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Howdy FTVA Members,
Football season has come to an interesting end, hockey and basketball (Go Spurs Go) are on-going and baseball is coming up soon. The dust is settling on the new 25th AF and they are working hard to make things happen. Weather is yo-yoing from mild-to-cold in Texas. Spring is around the corner. Thank goodness!

Our annual Spring Social is sked for 4 Apr (1700-2030) at the SeaWorld Marriott (same as last year). Our guest speaker will be CMSgt "Toby" Towberman, the 25th AF Command Chief. As usual, we will also recognize our recently returned deployers who may speak about their deployment experiences. So if you're in the area, please join us for a fun evening.

The Hqs here is planning another picnic geared toward our deployers and their families. It is sked for April 25th, 1030-1530 at Stapleton Park. As it gets closer, we will post additional info on our website. The FTVA will help offset the costs for food. We will have a booth to advertise/market the FTVA and hopefully sign up more members.

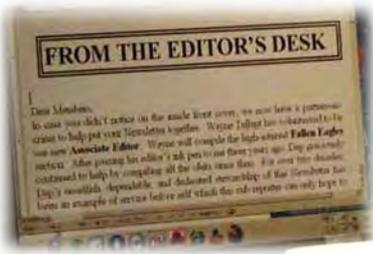
Barnie Gavin is leading an effort to start a FTVA San Antonio Chapter, which is in addition to the FTVA Board, to enhance camaraderie and a routine social setting for all the members in the San Antonio area. Our first meeting is on 19 Feb, at 1900, at the VFW Hall on Rte. 1560, and will give us a starting point.

On a sad note, we said good-bye in January to an old friend and supporter, MajGen (ret) Paul Dettmer. Paul had been fighting the terrible "Big C" for a while. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Let me add a quick shout-out to the Sunshine Chapter and their unwavering support for the 361st ISRG. The latest endeavor is their unbelievable support to the 361st annual award winners. Well done and SIERRA HOTEL! Finally, save this date: **24-26 September 2015** for our annual FTVA Anniversary Reunion activities. See you there and remember to -

'Remain in Touch,'

Ron



Hi Everyone,

Once again, thanks to all of you who contributed to filling the pages of this quarter's FTVA scuttlebutt that's fit-to-print. As usual, we were able to include almost all your submissions in this issue, and we're gradually catching up on getting those articles published that have been "in the

queue" for a while. This time around, we're saying good-bye to Jim McLendon after his 8 years on the BOD, as we welcome back Barnie Gavin, our History Chair, who will be a dual-hatted, double-threat as our Official Activities Chair. Having served 7 years as my indispensable partner, and after religiously compiling an average of over 16 pages of Fallen Eagles obits for the RIT each quarter, our Associate Editor Wayne Tallant has stepped aside for health reasons. I'll continue to rely on his counsel. CMSgt (Ret) Joe Figueroa is our new Associate Editor, and compiled our Fallen Eagles section this time. Then there's A.J. Harrison's reminder to submit your nomination(s) for the 2015 Hall of Honor. We've also requested your nominations for the election of our BOD executive officers. We continue to support the 25th AF as well as team with the Command in hosting the annual Spring Social event coming up on April 4th. We haven't forgotten to chronicle one of our more notable members in the "Then & Now" section. Once again, another full plate awaits you in this issue.

Happy Easter,

Sincerely,



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Letters To The Editor



From: Linda Morris (Wineinger)

To: FTVA BOD

I am the daughter of one of the founders, Wesley Wineinger. I'm so proud and excited to visit this site! I was disappointed that the founder's pictures weren't posted. My dad was so proud of his service in the military. He's still going around the world with me as I continue to travel. Linda Wineinger Morris Tulsa, Oklahoma

From: A.J. Harrison, CMSgt (Ret)

Chairman, FTVA Hall of Honor Committee

To: Linda Morris (Wineinger)

Ms. Morris, Please let me assure you that your father is honored as one of our founders. I will work to get pictures posted on the website, but please be aware that there are 8x10s of all the founders on the wall of the Larger Auditorium which is the main meeting room for 25th Air Force Headquarters (recently reorganized but remain the direct descendants of the USAF Security Service that your father helped inaugurate).

Each year, during the last week of September, we hold the induction ceremony for new Hall of Honor members in the Larger Auditorium, where your father's picture is conspicuously posted. We also have a nice picnic celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the command on Friday where many old acquaintances are renewed and old friends can catch up with each other. The information on all these festivities is posted on the web page. If you would like any further information, or if you would like to attend, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Unfortunately, I was not lucky enough to have known your father, but I am the benefactor of all the outstanding efforts he and the other founders made in standing up a superb organization. You should be rightfully proud of your father's accomplishments during his career.

Very respectfully,

AJ Harrison

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FTVA Associate Editor Steps Aside

FTVA recently recognized Wayne Tallant for his professional excellence and material contributions as an active member of the FTVA BOD. Complications associated with Pulmonary Fibrosis have forced our faithful partner, Wayne Tallant, to step aside as the *Remain In Touch* Associate Editor. For the past seven years, Wayne personally researched, edited and performed numerous and complex tasks in compiling the quarterly listings for the RIT Fallen Eagles Section. The Newsletter staff in concert with the BOD sincerely thanks Wayne for his close friendship and always reliable guidance and support through these many years. On Jan 18, 2015, Ron Haygood, FTVA President, accompanied by Dennis Rassmussen and Joe Figueroa presented Wayne with a token of appreciation on behalf of the FTVA membership. Although Wayne is retiring, he offered to continue providing assistance as needed.



Introducing our New Associate Editor: CMSgt-Ret Joe “Pepito” Figueroa



We welcome Joe Figueroa as he takes over from Wayne Tallant as Associate Editor of the *Remain In Touch* Newsletter. Joe retired from the USAF the end of last year after a notable career in ESC-AFIC-AIA and the AFISR Agency as a Spanish crypto-linguist, analyst and functional manager. Joe enlisted in Feb 85 and went to Goodfellow Technical Training Center before his initial assignment to Panama; he served as an active duty advisor to the Utah Air National Guard in Salt Lake City followed by 5 years in Special Operations at Hurlbert Field, Florida. After a tour as Operations Superintendent with the 67th Group in San Antonio, Joe served at Langley, VA as Functional Manager for AF Airborne Linguists. A quick study, Joe has already taken over the responsibilities for the Fallen Eagles listing in this current issue.

FTVA Vigilant Partner Program

The FTVA achieves its objectives, in part, by providing funds for programs that reward the hardworking, dedicated 25th AF people who go “above and beyond” to accomplish the Numbered Air Force mission. As you know, appropriated funds provide very little help in giving these outstanding performers tangible recognition. Since 1985, the Vigilant Partners’ Program has enabled the FTVA to provide an expanded base of support for this purpose. Modeled after the Industrial Associates of the Air Force Association, the program permits industry, corporations, businesses and even individuals interested in the Agency’s mission to join us in helping fund needed programs. Evidence of this can be found in numerous places at the Agency Headquarters. As an organization, we are proud to do this, and the Agency commander demonstrates his appreciation of this support regularly, and publicly. We invite anyone who might be interested in becoming a Vigilant Partner to contact Bernie Gavin at 830-755-5175. He will be more than happy to assist you in becoming a “partner.” Take a look at the centerfold of this newsletter to see the list of our current partners.



ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL

Our 2015 FTVA Spring Social will again be held in the Alamo/Concepcion Room of the San Antonio SeaWorld/Westover Hills Marriott Courtyard Hotel (11605 State Hwy 151 - San Antonio 78251). Activities begin at 1700 on Saturday, April 4th. FTVA members and active duty service men and women are all invited to enjoy this special evening. CMSgt Roger “Toby” Towberman, recently selected 25th AF Command Chief, will be our guest speaker for the evening. Your donation of \$5.00 per person includes heavy “puu-puu’s” such as, Chips & Dip, Meatballs, Buffalo wings, and Sliced Fresh Fruit along with a pay-as-you-go bar and the chance to re-connect with fellow FTVA members.
See You There!

FTVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The first FTVA Board of Directors (BOD) meeting for 2015 was held on January 16 at the Security Service FCU HQ building on La Cantera Pkwy in San Antonio. Present for a photo opportunity (above) were: Back row L-R: Bernie Gavin, Dennis Buxton, A. J. Harrison and Bob Baert. Front row seated are our current FTVA executive officers: Secretary Loran Sevening, President Ron Haygood, Vice President Andy Smith, and Treasurer Bob Cope. (Staff Photo by D. Rassmussen)

Annual 2015 FTVA Officer Elections

In accordance with Article VII of the FTVA By-Laws, the BOD has appointed the nominating committee for the annual officer elections to be held in September 2015. This year, the nominating committee is accepting submissions for the offices of Vice President and President. Any member in good standing may be submitted to the nominating committee; however, for obvious reasons, only those who can attend the monthly BOD meetings in San Antonio can be seriously considered. Please submit your nomination(s) prior to May 10, 2015. Selected nominees will be published in the June issue of *Remain In Touch*. One submission per position at a time please. E-Mail to: Newsletter@ftva.org or use UPS address:

FTVA BOD Nominating Committee
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"In Memory Of"

When you see “...or **charity of your choice.**” in an obituary, please think of FTVA and please check with on line sites such as Charity Navigator or the BBB before deciding. We have found some claims to serve the military often are designed to benefit those who run them. FTVA's charity of choice is The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, which has the charity rating sites' highest recommendations. If you want the donation to FTVA to be tax deductible, make the check to the “USAFSS/ESC Memorial Fund”. If you are not concerned about tax deductibility or don't file a Schedule A, make the check to “FTVA and mail it to **FTVA Official Activities**, P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio TX 78269-1616. Please include name you wish to memorialize on the “Memo” or “For” section of the check. It would help to include the honoree's family's address in a note. We'll advise the family of your donation. Help preserve our common legacy and celebrate your friendship at the same time -- truly a win-win combination.

The Membership Corner

It is membership renewal time again. Have you paid your 2015 dues? If you receive the printed copy, the easiest way to tell is to check the mailing label on the envelope this newsletter arrived in. If your name is followed by a “2014”, you have not paid this year's dues. If you receive the electronic version and I have not received your dues, you would have received a notice included with the e-mail stating that this newsletter is available. If you recently mailed your dues, it can take up to three weeks for mail to funnel down to me. **Unfortunately, if your 2015 dues are not paid by the end of May, this will be the last newsletter we can mail you.** If you owe 2015 dues, please mail your dues (\$20.00) to:

**Freedom Through Vigilance Association
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Annual Directory: I will be putting together the annual directory beginning in May. Please make sure you have any updates to me by mid-May so they can be included.

Bob Baert, Membership Support
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FTVA Hall of Honor Nominations

The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction into the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's (FTVA) Hall of Honor. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association's reunion activities and is scheduled for Saturday morning, 26 September 2015, at Headquarters, 25th Air Force (formerly Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AF ISR Agency)).

Since the creation of USAFSS as a major air command in 1948, members of USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency/25th AF, hereinafter referred to as the command, have been at war 24/7/365 as anonymous sentinels, engaged in combat with foreign enemies of the United States and its allies while conducting operations in the air as aircrew members, on the seas aboard U.S. naval ships, and on each of the major continental land masses as well as numerous islands around the world. In no small measure, their contributions toward the preservation of our freedoms, though largely unheralded, have been vital to the continuance of our national security and our way of life. The command has been blessed with an abundance of talented members who possessed the skill sets and intellectual capacity, coupled with unselfish dedication and commitment, to conquer whatever challenges they encountered – often while confronting significant adversity and at great personal sacrifice.

The FTVA's founders established the Hall of Honor in 1983 to honor those individuals who served the command with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. To date, 176 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Honor. They include former officer, enlisted and civilian personnel whose contributions as technicians, supervisors, planners, managers and leaders extend from World War II through the ongoing conflicts. The Hall of Honor preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the Nation.

We have all had the privilege of serving with individuals who are viable candidates for induction into the Hall of Honor. This is an opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in an attempt to ensure they receive the

recognition and lasting tribute they have earned. The Selection Committee will review all eligible nominations and select individuals for induction into the Hall of Honor using eligibility criteria and procedures pursuant to the Hall of Honor Charter. A copy of the Charter is available in the newsletter and on the web page at <http://www.ftva.org>.

Nominations must be received not later than 1 June 2015 by email. Email nominations should be addressed to myself at chiefajh@gmail.com or to Bob Cope at rcope6@earthlink.net. When submitting nominations, please limit to one page, front and back, using the HOH Nomination Form available on the website.

Thank you and Remain In Touch,

A.J. Harrison, Chairman
Hall of Honor Program

About Our Cover



In order to accommodate the recent re-designation of the AFISR Agency as 25th Air Force, the FTVA BOD has adopted the official FTVA Logo* which appears on the front cover of the *Remain in Touch Newsletter*.

The USAFSS shield, as FTVA’s originating command, is now prominent at the 12 o’clock position with the shields of its successor commands arranged clockwise around the face of the globe. The 25th AF shield is

enlarged and featured at the center of the Logo.

(* Other adaptations may be needed for use on caps, mementos, etc.)



Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

Army/AF Joint Interoperability Provides Intel for Consumers (Adapted from an article by Sgt. Jesus J. Armanda, Jr., US Army INSCOM PA)

1/30/2015 - FORT BELVOIR, Va. -- Intelligence organizations operating around the world work seemingly endless hours gathering intelligence from a myriad of sources ranging from simple to high tech. However, each gathering unit or organization may have their own individual processing, exploitation, and dissemination, also known as PED, methods to meet service specific-requirements using specialized sensors.



Because each unit is as different as the service branch they represent or the region in which they operate, in the past this intelligence was sometimes difficult to share or process in an efficient manner.

Today the need for effective communications between U.S. military branches is more important than ever and the solution is joint interoperability.

Joint interoperability is a term many may be unfamiliar with in terms of intelligence operations. Intelligence interoperability is the ability for any service's intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or ISR, collected data to be processed, exploited and disseminated by the best available intelligence node providing the most effective support to any customer.

The PED process drives the intelligence mission. It is the way intelligence analysts pull together information to analyze it and then provide actionable intelligence to commanders or senior leaders so they can make command decisions.

Today, the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command's, or INSCOM, 116th Military Intelligence, or MI, Brigade, located at Fort Gordon, Georgia, and the U.S. Air Force's 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing, or 480 ISRW, located at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, are working together to make the benefits of joint military branch partnerships easy to see.

Visible evidence of successful joint interoperability is a seamless service or product, despite the possibility of many different intelligence collectors and analysts contributing to the same product. "If we're doing interoperability correctly, the units on the ground will not even know PED is crossing services," said Army Lt. Col. Andrew T. Bellocchio, operations officer, 116th MI Brigade. "The end state is for products to look the same regardless of who conducts the PED. Standardization of a joint PED is the key to achieving interoperability."

Intelligence units such as the 116th MI Brigade, have personnel gathering, processing, exploiting and distributing military intelligence day and night, from places common to the Travel Channel's top tourist spots to some of the most remote, unknown locations.

Both the 480 ISRW and the 116th MI Brigade are two of many intelligence units tasked with the incredibly important mission of ensuring pertinent, actionable intelligence products are provided to senior defense leaders at home as well as U.S. and coalition partners around the globe. "We collect ISR in a joint fight because it takes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and other intelligence community agencies, along with coalition partners, to paint the whole aerial intelligence picture," Bellocchio said.

At the start of the interoperability effort, the information provided by both organizations was 95 percent the same. The remaining five percent difference is the result of the structure, training and standardization of the services. These interoperability efforts have focused on these remaining five percent.

"If the consumers are common, our products supported to them should be standard," Bellocchio said. "By providing standardized products, the consumer will not have to compare or decipher one product from another."

Air Force leadership shares this vision of the end result of joint interoperability. "We aim to be interoperable at the data layer and seamlessly move that data across each other's networks," said Air Force Col. Paul Caltagirone, chief of joint integration and interoperability at the Pentagon, "We want to ensure no matter who does the PED, the end product looks the same and is of the same quality to the consumer."

For Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, the 25th Air Force commander, combining the capabilities of the DoD services such as the Army and Air Force's individual intelligence enterprises will enhance combat readiness and mission success. "(Joint PED is a) multiplier," said Shanahan at a recent joint PED Summit hosted by the 25th Air Force. "A capability that, when added to and employed by a combat force, significantly increases the combat potential of that force and thus enhances the probability of successful mission accomplishment."

Personnel with the 116th MI Brigade and the 480 ISRW believe this aspect of ensuring continuity and continuous support of the mission can also extend beyond support to the consumer and benefit both organizations as well. "Continuity of operations is important. If our networks are disrupted by an outage caused by a hurricane or enemy activity we would be forced to shut down for a time, but if we are interoperable with the 480 ISRW or another service, we can pass them that mission," Bellocchio explained. "They'd be able to cover down on that mission until we could get back up and ready to resume the mission."

In the end, this support to our nation and our partners through ISR and PED missions and the support to consumers of intelligence across the joint, federal and coalition spectrum has the possibility to enhance the end results and provide for a seamless, total picture that those on the battlefield require.

25th Air Force Command Chief Visits AFTAC

(Adapted from an article by Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs)

1/6/2015 - PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- The 25th Air Force Command Chief Master Sergeant paid a visit to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here Dec. 16-17 to get a first-hand look at the mission of the nuclear treaty monitoring center and its people.

Chief Master Sgt. Roger A. Towberman, a career cryptologic language analyst, took over as 25th AF's senior enlisted leader in September 2014 and wanted AFTAC to be one of the first subordinate units he visited. "I needed to educate myself on AFTAC's mission as early in my tenure as possible," said

Towberman. "In my case, I've had no personal connection to AFTAC throughout my career, so I wanted to visit the center to get educated on its mission and get to know its people."



Chief Master Sgt. Roger A. Towberman, command chief for 25th Air Force, meets with the enlisted force from the AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Roman.)

The command chief spent time meeting with AFTAC's scientists, technicians and analysts as they informed him of their role in the center's nuclear treaty monitoring mission. He also got to tour AFTAC's new \$158 million headquarters facility and radiochemistry lab that officially opened in March 2014. "Before my arrival, I had heard so much about how 'wicked-smart' the Airmen are here at AFTAC," said Towberman. "But seeing their excitement first-hand, and listening to how fired up they are about their respective jobs was hugely impressive. I met several Airmen who sincerely think they have the best job in the Air Force. It's incredibly refreshing and infectious."

The command chief summed up his visit stating: "You guys don't realize it, but you're a big deal, despite your size, compared to other wings that fall under our Numbered Air Force. I can't state that enough, and General (John N.T.) Shanahan (25th AF commander) feels the same way - your mission is critical to the defense of our nation and we are extremely proud of the work you're accomplishing here on a daily basis."

USAF European Consolidation Announced

(Adapted from article by Capt. Sybil Taunton, USAF Europe & AF Africa PA)
Published January 08, 2015



RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) -- The Office of the Secretary of Defense announced the results of the European Infrastructure Consolidation (EIC) review Jan. 8, which will realign several missions in U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa (USAFE-AFAFRICA) within seven years. Under the EIC, the Defense Department will divest three installations in the U.K., including realigning missions from Royal Air Force Mildenhall to other installations in Europe, and consolidating intelligence centers at RAF Croughton.

As required by the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act, the DOD also used the EIC process to validate Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, previously approved streamlining process which is expected to complete by the fall of 2015. The Air Force will adjust the size of the unit while keeping forces at the installation. 'We understand these changes will have substantial impacts on the local areas, but we intend to work closely with community neighbors, defense partners, personnel and families to ease the impact of these transitions', said Gen. Frank Gorenc, the USAFE-AFAFRICA commander. 'These infrastructure consolidations will allow USAFE-AFAFRICA to better meet alliance mission requirements.'

The divestment of RAF Mildenhall will result in the move of currently assigned missions to other installations within the command. Upon completion of the realignment process, which is anticipated to occur after 2020, the Air Force is estimated to save \$125 million annually, primarily in maintenance costs and facility upgrades. While there will be no difference in operational capabilities, the divestment should reduce approximately 1,300 military, civilian and local national positions. In addition, roughly 2,600 personnel are projected to be relocated to other locations in the U.K. as well as to Ramstein and Spangdahlem Air Bases in Germany.

'The U.K. remains an essential location for forward-based and ready forces,' Gorenc said. 'Our close relationship with the U.K. government and integrated missions with U.K. forces remain integral to USAFE's ability to execute successful missions in support of our NATO allies.' Additionally in the U.K., intelligence and support elements located at RAF Alconbury and RAF Molesworth will consolidate. This will be an investment into a new intelligence complex at RAF Croughton to create efficiencies in operational mission support. This consolidation will result in the divestiture of RAF Molesworth and RAF Alconbury in 2022 and the inactivation of the 501st Combat Support Wing, and result in a projected reduction of approximately 200 military, civilian and local national positions from Alconbury-Molesworth and the relocation of 1,200 personnel to RAF Croughton. 'This ensures continuation of the strong U.S. intelligence relationship with the U K and will result in an exponential increase in U.S.-NATO intelligence collaboration,' Gorenc said. It will also allow the U.S. government to meet mission requirements in the most financially responsible way. 'The consolidation at RAF Croughton will realize savings of approximately \$74 million each year, with a return on investment of approximately four years,' Gorenc said.

In addition, the 606th Air Control Squadron at Spangdahlem AB, will be relocated to Aviano AB, Italy. The move of the squadron and its 300 positions is expected to save the Air Force approximately \$50 million in military construction funding. Following the relocation of the 606th ACS, Spangdahlem AB will receive the 352nd Special Operations Group, currently located at RAF Mildenhall. This move will include about 10 CV-22 Ospreys and 10 MC-130J Commando II aircraft, and associated personnel. 'These changes increase our ability to meet the needs of a new dynamic security environment in Europe. Our vow to NATO's Article 5 remains unbreakable.'

BEDSIDE MATTERS



George Williams//Follow-up// Feb 4 // After 5 weeks in the hospital in Denver, I am now back in Pueblo, in Life Care Center, a rehab facility. Ironically, it's only 5 blocks from my house. Undergoing physical therapy and occupational therapy 7 days a week strengthening up my legs and back using a walker. I can walk 80 feet before I need to sit down and rest. Going up to Denver for another test on Feb 19th. "George Updates" will be few and far between for awhile. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers - still a ways to go.

Seguin 'Skip' DeRousse // Jan 15, 2015//kg5pa@austin.rr.com// I had a slight bout with pneumonia with a few other things that they found, either unknown before, or brought about by the illness. Got most of it fixed now, just going to take some time to recover from a week of being in bed. Don't expect immediate replies to anything, but thanks to all for the kind thoughts. It is going to take me a while to dig through the 675 emails or so I have on here... ☺ Skip

Danny Russell //Jan 2015// A great friend, Danny Russell, is rehabbing in a VA facility in Indiana. Danny was a USAFSS crewmember with the 6994th Det 2 at Pleiku who survived the shoot down of CAP 53 on 22 April 1970. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. //Roll Call//

Danny Prichard//Nov 2014//Friends, OK, I grappled with putting this out but I'm going to do it. I went in for the first of my last three chemo treatments in Nov. Radiation twice over the past month and minor surgery that involves lasers. I'm not whining here. Just asking for all the good thoughts, prayers, and other positive energy that you can continue to give. I damn sure am not ready to go at the hands of cancer. So thoughts, prayers, etc., can only help. Thanks.

Frederick Teschner//Feb 12, 2015//Some good news on the lung cancer. It hasn't gone to bones or liver, etcetera. May try radiation on the small spot on each lung. Keep sending the prayers. Say hi to everyone.

FTVA CHAPTER NEWS



Heritage Chapter

Ronald 'JJ' Graham, President
and Larry Ross, Secretary/Treasurer

Ed and Larry have already sent in the info on Brandenburg Hall (including pictures). We held our Christmas Hangover party last week at Zentner's Daughter Steak House. We had a good crowd of about 32 folks, including Celeste Allen (Bill's widow). She is doing well and we were glad to see her.

Mission Accomplished

Submitted by Ed Bendinelli

During a conversation with Rick Yeh at the 2010 EC-47 reunion in Ft Walton Beach, Fl, I learned that young Sgt Dale Brandenburg, an Airborne Maintenance Tech (AMT) who died along with three other members of Det 3, 6994th Security Squadron, and four from the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron on Feb 4, 1973, when their EC-47, call sign Baron-52, was shot down over Laos, had never been memorialized. Dale was one of 17 USAFSS crewmembers lost during the 8-year ARDF mission of the 6994th but the only AMT. I carried Rick's revelation back to Goodfellow and my fellow Heritage Chapter members. The Chapter had been intimately involved with the dedication of the EC-47 static display in 2005 and the Sebers Hall dedication in 2006. It immediately committed itself to the task of having Dale Brandenburg memorialized here on Goodfellow. What followed was a nearly four year journey, which at times hit nearly insurmountable roadblocks but, as in all good things just meant to be, our persistence was rewarded in September 2013 when we met with and obtained the support of 17th Training Wing Commander, Col Kimberlee Joos. Six months later, we received approval to place the name Brandenburg Hall on Goodfellow's Building 448. We had purposely selected 448, out of respect to Dale's background, as it once housed maintenance training.

Upon receiving notice of the approval, I notified Gene Brandenburg, Dale's brother, whom I had been communicating with since 2010 when we first started working towards this day. Dale's parents had passed away and Gene was Dale's only sibling. We wanted Gene to attend the

dedication. Unfortunately, because of health problems, he was unable to attend; however, he suggested that one or maybe all four his daughters--Dale's nieces--would be willing to attend. Ultimately, two nieces—Clara Woodburn and Beth Jewell—accepted our invitation to attend the dedication. During our research about Dale, we learned about his friendship with Tommy Guy. Tommy and Dale met while attending special ARDF maintenance training at Goodfellow in 1972. In a tragic twist of fate, Dale's death that February night was on a mission that he had traded with Tommy. Tommy should have been the AMT onboard Baron-52 that night. The loss of his close friend would impact Tommy's life for the next 40 years. It was important to us that Tommy be involved in his friend's memorialization. I contacted him and he accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker at the dedication of Brandenburg Hall.

In a series of planning meetings with Wing Historian Doc Garrett, 17th Training Wing Protocol and fellow Heritage Chapter officers J.J.Graham and Larry Ross, every detail for the October 27, 2014, ceremony was checked again and again. The guidance and support of the Goodfellow leadership was absolutely phenomenal, particularly that of Doc Garrett. We would have been lost without him.

On the evening before the ceremony, a dinner hosted by Dan Loomis, an AMT and one of Tommy Guy and Dale's ARDF instructors at Goodfellow, was held at Zentner's Daughter restaurant. Tommy Guy, Dale's nieces Clara and Beth, a number of AMTs and Heritage Chapter members attended. Of particular note that evening was the new-found friendship between Tommy, Clara and Beth. The ladies had never even heard of Tommy Guy before that day. They had never expected to meet someone who actually knew Dale. Tommy's presence was a special gift for both of them and certainly one of the highlights of the time they spent with us.

The Monday morning ceremony was absolutely first class. Col Joos and virtually all the Goodfellow Air Force leadership were in attendance, along with our visiting AMTs, Tommy Guy, Clara and Beth. Of particular note were the two passing formations of Goodfellow students who stopped, asked what was happening, and, completely on their own, stood there for the entire ceremony. Chapter President J.J. Graham did his usual masterful job as Master of Ceremony, I spoke briefly on the relationship between Goodfellow and the EC-47 program.



Then Tommy stood at the podium (see photo left) and gave what was one of the most heart-felt, emotional tributes by one man to a fallen friend that I had ever heard.

Tommy not only relished such an opportunity to honor his close friend but,

as he would tell me later, the memorialization of his friend had allowed him to “finally leave the war behind.”

(Right) The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of a shadow box containing Dale’s photo, medals and an engraved bio. The shadow box, donated by the Heritage Chapter, now hangs inside Building 448, now and forever to be known as Brandenburg Hall. Brandenburg Hall is the sixth GAFB building to bear the name of a USAFSS enlisted member killed in action while serving with the 6994th Scty Sqdn from 1966-1974.



(L-R) Col Kimberlee Joos, 17TRW CC, Beth Jewell, Clara Woodburn, Ed Bendinelli, & Tommy Guy.

(Right)

This shadow box, donated by the FTVA Heritage Chapter, hangs in Brandenburg Hall.



(Left) Following an informal social hosted by the Heritage Chapter, J.J., Larry and I escorted Dale's nieces Clara and Beth to the Wing Headquarters building to visit the EC-47 static display and the recently opened ARDF display. J.J.

presented both ladies with the new ARDF coin. We then escorted the ladies to the airport for lunch before they boarded their return flight to Maryland.

The Brandenburg dedication ceremony was made possible by the coming together of the men and women of Goodfellow AFB, the 6994th, the AMT Association and our own "small but robust" FTVA Heritage Chapter. It took over 40 years, but we can now proudly boast that each EC-47 crew-member who was lost while performing the USAFSS ARDF mission has now been memorialized.

v/r Ed B.

Note: Col Joos' change of command ceremony will be this July; we're going to hate to see her go! I found out she will also be retiring...but she told me it was time and she feels it's the right thing to do. Really sorry to see her leave the Air Force, but I'm happy to see she is in a good place and is happy with her decision.

On January 15th Heritage Chapter members and guests celebrated the beginning of a new year with an annual holiday dinner – sometimes referred to as our “after Christmas hangover party.”



(Left) JJ Graham and Terry Giroux enjoying a “well-turned humorous anecdote” (joke).

Everyone enjoyed the evening of dining and camaraderie. In his yearly recap, President “JJ” Graham noted that the Chapter had a very busy and exciting year. Significant events included opening of the EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit in the 17th Training Wing headquarters building, the design and minting of a new challenge coin, and dedicating Brandenburg Hall (building 448) on Goodfellow AFB.



(Right) (L) Marc & Sherry Kimer, (R) Wayne & Chae Bascom at a banquet table.



(Above) Chapter members showing off some belated Christmas presents from Cindy Willey, aka Mrs. Claus, who arrived bearing lovely handcrafted gifts for each family.

The dinner also saw the unveiling of a tail flash donated to the Chapter by the Nurre family, representing the loss of EC-47 aircraft 43-48636 (Baron-52). It will be placed on display in Brandenburg Hall.

Cheers, 'J.J.' Graham, President

Angelo State University Display

Submitted by Ed Bendinelli



On November 17, 2014, Angelo State University's West Texas Collection (WTC) unveiled its "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit featuring photos and other memorabilia collected from local area Vietnam Veterans during interviews by university honor students and WTC staff members. Billed as "A Patriotic Evening Honoring Concho Valley Vietnam Veterans," the evening included a panel discussion moderated by Dr Charles Endress, Professor of History Emeritus. The evening culminated in the opening of the Vietnam exhibit featuring items donated or given on loan to the WTC. Memorabilia provided by two 6994th EC-47 Vets--Ed Bendinelli and Joe Martin--are included in the display. The display will be open to the public until July 2015. Photo (L-R) shows panel members Dr Endress, Lt Col Robert Grant, US Army Medical Corp, Ed Bendinelli (Heritage Chapter VP), 1st Lt Linda Knightstep, US Army Nurse Corps, and Cpl Domingo Luna, US Army.



Aloha Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President

Attached is Aloha Chapter's RIT input for March 2015 along with a picture (below).

Meeting Summary: The Aloha Chapter - FTVA met on December 18 at the Hickam JR Rocker Sports Bar for a pre-Christmas get-together; however, the Aloha Chapter "Gang of Six" was missing one of own - Steve Crain - called out on a short-notice computer-fix-it emergency.



L-R: Dickie Hites, Ken Hopkins, John 'Tilly' Toillion, Ken Een, & Al Teel

It had been a number months since we last met so it was time to catch up on topics such as:

(a) the continuing saga of what's happening in with the Joint Pacific POW/MIA Command (JPAC); (b) latest health issues = we're all going downhill fast, except for the youngest of the bunch = Steve Crain & Al Teel (c) retirement stories? What's retirement?! (d) latest golf scores - too bad we didn't have a lie detector machine with us; and (e) the #1 topic "telling story" which fills in the remainder of our meeting. As always it's great being able to fulfill our pledge to "RIT."

'Til Next Time, Alooooooha,
Tilly



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



The Sunshine Chapter met in Ft Walton Beach, FL on Nov 7th



L-R Gary Sandrowski, Jim Klima, Mike Miller, B.J. Cook, Jim Kaus, Tom McCullough, Col Shirley, Barrie Sobczak, Mr Trainor, Larry Tart, David Monaco, Errol Hoberman, John Schultheis, Dean Howell, Bruce Boyce.



(Left) Col John Shirley, Commander 361st ISR Group at Hurlburt Field briefed the group on 25th Air Force activities. Afterwards, Jim Kaus presented a set of the USAFSS "Freedom Through Vigilance" History books written by our own Larry Tart to the 361st ISR Group.



(Right) Sunshine Chapter President Jim Kaus presented Colonel Shirley and CMSgt Sandrowski with souvenir monogrammed coffee cups.

The Sunshine Chapter of FTVA is proud to announce the presentation of Gift Cards to Bass Pro Shop, for the Airman, NCO, Senior NCO and Officer of the Year from the 361st ISR Group, Hulburt Field Florida.

Jim Kaus (president) and Bob Willis (treasurer) made the presentation to Colonel John Shirley at Hulburt at lunch together on January 28th.



Along with the gift cards, each of the four honorees will receive two tickets to either a 2015 Atlanta Falcons game of their choice or 2015 Atlanta Braves game of their choice. In addition, each honoree will be provided hotel accommodations and complimentary meals during their stay in Atlanta.

On Jan 27, 2015, Col Shirley announced the FTVA Sunshine Chapter had provided \$100 gift cards for each of the following annual winners:

Airman: SSgt Jacob Mikkelsen, 43 IS, Cannon AFB, NM.

NCO: TSgt Michael Harley, 19 IS, Ft Bragg, NC

SNCO: MSgt Joseph Furman, 19 IS, Ft Bragg, NC

CGO: Capt Lucas Karl, 361 ISRG (6 mos at 25IS), Hulburt Field, FL.



2015 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notifications of Upcoming Reunions for 2015

March (open) 2015

2nd RSM (Darmstadt, Germany) 8th Biannual Reunion

Location: Houston, TX

Comments: A Princess Cruise Ship reunion to the Western Caribbean. (A ground tour is scheduled prior to sailing.)

POC: Richard Campbell 281-245-4927 e-mail: rpc12333@gmail.com

Louise Campbell 281-703-8372 e-mail: lcg410@msn.com

June 19 – 20, 2015

The 19th Annual Chilings & Friends reunion

Location: The Hunan Manor in Columbia, MD

POC: Luther Deese Ph 352-680-0317

Comment: June 20 17:30 at the Timbuktu Restaurant in Hanover, MD. (<http://www.timbukturestaurant.com/>) -- again hoping for upwards of 30, asking fellow lingie and native speaker, Ray Shen, to reserve for 25, which we can adjust upwards as required. This will be a separate checks affair – Price is \$18.00 each which includes gratuity. Drinks will be pay as you go. RSVP -ASAP to facilitate our head count and reservations.

Welcome to Ohio – The Buckeye State



June 24 - 26, 2015

Misawa Project: 6921st, 6989th, 6920th

13th National Reunion

Location: Columbus OH

POC: Helen J. Henderson - Ph: 904-829-9235 - E-Mail: etaya49@hotmail.com

Comment: Hospitality room will open June 23 for friends old and new to start the party. Raffle, organized tours, group photo and a banquet that has been known to bring tears to the eyes of the attendees. See you in Columbus!

Web Site: <http://www.usafssmisawa.com>



August 19 - 23, 2015

Roll Call Annual Reunion

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

POC: Jim Kaus

Comment: We will be staying at the Hyatt Place Hotel, 881 Convention Center Blvd.

Comment: Hospitality suite open 10:00 AM - closing. Make reservations directly with hotel on an individual basis, ph 888-233-1234 identifying yourself as a member of Roll Call USAFSS.

Web Site: <http://www.usafssrollcall.com>

August 13- 16, 2015

6994th Security Squadron

Location: Gettysburg, PA

POC: Bob and Shirley Hull - Phone: N/A - E-Mail:

Web Site: <http://www.6994th.com>

September 24 - 26, 2015

ANNUAL FTVA REUNION

Location: *Security Hill, San Antonio, TX*

POC: Ron Haygood, president@ftva.org

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

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

September 24 - 27, 2015

6918th SG Hakata, Japan

Location: Bloomington, MN

POC: Dave Bethard – Phone: 321-267-4844

E-Mail: the6918thcorp@yahoo.com

Comments: For reunion information visit website on line or call POC. Make reservations at Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites at ph 952-854-9000.

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



REUNION REPORTS



29th RSM Reunion IX

November, 10 & 11, 2014 Biloxi, Mississippi

Submitted by Bob Rennick



Seated, L-R: Bill Foreman, Owatonna, MN, Rex Sorby, Middleton, WI, Earl Anderson, Finley, ND, Major General William Crisler, Jackson, MS, Bob Rennick, Gastonia, NC, Major Andy Thaggard, Jackson, MS, Shirley Moeckel, Waterloo, IL, Gerald Nicholson, Tampa, FL, Bob Whitmer, Ocean Springs, MS

Standing, L-R: Scott Sorby, Middleton, WI, Del Marker, Tacoma, WA, Jim Coston, Gulfport, MS, Rick Soat, San Antonio, TX, Don Newburn, Spring Branch, TX, Jim Soat, San Antonio, TX, Bryant Winkles, Sherman, TX, Mike Breslan, Hinsdale, IL, Doc Rogers, Cheyenne, WY, Bob Lee, Cheyenne, WY

Rass, Please note we had Major General William Crisler, Jr as our honored guest. He was accompanied by an aide, US Army Major Andy Thaggard. Andy brought copies of the "thank you book" Korea Reborn, published by the government of Korea and distributed to Korean War vets by the American VFW and National Guard organizations. General Crisler presented each vet a copy and two widows of 29th RSM'ers accepted copies on behalf of their deceased husbands. We, in turn, gave General Crisler and Major Thaggard a 29th RSM cap, patch and challenge coin. Thanks, **Bob Rennick**, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer

St. Augustine Annual USAFSS Mini-Reunion 22 -24 Jan

Compiled by Newsletter

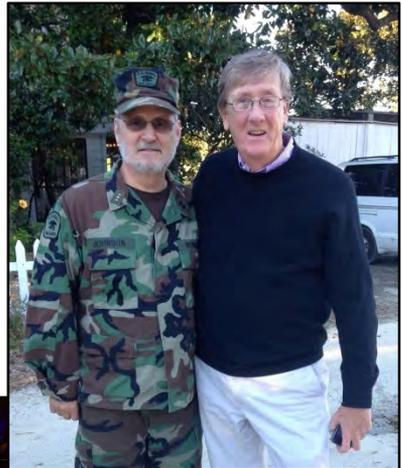


Starting the St Augustine mini with dinner out at local seafood joint. L-R: Bill Patterson, Jerry Stein, Jim Kaus, Drew Scarce, Bob Willis, Charlotte Willis, Alice Kaus, Carole Maier, Elsie Patterson.

“The Gemini Twins”

(Right) J J Johnson and Tom Ryan, both born 06/15/43 – twins from two different mothers.

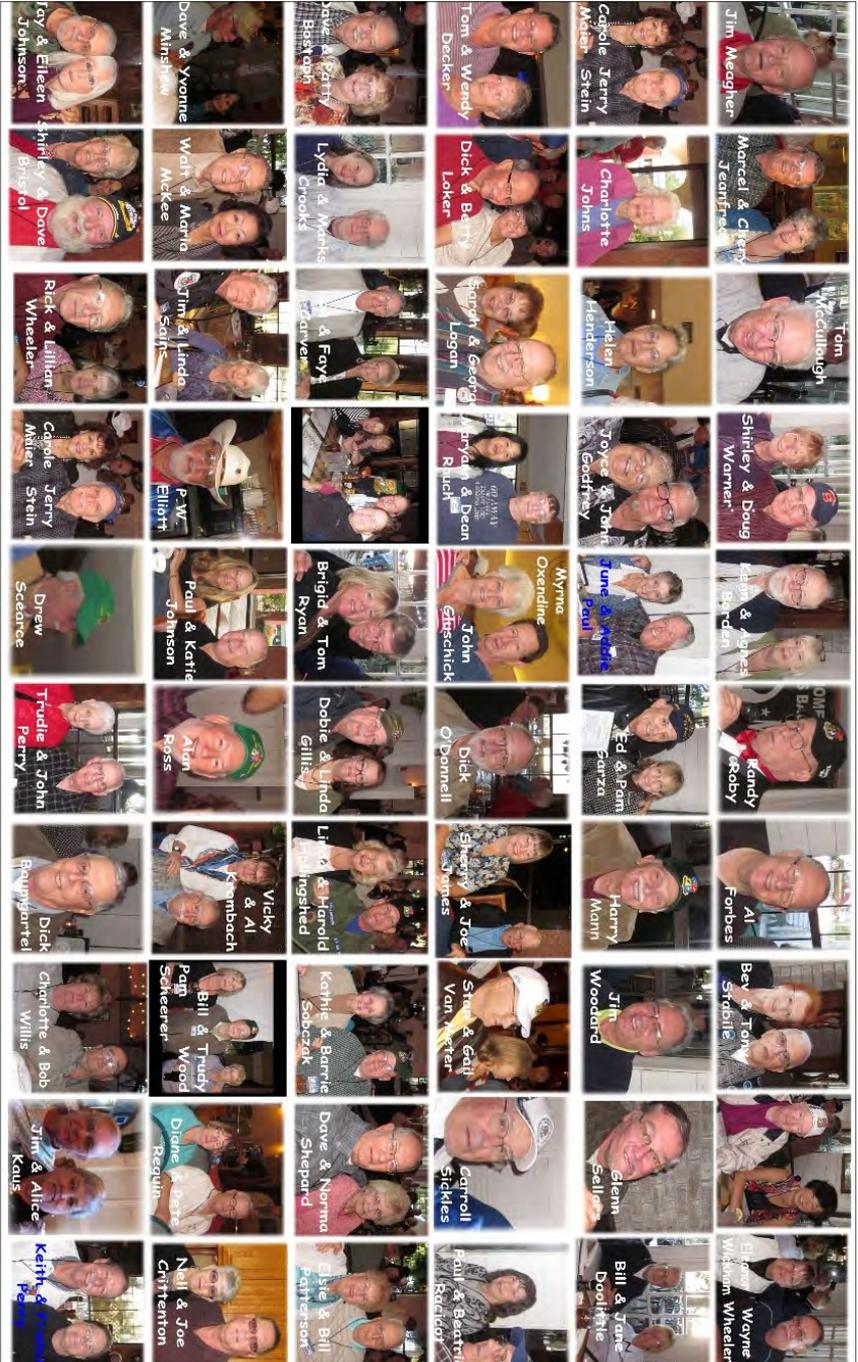
“We had a great time at the St Augustine mini. I can’t thank the team of JJ, Jim Kaus and Helen enough.” //Tom Ryan//



(Left) C-Flights Dave Minshew and John Gluscheck with Myrna Oxendine.//Dave Minshew//



St Augustine Mini Out-Takes



St Augustine Mini Out-Takes (cont'd)



(Left)
 Addie Paul, Jim Kaus and Al Forbes got things going with a game of “Let’s Make a Deal”.

(Right))
 Eilene and Jay Johnson, John and Joyce Godfrey, and George and Sarah Logan were caught enjoying the “Let’s Make a Deal” game.



2014 USAFSS New England Mini Reunion
 November 15 at White’s of Westport



USAFSS Chicksands 50's Holds 16th Reunion

Submitted by W.C. Bryant

Latrobe PA was site of the 16th Annual Reunion of the 6950th RGM, USAFSS personnel stationed at RAF Chicksands, Bedfordshire, England, between 1950-1960. Sam Ciocco (1956-59) and wife, Patty, both of Latrobe; and Ron Pacy (55-58) and wife, Avis, of Monessen, PA, were hosts and hostesses for the superbly planned event, Sept 16-19, at the Wingate motel. On opening night, Latrobe mayor, Rosie Wolford, welcomed the group, learned of their USAFSS mission in the '50s and chatted with the attendees.

(Right) Chix reunioners who took basic training at Sampson AFB in Geneva, NY, in the early 50s, swap war stories and reminisce at the Latrobe gathering. Back row (left to right) Ernie Sistik of Latrobe, Ed Lindhurst, Prospect, NY; Larry Eisenberg, Pocono Pines, PA. Front row (left to right) Bob Snyder of Donellon, FL; Ron Pacy (host), Monessen, PA; Bill DiCindio, Watchung, NJ; Jim Dacy, Baltimore, MD. Sampson closed in '56 and is now a state park.



(Left) Chix reunion host, Sam Ciocco (with welcome sign) and (from left), Ted Costello of Orlando, FL; Bill Bryant, Tallassee, AL; Don Spangler, San Francisco, CA; Don Hill, Lillian, AL, and Latrobe Mayor, Rosie Wolford, chat in the Wingate Motel lobby.

In addition to the traditional tall tales, the group toured the Flight 93 crash site near Shanksville on 9/11, and the nearby Memorial Chapel, dedicated to crew; the Quecreek Mine disaster site and museum; the University of Pittsburgh's campus and the renown Heinz Chapel, and the downtown Veterans Memorial Museum. One memorable stop---especially for the group's duffers---was a visit with 86-year-old golf legend, Arnold Palmer at his Latrobe home-office, where he affably chatted with the group and posed for photographs. Especially fascinating was a tour of Palmer's warehouse, filled with priceless memorabilia gathered during his storied pro career. Friday evening's farewell banquet was served at the Arnold Palmer airport restaurant...where else? Before adjourning, the reunion held a memorial service for the 17 reunion attendees who have died since the first gathering in Annapolis MD in 1999. No decision was made concerning next year's reunion location. As soon as a venue is chosen, the word will go out. The USAFSS took over RAF Chicksands in 1950, and used the facility until it returned to British hands in the late 1990s, near the end of the Cold War.

Misawa "Hill Alumni" at 2014 MSOC Christmas Party

Posted by Cecil Hahn from Misawa (via SpokT)



Misawa Special Operations Center had their Holiday Party last night (Dec 12) and, has become the custom, they extended an invitation to the elderly who sometime in the past had called the Hill home. We had a good time. From left to right, Richard Masoner, Ron Stark (ASA), Joe Roginski, Cecil Hahn, Toby Finnelli, and Mrs. & Mr. Lee Martin.

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Richard Sacchetti
Charles Bishop (In Memory of Mike Gilroy)
Marc and Rachel Aldaz
Bob and Debbie Cope (In Memory of Bill Ballard)
Jerome Ring (In Memory of Jack Riedel)
SMSgt (Ret) Bill Buchsbaum, Jr. on behalf of:
San Antonio Okinawa Yuunaokai (IMO Robert Pfister)

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Bronze Partner \$ 250 - \$499// Patron Partner \$ 100 - \$249

Belated Report – Hakata Mini at Maplewood MO

Posted by Dave Bethard



(I got the following in an e-mail from Bill Spencer) On Thursday, 17 July 2014, five of us old guys got together at Applebee’s in Maplewood, Mo, for a brief dinner/get-together. A GREAT time was had by ALL. Old memories began to flow like fine wine. I have attached a picture of the event that you might want to post. (L-R) Bill Hacker, 202 Baker Flight 1966-1970; Sid Frazier, 202 Charlie Flight 1968-1970; Tom Muskopf, 202 Able Flight 1969-1971; Steve Melton, 292 Baker Flight 1969-1972; Bill Spencer, 202 Baker Flight 1963-1964 & Baker Flight 1968-1970. I’m not very good at attaching photos to E-mails. If this attempt at attaching photos works, I will be happy to send more photos of the event to you. //**Bill Spencer**//



It’s great to get together and tell all the good times we all had Hakata. Bill took a lot of pictures at the last Reunion which he thoughtfully shared with my wife and me. . . How many will come to Fairfield (Home of Travis AFB) CA and let me host a mini Reunion.// **Frederic Barnes**//



Yup. Looks like the Bill Hacker I knew ... trying to remember where I last worked with Bill. Sid!!!! Charlie Flight forever Sid!!!! I remember you! You got even more handsome and I got old.//**Joseph Gardewin**//

Mini-Reunion @ Chiang Mai Thailand, 4 Nov 2014

Recently, a USAFSS Misawa Mini-Reunion was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It may have been the smallest such reunion on record. From 30 Oct – 03 Nov 2014, every former USAFSS Misawa member known to reside within a 725-km radius gathered in Thailand to get re-acquainted and enjoy getting back in touch.



The total number of Misawa veterans known to reside within the above described area is two – and we had 100% attendance.

Bobby J. Witt (above L) and Rand Dorsey (R), both former members of Trick 2, 6989th RSM, had not seen each other since October 1964. A good time was had by all.

Belated Reunion Announcement

April 27 – May 3, 2015

40th Annual Fall of Saigon Party (FOSP)

Location: Naval Facility Trumbo Point, Key West, FL

POC: Joe Turney, 512-825-7290

Comment: Contact Navy Lodging 305-295-4400 or 877-628-9233 and mention group number 107047 ~ RV facilities available ~ come early and stay late.



HISTORY & MEMORIES



The Last ‘Grasp’ of Misawa’s FLR-9

Posted by Jim Kaus



This stunning photo was taken (Mid-Jan) by Cecil Hahn in Misawa, as the FLR-9 was being dismantled. Now, Elmendorf has the only one left.



A real true testimonial to how well it was built - over the course of 40+ years, it withstood a boatload of tremors, typhoons and several full blown earthquakes and it kept right on ticking. //Ron Marcoullier//



Satellite View of Skivvy Nine Hill 170

Posted by Randy Roby



37°05'14.59" N 127°02'39.22" E elev 133 ft



Randy, notice in this photo of the home of Skivvy Nine, the SLV-38 Antennas along with the trailers that housed the "Olympic Game" are missing. Other changes appear to be the building with the two domes, must have replaced the former Olympic Game Mission. It appears as if the old supply building is still there along with new parking inside the compound area. Doesn't appear to be a controlled "Entry Point" where the "Gate Shack" used to be just above the "Generator Building". A lot of changes since I departed there in 1981. // by **Harry Larrabee Sr (73-76)**//

Quote of the Day (Latin)



"Sic transit gloria mundi" = "Thus passes the glory of the world". Said when a great person passes away or said sarcastically when one who thought himself great passes.



A COMMENTARY Who are the 488th IS Airmen and what is their patch?

by Lt. Col. Tyler Morton
488th Intelligence Squadron Commander

10/7/2014 - **RAF MILDENHALL,
England** -- If you've been on RAF

Mildenhall long enough, you've seen the men and women of the 488th Intelligence Squadron and their renowned "Bat" patch, but have you ever wondered what these Airmen do and what their unit's patch signifies?

If you're unsure, that's okay, because for the majority of the squadron's existence no one talked about the unit or what it has accomplished.

The squadron grew up during the Cold War and its "bread-and-butter" was conducting sensitive reconnaissance operations to ensure the United States was prepared for potential threats. These missions were never discussed openly and only recently has limited information began to come out about what their predecessors - the Silent Warriors - accomplished during the Cold War.



Members of the 488th Intelligence Squadron board an RC-135 before conducting a sortie from RAF Mildenhall, England.
(Courtesy photo)

After first arriving as Detachment 1 of the 6985th Security Squadron in August 1970, the unit has had a continual presence at RAF Mildenhall. Over the past 44 years, the unit's designator has changed several times - emerging as the 488th Intelligence Squadron in October 1993 - but its foundational purpose has remained the same.

Today through the missions it conducts aboard RC-135U Combat Sent and RC-135V/W Rivet Joint aircraft, the squadron enables decision advantage for NATO, allied forces, national decision-makers, and tactical warfighters through the rapid delivery of highly perishable intelligence. The squadron's Airmen - which include aircrew, cyber specialists, maintainers and support personnel - have been involved in nearly every combat action of the last half century. In 2014 alone, the squadron's Airmen have a combined 5,300 deployed man-days and are consistently among the first to be sent forward when the nation's leaders need timely and actionable intelligence.

What about the 488th IS patch? What does it mean? The "Bat" patch is an essential piece of the squadron's legacy. It dates to the earliest days of Air Force airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance and ties the squadron's current Airmen to those who came before.

Following World War II, several airborne units were established to conduct ISR; one of these was the 6988th Radio Squadron Mobile at Yokota Air Base, Japan. The original 6988th RSM conducted missions on RB-29 and RB-50 aircraft - modified bombers specially configured for ISR. The RB-29 and RB-50 pilots referred to the back of the aircraft as the "cave" due to the dark conditions in which the intelligence personnel worked and began to call the aircrew "Bats."

The name stuck. The bat became part of the unit's official patch and members of the squadron are still referred to as "Bats." The seven rays in the background of the patch are also significant as they symbolize the seven "Bats" who perished in the unit's very first RB-50 mission on 10 Sep 1956. The rays remind squadron members of the sacrifices of our predecessors and highlight the dangers associated with conducting airborne operations.

The "Bats" of the 488th IS are proud of its heritage and are happy to be part of Team Mildenhall. We are here to serve, "By day or by night!"

Front Door to Operations in Bremerhaven Germany.



Place Taken: Bremerhaven Staging Area

Date Taken: Circa 1960



Go in the door, X2's ground floor on the left. X1's upstairs, 2nd floor. 1st floor, Orderly Room, Mail Room. Downstairs Snack Bar. //Jim Kaus//

Lest We Forget!!

(Abridged writing by Don Lehman)



In the mid-1960's USAFSS Command Headquarters announced that Security Service would have its very own (though short-lived) QC recognition effort called the **'BEAVER' Award Program**. Some were delighted to hear this until they learned the term was an acronym (**Be Ever Alert & Vigilant for Error Removal**) for a Department of Defense mandated "Zero-Defects" program. The Command played an important role in planning, budgeting, logistical and other support activities to implement this NSA directive. Three pins (bronze, silver and gold) were designed for presentation to 'winners' based on 30, 60 or 90 days or more of individual error-free performance. Some attached them to their green restricted area badge while others reportedly earned one pin upon returning from a 30-day TDY or leave of absence.

2146th Communications Group 1973

Posted by Merritt Barthel



All in the photo are in the 2146th Comm Group 1973 year book. The Korean is Mr. (nickname KIM because he use to have Kimchi for most of his lunches and clear out the office when he returned) Jung Tech Rep/coordinator with ROKAF M/W system, Me, TSgt Edward R. Smith. Many of the early Tech Control guys were cross trainees from other career fields, mostly radio types and quite a few from 293's in the AFSS who married foreign nationals. SSgt James R Multeri and Capt Roger L Edwards OIC.//**Paul Laffitte** //

Hakata, Japan Memory

Posted by Dave Bethard



Another great shot from the '62-'64 Charlie Flight era. This one shows the bowling team and the Charlie Flight emblem (first time we recall seeing this flight emblem was in these photos). Can only identify Jim Wetzel (seated/right side) and "Smiley" Lockart (back row/far left). //**Bill Francis**//

I.G. Farben Building, Darmstadt, Germany



(Above) I.G. Farben was the German company famous for making nerve gases and other chemical weapons. // **Curtis Lowe (62-64 T2)** //

Believe the European Security Region HQ was located in the Farben bldg. in the 60's. // **Chet Gulczynski** //



I worked in the basement of that three story building adjacent to the IG HochHaus in 1961-1964. Russian officers would visit the Army Liaison Office which was right next door to my office. At that time, we used IBM accounting machines, not computers. // **Jim Duffy(51-75)** //

Later it became the Abrams Building, home of US Army 5th Corps and various tenants. Now it's the Goethe Institute University.// **Les Duffin** //



Was TDY to the I G Farben Building in January 1971 for an NSA School on the AN/GSQ-53A Station Clock. I had the AN/GSQ-53 while attending the Intercept Technician Maintenance School at Goodfellow in 1966/67. Found the building to be very interesting, and the history even more so. Anyone remember the elevators used in the building? // **Harry Larrabee Sr (73-76)**

I got to Darmstadt just in time to spend 2 months at the I.G. Farben building TDY. The best part was the elevators. You learned to be quick to get on and off.



A Very Good Memory From 1983

Posted by Jim Kimmett



This picture was taken in the DIRNSA's Conference room on the occasion of my being awarded the first of three NSA Meritorious Civilian Service awards. I had just spent three years working out of NSA Europe, Patch Barracks in Stuttgart-Vaihingen (at EUCOM Headquarters) where I spent most of my time working

with all the US and German AF SIGINT sites. Spent a lot of time at Metro-Tango. My wife bought me a used Porsche 924 Turbo for my 44th birthday. One run from Ramstein to Patch, a distance of 110 miles was made in one hour and 10 minutes. And that includes driving from USAFE HQs to the autobahn, about 5 miles at 35 miles an hour. Ah, those were some great memories.

Original 6914th RSM Barracks

Posted by Merritt Barthel (A-59-62 & 71-73)

This was the squadron area for the 6914th RSM. This picture was



originally posted by Lynn Hebler. We moved from this location during the summer of 1956. I remember that place well. Bob Scheffel (Luigi) and I were all in the open bay at the far left end of the building. There were about ten of us. //Lynn Hebler//



MEMORIALS



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Compiled by Joe Figueroa, Associate Editor

- Aalvik, Douglas C., USAFSS-Vet.
- Allen, Celeste (Spouse of William “Bill” Allen – d. Aug 2014)
- Allison, Kenneth “Ron”, USAFSS-Vet.
- Arenivas, Jesus A., USAFSS-Vet.
- Bell, James “Jimmy”, CMSgt-USAF-Ret Awaiting Obit from Mrs. Bell
- Borak, Donald J., CMSgt-USAFSS-Vet

Binkley, Dean, Lt Col-USAF-Ret Life Mbr.
Canavey, John W., USAFSS-Vet.
Cobb, Cecil "Tye", CMSgt-USAF-Ret Life Mbr.
Connell, Joseph P., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Cooper, Bobby R., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Coulter, A.D., SMSgt-USAFSS-Vet.
Curtis, Leroy, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Dammeier, James W., USAFSS-Vet.
Daudert, Charles C., USAFSS-Vet.
De Cou, James Herbert "Jazz", USAFSS-Vet.
Dettmer, Paul Allen, Major General-USAF-Ret. **2013 Hall of Honor**
Dinkens, Bobby, MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Divers, Allen B., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Epperson, Charlie, USAFSS-Vet.
Friederich, Ronald R., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Gerry, Frank J. Jr., USAFSS-Vet Limited obit
Heil, George C. "Doc", USAFSS-Vet Limited obit
Hoar, Galen Eugene "Mike", USAFSS-Vet.
Irleck, Floyd, USAF-Ret.
Kalinowski, Raymond C., USAFSS-Vet.
Kanapaux, William Joseph Jr., USAFSS-Vet. **Life Mbr.**
Kenworthy, Michael J., SMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Kustelski, Thomas A., Lt Col-USAF-Ret.
Larson, Kim L, SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Life Mbr.**
Madden, Joe E., USAFSS-Vet.
McCarville, Charles A., USAFSS-Vet.
Miller, James R., USAFSS-Vet.
Miller, Roger G., USAFSS-Vet.
Moore, Earl **Life Mbr.**
Nauman, Barton J., MSgt-USAF-Ret.
Peach, Fred C., USAFSS-Vet.
Pfister, Robert G. SMSgt-USAF-Ret. **Mbr.**
Pfister, Chieko (Spouse Robert G. Pfister)
Purello, Alfred C. USAFSS-Vet.
Smith, James Ross, USAFSS-Vet. (Unable to locate obituary.)
Stone, Ronald, E., USAFSS-Vet.
Strickland, William, H., CMSgt-USAF-Ret.
Tapman, Thomas F., Colonel-USAF-Ret.
Thompson, Wayne W., USAFSS-Vet.
Zuppa, James J., USAFSS-Vet.



Douglas C. Aalvik, 72, died Oct 9 2014. Doug served with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany as a Morse intercept operator. When the 6913th Security Group was deactivated in 1967, Doug was assigned to Det 1 6950th Security Wing. After that, he was reassigned to the 6917th Security Group at San Vito, Italy where he completed his enlistment. //Obit – www.6913th.org///

I was in touch with Doug in June 2003. We had a great conversation, reminiscing about people we knew. Doug had such a great memory: he remembered not only the names, but home towns and other details of 24 of his friends there. In September 2006, Doug attended our 6913th/41st RSM/7011th PPS reunion at Las Vegas, Nevada. //Arlen Trapp//



Celeste B. Allen, 76, passed away Feb 2, 2015. She married William B. Allen, an Air Force linguist student at Goodfellow AFB, Dec 1962. Shortly after, a military assignment took the family to the Philippines and Taiwan where Celeste learned the challenges and joys of life as a military wife. Celeste was preceded in death her husband Bill and is survived by her daughters Jane and Maura. //Obit – **Johnson’s Funeral Home**// //Notified -- **FTVA Heritage Chapter Secretary**//



Kenneth “Ron” Allison, 73, died Dec 2, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth D. Allison, his son Kenneth E. Allison and his daughter Debra Allison Lewis and his step son Chris (Amy) Lemke. He is retired from IBM and is a veteran of the US Air Force. Ron was a 292 Morse Intercept Operator whose assignments include Hakata, Japan on “Daze” flight from 1961 to 1963.

//Obit – **Daily Sun, The Villages, FL**// //Notified – **Carol Farr**//



Jesus A. Arenivas, 86, passed away Nov 19, 2014. Mr. Arenivas is survived by his wife Socorro Arenivas; children, Priscilla Ramos, Vilma Sanchez, Patricia Arenivas, and Jesse Arenivas, Jr. Mr. Arenivas worked in Accounting and Finance at HQ USAFSS and follow-on organizations for many years. //Obit – San Antonio

Express News// //Notified – Jim Youngson//



CMSgt Jimmy Bell, passed away Dec 11, 2014.
* **Awaiting obituary from Mrs. Melanie Bell// (Will reprint in June issue if received.) Ed//Notified – Segundo Espinoza//**

A really great mentor and friend. Jimmy was a great AMS, an even better friend, and mentor. This world will not be better off with his passing. He was truly one of the good ones. //Ron Hack//

Thanks for being such a great mentor, supervisor, and friend. Rest in peace. //Vernon Lee//

Jimmy and I go back to Key West and every PCS after that and many TDY trips to Panama. He was my next door neighbor in S. Miami for 2 years. I am crushed. Our prayers to his family. Rico //Ruben Vasquez//

TSgt Jimmy Bell was my first trainer and mentor back in 1971. He like a brother until we left Omaha for Key West in 1974. Praying for him and his family. I honor his memory. RIP Jimmy.//Mike O’Connell//

First class all the way to a very well-deserved landing in our good Lord’s arms. RIP Hermano. //Segundo Espinoza//

Everyone who knew Jimmy Bell ultimately fell victim to his razor-sharp verbal shots, but also benefited from his tremendous intellect. No one ever outworked him. He was a guy who could do about anything well – linguist, AMS, code writer, electronics repairman, etc. //Lee Anthony//

A lot of us learned a lot from Jimmy. Prayers for his family and friends. Lost another legend today. //John Armintrout//



Lt Col Dean Binkley, 91, died Nov 26, 2014. He is survived by his wife Sammie, his daughters, Carolann Mahoney and husband Mick; Nini Hodges and husband Louis Hodges. He also has one son, Richard. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, Dean joined the Army Air Corps. When the war ended, he returned to Ohio State U. and met Sammie McAlister while he earned his Mathematic and Electrical Engineering degrees. They married after graduation and celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in August 2014. He retired after 20 years of active duty, including an assignment to the 6906th Electronic Scty Sqdn, Brooks AFB. He also served 19 years of civil service with the USAF. //Obit – SA Express News// **Bob Baert**//



CMSgt. (Ret.) Donald J. Borak, 80, passed away on January 31, 2015. Don was raised in Chaska, MN, then served in the USAF Security Service for the next 21 years as an Intelligence specialist. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal w/cluster among other honors. He had assignments to Scotland, Alaska, England, Japan, and Thailand before his retirement from Kelly AFB in San Antonio, TX in 1974. It was during an assignment to Scotland that he met and married his wife of 54 years, Sandra. They raised four children: Paul, Gary, Steven and Donna; and have five grandchildren After leaving the AF, Don earned his CLU and ChFC before becoming Regional Director for 3MARK Financial in Sugarland, TX and Area Life Consultant for Protective Life. A graveside service with Military Honors was held at Ft. Sam Houston on Feb 11. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. //Obit – SA Express News//**D. Rassmussen**//



John W. Canavey, 76 passed away on Apr 30, 2014. John was a USAF veteran who was assigned as a Morse Systems Operator to the Intelligence Division. His assignments include Hakata, Japan from 1958 to 1959. He was the loving father of Ronna Antonelli and the late Mark Blanchette. //Obit – Butterfield Home and Chapel// **Notified – Carol Farr**//



CMSgt Cecil “Tye” Cobb, 74, died Oct 20, 2014. Tye was a great personnel manager and First Sergeant to all the families involved, under arduous conditions, in a program of huge importance to the national security of the U.S. To my knowledge, all members received promotions and follow-on assignments of their choosing, due to Tye's behind-the-scenes efforts. After retirement, Tye served for many years in Command Security. He is survived by his wife Sheila. //Obit - **Bob Cope**//



SMSgt Joseph P. Connell, 83, passed away Jan 16, 2015. Beloved husband of Joyce for 63 years. He has three daughters, Debbie and (Dutch) Greve, Lisa Connell, Kathleen McDonald and a son David Connell. Pat was in the U. S. Air Force for twenty-two years, traveling all over the world with his family. His assignments include Darmstadt and Hof, Germany. In addition he was assigned to Crete. //Obit – **AJ Desmond and Sons Funeral Home**// //Notified – **Herb Romero**//

Joe and I were in the same intelligence organization in Germany and served flag and country side by side. He was one of the outstanding silent warriors of the cold war and a true professional. Joe was also my best friend and I will miss him. He was a great person, and I know he will be sorely missed by all who knew him throughout his long military career, he was that kind of man.//**Herb Romero**//



SMSgt Bobby R. Cooper, 69, passed away Nov 11, 2014. Mr. Cooper was born on May 19, 1945, in Memphis, Tennessee. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1965 where he served as 207X1 Morse Systems Operator around the world, to include assignments to Chicksands and Kelly Air Force Base, TX. While serving in the military, he graduated from Park College with a degree in finance. Bob retired from the Air Force in 1988, after serving for 22 years, and spent the next 13 years working for the civil service in San Antonio and Oklahoma City. He retired from the civil service in 2001. Bob leaves behind his wife of 49 years, Dottie Cooper, son Bobby Cooper and his wife, Rose Marie, daughter Debbie Hoover and her husband, Brent Hoover. //Obit – **Cox Funeral Homes**//



SMSgt Armond “Combat” De Los Coulter, age 82, passed away on Jul 12, 2014. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 26 years of dedicated service. He was a member of the Valley Hi Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. # 1407 and past Post Commander of Lackland VFW Post 9174. He is survived by his sons; Anthony and Steve. //Obit - **Sunset Northwest Funeral Home//BJ Cook//**



MSgt Leroy Curtis, 75, passed away Nov 1, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, J.J. Curtis, son Robbie Curtis (Tammy), and daughter Sandi Haege (Gregg). He joined the Air Force where he served in the 292X2 Non-Morse Intercept career specialty. His assignments included Keesler AFB, Wakkana AS, Elmendorf AFB, European Security Region, Karamursel AS, and HQ USAFSS (Twice). He retired from the Air Force after 20 years. //Obit – **Cox Funeral Homes// //Notified – Ronald Ostrom//**



James W. Dammeier, 69, passed away Jul 21, 2014. He enlisted in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. His assignments included Bremerhaven, Germany, where he was assigned to the 6913th Electronic Security Group as a non-Morse intercept operator from 1964 to 1966. Jim was transferred from Bremerhaven to San Vito, Italy to complete his four-year enlistment in 1967. James retired from the US Postal Service. He is survived by his wife Sharon; and sons Jeremy and Justin. //Obit – **Melton Funeral Homes// //Notified – Arlen Trapp//**



SSgt Charles C. Daudert, 78, died Nov 25, 2013. Chuck served in the US Air Force Intelligence Service. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol; children Gwendolyn, Conarton, Renee, and Charles Scott; step-children Catherine Bonnes and Gregory Peterson . //Obit – **Kalamazoo Gazette//**

SSgt Daudert served in the U.S. Air force Intelligence Service at Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th RSM from 1955-59 on Charlie Flight. He possessed the winning combination of intense intelligence, charm and witty sense of humor and was adored by many, family and friends alike. His contagious smile and enviable hair leave a picture in the minds of his loved ones never to be forgotten. [//www.6913th.org//](http://www.6913th.org//)



James Herbert “Jazz” De Cou, 85, Jul 31 2014. He attended Stanford University in 1950 then served in the Air Force prior to joining the Foreign Service as a career diplomat. Over a twenty-five year diplomatic career, he served in Afghanistan; Rhodesia; Honduras; Laos; Vietnam; Martinique; Canada; Upper Volta; and Cameroon. In addition to his wife of 27 years, Irene, he leaves behind three children; Claire; Mike; and Jack. [//Obit – Fairfax Times//](http://www.fairfaxtimes.com)

After Russian language training school, he was assigned to the 41st RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany. (Squadron was re-designated the 6913th RSM during his tour). He served as a voice intercept operator/supervisor on Charlie Trick from Jan 1954 until early 1956. [//www.6913th.org//](http://www.6913th.org//)



Vilma D. Deal, 77, died Jan 26, 2015. Vilma is preceded in her death by her husband of 58 years, William "Bill" C. Deal, an Air Force Veteran of 27 years. Bill served several tours of duty overseas to include Pakistan, Turkey and England. It was at his tour in Chicksands, England that

Bill met and married Vilma in 1956. She is survived by her son Robert and daughter Sherry. [//Obit – Express News//](http://www.expressnews.com) [//Notified – Jim Youngson](http://www.jimyoungson.com)



Major General Paul Allen Dettmer, age 59, died on Dec 29, 2014. Born on Oct 6, 1955 in Bakersfield, California. A 1977 graduate with honors of the USAF Academy, with a degree in Biological Sciences. Served 33 years in the USAF, retiring as a Major General. He served in critical leadership positions in Korea,

Germany, Panama, and many other locations over his distinguished career. Maj Gen Dettmer retired in 2010 as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), HQ USAF, The Pentagon. During this tour, he played a key leadership role in the development and fielding of the MC-12W Project Liberty program, a unique non-traditional ISR reconnaissance asset needed for protection of U.S. and allied forces engaged in the global war on terrorism. While Director of Intelligence at HQ, USAF in Europe immediately following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States, he spearheaded the development and fielding of critical intelligence systems supporting U.S. military operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Maj Gen Dettmer achieved recognition as a leader in military intelligence, particularly in airborne ISR operations. Early in his career, he was hand-picked to establish a new airborne detachment for military intelligence supporting ISR missions in Central and South America. Paul held a variety of other key intelligence leadership positions, including Intelligence Assessments Division Chief in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Director of the Tactical Signals Intelligence Program Office for the National Security Agency; and the Vice Director of Intelligence, Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he was responsible for the daily intelligence briefing to the Secretary of Defense and key Pentagon staff. Gen Dettmer also commanded the 27th Air Intelligence Squadron at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; the 607th Air Intelligence Group at Osan Air Base, South Korea; and the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Florida. He was a highly respected Commander who always put the welfare of his people first. He married the former Catherine Marie Brucia in 1992. **After his retirement from military service, he was recognized in September 2013 as an inductee to the Freedom through Vigilance Association Hall of Honor.** Survivors include his loving wife, Cathy, and two children Ali and Andrew. //Obit – Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home//

One of the finest officers/persons I've ever met. Two of my more impressionable moments were with Chief Bell and then Capt Dettmer in Panama. Words just seem so inadequate at a time like this. RIP Paul. You were a good friend, a great example and inspiration. Thank you. **//Dennis Hogue//**

It was an honor and a privilege to represent MKs at Paul's viewing. The place was overflowing with people that came to pay their respects to the family. I was humbled by their appreciation for the honor that was paid to Paul in October at our reunion. I talked to both his brothers and his sister and they said that it meant a lot to him. I know it involved many people but I want to thank both of you for getting that done for someone who as a young Capt in Panama demonstrated the type of leadership MKs as well as the rest of the Air Force got to serve with. Again, thanks and I know that Paul will be remembered always by many. God bless and take care. **//Eddie Perez//**

He was a true friend to many of us. He was the first Commander of the 6994th Detachment 1 at Howard AFB in Panama. He is loved by the MK's and we got to say our goodbye's to him at our last Reunion. **//John Armintrout//**



MSgt Bobby Dinkens, 73, passed away on Dec 3, 2013. The son of a Veteran, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1958 and completed the Morse Intercept Operator Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi by Mid-1959. His first overseas assignment was in the Philippines, and later as a Radio-Finger Printer Analyst (RFP) from 1960 to 1963 at Bremerhaven, Germany. Bobby went to Vietnam and retired in 1978 at Offutt AFB. Bobby is survived by his wife LaSonja (Philmon) Dinkens; and his daughter Robin Dinkens. **//Obit – Omaha World News Heral//**
//Notified – Arlen Trapp//

Really sorry to hear about Bobby D's passing. He was a real mentor to me in Bremerhaven, as a rookie, during my first overseas tour in USAFSS. I trained under Andy Nix on Able Flt. as a RFP Op, then was selected to replace Bobby D. as a RFP Analyst on days. He was a great guy. He will be truly missed. R.I.P. **//Jay Johnson//**



MSgt Allen B. Divers, age 78, passed away on Sunday, Oct 5, 2014. Al was a Master Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force, a Vietnam War Veteran, and a retired employee of Lockheed Martin. His military service included assignments as a 203XX Linguist assigned to Hakata, Japan and two tours in Misawa, Japan from 1957-1958 and 1960-1962. He is survived by his son William (DeAnn) and was preceded in death by his beloved wife Kimiko Divers. //Obit – Paul Eastern Mortuary// //Notified – Carol Farr//



Charlie Epperson, 71, died on Dec 1, 2014. He married Silvina Kasztelanski on August 3, 1984 in Vaihingen, Germany. She survives. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a Russian Linguist for the USAFSS. His military assignments include Crete and Hof, Germany. After his military service he worked at the NSA and L-3 Company. He is survived by his wife Silvina; sons, Benjamin and Jon; and daughter, Victoria. //Obit – Herald Banner// //Notified – Bob Cope//



MSgt Ronald R. Friederich, 71, passed away Nov 23, 2014. He served with the National Guard and then enlisted in USAF where he served as a 207X1 Morse Systems Operator. His assignments include Okinawa Japan, Vietnam (6994th ESS), Alaska (6985th ESS), and Nebraska (6949th ESS). He retired with 20 years of service from Offutt AFB. After his service, he was employed with the U.S. Postal Service for 29 years. He is survived by his wife, Laureen; children, Raymond A. Friedrich (Jennifer), and Michael D. Friederich. //Obit –Chanute Tribune & Omaha World Herald// //Notified – Benny Spear//



Frank J. Gerry Jr, 93, died Apr 22, 2014. Frank was an 8031 while stationed at Hakata, Japan on Days during 1958 to 1961. //No Obit Available// //Notified – Carol Farr @ 6918th Website//



George C. (Doc) Heil, 73, died on Dec 11, 2014. George served in the 202XX Intelligence Operations and Targeting career field. His assignments include Misawa, Japan from 1963 to 1965 and Hakata, Japan from 1967 to 1969 //No Obit Available// //Notified – Carol Farr @

6918th Website//



Galen Eugene "Mike" Hoar, 78, passed away Dec 19, 2014. After high school, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served his country during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Mike served overseas, including Tan Son Nhut from 1966 to 1967. He retired from the Air Force in 1974 while stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, NE. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post in Bellevue, NE. Mike is survived by Lois Sharp. //Obit – Roy Funeral Home// //Notified – Bob Cope//



Floyd Irlbeck, 73, died May 2, 2014. Floyd served in USAFSS with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1959 to 1962. He was very involved in the American Legion and the Honor Guard Post 370 in Overland Park, KS. He is survived by his wife Carol Irlbeck; two daughters, Renee (Ron) Haines and Jennifer Irlbeck; and one son, Mark. //Obit – Overland Park Funeral & www.6913th.org//



Raymond C. Kalinowski, 72, passed away Aug 17, 2014. He served four years in USAFSS (Bremerhaven, Germany), Ray then worked at the Office of Naval Intelligence as a Special Agent in San Francisco for a year before being transferred to the United States Secret Service as a Special Agent in Connecticut. He was selected to serve with the Presidential Protective Division at the White House during the Nixon administration. Ray accompanied President Nixon in the historic 1972 visit to China along with other global assignments. Ray is survived by his wife of 46 years Sandi. //Obit – Biega Funeral Home//

Ray was at Bremerhaven, Germany from 1960 to 1963 on Baker Flight. He served (2003-2009) as State Representative in Connecticut and a member of the Environment, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety and Security committees //www.6913th.org//



William Joseph Kanapaux Jr., 76, passed away Nov 3, 2014. After high school, joined the AF and attended Korean at the Yale University's Institute of Far Eastern Languages. He served a year in South Korea with USAFSS and completed his service at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. After a stint with IBM in Cleveland, Ohio, he returned to Charleston to work

for Avco Corp. and then as a systems analyst at the Medical University of South Carolina. In addition to his wife, he is survived by five children: William III (Regina Bures), Margaret, Theresa M. (Ralf Ingwersen), Kelly P.), and Michelle K. Pio (Mick). //Obit – **The Post and Courier**// **Steve Mobry**//



SMSgt Michael J Kenworthy, 58, passed away Nov 7, 2014. Michael is survived by his wife Debbie; two sons Justin and Chris; and daughter-in-law Tiffany. He was the Executive Director of IT at Rio Rancho Public Schools and dedicated 38 years of his life to the United States Air Force and Federal Government. His assignments include the 6918th Electronic Security Squadron at Sembach AB, Germany where he served as the Chief Clerk from 1980 to 1982. //Obit – **Albuquerque Journal**// //Notified – **Pete Chamlee**//



Lt. Col. Thomas A. Kustelski, 82, died Jan 30, 2015. Tom served in the Air Force for 25 years. His assignments include Germany, Turkey and Thailand during the Vietnam War as well as San Antonio. He in 1979. Tom leaves behind sons Anthony, Joseph, James, Steven, and Thomas;

daughters, Susan, Julie, Mary, and Jane. //Obit – **Sunset Northwest Funeral Home**// //Notified – **Jim Youngson**//



SMSgt. Kim L. Larson, 79, died Nov 4, 2014 He is survived by his wife Judith A. Larson; and daughters, Dawna Larson (Jim May) and Pamela Frost; step-children, Kelli Burke (Robert), Scott Sherrill (Sara) and Michael Sherrill. Kim was a decorated Vietnam War veteran. He was assigned to the 6994th ESS, Saigon in 1971. He was also assigned to the Cryptologic Support Group, (CSG) USAFE from 1974 to 1976. In that position, he was the primary source of intelligence to HQ USAFE on East European matters and coordination with 6912th ESS. **//Obit – Porter Loring Mortuary North//**

Kim was an analyst among analysts, one of the very best. I first met him in Saigon at the 6994th in 1971. I again had the pleasure of working with him at the Cryptologic Support Group, (CSG) USAFE from 1974 to 1976. Another superb performer who shunned the limelight but who ranks very high among our honored numbers. **//Gary Belcher//**



Joe E. Madden, 75, died Mar 17, 2014. Joe is survived by his wife Geraldine E. Madden, his daughters Adrienne and Angela. Joe was a morse intercept operator on Charlie Flight with the 6918th in Hakata, Japan during 1962 to 1964. **//Obit – Porter Loring Mortuary North// //Notified – Carol Farr//**



Charles Athanasius “Chuck” “Mac” McCarville, 80, passed on Dec 30, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Janet (Lewis), and sons Michael (Kelly), Charles C, Robert, and daughter Mary Margaret. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in the Korean

War. **//Obit – Newcomer Funeral Homes//**

Chuck served in the USAFSS at Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th RSM on Charlie Trick from 1954 to 1957. 'Mac' was the Chairman of the 6013th RSM Reunion in 2002 at Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. I can't remember another Reunion where we laughed so much. When they announced the evening's entertainment, we had no idea it was really Mac and Jan. What fun! [//www.6913th.org//](http://www.6913th.org//)



James R. Miller, 74, passed away Oct 30, 2014. In 1969, he met and married Maria, while he was stationed here with the Security Service Group at Security Hill. During his career, Jim was stationed in Germany, Greece, Misawa and Goodfellow. Jim and Maria

belonged to the Defense Language Institute Amigo Program at Lackland. Jim is survived by his wife of 44 years, Maria. **//Obit – Express News//**



Roger Gale Miller, 64, died on Nov 16, 2014. He was co-owner of Gisi Oil and worked as a sales representative for Dexter Ready Mix. He served in USAFSS as a 202XX on “Dawg” flight in Hakata, Japan from 1970 to 1971. On July 26, 1969, he married Susan Jean Gisi. She preceded him in death on May 10, 1998.

He was then united in marriage to Nancy Lemke Saladine on May 29, 1999. Besides his wife Nancy, he is survived by two children and two step-children. **//Obit – Mathis Funeral Home// // Carol Farr//**



Earl Moore, 79, died Jan 13, 2014. Earl was a USAFSS Romanian Linguist. He studied at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY where he met his wife Jeanne. They married in 1956. He joined the 6911th RG at Darmstadt in July 1956 before transferring to Rhine Main. He and Jeanne

were friends of the aircrew lost over Armenia. After his 4-year enlistment, he attended Iowa State College. Survived by his wife Jeanne; children Donald and Candace. **//Obit – Jeanne Moore// Bob Baert//**

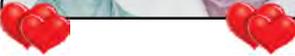


MSgt Barton J. Nauman, 72, passed away Oct 30, 2014. Barton served in the Air Force as a 207X1 for 24 years. His assignments include the 6994th ESS Viet Nam and Thailand. He is survived by his wife, Joan, of La Vista, NE; son, Ray Bart of Mt. Vernon, WA; and ex-wife, Judith, of La Vista, NE. //Obit – Omaha World Herald//
//Notified – Benny Spear//

MSgt Robert G. Pfister passed away on Nov 1, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Chieko, who passed on only two months earlier. Robert retired from the US Air Force in 1991 after nearly 27 years. He flew in support of Southeast Asia combat operations aboard EC-47 Missions: PHYLLIS ANN, RC-135M COMBAT APPLE, C-130B-II COMMANDO LANCE, and EC-121 COLLEGE EYE platforms. After Southeast Asia, he flew missions on the RC-135 RIVET JOINT in the



western Pacific. He was stationed in Japan, Viet Nam, and Okinawa. His stateside assignments included California and Texas. After the military, Robert worked in San Antonio for ACE MART Restaurant Supply from 1993 to 2011.



Chieko Pfister, 69, died Aug. 17, 2014. She was raised on Okinawa, Japan where she met and married Robert G. Pfister in 1974. They had assignments to Wichita Falls, Texas, Sacramento, California, Okinawa, Japan and finally settled in San Antonio, in 1989. She was a loving, caring

person who touched the lives of many friends. //Obit – Express News//
//Notified - Bill Sheck//

I don't really know what to say! Worked with him. He and Chieko traveled around together with my ex-wife and I to various golf tournaments around the SA area. He was a character, and will be missed! He is in a better place with Chieko. //Wayne Wheeler e-mail//
//Ed Note: There were just too many on-line tributes to Bob and Chieko to include here. Bill Sheck and Dave Domyancic provided substantial, caring support for Bob during this difficult time.//



Fred C. Peach, 86, passed away Aug 20, 2014. Fred served in the Air Force as a 292X on “Charlie” flight with the 6918th RMS/SS in Hakata, Japan from 1960 to 1964. He retired from the Air Force after 20 years and then worked for the California Schools Department for 15

years. He is survived by his wife, Martha June (Wolven) Peach; his daughters, Carol Peach and Alice Rogers; and step son, David Nance.

//Obit – Goodwin Funeral Home// //Notified – Carol Farr//



Captain Alfred C. Purello, 86, Died Apr 6 2014. He attended West Virginia University, where he was considered by his peers as one of their very best athletes. He was inducted into the W. Virginia University Athletic Hall of Fame in Oct of 2012. After graduation, he served as an officer in the USAFSS and was stationed

in Bremerhaven, Germany. He is survived by his loving wife, Christa, son Kurtis, and daughter Karin. **//Obit – McVeigh Funeral Home//**

At Bremerhaven, Al (his nickname was “Yankee”) was initially assigned as Ass’t OIC of Mission Evaluation & Control. In 1955 he served as OIC of the Mission Evaluation Unit then on 2 July 1956 was reassigned to Able Trick as Ass’t Flight Commander. **//Arlen Trapp//**



James Ross Smith, died on Nov 4, 2014. Unable to locate obituary. **//Notified – Jim Youngson//**



Ronald E. Stone, 69, died Nov 3, 2014. He is survived by his son, Cory and wife, Megan. Ron was a 292XX on “Baker” flight with the 6918th RMS/SS in Hakata, Japan from 1965 to 1969. **//Obit – Kansas City Star// //Notified – Carol Farr//**



CMSgt William 'Bill' H. Strickland, 79, passed away Dec 25, 2014 in Austin, Tx after a long battle with complications from Diabetes. Bill entered USAFSS as a Communications Specialist and continued in the computer operations field. He retired from the AF after 32 years of service around the world. He retired from Dell Computers before performing volunteer service with South Austin Hospital. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Myong and one son, Steven. //Obit – Mission Funeral Home// //Son - Steve Strickland//



Colonel Thomas F. Tapman, 82, died Dec 26, 2014. Mr. Tapman retired from the United States Air Force after more than 30 years of service. His assignment include the DCS Plans & Programs, Electronic Security Command Kelly AFB, from Aug 1977 to Jul 1980. He is survived by his wife Charlene Tapman of Belton, one son Thomas Trewitt Tapman of San Antonio and one daughter Tamara Ann Tapman of San Antonio. //Obit – Temple Daily Telegram// //Notified – Charles Millsap//



Wayne William Thompson, 68, passed away on Sep 9, 2014. He worked in Civil Service on Security Hill at Kelly Air Force Base and retired from Lackland after 34 years of service. He is survived by his wife Pamela Crane Thompson of 47 years, sons, Douglas William (Jennifer), Bobby Wayne, and Bruce Scott Thompson (Liz). //Obit – Express News// //Notified - Jim Stephens//



James J. Zuppa, 92, died Nov 20, 2013. James and **Beatrice Zuppa**, were sweethearts. Separated during WWII, they finally married in 1967, and died within two days of one another. She was 88. Surviving them are Bea's children, Stephen Veurink and Julie Whitten. //Obit – Grand Rapids Press// Jim was a 203 while stationed at Hakata from 1959 to 1961. //Carol Farr//



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CHRISTMAS IN THE DESERT

From: **Ron Hentz**

Re: Christmas in the Desert

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

Cheers, Ron

New EC-47 Website

From: **Tom Nurre**

Re: EC-47 Website

Please take a look. Our new www.ec47.com website is up and running. Emphasis has been to develop a new homepage, save all the old website files. Much of J.C.'s "legacy" site that survived is preserved on the new site. Certainly better than some others we've seen! There is already considerable new information on this website that young and old will find interesting. The FTVA BOD funded the website rejuvenation and maintenance costs for the first year and credits to FTVA are on the new homepage.

Best, Tom

Thank You Note

From: **Wayne Tallant**

Re: Recognition by FTVA BOD

A great big "Thank You" for the gift card and your thoughtfulness. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve with all of you and certainly appreciate the hard work you do for our members - your efforts are not in vain. The FTVA RIT Publication is a labor of love and it was my pleasure to be able to contribute to its' success - Rass - thank you for inviting me on-board.

Wayne

United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) run by the World Food Program (WFP) in Brindisi.

Submitted by Bob Burns (6917 RGM 65-66)

BRINDISI, Italy (Posted June 17, 2014 by OnuItalia in Brindisi)

– New facilities have been opened to extend and boost humanitarian emergency response operations by the United Nations run by the World Food Programme (WFP) in Brindisi. The facilities occupy an area made available to the Italian Government inside the former **United States Air Force (USAF) base at San Vito dei Normanni.**

The opening ceremony was attended by the WFP's Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, and the Director General of Italian Development Cooperation, Giampaolo Cantini, along with representatives of other authorities at the national and local level. The new agreement further strengthens Italy's support for the network of Humanitarian Response Depots in the context of changing international scenarios, taking into consideration the effectiveness and speed of response in recent years. The efficacy of humanitarian initiatives originating from Brindisi is illustrated by the recent intervention in the Central African Republic, assistance for the Syrian population and, in May, by 9 flights sent to help the people of Serbia and Bosnia so badly affected by the serious floods.

This year, Italy has invested about 4 million euros in the Brindisi base (2 million in direct funding and 1.9 million for Italian Development Cooperation operations). 15 humanitarian missions by land, sea or air were conducted in 2013 and 8 in the first 5 months of 2014. The new facilities at San Vito dei Normanni, covering about 150,000 square meters, will boost overall capacity thanks to a new training center, ample storage space for emergency supplies, and new coordination offices. It will now be possible to return the area occupied to date by UNHRD to the Ministry of Defense, with the exception of a storage area for air operations materials.

The new facilities at San Vito will provide storage for emergency response equipment and essential supplies such as food products to prevent and treatment malnutrition, medicines and other medical supplies, and equipment and supplies to help people affected by natural disasters, or refugees and displaced persons from conflict zones. Since 2012, 13 partners have used the base itself or store their humanitarian response stocks in Brindisi.

Visitors to FTVA.Org

From: **Eric Ogren** @ lumberjack83@yahoo.com

Unit: 93rd IS

Comment: Hi everybody, my first assignment in ESC was 6922 ESS in the FLR-9 shop which merged with Radio Maintenance. I was there from July '90 to Jun '91 when we were evacuated due to the eruption of Mt Pinatubo. I then went to the 93rd IS (Medina Annex, Lackland, where I was in the Radio shop '91-'95). I'm looking forward to hearing from former coworkers.



From: **Fred Raymond** @ volleycoachfred@att.net

Unit: 6918th Hakata, Japan

Comment: Fred "RG" Raymond - Charlie Flight, 68 - 72, 29251, Rm8. If you recognize my name feel free to contact me. I have news about the unit and current reunion plans.



From: **Jerry Ferrell** @ jerryd5000@yahoo.com

Unit: Shu Lin Kou

Comment: I was assigned to Shu Lin Kou from 1962-1963. I played on the Linko Stars football and softball teams. Anyone on those teams send me a line or two about your times there.



After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good, it stood over the carcass and gave out a strong roar of satisfaction. Shortly afterwards, a hunter who heard the roar, came along and shot it.

The moral of this story is:

“When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.”



Then and Now



CMSgt Patrick Pasley USAFSS 1953 - 79

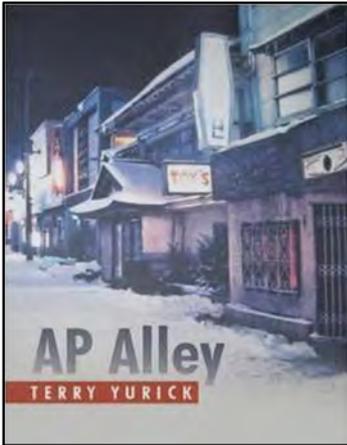


Pat entered the Air Force ready to explore the world outside his small Pennsylvania farm community. Beginning his career as a COMSEC operator at Brooks AFB, TX, he finished it 26 years later just a few miles away at Kelly's Security Hill. His career was marked with many challenging and rewarding assignments such as being in a Captain's slot while a MSgt and in a CMSgt Operations Superintendent position as a TSgt. While most of his career was spent in his beloved USAFSS, he also was in charge of unit Training with Strategic Air Command for a time. He developed such a unique and successful training program that SAC Command brass subsequently required that all newcomers assigned to certain communications operations first complete his program. With that success, the program was expanded to include re-trainees of all grades. Training administration was truly in his blood. Eventually, Pat was selected and excelled as an instructor at the USAFSS NCO Academy at Goodfellow AFB, TX. In the early 1970's, he was transferred from the Philippines to Misawa where he was promoted to CMSgt. Facing challenging personnel issues, and believing that most unit problems are "fixable", Pat established two classified Professional Development Courses, utilizing personal development techniques he had learned from his earlier experiences. A dramatic change came over Misawa's Operations Division, and as time passed, with the capable assistance of then MSgt Ed Bendinelli, a modified, unclassified version of this course was presented for college credit on main-base Misawa as well. Pat's final assignment was that of Senior Enlisted Advisor under Col. David Hunt at the 6960th Security Squadron where six units, including HQ USAFSS, fell under his purview. A side benefit of Pat's career evolved in faraway Peshawar, Pakistan, where he enjoyed his first experience as choir director at the Base Chapel. He then led choirs at churches and base chapels in every assignment from that time on. Pat and Kitty, his bride of 57 years, still keep busy with church activities and a home business. Their joy is found in, as Pat states, "serving God through serving others."



“AP Alley”

Posted by George ‘Granny’ Welch



Some of you may remember Gary Dunham, who worked with Terry Yurick on Trick Two ('66-'68) and Ray Parker who had his own experiences with those EC-47s about which Terry writes so knowledgeably in his new book “AP Alley”, warned me that once I started reading this book I wouldn’t be able to put it down. Well, they were right — I lost a night’s sleep (and part of another one) but I read it cover to cover over a couple of days. The cover, incidentally, is a reproduction of Misawa veteran Dan Riss’ great photo of the Alley by night.

“AP Alley” is a fictional book but based very strongly on author Yurick’s Jul66-Jul68 tour in Misawa and his subsequent tour (Nov68-Oct69) in Pleiku, Vietnam. If you served in Misawa or Vietnam or both, “AP Alley” may relate to your experiences.

<http://www.amazon.com/AP-Alley-Terry-Yurick/dp/1483407128>



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