commodore. She visits every two years if possible. "She met many people on station that day so my interaction with her was

about 30 seconds," the Baton Rouge, La., native said. "I explained the US/UK have extremely close ties, the relationship was enduring and only growing stronger." The brief audience with the queen left a lasting impression on the agency Airman.

"She has a way of putting you at ease with her demeanor and presence," Sherburne said. "She's well-loved by the UK military. The RAF pulls out all the stops when she visits. There's a reverence about her that's hard to explain. At the same time she's quite personable. She made a point to shake anyone's hand who talked to her." Sherburne understands the importance of being an exchange officer. "The role of an EO is to best represent the Air Force, to live up to its standards and feel comfortable in these types of situations," he said. "I had the pleasure of briefing the RAF chief of the Air Staff [equivalent to the chief of staff of the Air Force], last year. High profile visitors want to know your take on situations and we should feel honored to speak on behalf of the Air Force and host nation."

Sherburne's exchange officer experience prepared him well for his chance meeting with the queen. As the deployed TIW detachment commander, Sherburne and his crew of analysts were responsible for accomplishing the only true tactical reconnaissance in Afghanistan. "I feel I can speak [on the US/UK ISR relationship] with some credibility," Sherburne said. "Truth is they run things differently and it works well for their mission set. I've had the pleasure of watching both militaries getting their airmen ready for dangerous situations and harsh environments. I can't say enough about how vital their continued special relationship is." Sherburne realizes meeting someone of the queen's stature is an extremely rare opportunity. He also says his relatively short time in the Air Force has taught him to jump on opportunities that present themselves. "Wearing our Air Force uniform while everyone around me wears RAF uniforms has taught me the importance of not only representing myself, but my military and my country. It's a responsibility I take very seriously."

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**I just watched one of my dogs chase his tail for 5 minutes  
and I thought – “Dogs are easily entertained.”**

**Then I realized ---**

**I was just watching one of my dogs chase his tail for 5 minutes!**

(Submitted by Chuck Miller)

<b>BEDSIDE MATTERS</b>
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**Maj (Ret) Ned Gates** was hospitalized in late April for complications encountered from his bout with Lymphoma. Ned flew front end crew as an RC-135 Navigator and a strong 6949<sup>th</sup> ESS DO. //Bob Cope// You can send mail to Ned at  
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**CMSgt (Ret) Wayne Babb** update //Ben Whitten//Mar 9, 2014// He knew my voice before he even saw me. His face lit up in amazement that I had shown up in the hospital. We visited for over an hour before I shoved off for points south. Wayne wants you to know he is getting better and hopes to go home next Friday. He got out yesterday for a ride around with his brother. It was his first time outdoors in 7 weeks. That alone improved his spirits. Fran was there when I arrived and looked good although she is having some trouble getting around. Before I left, Wayne's sister, Mary, his son, Beau, and daughter-in-law, Holly, showed up. First time I had ever met Mary or Holly, and the first time I'd seen Beau since the Chattanooga Reunion. //Misawa My Family Website//

Jim Boone//Mar 24, 2014//following from Wayne's sister.// "Wayne is about as good as he is going to be and wants to go home. That cannot happen for now as his wife Fran had surgery on her colon today and will be in ICU herself for 2 or 3 days.//Misawa My Family Website//

Ben Whitten//April 1, 2014//Talked with old Biscuit tonight. (If you don't know that story from 2003 he's Biscuit and I'm Gravy) He says he is feeling a bit better (and sounds like it) and hopes to finally go home next week. His wife Fran is in Memorial Hospital, and out of ICU. Wayne's spirits are great given the circumstance. You can't keep good people down!

From Wayne's sister//Apr 4, 2014//Wayne will be going home next Wednesday. His wife Fran will be going to rehab next week.

I see that Wayne has signed on the Misawa Website April 15. Welcome back... you have been missed.//Jim Boone//

From Ralph McDonald//Apr 26//

**Floyd Irbeck** was an X2 at Bremerhaven 6913th in the early 1960s. He is a dear friend and I am sad to learn this about him. In an e-mail from his wife Carol:



I wanted to let all of you know that Floyd was admitted to Kansas City Hospice House this past Mon. He fell and fractured his hip 3 weeks ago and had surgery. His hip is healing nicely, but he had many complications because of his weakened state from the chemo. An MRI of his brain showed that there was cancer spreading there. He is not able to walk because of

dizziness and is confused. After much soul searching our family decided this was the best option. He is being kept very comfortable and it is a nice place. Of course, we also consulted with all his doctors and oncologist. He has fought the battle for a year and a half and now his body is just worn out. Only God knows how long he has left, but we are getting to spend quiet time with him. Please keep the emails coming. I read them to him. I ask that you keep us in your prayers as we deal with this part of life.

Thank you, Carol ( [FloydIrlbeck@att.net](mailto:FloydIrlbeck@att.net))

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**FTVA CHAPTER NEWS**

As stated on the inside front page of this RIT newsletter, the Freedom Though Vigilance Association currently has five active Chapters. Each Chapter president has membership on our Board of Directors. For information on an individual chapter, a link is available on our FTVA website.

Go to <http://www.ftva.org> under paragraph two “What is the FTVA?”



**Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs,**

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

Submitted by Bernie Gavin, President

We had a meeting in March, but only four members were present so since there was no quorum of officers, therefore, no input from that meeting.

FTVA Rocky Mountain Chapter met again on 10 April 2014.



Members Present: (Above) Jeff Waldeck, Jenni Libby-Rardon (new member), Stan Cook, Dave Frank, Mike Wright, Mike Rogers, Steve Sperry, and Bernie Gavin.

George Williams missed this meeting due to prolonged illness, so Bernie took a new membership application from Jenni Libby-Rardon. Jeff Waldeck mentioned that the FTVA Rocky Mountain Chapter history was posted to our Facebook page in March.

**Projects:** Transportation for Vets – At a previous meeting, guest, Mr Rob Needham, described an organization in Colorado Springs that drives vets to hospital appointments. (Not including the Air Force Academy). We’re still attempting to find a way to mentor, respond to questions from cadets going into the intelligence career field and build a more robust program for career day with follow up.



(Left) Bernie presented Mike Wright with his certificate of appreciation for Mike’s work on the local Big Safari reunion and Ratchet-33 memorial last June.

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**Heritage Chapter**

Submitted by Ronald 'JJ' Graham, President



April 28, 2014 was a special day at Goodfellow AFB. This was the day Tim Sebers, son of the late TSgt Fred Sebers, would learn more about his father than he could have ever imagined.

TSgt Sebers was a 202 who was killed in Vietnam in 1967. Tim did not grow up with his father and knew very little about the man and what he did for his country. With this in mind, Ed Bendinelli, a retired Morse operator and friend of the late TSgt Sebers, was determined to find a way to recognize his friend’s sacrifice. Upon his retirement in 1986 he made a vow to someday see TSgt Sebers’ name on Building 519 – home to Air Force analysis and reporting training – no matter how long it took. It would take 20 long years, but it finally happened in 2006 when Building 519 was named Sebers Hall in Fred’s honor.



Now came the hard part – locating Fred’s scattered family members and getting them to visit Goodfellow to

see the memorial and the building named in honor of their family member. The Heritage Chapter has since hosted one of Fred's brothers, a daughter, and various nieces and cousins who have visited Goodfellow. It proved a little more difficult in locating Tim and arranging a visit.

Tim Sebers finally made the journey from Idaho to Goodfellow AFB, Texas, for a 4-day visit. (Right) Tim was greeted at the San Angelo airport on 27 June by Heritage Chapter president Ronald 'JJ' Graham and Vice President Ed Bendinelli.



During his visit, Tim met with FTVA members who knew and had worked with his father. They shared stories and reminisced about the man with whom they had once served. A lot of ground was covered in three days, and a lot of new memories were made for Tim and many chapter members.

On 28 April, Col Kimberlee Joos, 17<sup>th</sup> Training Wing commander, was kind enough to meet with Tim and members of the Heritage Chapter. Col Joos emphasized the importance of our enlisted intelligence heritage, and how men like TSgt Sebers built the foundation for what intelligence analysts are still doing today. Tim also received a mission brief from the commander of the 316<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron, Lt Col Max Pearson. His squadron is responsible for training not only Air Force analysts, but those from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, as well. Lt Col Pearson explained to Tim how our analysts impact national security decisions at the highest levels of our government, much like TSgt Sebers did during his time as a 202 in Vietnam.



(Above L-R) Ron Graham, Tim Sebers and Ed Bendinelli at the memorial wall in Sebers Hall at Goodfellow Training Center.

To wrap up the busy day, SSgt Quatrell Nevels, an intelligence analysis instructor, presented a clever game-oriented demonstration of what our analysts do in the operational environment. It was quite a busy day, and Tim walked away with a much better appreciation for what his father accomplished...and a much better idea of who is Dad really was.

“This visit was four and a half years in the making, but it’s finally come full circle. We had a hard time getting Tim here. I’m glad he finally made the trip,” said Ed, his mission now complete. It was quite clear to all of us who spent time with him that Tim was glad he finally made the trip and connected with his Dad.

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**Homographs = words of like spelling but with more than one meaning.**

“Since there is no time like the present, Ken thought it was time to present his present. “

(Submitted by Dennis Killian)



**Gold Country Chapter,**

**Yuba City, CA**  
by John Aurelius,  
President

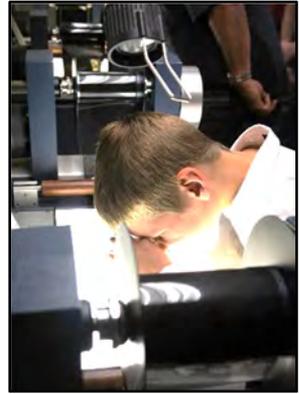


Our highlight of the quarter was the open house held by the 548th ISR Group at Beale Air Force Base here in Northern California. In February the 548th shut down its operations for the day and transferred its responsibilities to a sister site. Airmen and Officers families were invited to see an unclassified version of where they work and some of the activities. The response was in the hundreds and required three shifts to accommodate all of the guests. The FTVA members were treated as honored guests seated in the front row of the briefing room to hear the opening presentation by the new Commander, Col Tim Sipowicz. The briefing, complete with multimedia slide shows, gave all of us a far better picture of the mission and the tools available to them to achieve it.



(Above) Our first stop was outside to see the Modularized Interoperable Surface Terminal (MIST) shelters and antenna system operated by the 48th IS and used to communicate with satellites and with links to the U2 and Global Hawk aircraft.

(Right) Our second stop on the tour led us into the shelters where the wet film processing of images from the U2's Optical Bar Camera were developed. This is an area where the workers of the 9th IS are intentionally left in the dark to do their jobs.



The tour ended with a rare visit to the operations floor of the 548th. Here we saw a very impressive array of computers and workstations that during a normal operating day workers would have been viewing information coming in from the other side of the world around the clock. We were thrilled to have Col Sipowicz as the personal tour guide for our FTVA members. As a foot note, the activities were so impressive that a few of the wives on the tour even asked where they could sign-up to enlist.

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**2014 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Notifications of Upcoming Reunions for 2014**

**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)

**June 27 – 28, 2014**

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale IFEL (Int'l Far Eastern Language) Reunion**

Location: Hunan Manor Restaurant, Columbia MD

POC: Ray Chen [zoomclimb@gmail.com](mailto:zoomclimb@gmail.com), and

Steve Feit [tr414cc@verizon.net](mailto:tr414cc@verizon.net) ,

Comment: Please respond to the above email addresses and me as soon as possible. Luther Deese ([Ideese@comcast.net](mailto:Ideese@comcast.net))

**July 3 - 6, 2014**

**Metro Tango Alumni reunion**

Location: Boston, MA

Comment: The event will be at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, and will include a visit to Fenway Park and an evening of fireworks with the Boston Pops. More details on the 2014 MT Reunion and Metro Tango Alumni Facebook page.

**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**. Our 'Unofficial Reunion Committee': Previous Chairpersons: Zane Maddox, Arnie Olson, Huk Tracy; Webmaster, Ron Fandrick; Squadron Coordinator, Arlen Trapp; and anyone else interested in helping.

**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 Bujchsbaum ph 210-481-6543 email: [BillBSATX@email.com](mailto:BillBSATX@email.com)

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**Ice Breaker for USAFSS Misawa Alumni - Wed Sep 24th**

Submitted by Walt Ritter

USAFSS Misawa Annual Alumni Social: Make plans to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> annual alumni gathering to be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 6 PM. As usual, the Social will be at Lily's Kings Lounge, 111 Whitewood, San Antonio, Texas. Group pictures taken at 8 PM. Reservations not required. All USAFSS veterans old and new are encouraged to stop by Kings during the reunion week to meet up some of your old friends. For info call Walt Ritter, 210-260-3062.

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**King's Lounge Annual Golf Tournament**

(In memory of Lucius "Pappy" Ruff)

It will be held at the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville on Wed Sep 24<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM Shotgun Start -- 4-person Florida Scramble (own or assigned)

Entry Fee: \$45

Turn-in/Mail application with check to Lily's Kings Lounge

POC Zep Zepeda 210-673-3725 or Walt Ritter

### Annual Florida Alumni Group (FLAG) PWG Reunion

Submitted by Jon Gwinn

Hosted by Dave Bristol

The annual gathering of the Florida Group (FLAG) of the Prop Wash Gang (PWG) was held February 28th and March 1st in Leesburg Florida. We had another wonderful weekend and the weather cooperated. Old friends gathered and war stories were exchanged. Some of our old friends are no longer with us but they were here in spirit, flying high and forever on watch. (Small photo gallery is available on-line at <http://propwashgang.org/FLAG 2014/FLAG 2014.html>)

Apologies for not getting shots of all attendees. That's what happens when only the 2nd string photographer shows up. Jon



(Left)  
"Athens  
Crew"



M/M Chas Church & M/M John Fricke Chas Milsap & Waco Wetterman



The 94 (Intelligence Squadron) IS at Ft. Meade, MD, hosted about 70 Vietnam Veterans from the 6994th Security Squadron in a Heritage Weekend celebration on 28 February and 1 March 2014. The 6994th Security Squadron conducted the Airborne Radio Direction Finding Program in Vietnam aboard the venerable EC-47 Electronic Reconnaissance Aircraft from 1966 to 1974. During its time in Vietnam, the squadron earned 5 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (4 with the V device for valor), 2 Presidential Unit citations, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Device for Valor, and the prestigious NSA Travis Trophy. The squadron remains the most highly decorated unit in the history of the USAFSS and successor commands.



**6994th vets Bill Nibblett, Jim Trozzo, Bill Francis and Eugene Mattke check in for the day's activities**

At the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the Air Force deactivated 6994th Security Squadron in 1974. The Air Force reactivated the squadron in 1981 as the 6994th Electronic Security Squadron at Ft. Meade, MD, and over the years the squadron's designation evolved to the current 94IS.

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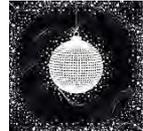
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**(Heritage Day Cont'd)**

Since its reactivation, the 94IS has continued its legacy of excellence with 3 NSA Director awards and the AFA Citation of Honor.



**6994th vets George Montague, Tommy Guy and Bill Francis chat with a 94IS squadron member**



**Dave Miler, Butch Maybury, Lee Heying, and Steve Baudoin renew old friendships at Happy Hour**

The Heritage celebration began on Thursday night with an impromptu Ice-Breaker at the hotel where old friendships were renewed and new ones started. On Friday, the celebration continued with a tour of the 94IS operations area and unclassified briefings on the current squadron operations. While the mission has evolved over the years. The 6994th vets learned that the primary 94IS mission remains as support to the warfighter, just as it was in Vietnam.

After the tours, everyone retired to American Legion Post #276 in Severn, MD, for a barbecue lunch and happy hour hosted by the 94IS, where the 6994th vets & 94IS members got a chance to find out about how the Air Force has changed over the years.



**Korean War Memorial**



**Vietnam Wall**

On 1 March 2014, the 6994th vets boarded buses for a tour of Washington DC. The key stop was at Arlington National Cemetery where representatives of the 94IS and 6994th laid wreaths at the gravesite of the Baron 52 aircrew. Baron 52 was the last EC-47 aircraft

lost in the war, and aboard were 4 members of the 6994th Security Squadron and 4 members of the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron aboard. The buses headed to Arlington were sponsored and provided by “Hogs & Heroes Foundation”, a national charity foundation supporting military, and escorted by the “Archangels”, a local Harley Davidson Motorcycle Club. We then proceeded to the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, VA, and the National Mall where they paid tributes at the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, and the World War II Memorials.



**Baron 52 wreath ceremony at Arlington Cemetery  
LTC Bonar & SSGT Conover representing the 941S and  
Rich Krejsa & Tommy Guy representing the 6994th SS**

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**Walt Ritter Hosted a Mini-Reunion in San Antonio in Early April**



(Left) Four former USAFSS members preparing for recall to active duty (need a weight waiver for Mr. Budington 2<sup>nd</sup> from left in picture). Also, our retired Policeman Ivey along with Prison Warden Pitzeruse may need some E&E refresher training.

(Right) Took the Ivey's on the River Walk Cruise and did a drive by of the Alamo. Here we are at BJ's Restaurant enjoying lunch.

(L-R) Al Budington & Cathy, Marsha & JJ Pitzeruse, Ray & Diane Ivy, Lily and Walt Ritter



**Annual FOSP (Fall Of Saigon Party) Reunion**

Vietnamese Linguists  
Las Vegas, NV Apr – May  
Submitted by Randy Seitter

Sending out my Post Mission Flight Report. Linda and I had a great time meeting up with everyone. Thought we had a really great turn out this year. We got in on Sunday and met up with one of my classmates, Mike Freeman and his girlfriend Mary. Did a quick meal at Toby Keith's -- I love this bar for a couple of reasons: drinks and appetizers.

(Right) Bud "Rosie" Rosenstrom and Randy Seitter



(Front Right) Richard Bini, Rocky Lecorn, Steve Wempe, Gary Beadle, John Nicolai. Second Row: (L-R) Eugene "Ick" Mattke, Dave Domyancic, Ben Jonson, Gary Koehn, Gary Christensen, U/I, Larry Mills, and John Slyman.



Met some of the early attendees on Monday afternoon and later in the evening at our hospitality suite in Harrah's. Nice view from the 30<sup>th</sup> floor. We had tickets for Beatles Cirque de Soleil show. GREAT SHOW if you get the chance. Came

back and met up with a few stragglers left at the hospitality suite later in the evening.

Some of the guys did golf on Tuesday. Others took in the sights of Vegas including the unbelievable number of wedding chapels on Las Vegas Boulevard and we even saw the 'Pawn Stars' place there. Stopped and saw a couple of guys hanging in the hospitality suite in the afternoon. Just Mike and I with our ladies in tow on Tuesday evening. Went to the Golden Steer (great place and good food) Tuesday evening for dinner and sat in the Dean Martin booth. Supposedly locals hang and eat and was a popular restaurant during the days of the Rat Pack. Later did Fremont Street with all its oddities and old style casinos. Another great time.



(Left) Wednesday was the BEST. Did the Nellis tour with almost all the guys and their significant others. My favorite, the Thunderbirds was the first stop on our tour. Very professional and humble bunch of individuals in that

unit. The Best of the Best of the Best in the Air Force according to them. (Obviously, they didn't see us in our prime!) Nice briefing, few souvenirs and on to the next tour.

Toured the flight line (no pictures, please.) Saw the Thunderbirds all lined up and many F-15's, F-16's and F-22's. A B-1 was landing during our bus ride. Went almost the entire length of the flight line and someone made a nice joke about the empty covered hanger that it was the new stealth fighter, good one! Also saw them getting ready for a Red Flag mission. Many of the aircraft painted in the Aggressor Squadron (think MiG) colors. They took off first followed by a load of "our" guys. A little louder than your typical airport jet noise!



(Left)Next stop, Drone Central. Toured the area where they "fly" the drones. And had one in the hanger for maintenance. Amazing little 4 cylinder engine that will fly for 24 hours on 100 gallons of fuel. Even let us take photos of the pilot's position.

Nice lunch at the Consolidated Club. Amazing to see airman dining in the same place with a Brig General! Certainly different than the EM, NCO and O' clubs of my day.



(Left) Toured the Threat Museum next. Encouraged to climb in, on and around almost everything except the radioactive unit. Interesting area.

(Right) Then a memorial reading of our departed Dogger Brothers, at Nellis Heritage Park. Nicely done by Joe Turney, Larry Miller, reunion host Tom Riggins, and John Slyman.



The Banquet was also held in the Consolidated Club. Nice meal. After the meal, Hanoi Hilton Bricks presented to George Judd, Dave Domyancic and the family of Bob Lantz (Bob, in failing health, was given a REALLY nice tribute and presentation by our own Rosie Bud!



(Above: L-R) Michelle Turney, Mrs. Peters, Ty Peters, Larry Ross, Diane Ross, Mickey Rosenstrom, Bud "Rosie" Rosenstrom.

Then some nice mementos donated by various members and some very interesting ones from some 'Phoon Evacs'! Informal vote on next year's FOSP to be hosted by Joe and Michelle Turney in Key West, FL (be ready for a week-long celebration according to Joe).

Well, that concludes my first FOSP reunion PMFR.



**HISTORY & MEMORIES**



**6954<sup>th</sup> ESS Lineage Chart**

Posted by Larry Tart //Mar 17, 2014//

**6954<sup>TH</sup> SECURITY SQUADRON HISTORY**

Chapter 17 documents the history of flying units of the US Air Force Security Service and successor organizations in the United Kingdom—6954th Security Squadron, predecessor detachments at RAF Brize Norton, RAF Upper Heyford, and RAF Mildenhall, England, and successor squadrons 6954<sup>th</sup> Electronic Security Squadron, 6988<sup>th</sup> Electronic Security Squadron and the 488<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron at Mildenhall.

6954 <sup>th</sup> SS/6988 <sup>th</sup> ESS/488 <sup>th</sup> IS Lineage (1)	
RAF Mildenhall, England	
Unit	Dates
OL 1, 6950 <sup>th</sup> RGM	Late 1959-1961
Det 1, 6950 <sup>th</sup> RGM	1961-30 Jun 1963
Det 1, 6950 <sup>th</sup> Scty Wing	1 Jul 1963-Jan-Feb 1965
Det 1, 6950 <sup>th</sup> Scty Wing (2)	Jan-Feb 1965-31 May '67
Det 1, 6985 <sup>th</sup> Scty Sqdn	1 Jun 1967-14 Aug 1970
Det 1, 6985 <sup>th</sup> Scty Sqdn (3)	15 Aug 1970-31 Dec 1973
Det 1, 6949 <sup>th</sup> SS	1 Jan 1974-31 Mar 1974
6954 <sup>th</sup> Scty Sqdn	1 Apr 1974-31 Jul 1979
6954 <sup>th</sup> Electronic Scty Sqdn	1 Aug 1979-31 Mar 1980
6988 <sup>th</sup> Electronic Scty Sqdn (4)	1 Apr 1980-30 Sept 1993
OL RH, 6988 <sup>th</sup> ESS (5)	Oct 1990-Mar 1991
OL RS, 6988 <sup>th</sup> ESS (6)	1990-30 Sept 1993
488 <sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron	1 Oct 1993-Present
OL RS, 488 <sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron	1 Oct 1993-Present

(1 → See Chapter 13 for early history at Brize Norton and Upper Heyford.  
 (2 → Moved to Upper Heyford in Jan-Feb '63 and became Det 1, 6985<sup>th</sup> SS.  
 (3 → Moved to Mildenhall on 15 Aug '70 and became Det 1, 6949<sup>th</sup> SS.  
 (4 → Became 488<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Sqdn, 1 Oct 1993.  
 (5 → OL RH, 6988<sup>th</sup> ESS, Athens, Greece (close-out of 6916<sup>th</sup> ESS).  
 (6 → Activated, Souda Bay NAS, Crete, became OL RS, 488<sup>th</sup> IS.

Lineage chart of 6954th SS-6988th ESS-488th IS.

**Cambria Frisch Kaserne 1958**

Posted on 6910<sup>th</sup> website by Charles Church



Arial view of CFK (looked a little different back then.)

**Paul Laffitte**//Apr 10, 2014//Charlie, on my 2nd tour to Darmstadt, the 6911th was on CFK and that's where I was located from Nov 55 to June 57 so this would be after I left. What part of the base was this? Remember the back gate to housing and the NCO club and the large parking/parade field in front of the P/BX where we had a couple of parades.

**Skip Lamay**//Apr 10, 2014// This photo shows part of the Frtisch Kaserne. I see the theater, gym, and EM club. I'm sure you would know this place if you were looking at it from down on the ground.



**Q. What did WWII German pilots like to have for breakfast before a mission?**

**Luftwaffles !**



*Received Sep 5, 2013*

*I just finished reading the September issue of the FTVA newsletter and the article "Memories of the 1965 Shemya Earthquake" brought back memory of a similar event that happened in 1967. I hope you can publish this in a future issue. Gary Fisher ([gkfisher@charter.net](mailto:gkfisher@charter.net))*

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*Gary, will do the best we can to find room in a future issue. Thanks for contributing your interesting experience. v/r D. Rassmussen, Editor*

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I and four other newly made 29231s arrived at Karamursel Air Station on July 19, 1967. After we processed in, we were told to pick a room in the Karamursel Hotel (the barracks next to the enlisted men's mess hall) and that we would be assigned to work in the base personnel center as apprentice admin specialists until we were assigned to a flight.

That first Saturday, my roommate and I decided to pay our first visit to the Airman's Club. Finding a seat, we ordered beer. The only beer available on base at that time was Pabst Blue Ribbon in a steel can and although we heard rumors that newcomers who drank mass quantities of this brew would certainly be doomed to suffer from intestinal disorders the next day, we threw caution to the wind because it was hot, we were thirsty and the beer was only ten cents a can. I did notice that when poured into a glass, the foam never melted; instead it congealed into white goo like substance.

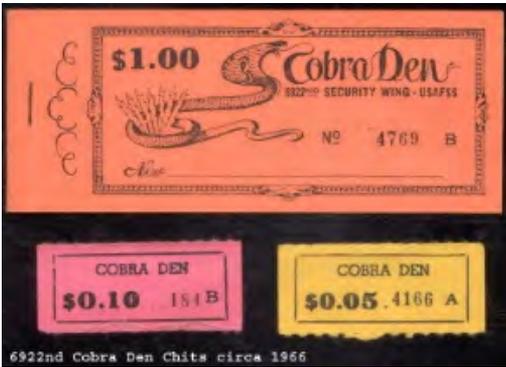
After a couple of hours of consumption and discussion, I ran out of cigarettes. I asked where I could purchase another pack and was told if I went to the club N.C.O.I.C.'s office, located by the front door, I could buy a pack for a quarter and I would need to sign for it. Making my way carefully across the room, I asked for my brand and paid my quarter. I picked up the pen to sign my name and the very moment the pen touched the paper my body was seized by a shaking motion so that no matter how hard I tried to form the first letter of my first name, the best I could do was to make squiggly lines on the paper. I thought, I've consumed way too much beer and if I can't regain my composure I will most certainly be ejected from the club. As that thought went through my mind from behind me I heard glass breaking, the sounds of excited voices and feet shuffling across the floor. Turning my head to the right and looking out

of the open door, I noticed the power line poles rocking back and forth and that the power lines were dancing against a blue sky. A feeling of relief swept over me as I thought I didn't drink too much it's just an earthquake and then the shaking stopped.

I picked up my cigarettes and headed back to the table. My roommate was just returning as he had beaten a hasty retreat with the others. We sat down and I proceed to tell him about my name signing ordeal and what I was thinking at the time. We both dissolved into a fit of laughter. Gary Fisher//Charlie Flight - Tuslog Det. 94 //July 1967 – Dec 1968//

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**6922<sup>nd</sup> SG Cobra Den 1964 – 74**



6922nd Cobra Den Chits circa 1966

Posted on Roll Call by **Jim Klima**//Mar 21, 2014//

(Left) These Chits were used to purchase pub food and beer at the 6922nd Cobra Den, Clark AB, Philippines.

**Chuck Bennett**//Mar 25// You had to buy a "chit

book" at the Cobra Den. Cash was easy to control as it had to match chit books sold. I think they came in \$ 5.00 increments.

**Ron Marcoullier**//Mar 22//Great place! Clark's version of the Skivvy Nine Lounge. Just like countries have sister city arrangements, Clark and Osan should have had a "sister lounge" thing. 😊

**Edwin 'Win' Taylor**//Mar 24// I remember that mural. It was in the Cobra Den in Bldg 5204 when I got there in Dec 63. 5204 also had the Orderly Room and Chow Hall in it. Sometime later the Cobra Den was moved to Bldg 5205 and I'm pretty sure the mural was moved as well. I have been looking, and commenting, on several different sites for the last several years with no luck. I did get one hit that said it was moved to one of the 6925/6922 hang-out bars off base, but have no confirmation on that. Don't remember the name of the bar though. I'd really love a photo of it.

### The “Elephant Cage” at San Vito (6917<sup>th</sup> SG)



//Chet Gulczynski (Apr 6) // That’s a pretty nice shot of the FLR-9. The right corner shows part of the San Vito solar observatory which is still in operation. Kim Hagen, one of the administrators of the San Vito Amato site and former SVAS flight commander in the mid-80’s, is currently working there.

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### “Extreme Machi Rats” Posted by Charlie Ballew



(L-R) Brad Keeler, Danny Hartnett, Bill Peterson, Jim Curtis and Bill Springett

The start of life-long friendships. As long as we worked our butts off behind the fence and were supported by our supervisors, we were able to survive many years of working hard and partying hard. The counseling we got during the 60's, 70's & 80's came from the other guys we ran town with – “drink up and go back to base”. The 1st Shirts and Commanders came into the picture for reprimands, Article 15's and correctional facility time for our misdeeds.

## **Cold War Warrior: A Memoir**

// From SAN ANGELO, TX Standard Times, — by Rick Smith//

“In writing this book, I knew I could not write about what I actually did while a member of the Air Force,” Warren Knight began in his new book, “Cold War Warrior.” “Those duties are classified and I took an oath not to release classified information to any unauthorized person. What I wrote did not put anyone in harm’s way, nor did I compromise any classified information.”

With that opening, Warren, a North Carolina native who joined the Air Force in 1951, takes us along on his travels around the world as he saw history made. A Russian linguist in the Air Force Security Service, he saw the birth of the Berlin Wall. He remembers the U-2 “incident,” the Cuban Missile Crisis and much more. He was there when President John F. Kennedy flew to the blockade wall in Berlin and gave his famous speech.

“I remember the day quite clearly,” he wrote. “I watched the president in an open car, along with Major General James H. Polk, commandant of the Berlin Brigade, drive down Clayallee toward the Rudolph Wilde Platz where nearly half a million people were gathered to hear him speak.” His Air Force assignments took him to a listening post on a Far East island, to Thailand, to a jungle survival course in the Philippines, to the frigid conditions during a frigid winter at Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska.

Then on to San Angelo. The chapters about San Angelo and Goodfellow Air Force Base, where he served for several years, are some of my favorites. He was an instructor in Goodfellow’s Area 6 in 1964. Classrooms were “fenced in by an eight-foot high wire fence topped with barbed wire,” he wrote. Operators learned radio, voice recording, tape transcribing and aircraft and equipment safety procedures behind that wire fence. At the end of his book is a beautiful message for his own children and the children of other servicemen and women.

“I wasn’t always there for you, and I missed too many birthdays, holidays and special occasions,” he began. “In that respect, I confess to having some regrets. “But, on the whole, I am proud to have been a part of that noble fraternity of selfless Americans who served their country.”

(available @ [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).)

## Early History of USAFSS

Originally Posted by Sandy Sanderson on Misawa site Feb 2, 2002

The USAFSS History review below is a brief read when the command was only 8 years old (in 1956). Taken from Booklet Welcome to 6960th Support Group Kelly AB.

### HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SECURITY SERVICE

During World War II, the Army Security Agency performed the Communications monitoring services for the Army and Army Air Corps. After the defense establishment was reorganized in 1947, it became evident that monitoring of USAF communications should be assigned to an Air Force agency. Formal establishment of the Air Force Security Group (parallel to the Army Security Agency and the Naval Security Group) was effected by the Department of the Air Force in June 1948, under the command of Major Idris J. Jones.

The group was formed at Arlington Hall, Virginia, with a cadre of eleven officers and some enlisted help on loan from the Army. In October 1948, the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS) was organized and designated as a major Air Force command under the command of Colonel Roy H. Lynn (later promoted to Major General). At this time the new command was under the direct control of the Chief of Staff, USAF, with operational control vested in DCS/Operations, through the Director of Intelligence. In February 1949, the Army transferred three Radio Squadrons Mobile (RSMs) and one Radio Communications Detachment to the USAFSS. Also, during the spring of 1949, the USAFSS Headquarters moved from Arlington Hall, Virginia, to Brooks AFB, and the Special Security Offices (SSO) system was organized to insure the protection and dissemination of information to various USAF Commands and Security Service field units. In 1952, the SSO system was established as a unified Air Force function.

On 14 February 1953, General Harold H. Bassett assumed the responsibility of Commander, USAF Security Service.

The Command moved from Brooks AFB during 1953 to its present location at Kelly AFB, Texas. During this period the Air Force Special Communications Center (AFSCC) and the Air Force Communications Security Center (AFSCS) were founded, and a USAFSS School was established.

Between the years that have elapsed, the command has grown at a very rapid pace. The most eventful years, from a growing and reorganizational standpoint, occurred during 1951 and 1956. As the year 1956 came to a close, the USAF Security Service had 68 organizations, all within Air Force organizational structure, under its jurisdiction, ranging from wings down to and including detachments. In addition to the above organizations, an SSO system and a USAFSS school have been established, and a mere handful of people has grown into several thousands.

The USAF Security Service develops, carries out, and supervises Security measures within the USAF, where such security measures require centralized direction or control.

On 4 January 1957, Major General Gordon A. Blake, the present Commander, assumed command of the USAF Security Service.

## 1966 Hakata (6918<sup>th</sup> SS) Rockets

Posted by Dave Bethard



First Row R to L Capt Marshall fm 6918th. He played on the '65 team but helped coach the '66 team; #55 Gary "Possum" Kuhn; # 28 unknown; #40, "Bonehead" Sala, "C" Flt; #20, Jim Pingle, "B" Flt; #42, Ernie Kish, Security Police; #60 is a Security Policeman named Roberts; #66, Dick "Bama" Brewer, "C" Flt; #82, Cleavan Ferguson, "B" Flt; T.J. Powell, Coach.

Second Row L to R Willie Oates, equipment man, asst coach; #34, Charlie Gray (I think), base support; Between #34 and #26 is Martin "Wishbone" Wisher, also fm base support; #26, Steve Norine, 6918th; #83, Charlie Plummer, "B" Flt; 35, Ken Sellers, "D" Flt; 23, John Smethers, base transportation; #50, Bill Francis; #25, Ed McLaughin, base support; Joey Woods, equipment manager, "C" Flt; Major or Lt Col Booth, 6918th Commander.

Third Row L to R behind #26, Avery Allen, 6918th; "Andy" Andrews, "A" Flt; behind #35 is unknown; guy behind #35 and #23 is an unknown; guy behind #23's right ear is Jimmie "The Incredible Hulk" Mcfarland, "C" Flt, Rm 8 Controller; behind #50's left ear is John "Hook" Viola, "C" Flt; behind #50 and #25 is Ronald "Speed" Malone, 6918th; and then behind #25 and Joey Wood is Al "Big Al" Amburn, "C" Flt.

### An Irish Proverb on Aging

Posted on 6917<sup>th</sup> San Vito Website by Gayle Laraway



I shall begin this by saying, I may complain about my aches, pains, trials & tribulations but never about getting older. Far too many were never given the opportunity to live life, grow old with family and friends near & dear to them. Many have been taken from us too young. I guess, it's all in your perspective. I'm changing mine as of today. //Gary and Gayle Laraway//

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***Thank You Letter*** - March 17, 2014

*Dearest Freedom Through Vigilance Members,  
We are very touched by your generosity. Thank you so very much for your gift when Navid died last September. I regret not writing sooner and want you to know how very much your thoughtfulness and support were appreciated by me and my sons. Shawn, Andy and I are truly grateful.*

*We received your check and were so very surprised. It has been a long journey but we find ourselves grateful for the time we had with this man, my husband and their father, as well as our military "silent warrior."*

*We like you to celebrate his life with us and remember his smile, and gifts of integrity that I can only hope to instill in our sons. Once again, we say thank you, truly –*

*Yours in gratitude and in Christ's Love,  
Joani, Shawn & Andy Garshasb*



**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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Abrams, Mervyn N., USAFSS-Vet.  
Anderson “Andy” James, USAFSS-Vet.  
Boyd, James Calvin, CMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
Butt Jr., John S., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.  
Cadena, Mary, AFISRA-Civ.  
Chapman, “Joy” Merva, Spouse of CMSgt William Chapman-USAF-Ret. (Dec) Former ESC Senior Enlisted Advisor.  
Clark Jr., Frank Monroe, Maj-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
Cronin, Harold R. TSgt-USAF-Ret.  
Daniel, Melvin, SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
Flynn, Robert L. USAFSS-Vet.  
Gaffey, Patrick W., USAFSS-Vet.  
Genotte Jr., Richard “Dick” J., USAFSS-Vet.  
Hagensick, Mark McKinley, USAFSS-Vet.  
Isella, Carmen, USAFSS-Vet.  
Johnston, Keith R. MSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
Knight, Jim, USAFSS-Vet.  
Kozeal, Donald James, ESC-Vet.  
Ledet, Elwood “E J” J., Maj-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
Lewis, William H., Col-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
Lucko, Walter J. Jr., Sgt-USAFSS-Vet.  
Lyons, William “Tiger” Craven, SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**  
Pearsall, Kenneth “Tim” F., Maj-USAF-Ret.  
Peterson, Rex “Bill” William, USAFSS-Vet.  
Pickens, Parshall, USAFSS-Vet.  
Poff, Winifred Louise, Spouse of Lt Col Edward H. Poff-USAF-Ret.  
Porter Sr., Melvin “Mel” D., CMSgt-USAF-Ret. **HOH 1990 Life Mbr.**  
Reat, Grover Oran, WWII USAAF, Col-USAF-Ret.

Rindock, James C. USAFSS-Vet.  
 Rosentreter, Edward M., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.  
 Sattelmeier, Stella, USAFSS-Civ.  
 Schilling, Ernest, USA WWII, USAFSS/ESC Vet. **Life Mbr.**  
 Schilling, Minnie Lee, Spouse of Ernest Schilling.  
 Schrank, William "Bill" J., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.  
 Shackelford, William "Bill" W., MSgt-USAF-Ret.  
 Smith, Anna R, Spouse of CMSgt Justin Smith-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
 Smith, Robert A., USMC, TSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**  
 Terrell, Patricia A., Spouse of CMSgt Jimmy Terrell-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**  
 Ziegler, Ronald "Ron" D., USAFSS-Vet.

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**Mervyn N. Abrams**, 73, died Aug. 7, 2013 of pancreatic cancer. He was a resident of Laurel, MD. //No obit// //Notified by wife Marilyn through Misawa Web Site//

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**James "Andy" Anderson**, 72, of Sedro-Woolley, passed away on Sunday, April 13, while working on the family farm. He joined the Air Force in 1960, meeting the lovely Linda McLaverty while stationed in England. Lyn and Andy married on September 12, 1964 and began their nearly 50 years of adventure together. With their children Lee and Heidi, they lived in Japan, Italy, Texas and California before returning to the Skagit Valley upon his retirement from the USAF in 1980. Survived by his beloved wife Linda. //Obit Skagit Valley Herald Publishing Company//

Sad to report that James "Andy" Anderson died today. This is his son, Lee. It was an accident with his tractor and was very fast with no pain or suffering. Thank you.

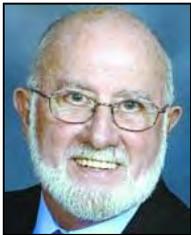
Oh no! Andy and Lyn were going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year and had planned or at least talked about planning a trip to Alaska to celebrate. This is terrible news. Sue and I send our most sincere sympathy to the entire family. //Jay Emmer//

Such a tragedy. Andy was a great guy and I cannot fathom the despair Lyn is experiencing right now. A big hug to the family from our family. Celeste and I were so looking forward to seeing Andy and Lyn and spending some time with them as we did at previous reunions. R.I.P. Andy. //Terry Cullivan//

A good friend and a great person. Our prayers go out to Lyn and family. Our reunions will never be the same. //John "Mike" Miller//

Andy was a personal friend and peer. Way before his time. Alice and I send our sincere condolences to his wife, Lyn, and family. //Jim Kaus//

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**CMSgt James Calvin Boyd**, 83, entered eternal life April 18, 2014. Survived by his beloved wife of 20 years, Evangeline. A graduate of Edwards Military Institute in Salemburg, North Carolina, he joined the USAF in 1951. During his 30 year military career he served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and completed tours of duty in Japan, Germany, Italy, Philippines, Okinawa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Greece. Jim received numerous commendations during his service, including the Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Vietnam Service Medal CBT "V" device, and the Bronze Star Medal. //Obit -Express-News//

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**CMSgt John S. Butt Jr.**, 73, of Windham, passed away on Jan 12, 2014, at Maine Medical Center. John entered the Air Force on Jan. 20, 1960, and retired Sept. 1986. John's field of expertise in the military was electronic security, communications and missiles. John was stationed at Misawa AB, Japan 1977-1979 working in maintenance. He was the Superintendent of Maintenance at San Vito AS, Italy during 1981-1985. He was the recipient of numerous medals: the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. John is survived by his wife, Claudette. //Obit – Portland Press Herald Maine// //Notified by Andy Anderson – Misawa Web Site//



**Mary Cadena**, A beloved daughter, sister, niece and friend to all, went to our Heavenly Father on Feb 11, 2014. Mary served the Texas Air Force National Guard for 8 years. She worked for the Federal Government for 35 years in the Cryptologic Cyber Systems Division as a Logistics Manager. //Obit – Express News//

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We received a phone call from William Chapman, son of Bill and **Merva "Joy" Chapman** to advise us that Joy, widow of Bill, had passed away 19 April. Bill Chapman was a career TRANSECer/COMSECer who later became the Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Electronic Security Command and then the National

Security Agency. I first met Bill in June 1965 when he made TSgt and I made SSgt. We were stationed together several times, most notably in Hawaii and Okinawa. Joy was a sweet lady. I never heard her speak an angry word. //Charlie //Fwd from Bob Cope//

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**Maj. Frank M. Clark Jr.**, 79, died Oct 16, 2013 in a Minot, North Dakota hospital. He valiantly fought cancer for several years. On May 5, 1953, Frank enlisted into the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country for over 27 years, retiring on December 31, 1980. During his tenure with the Air Force, he served in Vietnam, Turkey, Japan, Germany, Hawaii and several military bases throughout the United States. Among the military medals awarded to Frank are the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals and the Bronze Star. On March 29, 1958, Frank married Dawn Meeker in Oswego, NY, where he was stationed at the time. Following his retirement from the Air Force, Frank furthered his education by attending Angelo State University, where he would receive his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Computer Science. He taught at Goodfellow, TX until his second retirement in 1996. Survived by his wife of 55 years, Dawn.//Obit Thompson Larson Funeral Home// //Notification and Input by Daughter Susan//



**TSgt Harold R. Cronin**, 80, died Sept. 29, 2013. During his 20 year career as a member of the USAFSS he served Alaska, Japan, Scotland, San Antonio Texas, Pensacola Florida, Clark Air Base in the Philippines two times, Bremerhaven Germany two times and Darmstadt Germany once. He took the time served for his beloved country seriously and would never talk of the details of

his work. Harold is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara. **//Obit – Rouppe Funeral Home// //Notified by Ron Moyer thru Larry Wyatt//**

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**SMSgt Melvin 'Mel' Daniel**, 84, died Feb 27, 2014, due to heart failure. He spent 26 years in USAFSS with assignments in San Antonio, Okinawa, St Lawrence, Alaska; South Korea, the 6911<sup>th</sup> Darmstadt, and the 6910<sup>th</sup> Augsburg, Germany, finally retiring in Florida in 1974. He was a member of the VFW and American

Legion. Mel is survived by his sons Larry and Gary and daughters Gail, Dawn, and Elizabeth. **//Obit – The Ledger// // Dick Garrant//**

Mel was a very gregarious person, always ready for a good laugh. While stationed in Augsburg, Mel decided to go on a diet and would take a couple of hard boiled eggs to work with him for lunch, placing them in his desk drawer. Seeing that the dining hall was located at the operations site, some senior NCO(s) switched the eggs with two raw eggs. One can only imagine the mess that was made when he cracked the eggs before peeling them (as he usually did) on the side of his desk!!!! His humor and boisterous laugh will be greatly missed. We who knew him were greatly blessed. **//Dick Garrant//**

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**Robert L. "Bob" Flynn**, 70, of Spring Hill, FL died June 24, 2013. He retired from the Air Force where he served around the world for 24 years. Bob was stationed at Misawa AB, Japan working as a 292X2 on Trick 4 from 1971-1974. He then went on to work for the Department of Defense for an additional 15 years. He is survived by his wife, Sandra. **//Obit – Turner Funeral**

**Home// //Notified by Cecil Hahn through the Misawa Web site//**



**Patrick W. Gaffey**, 84, passed away Sept 19, 2013. He was preceded in death by his wife Sachiko. He is survived by his daughter, Melanie. Patrick was a 291XX on Trick 4 while at Misawa AB, Japan 1955-1958. //Obit – Express News// //Notified by Dale Lucas thru Helen Henderson//

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**Richard “Dick” J. Genotte Jr.**, died Feb 13, 2014. He served at Misawa AB, Japan where he worked as a 301XX from 1955-1057. He was from Broadus, TX and is survived hi his wife Pat. //No Obit// //Notified by Helen Henderson – Misawa Web Site//

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**Mark McKinley Hagensick**, 61, died April 22, 2014. Mark retired from the United States Air Force after a 24 year career as a Cryptologic Linguist. He met his wife, Carol, while they were both stationed at RAF Chicksands, England. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in government studies. Mark is survived by his wife, Carol. //Obit – Milwaukee

**Journal Sentinel// //Notified - Dan Herrin//**

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**Carmen Isella**, 70, died July 5, 2013 of acute leukemia. He was a US Air Force veteran, serving honorably from 1960 - 1964. Carmen was a 292XX during his tour at the 6918<sup>th</sup>, Hakata, Japan. He is survived his wife of 53 years, Margaret. //Obit – The Sun News// //Notification and Input – Carol Farr – 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM//

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Bob, please advise the membership that **MSgt (Ret) Keith Johnston** passed away 5 March 2014. Last assignment prior to separation was Taipei, Taiwan (Shu Linkou). //Regards John Bienko// //Ed Note – no obit available//



**Jim Knight** died 18 Dec 2013. He was a member of Baker and Easy Flights at the 6913<sup>th</sup> RSM, Bremerhaven, Germany 1961-1964. //No obit – Info 6913thRSM//

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**Donald James Kozeal**, 47, of St. Paul, formerly of Burwell, died Friday, March 7, 2014, at the Howard County Medical Center as a result of an automobile accident. Donald was a 207X1 – Morse Intercept Operator. He is survived by his wife Ashley. //Obit – The Grand Island Independent//

Sad to report that Don Kozeal was killed in a tragic vehicle accident Mar 7, 2014 in Nebraska. RIP Don – proud to have served with you and proud to call you my friend. I was stationed with Don at Ft Meade in the early 90’s. I also think he was stationed at Chix. According to his Facebook page, he was in from 87-92. //Michael Huskins – Facebook//

RIP Don. Proud to serve with you, prouder to call you my friend. //Michael Richards – Facebook//

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**Major Elwood J “E J” Ledet**, 79, died April 10, 2014 in Denton, Texas. Major Ledet enlisted in the USAF in November 1952. He was subsequently commissioned in September 1958 and retired in March 1973. His career was spent in the USAF Security Service with commands in signals intelligence activities in Scotland, Libya, Pakistan, Germany, Taiwan, Okinawa, Vietnam

and several tours in San Antonio and San Angelo, Texas. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, and AF Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf, Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaves, National Defense Service Ribbon with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. Major Ledet is survived

by his wife of 52 years, Carolyn Fay of Denton, TX. **//Obit GoSanAngelo//** **//Notified by Gerard "Jerry" Ferris//**

Rest in peace E.J. We know you fought the good fight. I knew him well in Hof (6915th) He was very helpful in starting up the new site there. Believe he was the Baker Trick Flight Commander. Sincere condolences to his family. **//Jim Mc Daniel//**

In the summer of 1973, E. J. was almost electrocuted in our home. He was taking out a wall furnace in the hallway and was preparing to install central heat and air in our home. E. J. had only been in the heating and A/C business for a month or two at the time. I asked E. J. if he wanted me to turn off the breaker to the unit and he said "No, it's not necessary". My dad was a master electrician and I spent my teenage years being his gopher in the wiring or re-wiring of homes so I knew E. J. was "taking a chance." All of a sudden, E. J. was "hung up" as the electricity was frying him. I ran down the hall and threw a flying body block into him, knocking him loose from the "HOT wire". His wedding band was melted into his ring finger. I offered to take him to the hospital; but he refused. He thanked me for saving his bacon and, after having me turn off the power to the wall unit, went back to work. One of those events I'll never forget and I know E. J. never forgot. Rest in peace Major! **//Steve Voss//**

EJ and I completed Morse training together and lived in the same barracks at Keesler AFB. We were the same age, got married (and stayed that way) in the same year and spent many years overseas assigned to the USAFSS. He was a nice guy and an example of what good citizens ought to be. Reading about his passing sure reminds us old guys of our mortality. **//JD Joyce//**

When I was a young X1 at Shu Linkou in '57-'58, 2nd Lt Ledet was one of the Flight Officers...His maturity level was that of a more senior officer, obviously because of his prior enlisted service... Rest in Peace Major...Condolences to his family... **//Bill Wood//**

EJ was one of the instructors for our OBK8031 class in 1966. Great guy. He was truly an officer and a gentleman and I don't think he realizes how many second lieutenants he mentored and molded. I heard he had gotten one of the 6994th Dets later on and that's where he got his Bronze Star and Air Medal – Super Troop. **//Bob Cope//**



**Col William H. Lewis**, 84 died on February 14, 2014, in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on his 17th birthday and served as an Infantry Rifleman. After his discharge, he attended Indiana University where he was commissioned in the US Air Force as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Upon completion of pilot training in 1953, he served as a single engine single seat jet fighter pilot in several assignments in the Air Defense Command, USAF Europe, Tactical Air Command, and Pacific Air Forces. Col. Lewis received his Master's Degree from Purdue University in 1963, and was also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College. He was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam Conflict where he commanded an F-105 fighter squadron. His last active duty assignment was in HQ USAF Security Service, Kelly AFB, TX, where he retired in 1979 with 31 years of military service. Col. Lewis was a life member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Order of Daedalians, Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, Air Force Association, The Military Officers Association, F-86 Saber Pilots Association, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Col. Lewis is survived by his wife, Ann. //Obit – **Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne, Texas**//

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**Sgt Walter J. Lucko Jr.**, 67, husband of Joyce M. Lucko, Springhill Dr., Harleysville, died February 3, 2014. He was a graduate of North Catholic High School in Pennsylvania and attended Syracuse University while serving in the US Air Force. Walt was a DLI Russian graduate, attended technical training at Goodfellow AFB in 1965-1966 and then served in Misawa and Wakkanai, Japan. //Obit – **The Reporter**// //Notified by **Skip Kimbrow**//

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**SMSgt William Craven "Tiger" Lyons**, 84, of Laurel, MS. died Feb 9 at South Central Regional Medical Center. He served his country proudly for 28 years in the USAFSS. Tiger was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Jewel Dean Short Lyons. //Obit – **Memory Chapel Funeral Home** // **Billie J. O Neal**//

It is with great sorrow that I tell you and our alumni that William Craven “Tiger” Lyons passed away on Feb 9, 2014. He retired the first part of 1975 and moved home to Laurel, MS. “Tiger” was my first boss in 1955 in Bremerhaven, Germany and we were stationed together several times. We lived across town from each other in Laurel, MS. //Billie O Neal//

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**Maj Kenneth F. “Tim” Pearsall**, 86, of Beaver creek, Ohio passed away on Nov 26, 2013. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1966 after 21 years. He saw service during WW II, Korea and Viet Nam Wars. He served at Kessler AFB MS, Scott AFB, IL Andrews AFB, MD, Montauk, NY, and Kelly AFB, TX and overseas in Germany and in Moscow, USSR. He became a USAF civil servant and served 35 years, with 31 of those years at NAIC and former organizations at WPAFB, OH, retiring in 2001. //Obit – Dayton Daily News// Notified by Paul Laffitte//

Lt. Ken Pearsall was the OIC of the 2nd RSM Berlin Det. until July 1953, starting from the time that we had just 2-people (Pearsall and I in July 1950), until it was Pearsall and 6-voice operators when I left in July 1951 and S/Sgt Darrel Hanson took over as NCOIC. When Hanson left in June 1953 there were over 40 operators in the detachment. Pearsall left for CONUS in Aug 1953. I was fortunate to have him relate some of his experiences on his 3-years tour as Attaché Ditu at our US Embassy in Moscow - like being chased and caught by the Soviets. He had some fun times there, close up. I hadn’t heard from Ken since last summer. Ken joined the Air Force around 1946 and was sent to Tech school on GCA maintenance. After working in that field for a while he signed up for OCS and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. and assigned to AFSS, and then to Darmstadt. While at 2nd RSM he was assigned in mid-1950 as OIC of our Berlin detachment for several years. After Darmstadt he went to Russian language school and assigned to our embassy in Moscow. //Virgil Fordham//



**Rex William "Bill" Peterson, 70**, of Momence, IL died April 25, 2014 at Loyola University Hospital in Proviso Township, IL. He married Susanne Stratton on August 17, 1964 in Oneida, New York. She preceded him in death on February 8, 1976. He later married Sumi Ohta on July 14, 1977 in Misawa, Japan. Bill served two tours in Misawa (1971-74 and 1976-84)

Surviving is his wife: Sumi of Momence. He served in the USAF for 21 years as a Crypto Slavic Linguist, retiring in 1984. **//Obit – Daily Journal// //Notified – Dutch Wiest – Misawa Web Site//**

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**Parshall Pickens, 80**, died April 27, 2014, in Ballinger, Texas, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He entered the military and served 22 years in the USAF and retired in 1974. Parshall served in USAFSS and was stationed at bases in Germany, Japan, Pakistan, Mississippi, Germany, Turkey and Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo. During his military career, Parshall was also involved in various military athletic programs and

was a member of the Air Force World-Wide Basketball and Volleyball teams and competed against Olympic teams from all the European nations. Parshall is survived by his wife of 61 years, Joyce, of San Angelo. **//Obit – GoSanAngelo//**

**//Don't know if you have heard of this and I didn't see his name on the rolls, but Parshall Pickens was a USAFSS member. I remember him from Karamursel where he was an excellent umpire on the softball field. //Carl Frentz//**

Good to hear from you, Carl. Thanks much for the heads up... as usual, if you hadn't picked up on it and sent this notification in to us, we would probably have missed it. I remember Parshall from our days in San Angelo. He was a really nice fellow with a really good reputation in USAFSS. Thanks again and remain in touch. **//Rass//**



**Winifred Louise Poff, 88,** passed away on January 24th, 2014. A farm girl until age 20 when a blind date with a dashing young pilot led to a whirlwind romance of just weeks and a wonderful marriage of 66 years. Life was exciting and adventurous for a thirty year active duty military spouse raising a family of eight children with constant moves all across the U.S. and the world,

often with only a year in one place. She was the widow of Lt. Col. Edward H. Poff who had been in several USAFSS assignments, including Crete as Deputy Commander. //Obit - Express-News//  
//Notification and input by Jim Youngson//

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**CMSgt Melvin D. Porter, Sr.,** age 92, passed away on May 5, 2014. He is predeceased by his loving wife of fifty two years, Evelyn, and beloved son, Mel Porter Jr. Melvin is survived by his daughters, Diane Lea and Debbie Gayle and daughter-in-law, Betsy Burton. Melvin proudly served his country in the CCCs (1939-1941), Army Air Corps (1941-1945) and a career in the USAF from 1947 until retirement in 1973. He was inducted into the USAFSS/ESC Hall of Honor in September 1990. Melvin was a beloved husband, father and grandfather who was admired greatly by all who knew him. //Obit – Express News//

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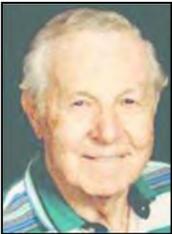


**Col Grover Oran Reat, 95,** of Brownwood, Texas, formerly of San Angelo, passed away Feb. 17, 2014, at his residence. He graduated from the University of Texas in Austin 1939. He is survived by three daughters, Jane Ann, Judy and Jackie. Col. Reat served in the Pacific Theater during World World II as an Army Air Corps navigator. He was recalled in the USAF during the Korean conflict and served in the Security Service the rest of his 33 years of service. He ended his career as commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo from 1969 to 1971. //Obit – GoSanAngelo// // FTVA Heritage Chapter//



**James C. Rindock**, 61, died June 30, 2013 in Allentown PA. He served in the USAF during the Vietnam War and had a tour at the 6918<sup>th</sup>, Hakata, Japan from 1971-1972. He is surviving by his wife Kathryn. //Obit – The Express Times// //Notified by Carol Farr – 6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM//

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Lt Col Edward M. Rosentreter, 96, died of natural causes on 14 March 2014. He retired from the Air Force after serving 28 years active duty. He then worked as a civilian for a short time at the United States Air Force Security Service, San Antonio TX. He is survived by his wife Beverly. //Obit – Express News//

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**Ernest and Minnie Schilling**



**Minnie Lee Schilling** was 24 years old when she became a widow during WWII. **She died Jan 4, 2014.** Reticent by nature, Minnie was not prepared for the role thrust upon her by fate. Expecting a life as wife and mother, she had to assume the role as sole caregiver for her children and the need to find full time employment.

She met this challenge and numerous other challenges in the intervening years. During this period, Minnie worked as a Civil Service employee at Fort Sam Houston and married her second husband Ernest Schilling.

//Obit – Express News// //Notified by Jim Youngson//



**Ernest Schilling, 91, died Feb 18, 2014.** Ernest committed his life to serving his country ~ first by serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, and later working in civil service for a combined total of more than 38 years. Ernie was a long-time civilian employee at USAFSS/ESC in Data Automation. He always played golf in the annual September FTVA golf tournament. He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie. //Obit – Express News// // Jim Youngson//



**Stella Sattelmaier**, 90, died Feb. 22, 2014 in Baytown, TX. Stella was a former longtime resident of San Antonio and was a retired Civil Service employee. She lived and traveled overseas for many years, in places such as Crete, Germany, Libya, Hawaii and Taiwan. She was Col Jim Youngson's secretary at Iraklion in 1970.

She was the ex-wife of MSgt Freeman Sattelmaier, who was the Housing Officer at Iraklion. //Obit – **Navarre Funeral Home**// //Notified by **Jim Youngson**//

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**Lt Col William J. "Bill" Schrank**, 67, passed away Mar 29, 2014, in San Antonio. He enlisted in the Air Force in January 1965 and was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt in 1973. Between 1973-2001, he served as Chief of Administration at the Aerospace Defense Command; HQ Squadron Section Commander at Electronic Security Command; Executive Officer to the

Commander at the Air Force Acquisition Logistics Center; Chief of Professional Development at the USAF Occupational Measurement Center; Commander of the USAF Recruiting Squadron; Chief of Policy of the Directorate of Technical Training at HQ Air Education and Training Command; and Executive Officer to the Commander, Chief of Strategic Plans and the Inspector General for the USAF Recruiting Service. Lt. Col. Schrank's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal. He holds the Master Administration Badge and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1989. He is survived by his daughters, Monica, Melissa, Micah, and Megan. //Obit – **San Antonio Express News**// //Notified by **Bob Cope and Jim Youngson**//

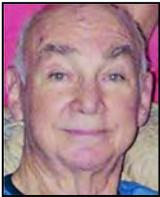
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**MSgt. William W. "Bill" Shackelford**, age 82, passed away Feb 12, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas. After graduating from Granby High School, Norfolk, Virginia, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he retired after 23 years of service. During his service he was stationed in England, Germany, Korea and Vietnam. //Obit – **Express News**//



**Anna Ruth Smith** was born on September 21, 1926 and went to be with the Lord on February 1, 2014. She is survived by her husband of 58 years CMSgt (Ret.) Justin W. Smith who served in the United States Air Force for 32 years. **//Obit - Express-News//** I believe we are charter members of the Alumni Association when it was originally set up. I know I am a life member and Ruth served with me faithfully and without complaint throughout my 30 year AF career, mostly in USAFSS. She is truly a “Fallen Eagle” in my sight and was a friend to many folks in FTVA. She raised our 3 sons without complaint no matter how unstable our assignments seemed to be. I loved her very much and will miss her tremendously. **//Submitted by Justin W. Smith//**



**TSgt Robert A. “Smitty-san” Smith**, 76, passed away Feb 14, 2014 after a very valiant battle with heart disease. He was born in Mishawaka, Indiana. He served the United States in the Marines for 2.5 years before transferring to USAFSS where his finished 22 years of dedicated and highly decorated service. Smitty-san received many commendations and medals, but his most acclaimed was the Air Medal Award. He leaves behind his beautiful wife of 57 years, Lois. **//Obit – Express News// //Notified by Ken Hack (AF Retiree and son-in-law)//**

“Smitty” spent his entire career in USAFSS as a 202. I believe he was also trained as a 201 cryptanalyst. He was a great guy to work with; I knew him at the AFCOMSECCEN in '77 and '78. **//Homer Waring//**

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**Patricia A. Terrell**, 75, wife of CMSgt Jimmy R. Terrell (Ret) passed away on March 7, 2014 of lung cancer. She died peacefully at home in San Antonio, TX with family at her side. She accompanied Jimmy on tours to Taiwan (4 tours), San Vito, Clark, Goodfellow, HQ USAFSS and Corey Field. Patricia is survived by her husband of 56 years, two daughters and one son.

**//Notification and input by daughter Starla//**



**Ronald “Ron” D. Ziegler, 75** died Mar 30 2014 in Omaha Nebraska. Ron is survived by wife of 50 years Shirley. //Obit – Omaha World Herald// //Notified by **Pete Ogaard**//

I had the privilege of serving with Ron at Yokota in Det 1 6988th from 1959 to 61. We were two/three stripers in the sham (Analysis) shop. Many good machi runs into Fussa. Also served with him in VFW Posts after AF retirements in Bellevue Nebraska. A very good man, a great friend. //Pete Ogaard//

Ron (75) was a career, USAFSS Radio Traffic Analyst (202 from late 1950's to around 1977. He was highly decorated from tours at Yokota, Wakkanai, Viet Nam, HQs and retired at Offutt. Funeral was attended by Det 1, 6988 Yokota fellow Airmen: Al Moore, Vern Lightell, Artie Doyle, Jerry Dubyak and Pete Ogaard. RIP, tomodachi. Well done! //Unknown Submission//

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*MAY WE ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR FALLEN EAGLES*



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**From:** Lawrence Garnett [bassmang6466@netscape.net](mailto:bassmang6466@netscape.net)  
**To:** [webadm@ftva.org](mailto:webadm@ftva.org)

Comment - I was a Radio Communications Analyst (202) in ESC. I attended tech school at Goodfellow Airplane Patch in 1982. San Angelo was quiet but I actually managed to have a decent time there. My last duty station was Offutt AFB in the 544th Intelligence Analysis Squadron in Command and Control section. I arrived there from Osan AB. I still reside in the Omaha, NE area. Being an ESC Analyst was a great time in my life and I hope to connect with some of the friends that I made during that time. I felt like we were doing something very important for our country. I miss those times.

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### **Pentagon Budget Cuts Take Toll in Japan & England**

Posted by John Lopes

Stars and Stripes - Published: Feb 26, 2014 - Jess Lockoski/USAF

Facing fiscal constraints, the Defense Department will try to preserve high-tech warfare capabilities while cutting people and platforms and curbing the growth of pay and benefits, according to a budget preview unveiled by Pentagon officials in February 2014. Personnel reductions at Misawa Air Base in Japan and RAF Menwith Hill Station in the United Kingdom may provide an early preview of the cost-cutting budget priorities unveiled by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel this week.

Misawa, located on the northern tip of Japan's main island, will trim 500 troops from its intelligence-gathering units — about 14 percent of the total military workforce — over the next 1½ years, Air Force officials said Wednesday. The move is part of Hagel's effort to create a "more fiscally conservative and efficient" Defense Department.

At Menwith Hill, about 500 U.S. military and civilian positions will be eliminated. The cuts authorized by Hagel will stretch across three services at Misawa but focus primarily on intelligence operations, according to Leverett.

Elements will be deactivated or reassigned in the Air Force's 373rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group; the Air Force's 373rd Support Squadron; the Air Force's 301st Intelligence Squadron; the Navy Information Operations Command-Misawa; and the Army's 708th Military Intelligence Detachment. The positions at Menwith Hill will be eliminated as the 421st Air Base Group, which provides base mission support, and other U.S. military units are deactivated, the EUCOM statement said. The cuts would be implemented by October 2016. The 421st is a component of the 501st Combat Support Wing headquartered at RAF Alconbury, England. "Despite the reduction in personnel, U.S. European Command remains committed to international security in the region and will continue to work in close cooperation with the United Kingdom," the statement said.

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### **Looking For Vietnamese Linguists**

Posted on: [USAFDoggers@yahoo.com](mailto:USAFDoggers@yahoo.com)

A group of us are trying to locate our missing Vietnamese Linguists from the DLI Biggs Field, Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas, language school, circa. 1969. We have had four reunions since 2004, and are planning another, soon. We would like to include you in our messages, our emails, our Yahoo Groups website and in the reunion. Please respond to Michael G. Hibbard e-mail: [mushy73\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:mushy73_2000@yahoo.com)  
(Note: We found Stanley "Davy" Crockett this week, for the first time.)

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### **Looking for a Former Classmate**

From: Lynn & Anita Kravitz ([l.kravitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.kravitz@sbcglobal.net))

To: Newsletter

Need help in locating William D. Schmelzer – a classmate who graduated with me from the AFSC 8035 Intel Officer's Course at Goodfellow in 1967. Last heard, he retired from ESC as a Major in 1984.



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