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The President's Corner

Fellow Silent Warriors,

By looking at our website, Emails, Facebook and other social media, sounds like we're going to have a good crowd at the upcoming Anniversary activities...the more the merrier. We will sit down with the new 25th AF/CC this month and will go over all the details for the 3 days of events coming up in Sept. If you haven't sent in your golf reservation and for your banquet tickets, do so soon. It should be another memorable occasion.

The FTVA was well represented at (now) Lt-Gen Shanahan's going away luncheon, Change of Command and promotion ceremony. We presented the Shanahan's a copy of a check that we had sent The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund in their name. The General and Laura have been advocates, friends and marketers for the FTVA over the last two years. Additionally at the Change of Command, it was great to hear General "Hawk" Carlisle talk about the history of USAFSS, ESC, etc. over the years until the present date 25th AF. The history of the units were brought to life during his speech. The new commander of 25th AF, Maj Gen B.J. Shwedo is now firmly in the seat and receiving the proverbial fire-hose from his staff and his six Wings. He is an intelligence officer with a variety of assignments and expertise, plus extensive cyber knowledge.

We also made a presentation during the recent retirement of a friend and an important FTVA Board member Mr. Ken Williams. Ken and Sheila have been stalwarts in support of virtually every FTVA function over many, many years. Luckily for us, he is maintaining his important Board job. So when you see him, please congratulate him and Sheila on another milestone in their lives.

Our good friend Bernie Gavin has started up his third FTVA Chapter, this time in San Antonio..."The Alamo Chapter". He has a great group of supporting chapter officers and cast members. So, if anyone wants a new Chapter in his/her area, give Bernie a call...he's the man. It is also good to see the reinvigoration of the National Capital Region Chapter. It is especially good to see both the retired personnel and active duty getting involved from the beginning. Getting the interest and support of the active

duty and recently retired is extremely important to ensure we continue to get an infusion of new blood in our association.

Before I close, I want to personally thank Rass and his newsletter team plus Bob Baert with our Web & Membership responsibility...both are continuing to do a magnificent job. And if you haven't seen this newsletter on-line, you should because it is a superb product.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming anniversary activities, 24-26 Sept. Invite your flight & crew mates to join the FTVA and join in the festivities. If you're not there, you know you will be the brunt of the war stories. :-)

And as always...Remain in Touch!

Ron



Hi again,
As you read through this issue, you'll find some aspects of the magazine continue to evolve. This time around, I say THANKS to many of you who personally contributed to September's RIT. We do our best to "answer your mail", but sometimes the clock beats

me to the punch. Thanks again for your participation in this publication. Hope you enjoy the read and look forward to seein' y'all at the annual reunion!

Sincerely,



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Letters To The Editor

Mar 27, 2015

Mr. Dennis Rassmussen, FTVA Remain In Touch Editor.

Greetings, I am the editor of the Naval Cryptologic Veteran's Association publication called the CRYPTOLOG. I receive each issue of your newsletter, read and enjoy them, and then forward to our assistant editor, Jay Browne, in Pensacola, Florida. We are interested in possibly using the photo of the Misawa FLR-9 array in an upcoming issue of the CRYPTOLOG and are asking permission to use it. Jay and I might also want to use one or more stories from the issue or possibly in the future and being a "new editor" I am not sure about how to ask for permission for each and every article. Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you.

Keith Barton CTO1 US Navy (Ret) 1971 to 81

March 31, 2015

Hi Rass – Hope all is well with you and keep up the good work. Guess you won't make it to the 6918th Reunion the end of Sept. because of being busy for FTVA annual reunion. Reference: The IG Farben Building - RIT Page 44 FTVA Vol. XXXIV No.1, March 2015. It was built from 1928 to 1930 as the corporate headquarters of the IG Farben conglomerate in Frankfurt a.m. Main, Germany. On its completion, the complex was the largest office building in Europe and remained so until the 1950's. I worked in the IG Farben Building from 1967 - 1971 at NSA Office Germany on the 4th floor. In America, it would be the 5th floor as the ground floor, or the 1st floor, was called Erdeschoss. On the east end of the building, on the 4th floor, was European Security Service Hq. In the center section of the 4th floor was NSA Office Germany and on the west end of the same floor was European Army Security Service Hq. The IG Farben Building was notable for its paternoster elevators.

Fred Barnes



Posted by Danny Prichard//June 5//Facebook//

I just received and read the latest issue of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's Newsletter. I was happy to see photos of so many familiar faces, especially all of my friends who claim San Antonio and the surrounding areas as home. Special thanks to Ron Haygood, Andy Smith, Lee Anthony, Bob Cope, Ted Colquhoun, and all others who do so much to keep this great organization going. You have no idea how much it means to those of us who live outside the San Antonio area. It makes me feel like I'm still part of the family. My favorite photo was of Jesse Greene, Pattie Pollio Hartnett, and Daniel C Hartnett Jr. Of course, that had much more to do with Pattie and very little to do with Jesse and Dan. And the scariest photo was that of Ken Maynard, Ken Gendolfe, and Okey Warden standing together. All I could think was "Well that's a bucket full of trouble."! Thanks again friends. I miss you all.

Membership Corner

Fallen Eagles List: The web master does not maintain the Fallen Eagles list. All the web master does is post it to the site when received. Questions on missing names should be addressed to the FallenEagles@ftva.org.

Annual Membership Cards: We normally bulk mail member's annual membership cards out in late February.

If you have any questions, please either use the form on the web site (<http://www.ftva.us/newForms/webinfo.cfm>) or send us a letter.

Bob Baert

Membership Chair and Webmaster
(webadm@ftva.org)

FTVA Vigilant Partner Program

Reminder: Mark Hess has volunteered to serve as POC for our Vigilant Partners program: for more info ph 210-380-6328

Annual 2015 FTVA Officer Elections

Ron Haygood and Andy Smith have accepted re-nomination to serve as your President and Vice President respectively for the upcoming 2016-2018 term.



Ron



Andy



FTVA Hall of Honor Nominations



The Hall of Honor selection committee takes great pleasure in announcing this year’s selections for induction into the Hall of Honor at the 26 Sep 2015 induction ceremony. The following Hall of Honor members comprised this year’s selection committee: Brig Gen Grover Jackson - USAF Ret; Col Bob Cope – USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Crabtree – USAF Ret; CMSgt Ed Jolly – USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Egger – USAF Ret; CMSgt Marco Aldaz – USAF Ret; CMSgt Edward Barnes - USAF Ret; and SMSgt Lee Anthony – USAF Ret.

On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for induction into the FTVA Hall of Honor for 2015:

- Col Joseph Hurst, USAF (Ret)**
- Col Margaret J. Czapiewski, USAF (Ret)**
- CMSgt Kevin G. Slater, USAF (Ret)**
- SMSgt Robert W. Lantz, USAF (Ret/Deceased)**

Thank you and Remain In Touch.

A.J. Harrison, Hall of Honor Program Chair

25th AIR FORCE NEWS



Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

QUARTER CENTURY: RIVET JOINT CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY BEING “ON THE HUNT”

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar - Airmen from the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron here reached an historic milestone Aug. 8 as their airframe, the RC-135V/W Rivet Joint, celebrated 25 years of continuous service in the U.S. Central Command’s area of responsibility.



Members from the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron exit an RC-135 Rivet Joint surveillance aircraft July 24, 2015 at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. The RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft has maintained a constant presence in Southwest Asia since the early 1990s. The aircraft and crew are deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom’s Sentinel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Rasheen Douglas)

“For the Rivet Joint program and the mission, 25-years continuous service is a significant milestone to recognize,” the 763rd ERS commander said. “I am extremely proud to lead a squadron that has remained strategically and tactically relevant for the past 25 years.”

Twenty-five years ago, Americans were tied to their televisions as then President George Bush announced the U.S. was going to war. New terms

like “SCUD” and “Patriot” missiles became common, everyday terms. It was Aug 2, 1990, when Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait. Six days later on Aug 8, an RC-135 aircraft with a crew from the then 6916 Electronic Security Squadron flew the first over the AOR from Athens, Greece, landing Aug. 9 at Riyadh Air Base, Saudi Arabia.

The RJ contractor recalled his time flying as an Airborne Cryptologic Operator from 1990-2012. SCUD missiles and chemical weapons were a real concern then, and it was not uncommon for air raid sirens to sound at all times of night. Crews would grab their masks and helmets and head to bunkers to watch as the deafening Patriot battery on the flight line launched its missiles.

“No one would have thought 25 years ago we would still have Airmen supporting operations here,” he said. “Operating locations and airframe capabilities have changed tremendously; however, the fast-paced mission, constant deployments and mission execution has remained the same.”

Today, 22 Airmen were onboard as their workhorse completed her anniversary flight. The crew of a typical RJ mission is comprised of pilots, navigators, electronic warfare officers, airborne cryptologic operators, airborne system engineers and special signals operators. Their mission today was to direct intelligence collection and analysis in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel. OFS is the latest of eight named operations in theater the Rivet Joint has supported in her 25 years.

“Essentially, we have been a nation at war since the Rivet Joint first began patrolling the skies. Over that quarter-century, the capability provided has evolved to play a critical role in a number of AORs,” the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander said. “It’s impressive that an Eisenhower-era airframe continues to contribute at such a significant level.”

Many crews today have never known a time in their life without a Rivet Joint supporting operations in the AOR.

“Twenty-five years ago, I was starting kindergarten,” today’s aircraft commander and U.S. Air Force pilot explained. “I would have never thought at that point I would be in the Air Force, let alone in command of the aircraft flying her 25th, silver anniversary, sortie.”

Just over four years since his first flight in the AOR, he said of today's occasion: "The ability for the RC-135 to be used in different conflicts and remain relevant speaks volumes to the adaptability and need for the Rivet Joint."

The Rivet Joint is a signals intelligence platform that supports U.S. and coalition partners by providing, critical, near real-time intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination of information to both air and ground assets, as well as national intelligence agencies. Crews monitor enemy activity with sophisticated intelligence-gathering equipment, and through constant collection system upgrades the RJ offers quick, adaptable employment to any theater.

Some aircraft missions are well-known, while others like the RC-135 are successful because they aren't. In the case of the Rivet Joint and her aircrews, being out-of-sight and out-of-mind often means mission accomplished.

"Most people outside of the community have next to no idea what we do, and that's the way we like to keep it," today's airborne mission supervisor explained. "My job is to ensure each and every crewmember knows what their efforts bring to the fight, and they know that no matter what, every piece of intelligence we produce is valuable to someone."

Each crew member from nose-to-tail is highly trained, each requiring an average of three-years of qualification courses and instruction before they are ready to fly against any threat, anytime, anywhere in the world, the AMS said.

"When I think about 25 years of sustained presence in the AOR, what stands out most are the Airmen," he explained. "I think about the people who filled the same seemingly endless deployment lines, of the cancelled vacations and missed holidays. Through all of that, I think of the professionalism, dedication and camaraderie exhibited by every member of this family."

"No matter what, we know we are here to do a job, an important one, and we will remain on the hunt to get the job done."

INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON, DETACHMENT INACTIVATE AFTER DECADES OF SERVICE

*Adapted from an article by MSgt
Aaron Cram, 421 Air Base Group*

6/29/2015 - RAF MENWITH HILL, United Kingdom - Leaders furlled and cased the 451st Intelligence Squadron and 451st IS Detachment 1 guidons during an inactivation ceremony here June 24.



The inactivation ends more than 20 years of intelligence support in the United Kingdom provided by both organizations since the early 1990s. The squadron activated in May 1991 at then Menwith Hill Station and the detachment activated in June 1993 at RAF Chicksands before relocating to RAF Digby.

The 451st started its mission at Menwith Hill providing intelligence support, but has grown to provide a wide array of capabilities used across the Air Force, Department of Defense and global mission partners. The squadron served under three different wings, four groups and had three different unit designations while active at Menwith Hill. The service was recognized with 11 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards during the 24 years.

Col. Timothy Suttles, the acting 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing vice commander, and Lt. Col. Rita Carey, 451st Intelligence Squadron commander, case the unit's guidon during an inactivation ceremony at RAF Menwith Hill June 24. The inactivation ends more than 20 years of intelligence support in the United Kingdom for the squadron and its detachment. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Aaron Cram)

Col. Timothy Suttles, the acting 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing vice commander and presiding officer for the ceremony, recognized the unit's achievements and marveled at what they accomplished with such a small organization.

"If you sit back and look at all of the accomplishments that come out of Menwith Hill, you'd think there were thousands of people performing a wide variety of tasks," he said. "You do work on a wide variety of tasks, but there aren't thousands of you. Sometimes it's a dozen or so people working with our mission partners. It's incredible what you were able to accomplish."

The squadron commander, Lt. Col. Rita Carey, echoed the vice commander's words about the squadron's ability to complete its mission while pointing out the squadron's more than 10 Menwith Hill site awards, more than 20 higher echelon awards and six distinguished graduates from professional military education schools over the last two years.

"When I took command two years ago, I was the last Airman to PCS into the squadron," she said. "At first, I envisioned us just getting by until we were all able to leave. Much to my relief, our Airmen were eager to push forward until the very last day. Together with our joint military coalition and civilian mission partners we were able to satisfy more than 18,000 national requirements and successfully branch out into areas Airmen never worked before."

"We as a squadron make up less than 2 percent of the wing, yet we produced over 20 percent of the wing's operational highlights to the Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency and 115 items in the President's daily brief," Carey said.

Carey also thanked the members of the squadron for their service after she was recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal. "To the men and women of the 451st, it's been an honor serving with you," she said. "You stayed the course through a long period of unprecedented change while juggling your personal and professional lives. Thank you for your focus and dedication. A commander couldn't have hoped for any more."

Suttles reminded everyone in attendance the squadron's inactivation is not the end for the unit or its accomplishments. "While inactivation sounds like a negative thing, let's remember the old saying," he said. "All beginnings start with another beginning's end. While we do not know when, where or if the 451st will be reactivated, one thing we do know for sure is the accomplishments of the dedicated, outstanding Airmen and the unique and special relationships formed with our mission partners will endure forever."

55TH WING HAS AN UNREAL NORTHERN EDGE 2015 EXPERIENCE

Adapted from an article from Master Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik, 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

7/24/2015 - OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. -- Contrails in the sky over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex told a story of synthetic battles orchestrated to train the best pilots and aircrews in the world to be better.



The pilots and aircrews were part of an exercise which took place June 11 - 26 in Alaska that was simply called Northern Edge 2015. But, for the 55th Wing, it was cutting edge.

The RC-135V/W Rivet Joint reconnaissance aircraft supports theater and national level consumers with near real time on-scene intelligence collection, analysis and dissemination capabilities.

What couldn't be seen in the Alaskan sky were the aircraft from Offutt Air Force Base that were providing live Command and Control. The pilots and controllers were working Northern Edge 2015, but they were doing it from a simulator back at Offutt.

"LVC [live, virtual and constructive training] offers a more robust scenario than sending up ten Aggressors for a small skirmish with the blue force," said Brian Smith, the 353rd Combat Training Squadron's Army and special operations liaison. "With virtual and constructive assets combining with live participants we can now provide ten threats and herds of other aircraft waiting to continue the fight. We've added defense and depth to maximize the OPFOR [opposition force] piece, which provides a more robust training scenario for the blue force."

With this system, virtual doesn't mean computer-generated. The virtual RC-135s from Offutt AFB were operated by actual pilots, battlespace managers, and controllers participating in the same airspace as the pilots tearing through the skies. The RC-135 virtual assets were being controlled via simulators at Offutt then networked into the locations where they would operate alongside actual aircraft via a system called LEXIOS (LVC Experimentation, Integration and Operations Suite) and dedicated networks.

"RED FLAG-Alaska 15-2 served as the proof of concept for all the pieces of LVC to come together," said Capt. Matthew Mendenhall, the 353rd CTS chief of command and control operations. "It allowed us to ensure our lines of communication were functioning properly before Northern Edge 2015. This is the first exercise to completely integrate the various elements and is the largest LVC integration seen to date in any of the services. "We can test the command and control relationships between the air and ground forces," said Maj. Derrick Vincent, the 353rd CTS director of operations.

Air, ground and sea assets can exercise together with the diverse LVC system and determine in real-time, the programming of shots against enemy targets so each component's strength complements their counterparts in the battlespace, Vincent added.

The ability to incorporate low-density, high-demand platforms such as a live E-3 Sentry airborne warning and control system with a virtual RC-135 from Offutt AFB, allows assets that can't regularly be tasked for training due to real-world requirements to integrate with the blue force and coordinate with their joint-service and inter-agency counterparts, Mendenhall said. During one such scenario, aviators from Offutt, Seymour Johnson, Tyndall, Ellsworth, Tinker and Mountain Home Air Force Bases, and Joint Bases Elmendorf-Richardson and Pearl Harbor-Hickam, virtually operated 14 fighter aircraft, one conventional bomber, two mobility transport aircraft, one airborne warning and control system and one reconnaissance aircraft. These virtual participants integrated with constructive players operating eight fighter aircraft, one strategic bomber, five advanced tanker and cargo aircraft, and 80 red air (opposition) aircraft. Live participants in Alaska were able to view the virtual and constructive participants, interacting and coordinating with each type of scenario. The quality of training provided often exceeds that of the live fly event by itself.

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

"Compiled from various sources by Chiefs (ret)
Jimmy Mayer, A.J. Harrison and Ken Maynard"

On 25 July 2015, citizens of Waldport, Oregon, veterans groups and a military attachè gathered for a Celebration of Life ceremony, with full military honors, to honor Technical Sergeant Hugh Leslie "Buzz" Sherburn. Later that same day, TSgt Sherburn was laid to rest at the Alder Grove Cemetery near Waldport.



Thus ended a journey that began 21 December 1939 when TSgt Sherburn was born in Weston, Oregon. After graduation from Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Washington, he enlisted in the Air Force. Following basic training and completion of the Radio Intercept Analyst Aid Course, TSgt Sherburn was assigned to Japan. In June 1963, he began his first Southeast Asia tour at Danang Air Base, Vietnam. In February 1964, he returned to Japan until February 1966, when he was reassigned to the Air Force Special Communications Group, Kelly AFB, Texas. TSgt Sherburn returned to Vietnam on 19 September 1967, where he was assigned to Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron, Pleiku Air Base, Vietnam, flying as an EC47 electronic surveillance aircraft crewmember.

The Douglas C47 was designed as a transport, gunship, and electronic or regular reconnaissance aircraft, depending on the configuration. The aircraft served in World War II, served French forces in Indochina in the 1950s, and returned to Vietnam at the outset of American involvement there. On 5 February 1969, an EC47Q, tail number 45-1133, call sign CAP-72, departed Pleiku Airbase, Republic of Vietnam, on a tactical reconnaissance mission/radio direction finding (RDF) mission over Laos. The ten crewmen onboard were:

Flight crew, 362nd TEW Squadron, 460th Tactical Recon Wing
Major Homer M. Lynn, Pilot
Captain Walter F. Burke, Co-Pilot
Major Robert E. Olson, Instructor Navigator
Major Harry T. Niggle, Navigator
TSgt Wilton N. Hatton, Flight Mechanic

Reconnaissance crew, Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron:
SSgt Hugh L. Sherburn Airborne Mission Supervisor
SSgt Louis J. Clever, Senior Radio Operator
Sgt James V. Dorsey, Radio Operator
Sgt Rodney H. Gott, Radio Operator
A1C Clarence L. McNeill, Linguist

The last radio contact with the aircraft was at 8:10 a.m. at which time it was located about 21 miles west-northwest of the city of Chavane in Saravane Province, Laos.

When the aircraft failed to make a scheduled stop at Phu Bai Airport near Hue, Vietnam, shortly before noon, search efforts were initiated to locate the aircraft. During the remainder of the day and for six succeeding days, extensive communication and ramp checks were made, as well as a visual search of the area from the last known position of the aircraft through its intended flight path. Because no information was forthcoming which would reveal the whereabouts of the missing aircraft and crew, the search was then terminated.

The crew of the EC47 was classified as Missing in Action from February until October, 1969. In the fall of 1969, the wreckage of an EC47 was located in a jungle-covered mountainous area in the approximate last known location of CAP-72. The wreckage site was searched and remains and a number of items were recovered. These items were later correlated to CAP-72.

The Department of the Air Force believes that the aircraft was faced with a sudden airborne emergency since the right wing of the aircraft was found some 500 meters from the main wreckage site. It was believed that the engine caught fire causing the wing to separate from the fuselage while the aircraft was still in the air. Further, the Air Force states that although the crew members had parachutes, it is unlikely that the apparent suddenness of the emergency would have permitted anyone to abandon the aircraft. The absence of emergency radio signals further diminished the hope that any of the crew members could have survived.

TSgt Sherburn was initially interred, along with the remains of the other crew members of CAP-72, in a communal grave at section 81, site 347, Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Since then and thanks

to the efforts of Maximum Recovery in South East Asia (MRSEA), 7 of the 10 crew members have been identified through DNA analysis. TSgt Sherburn's remains were one of those.

His remains were flown to Portland, Oregon, on 24 July 2015, and met by family members, an Air Force Honor Guard, and the Patriot Guards. The Patriot Guards escorted TSgt Sherburn's remains and family to Newport, Oregon, to remain overnight. The procession, once again escorted by the Patriot Guards, left Newport for a Celebration of Life service 25 July 2015, at the Waldport High School football field in Waldport, Oregon, and final interment. Former members of USAFSS attended the service to honor this fallen comrade.

TSgt Sherburn's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross (1st OLC), Purple Heart (posthumously) Air Medal (5th OLC), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Service Medal. His name is engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 33W, line 69, and Sherburn Hall at Ft. George Meade, Maryland, is named in his honor.

And so the journey has come full circle. More personnel were lost on EC47 aircraft than on any other type of mission in the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS) history. Outside the headquarters building of the 25th Air Force, a successor organization of the USAFSS, an EC-47 is on static display as a memorial to all those fallen crews. Its tail number is the serial number of TIDE-86, the first EC-47 lost in action. It is a most fitting tribute to TSgt Hugh "Buzz" Sherburn and his fellow airmen.



Following was written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

I've learned.... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

BEDSIDE MATTERS



B J Cook. //July 7, 2015//

We arrived just as he was returning to his room following the installation of a defibrillator/pacemaker combined device. I expected

to find him

weak and tired, but instead, I found him vibrant, and strong appearing, with keen wit and typical sense of humor. He wanted to hear all about Columbus and a report on everybody.//Jim Kaus//



Wayne Tallant//Aug 10//Pulmonary Fibrosis continues to take its toll on Wayne’s energy level, but his good spirits are evident when we visit and he maintains a consistency in his indomitable strength of character //Ed.//

My dear, departed Irish mother was a “tee-totaler” non-alcohol zealot until she turned 75 years old. She read somewhere that one glass of wine in the evening, at bed-time, could lengthen her lifespan by as many as five years. So, from then on, she began drinking a glass of wine each evening... as time went on, the glass got bigger. She lived to be 85. //Ed.//



FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

ALAMO Chapter, San Antonio, TX

By **Barnie Gavin**, President

June 2015: A meeting of the Alamo chapter, Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA) was held on 18 June 2015 Houlihan’s Restaurant, 938 N TX-1604-LOOP W, San Antonio, TX 78232. Approximately 35 members and their spouses/significant others attended with the social gathering starting at 6:00 PM. Thanks to Brian Leigh, the Manager on duty, we were all able to sit in the same area and enjoy fellowship with friends and meet some new acquaintances. Mike Shields even brought a new member who will be sending in his FTVA application for membership.

July 2015: Meeting was held at the Fox and Hound Bar and Pub 12651 Vance Jackson Rd on July 16 at 1800 (6 PM). Around 15 members attended with the social gathering starting around 5:45 PM and meeting starting at 6:00 PM. We shared several stories and memories together and well as completed the following business:

Voted on Alamo Chapter Charter: Ken Gendolfe moved for acceptance of the Alamo Chapter Charter, seconded by Ken Maynard. All members present approved the Alamo Chapter Charter which was provided.



Mike Nielson & Ken Gendolfe



Mike Shields and Barnie Gavin



Lanny Abee & Ken Abney



Mr & Mrs Don Haygood

New Topics- Please email Barnie, Ken Gendolfe, or Mike Nielsen any new discussion items you may have. If not it's perfectly fine to bring up new topics at each meeting. Next meeting will be on August 20th at 6p.m., at: Conroy's Irish Pub at Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015.

Our next quarterly social with spouses/significant others will be September 17th.



ALOHA Chapter, Honolulu, HI

by John Toillion, President

Meeting Summary: The Aloha Chapter - FTVA met on June 17 at Ruby Tuesday's in Mililani for a pre-Father's Day social. Our honorary guest was Dickie Hites' grandson, Phoenix. Discussion topics for the day included an update by Al Teel on the restructure of JPAC, now dissolved in January 2015. Al now works for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). Of course health was another topic of interest. Dickie reported that he's doing well following his recent kidney removal surgery. Tilly reported that he had retired a second time effective 29 May and that his wife told him "don't screw it up this time!" Hopi is undergoing chemo treatments and was unable to attend the meeting this time.



Above L-R: John ‘Tilly’ Toillion, Al Teel, Steve Crain, Ken Een, Dickie Hites, and newest member Dickie’s grandson, Phoenix. (Note: Ken “Hopi” Hopkins.)

Til Next Time, Aloooooha Tilly



Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO

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Submitted by Greg Roman, President

June 12 meeting: Our treasurer, Sharon Frizzell, had to resign due to long summer commitment to a National Park as a volunteer. I will be acting until we hold elections. We had a farewell event for her a couple weeks ago.

Had a very nice turn out for monthly social yesterday with Mr. Snake Clark, SES from the Air Staff A2 shop. He was showing off the Eagle Vision II van at the AFSPACE parking lot all week, with the San Diego based EV system. Snake is also involved with the armed Predator program and was stationed at HQ ESC in the early 80s.

Dedication of the Maj Gen Paul Dettmer Conference Room

Submitted by Greg Roman



Wanted to let you know that thanks to the efforts of Col Suzy Streeter, 7AF/A2, and others, the Maj Gen Paul Dettmer Conference Room at 7AF was dedicated this week.

Thanks to the efforts of Snake Clark, Lt Col Tammy Schultz, and John Nichols, Cathy Dettmer and their two children were able to attend the dedication via VTC at the Pentagon Air Force Ops Center.



This dedication recognizes Paul's 35 years of service to our country and was a very fitting tribute. Cathy wanted to thank everyone with these words:

May 19 at 7:01 PM

Hello everyone,

Just to echo much of what John and Snake have already said...Last night was a really special evening for my children and me. I know a lot of thought, care and effort went into the conference room dedication and to last night's ceremony. And I know that all of it is a reflection of the respect and warmth that so many in the intelligence community felt for Paul. We are grateful that we could be a part of the dedication ceremony and hopeful

that Paul's spirit will inspire lots of productive video conferences from Osan!



So thank you for including us in such a meaningful way last night. It was truly an honor for my children and me. And many thanks to Colonel Streeter for initiating the dedication and to all who contributed to such a lovely event.

With gratitude,
Cathy

As a reminder, Maj Gen Dettmer will be buried at Arlington Cemetery on 17 July with full military honors. I will provide more details as they become available.



Heritage Chapter

Ed Bendinelli, Chapter Vice President

Members of the Heritage Chapter attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial located outside the San Angelo airport. Hosted by the local Vietnam Veterans Association, a key part of the annual program is the dedication of new pavers located throughout the memorial garden. Ten new pavers were introduced this year, two of them bearing the names of former, long-time USAFSS members: John Herridge and William “Bill” Allen. While the Herridge paver was donated by John’s family, the Allen paver was donated by the Heritage Chapter, in remembrance of Bill who was a charter and very active member of the Chapter. In the audience to witness the dedication of Bill’s plaque were his two daughters--Jane Allen and Maura Gast.

(Right) Following the dedication of the pavers, Heritage Chapter Vice President Ed Bendinelli gave the keynote address.



Goodfellow AFB Honor Guard



San Angelo Vietnam Memorial

Goodfellow AFB Missions Change Over 75 Years

By Michelle Gaitan, San Angelo Standard-Times, Texas (Tribune News Service)

Published: July 15, 2015

SAN ANGELO, Texas (Tribune News Service) — A history dating back before America's involvement in War World II, Goodfellow Air Force Base's missions have progressed with the times. Starting out as the San Angelo Air Corps Basic Flying School in 1941, the base held training for U.S. pilots before it expanded to train pilots from other countries in the late 1940s.

Base historian John Garrett said pilots continued to be trained until 1958 when the base graduated its last class. The base trained nearly 20,000 pilots during 18 years, he said.

In 1958, the base became the cryptologic intelligence training grounds as the Air Force transitioned from Air Training Command to the USAF Security Service. The new mission focused on training Air Force personnel in advanced cryptologic skills the Security Service required at its installations worldwide. The mission expanded to include joint-service training in these same skills for Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

Surviving a threat of closure in 1978 — a threat that continued for more than three years — the base and its mission continued to grow. In the 80s, the base was selected to be the host site for the consolidation of all Air Force managed intelligence training and the base was designated a technical training center.

"The base has a very broad mission across multiple services; the biggest thing the base has to offer is we're one of the primary intelligence training locations for the (Department of Defense)," said Master Sgt. Justin Pitassi, course chief for the Distributed Common Ground System, formal training unit. "All Air Force intelligence training takes place here. Joint-service training takes place here across the other armed services, and just the fact that we're kind of a consolidated hub for the majority of intel training across all the different spectrums of intelligence, it's what kind of ties directly into the mission."

Pitassi trains Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance operators for the field; helping students to incorporate training skills and learning courses to the specific missions they are assigned. "Our mission here has probably gotten increasingly important," he said. "It's always been important, but more so with the whole global war on terrorism and the counter insurgency mission we've been supporting."

Pitassi said everything evolves fairly quickly in the field and all students who go through the base need the most up-to-date training available. "It's stuff that has a direct impact on the field and it's become really important that we give them the best product going forward out to the fields so they can satisfy the mission," he said.

The Air Force activated the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow in 1993, the same year fire training from Chanute AFB, Illinois was transferred to Goodfellow further expanding the base's mission. The first class of Marine Corps students began training at the Louis F. Garland Fire

Academy in 1995, which had already been training Air Force and Army personnel since 1977. The Navy was the last of the four armed services to join the joint fire protection training program in 1999.

With just over a year and a half as an instructor, Master Sgt. Michael Champion, noncommissioned officer in charge, fire officer for two of the base's courses, knows the importance of staying in top of the newest research will go a long way in training his students. "The most challenging part of the job is the research, and study it takes to constantly remain a subject matter expert," Champion said. "We're constantly reading and always trying to get better to maintain subject matter expertise, it's not like a mountain you can climb and once you made it to the top you're there, it's more like something you just constantly have to maintain to stay sharp through all of it. That to me would be the hardest part of it."

On the other hand, the easiest part of the job is "watching your students become inspired and motivated as they develop those new skills that we provide in the class room and when they go back out to the field to employ their new skill sets and concepts we've presented throughout the course," he said.

Champion graduated from Goodfellow in early 2000 and with aspirations to contribute to the bases mission decided to return and teach.

"One of the reasons I came here is because I had a deep desire to give back," he said. "I came here to give back to the training mission that started me off on a real stable path for success. It gave me a lot and I wanted to give back and prepare those that would come after me and execute the missions of the future."

Goodfellow also provides intelligence and fire protection courses to students from 40 allied nations. In 2014, nearly 14,000 students graduated from more than 129 courses.

"It's my opinion that training is the most important thing that we do every day because training if it's done right, if I do it right it will last long beyond my career," he said. "My career you could consider a flash fire in a pan. If I do it right it stands the potential to last generations. If I train someone who trains someone well then that's really, in my opinion, the most important thing that I can do to give back."



2015 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Combat Apple 50th Reunion



Hello to all of you. Many of you know me, and probably just as many do not. I am Bob Cotti (a.k.a. R2D2), live in Rockwall, Texas, retired from Raytheon (Legacy E-Systems in Greenville, Texas), and a former member of the 6990th Security Squadron during the early-mid 1970s. I was not an MD but was blessed to supervise two crews of MDs and, as such, flew with each crew at least once a month while at Kadena. I am sending this email for a couple of reasons. First, to let everyone know that I am planning to host **the Combat Apple 50th Reunion** here in Rockwall, Texas (with some activities at L3 Communications in Greenville) in September 2017. If all goes as planned, our reunion will precede the FTVA Reunion in San Antonio by a few days such that we can move the party to San Antonio and celebrate FTVA. The second reason to elicit input from those of you who were involved in Combat Apple. I am hopeful to put together a document that will summarize and highlight what Combat Apple was, what it became, and how it served as a foundation for today's airborne operations. So ... please provide your feedback directly to me at rfc2k@sbcglobal.net please. I will guard and protect any information you share ... and I do look forward to reading MANY stories with great anticipation.

1960's Chicksands Reunion Planning

Several elder statesmen are organizing a reunion of OED/OPN-X RAF Chicksands assignees during the period 1960-69. Presently in contact with ten former USAFSS members who were assigned to a very special group during a time of transition in reporting requirements that necessitated above and beyond performance to meet the goals. Co-chairs for the activity are Ernie Maldonado and Ron Betts. Contact either of us if you were a part of the transition or the follow-on activity. We are open to anyone who served in that section during that period and immediately following. Ron Betts: penelope@vermontel.net or [802-259-3740](tel:802-259-3740).

September 07 – 14, 2015

6931st Scty Gp Iraklion Air Station, Crete

Location: Island of Crete, Greece

POC: Jocelyne Kerrigan

E-Mail: JOCELYNE@CRETEFAMILYVILLAS.CO.UK

Comments: 5 tours on the Island via bus and shopping and walking tours. Dinners and a tour of the closed Air Station.

September 21 – 25 2015

37th RSM/6952nd RSM/6952nd Scty Gp

Location: Dayton, OH

POC: George Cunningham – Ph 937-438-2065

E-Mail: gcunningham1@woh.rr.com

September 24 - 26, 2015

ANNUAL FTVA REUNION

Location: Security Hill, San Antonio, TX

POC: Ron Haygood, president@ftva.org **website: <http://www.ftva.org>**

Comment: Reunion packets are mailed to the membership along with the annual Member Directory in June. The Prop Wash Gang and Airborne Maintenance Technicians' Association reunions will be held in conjunction with the FTVA reunion.

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

2ND RSM Holds 2015 Reunion

Submitted by Ron Rader



Twelve of us Cold War “old hands” (Germany 1955 & earlier) gathered for the latest 2nd RSM reunion from 19 – 29 March 2015. Richard Campbell and Louise Garcia organized and made real this very ambitious undertaking. A 3-day ground tour in Houston led-off reunion events. To be sure, heavy rains played havoc with this first phase, but there was a visit to the NASA Space Center/Museum and alternatives in Galveston for the trip there. In addition, a group dinner at a leading resort restaurant in a Houston suburb came off in fine, highly enjoyable style. Next came a West Caribbean cruise aboard the “Emerald Princess” from 22-29 March. Ideal weather prevailed. All were happy with the magnificence of both the sea and the tremendous ship with its unbounded comfort/luxury. Exciting and informative shore excursions to Cozumel, Mexico, Roatan, Honduras and Belize City added to the celebration along with two super-banquets honoring our group. Aside from the Campbell/Garcia duo and their superb work for this reunion, other leading participants included “Hap” Arnold, who headed up past reunions for many years, plus another from the small group which originally founded the USAFSS “Operating Location” in Berlin at the start of the 50’s. This unit began as part of the 2nd RSM, but later became a major European intelligence center in its own right. NEXT STOP: Pigeon Forge, TN in October 2016.



A few o’ folks and one young ‘un at Oakridge Smokehouse in Schulenburg TX on June 1. (L-R)

Andrew Hornsby, Joe Hornsby, Denny Arnold, Waco Wetterman and Jim Lipa



Rass, The Misawa Project put together a rip-roarin' National Reunion this year in Columbus, OH. Following out-takes from the event. I downloaded the group pictures of the men and women of the 13th Annual Misawa Reunion. And, a few others. You can use any that you need. "J.J."
 (Above) Men and women who attended this year's reunion in Columbus, OH.



(Right)_Charlie Ballew, Bill Ratliff and Bill's friend from "Cape Code".

by Charlie Ballew





Trick 1 Geezers - Columbus, Ohio - June 26, 2015
Bill Ratliff, Wayne Newman, Bob Wynn, Denny Arnold, Bob Dellapi, Lee Carpenter, Frank Weiss, Glenn Turk, & Dan McMasters (Inserts - Phil Reilnick & Ron Penrod)

We had hoped to get 20 Trick 1 Geezers (1957-1960) to the Columbus reunion but due to illnesses and other commitments we only got 11. By the way, my use of the term "Trick 1 Geezers" is not a derogatory statement. They are all around my age so that categorizes us as Geezers and the they were all on Trick 1 during my tour. Here are the eleven. I had to insert a couple of them because they wandered off, or maybe dozed off, after the banquet Friday night.

by Skosh Wynn



(Right) Our designated Emcee, Bob Wynn, was his usual dynamic and well organized self.

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(Misawa Project – Columbus, OH Reunion cont'd)

L-R: Jim Sherkel, Charlie Ballew, Roxy Sherkel. I was stationed with Jim and Roxy in Misawa and RAF Chicksands. Was great seeing them again.



Bill Marland (far left), George Logan (USN @ Misawa) and Jay 'JJ' Johnson in his Sea Cadet Uniform.

Flag Folding Ceremony (13 folds) was done by Jane Doolittle, 'JJ' and Harold Hollingshed, as Bob Wynn read the meaning of each fold.





(Left) Two Jays:
Jay Johnson and Jay
Emmer.

(Right) Wayne Newman and Jim Kaus. They were together in Misawa and Bremerhaven at the same time frame. This was Wayne's first reunion.



(Left)
Ken Love - Reunion Chairman



POW/MIA ceremony — with Dennis Harlach, Nicholas Pacura, Lee Hansel and Chris Harlach at Crowne Plaza Columbus North - Worthington.

(Right)
Dobie and Linda Gillis



(Left)
The Sned and Smith banquet table.

(Right) 25th AF Command Chief CMSgt Roger A Towberman our Keynote Speaker.



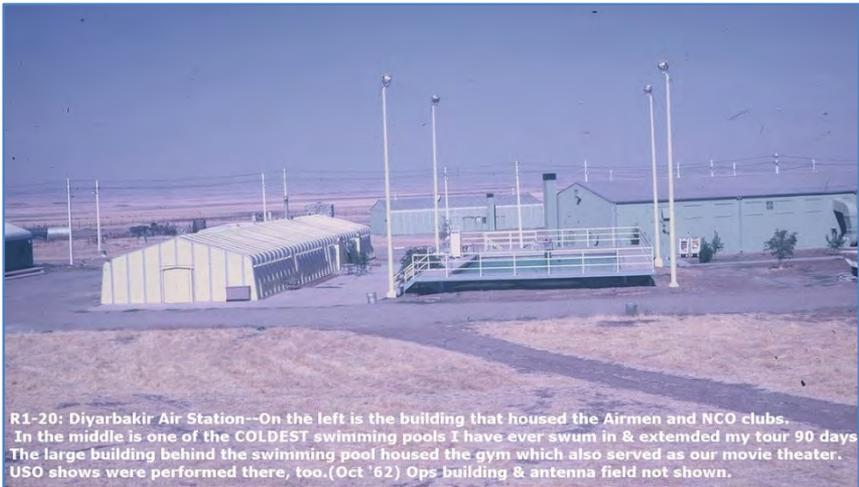


HISTORY & MEMORIES



Memories of Diyarbakir Air Station, Turkey

Posted by Steve Voss



R1-20: Diyarbakir Air Station--On the left is the building that housed the Airmen and NCO clubs. In the middle is one of the COLDEST swimming pools I have ever swum in & extended my tour 90 days. The large building behind the swimming pool housed the gym which also served as our movie theater. USO shows were performed there, too.(Oct '62) Ops building & antenna field not shown.

On the left is the building that housed the Airmen and NCO Clubs. In the middle is one of the COLDEST swimming pools I've ever swum in and made my tour seem 90 days longer! The large building behind the pool housed the gym which also served as our movie theater. USO shows were performed there too. (Oct '62) Ops building & antenna (field not shown). What caught my eye here is that after I got out of AF, I finished college and went to work for AAFES (BX business). One of my assignments in 1977 was GM at Karamursel AFB. The compound was still there, but owned by the Turks then. And if you were at Sinop or Diyarbakir, from 1985-87, I ran the exchange system in the middle east and lived in Izmir from where I occasionally traveled to Sinop and Diyarbakir which were both still listening posts at that time.//Bob (Tex) Summerlin//

94th IS 2nd Annual Heritage Day Celebration

Submitted by Bill Francis

The 94th Intelligence Squadron (94th IS), Ft. Meade, MD, held its second annual Heritage Day celebration on 20 May 2015 with a wreath-laying ceremony at the **Baron 52** gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery. The celebration is the squadron's way of connecting back to its roots with the 6994th Security Squadron (6994thSS), which conducted the Airborne

Radio Direction Finding mission in Vietnam from 1966 to 1974. Baron 52 was the call-sign for the last EC-47 lost in the war with eight crew members aboard.



LTC Richardson & Bill Francis lay the wreath at the Baron52 headstone

At the wreath-laying ceremony, a veteran of the ARDF program, Chief Master Sergeant (ret) Bill Francis (Right) provided a history of the fateful flight of Baron 52 for the benefit of the 94th IS airmen attending the ceremony.



6994th Vet Bill Francis addresses the audience



LTC Tim Richardson, Commander, 94IS speaks of the evolution of the 94IS from the 6994th roots

(Left) LTC Tim Richardson, the current commander of the 94th IS, emphasized the importance of history and fostering the relationship between the 94th IS and the legacy of the USAFSS 6994th SS.

After the wreath laying ceremony for the Baron 52

crew, 94th IS personnel and several 6994th SS veterans then attended SSgt James V. Dorsey's repatriation ceremony. SSgt Dorsey was one of the crew members killed on CAP-72, another EC-47 ARDF aircraft lost to enemy ground fire over southern Laos on 5 February 1969. James' remains were identified in 2014 and he was laid to rest at Arlington at his family's request.



Baron 52 headstone after ceremony



Honor Guard in position to transfer casket

SSgt James V. Dorsey Jr. was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on 20 May 2015. SSgt Dorsey was a crew-member with the 6994th Security Squadron (6994th SS) which flew Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) missions aboard EC-47 aircraft in Vietnam from

1966 to 1974.



The Honor Guard stands watch over the casket

SSgt Dorsey was killed along with eight other crew-members when his EC-47 aircraft, call-sign CAP 72 was shot down on 5 February 1969 in Southern Laos. At the time the crews' remains were recovered, it was not possible to identify the individual members and thus the entire crew was buried in a communal grave at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

However, through DNA testing, the remains of several of the crew were identified in 2014, and SSgt Dorsey was finally interred at Arlington National Cemetery at his family's request. SSgt Dorsey is survived by his brother, Leroy Dorsey and sister, Mary Anderson.



BGEN Zabel presents a flag to SSGT Dorsey's sister, Mary Anderson



Air Force Honor Guard presents the colors

After the wreath laying ceremony and SSgt Dorsey's interment, 94th IS members and 6994th SS veterans retired to the Severn American Legion Post for a BBQ dinner and social hour.

10th Anniversary of Misawa AP Alley Redux

Posted by Charlie Ballew



When Charlie visited Misawa back in 2005, he met up with a few ‘Hill Vets’ who retired there: Lee Martin and Toby Fanelli (left) along with Don Ohman met me at the Companion Bar in AP Alley. Pete Wade is behind the bar.

6918th Hakata Rockets 1970 – 71

Posted by Bill Mink



1970 - 1971 Hakata Rockets Football Team Can anyone fill-in names to this group of young men? **Back Row**-L to R Unk, Dough Hardiman, Unk, Unk, Bill Bagby, Bob Gourley, Unk, Unk, Colefield, Unk, Ken Benoit, Bama **Middle Row**-L to R Unk, Ron Gilbert, Fred Corsi, Joe Ruffalo, Unk, Matt Saddler, Unk, James E Miller (became Brigadier General), Unk **Front Row**-L to R Oly Harrison, Steven I. Emory, Gillette, Joe Skoskie, Chuck Welner, Rod Teuscher, Rick Hull, Dean Tuturice.

My Memories of the 1 Feb 1975 Shemya Quake

Posted by Billy Tolbert (b2btolbert@gmail.com)

1 Feb 1975. Saturday - Approximately 2130 hrs local. I was assigned to the 16th Surveillance Sq. at Shemya. I only had a month to go before I was to return to the world for good. After a miserable eleven months on the Rock, I was really looking forward to getting back to my daughter Shannon.

The squadron was in a down time because GE was doing a PM on the radars and computer systems. So we took the time to have a going away party at our smoke house for a captain that was leaving within the next couple of days.

He was in front of the fireplace receiving his going away awards. Everyone was pretty well lubed and having a good time. I was at the rear of the room next to the bar taking photographs as I was the squadron photographer.

It began as a vibration. This was the arrival of the primary waves. The vibration certainly got our attention and the stainless steel pots and pans in the cupboards fell out along with just about anything not nailed down, falling to the floor.

Then the secondary waves arrived. Where the primary waves were like a vibration, the secondary waves are a rolling up and down motion. It was like someone had pulled the carpet from under me. I was thrown rearward with my back hitting the bar. The people who were standing up weren't standing up for long. It was as though I was riding in a really hard surf. Also, it was really loud.

Needless to say, there was no power for a while and it was dark. I got the door to the smoke house open because they opened inward and if the roof collapsed we could be in real trouble what with the fire place and all. I got outside and turned all the vehicle lights on so that people could see to get down the hill and the barracks.

I remember there being a distinctive odor of freshly plowed ground. Being a farm boy, I knew what that was. Either it was the motion of the quake shaking up the top soil or the 200 feet of the cliff near Cobra Dane breaking. Then I remembered the Army smoke house being behind us on

the cliff. I ran up there and an Army friend was coming down. I asked him if he was alright and he stated, "Damn! That was a big one!" I was out side and it knocked me on my back. I thought that was really kinda funny.

We all got down to the barracks ok. I spent the rest of the night taking pictures of the damage for ADC and GE. Still have a copy of the photos. It hit my roommate pretty hard. He couldn't sleep in his bed for a week thinking that another event would occur and throw him out of his bunk.

The quake really disrupted the water lines on the island. We were without water to drink, bathe, or flush toilets. Fortunately, we had quite a bit of snow and I have pictures of us melting snow to flush the toilets. The beer made up for the drinking water. They did put 55 gallon drums with water from the lakes and laced with chlorine in each of the hall-ways. I just found out that those of us who were assigned to Shemya may be effected anyway since the water has always been contaminated with harmful chemicals. Needless to say there were a lot of aftershocks. As many of you know, there were small earthquakes all the time there. We were averaging about three or four per hour after big quake. One week later almost to the hour, we had another large quake but not nearly as large as the 1 February event. Still, it shook-up a lot of people, including my roommate.

The main shock twisted the fan radars off axis about 10 degrees. This meant that any target would automatically be listed as an unidentified. So GE had to reprogram the computers and fix all the broken stuff. We were down for about a month which meant that I had nothing to do. Contractors took care of everything. We drank, played racquet ball till we dropped, and beach combed. I was glad to leave that place.



I'll wager that very few of us are even aware of the number of times we use, read or hear Latin words or expressions in our daily life. i.e. **Requiescat in Pace (RIP)** = "Rest in Peace"

Veni, Vidi, Vici - (Vaynee, Veedee, Veechee) – A statement for victory by Julius Caesar = "I came, I saw, I conquered."

Note: Many a young man tries to do that with many a young lass. Often with little or no success. (I know from experience.)



FALLEN EAGLES



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

Compiled by Joe Figueroa, Associate Editor

Bates, Frederick R. CMSgt (Ret), USAF – Lifetime Member
Bennett, Fred L., CMSgt (Ret), USAF – Lifetime Member
Chisenhall, David B., CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Christofferson, Charles A., USAF
Crout, Donald G., USAFSS
Fowler, Wilton L., USAFSS
Gauthier, Earl R., USAFSS
Hopkins, Kenneth J., CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Hurd, Terry W., USAF – Lifetime Member
Jorde, Willis E., CMSgt (Ret), USAF–Lifetime Member – HOH
Landry, Paul C. MSgt (Ret), USAF
Leach, Robert E., SMSgt (Ret), USAF
Marrott, Robert E., USAF
McClellan, Norman, F., USAF
Morton, Timothy D., TSgt (Ret), USAF
Petit, David R., USAF
Reed, William P., USAFSS
Russell, Duane E. Col (Ret), USAFSS, Lifetime Member - HOH
Stevenson, George P., CMSgt (Ret), USAF
Taylor, Jerry L., USAF
Turgeon, Donald E., USAF



CMSgt (Ret) Frederick Bates passed away on 14 June. Chief Bates had an illustrious and highly decorated 26 year military career in the Air Force with assignments in several overseas and stateside locations with U.S. Air Force Security Service and Electronic Security Command during the

Vietnam and Cold War years. A recognized expert in the intelligence field, he was called upon to lend that expertise to several highly classified missions. Fred was a leader of men, epitomizing the core values of the AF. A tribute to the Nation. He is survived by children Sharon Striegl, Lori Brient and Darrell Blake.

//Obit – San Antonio Express News//



CMSgt (Ret) Fred Lee Bennett, 84, passed away May 19, 2015. He enlisted in 1950, serving 26 years. He was assigned in Germany, Philippines, Japan, and Vietnam. After active duty, he was Retiree Office volunteer at Luke Air Force Base. Fred is survived by his wife, Beverly, step-children: Shirley, Stacy, and Jim. **//Obit – Hansen Mortuaries//**
//Notified Bob Rennick//

Fred was first a 29th RSM'er. One of the guys that like to come to our reunions and talk of days when we were young. I will miss him and our long and interesting telephone conversations. RIP old friend. **//Bob Rennick//**

Fred was a 202 on Able flight at Hakata, 1970-1972. **//Carol Farr//**



CMSgt (Ret) David Bruce Chisenhall, 70, passed away May 7, 2015. He served 24 years, retiring in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Diann; daughters Cheryl and Stephanie; son David Jr. //Obit – Pensacola News Journal// //Notified Jim Klima//

David was an X2 and had USAFSS tours at Karamursel TUSLOG Det 94-1, Clark AB, Philippines (6922nd), RAF Chicksands, England (6950th), Medina (6993), San Vito, Italy (6917th) and the 3482nd Tech Training Sq, Corry Station, Fl. Dave and I were stationed together in the P.I., Chicksands, and the X2 Tech School at Corry Station. He was definitely one of the best and will be deeply missed. //Jim Klima//

I first met Dave in the Philippines in the late 60's. He became my supervisor and friend. We played lots of pinochle in the barracks and lots of liar shuffle board in the Cobra Den! He became my supervisor again at Corry Station in the early 80's. His mentoring enabled my promotion to Senior NCO. He and Diann sheltered my family when I was at the Senior NCO Academy during a hurricane. In recent years, we would get together with Jim Klima for our "3 Amigos" breakfast/brunches. Dave always seemed to know the right words to say at the right times. A good and constant friend. //Ken & Gloria Armitage//



Charles A. Christofferson, 68, passed away June 14, 2015. Chuck was a United States Air Force Veteran and served as a Morse Code Intercept Operator for the 6918th Security Squadron Charlie Flight (USAFSS) receiving an Honorable discharge in 1972. He is survived by LuAnn, his beloved wife of 40 years; daughters Andi and Kristi. //Obit - www.legacy.com///

Chuck was a 292 on Charlie flight while at Hakata during the 1971-1972 time frame. //Carol Farr//



Donald G. Crout, 83, died, July 30, 2015 at Brightview Commons, Wakefield. He is survived by a son, Gregory P. Crout and wife Kerri Costa. He was an Air Force veteran of the Cold War period and served with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was a

member of the Sampson Air Force Base Veterans' Association and the 41st/6913th Radio Squadron Mobile Association. **//Obit – Carpenter Jenks Funeral Home//**

Don served with the U.S. Air Force with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1954-57 on Baker Flight and then later on Easy Flight. **//www.6913th.org//**



Wes Fowler, age 79, of Brownsboro, passed away June 4, 2015 after a hard fought battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (a rare form of Parkinson's). He is survived by his wife Myrle McKinney Fowler. **//Obit – Hampton Cove Funeral Home//**

Wes was stationed with the US Air Force at Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th RSM on Dog Trick from 1957 to 1960. **// www.6913th.org//**



Earl R. Gauthier, 78, of Harwinton, CT, passed away March 10, 2015. Earl had the nickname "Goke" throughout his 20 year career. He retired from the Air Force Security Service in 1974. He is survived by his wife Betty, and children Wendy, Christy, and Robin. **//Obit - Cook Funeral Home//**
//Notified www.6913th.org//

Earl was stationed at Bremerhaven, Germany from 1955 to 1959 with the 6913 RSM on Able Flight. **//www.6913th.org//**



CMSgt Kenneth James Hopkins, 72, of Waipahu, HI an Air Force veteran, died in Tripler Army Medical Center. He was born in San Francisco. He is survived by wife Miyoko, son Gary K., daughters Kathy M. Hopkins and

Sandy Johnson, and seven grandchildren. Visitation: Waikele Country Club. **//Honolulu Advertiser Obit//**

I just received a call from Hopi's son, Gary. Hopi passed away at Tripler earlier this evening (3 August) at about 7:00 pm. If I hear anything about services for Hopi, I'll let you know. Gary said members of his mother's church are providing comfort to his mother and the family. Hopi was a good man - a great friend. I'll really miss him. **//Ken Een//**

Hopi was a great man, a Chief's Chief, and a marvelous mentor to many Airmen and Officers like. He will be sorely missed. **//Bob Cope//**

I remember one mission with him where the North Viets flew everything they had from every airfield they had. Both recorders were going full time. Our strikes were heavy and the air-to-air battles were fierce. We ended up sending over 600 red and yellow alerts. When we landed, Hopi came up and threw his arm over my shoulders and casually said, "You need a couple of beers, I'm buying." Those were heady days. We Doggers were working our butts off and those young AMSs were the best. RIP, old friend. Those days of 65-66 are never out of my thoughts. **//Rosie//**

What a sad day for everyone who ever spent time with Ken. He was everything said by Ken Een and Col Bob. Please pray for his family. **//Pat Connor//**

I'm so very saddened to hear about Hopi. Tatsuko and I send our sincere condolences to his family and the close-knit alumni crew there in Hawaii. Hopi cornered a special spot in my mind and heart ... last saw him a couple years ago when he attended our FTVA annual reunion... he'll be missed by many who bid him a final aloha. **//Dennis Rassmussen//**

Ken served in the USAF Security Service, AIA and ESC for his entire career. After retirement from the Air Force he continued serving as the Senior Analyst at the USCINCPAC Hawaii. Fly high Chief, will fly with you again my friend. //Steve Carpenter//



SSgt Terry Wayne Hurd, passed away on July 25, 2015. Terry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in January 1965 just after his 21st birthday. He worked as a voice intercept processing specialist for the USAF and was sent to Indiana University that same year to learn Russian at the language school. Terry left the USAF after obtaining the rank of E5, staff sergeant and after earning numerous medals and commendations for service during the Vietnam War.

Besides his family, Terry was most proud of his service in the USAF, that he bowled a perfect 300 game, his work as a fisheries biologist at John Day Dam and for donating over 69 gallons of blood during the course of his lifetime to the American Red Cross. Terry is survived by his wife of 49 years, Patty; his three daughters: Diane, Rebecca, and Kristine. //Obit – Hood River News//

I am so sorry to hear this. I will pass this on to the rest of the Prop Wash Gang, the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, the Doggers, and the 90th folks. Terry was a member of all these groups. //Jimmy Mayer//



It is with deep sorrow that I inform you of the passing of **CMSgt Willis E. (Bill) Jorde**. I was informed by his wife, Anita Jorde this morning of his passing last night (23 June). There will not be any services/ceremony or obituary as he wished. Anita asked me to pass this on to his friends and people that knew him. Bill was my first supervisor in 1955 when I was assigned to the 3rd Radio Squadron

Mobile (6981 RSM) Elmendorf AFB Alaska. We were close friends since 1955 and kept in contact regularly. Bill spent his entire 30 year military career in The United States Air Force Security Service. He is a member of the FTVA Hall of Honor class of 1991. //Ed Jolly//

Bill loved his job - both in the States and Overseas. His selection to the Hall of Honor was the icing on the cake. I just want to let his friends know of his passing. //Anita Jorde//



MSgt (Ret) Paul C. "PL" Landry; 61; died May 19, 2015. Paul served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years, retiring as a MSgt. Loving husband of Jayne for 42 years. Beloved father of Nicole, Joseph, and Robert. //Obit – Pixley Funeral//



SMSgt (Ret) Robert E. Leach, Of Odenton, Maryland, departed this life on October 31, 2014. Bob joined the Air Force in 1952 and served his country in Texas, Wyoming, Washington D.C, Libya, Japan, Hawaii, Korea, Greece, and Maryland. He retired in 1980. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Janice I. Bunfill

Leach and his son Jeffrey A. Leach. //Late Obit - Capital Gazette//



Robert E. Marrott, 74, passed away April 25, 2015. He was the loving husband of Carol (nee Skeya); father of Lisa, Jennifer, and Robert. He joined the Air Force and spent two years in Japan as a radio operator. //Obit – The News Herald//

Bob was a 292 on Baker flight while at Hakata during the 1959-1961 time frame. //Carol Far//



Norman F. McClellan; passed away April 2, 2015. Beloved husband of H. Evelyn Sunnarborg McClellan for 59 years; father of Susan Plotts, Kerry McClellan, and Patricia Warman. Norman was a veteran of U.S. Air Force and was employed for 31 years at Marsh McLennan, Detroit and with the Christian Business Men’s Connection (CBMC) since 1988. //Obit – Daily Tribune//



TSgt (Ret) Timothy D. Morton, 59, passed away May 28, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Tim; and daughter, Jen. //Obit - Baldwin-Fairchild Oviedo//
//Notified Tom Giroir//

We collectively laid Tim Morton to rest today (at Arlington National Cemetery, 7 May 2015). Former 6985th flyers (Airborne’s Finest) attending included Jimmy (and Molly) Mayer, Frank Stross, Mark (and Evelyn) Phillips, Steve Bell, Dwight Clark, and yours truly. I believe we did it right for the Morton family, and I can assure you, the Air Force Honor Guard and Arlington Cemetery did it right for them. We all told some Tango Mike stories...we laughed and, well, a few of us got a bit of moisture in our eyes. We shared lunch with the Morton clan...and I know I left there knowing our Air Force family was good, strong and supportive. //Tom Giroir//

Sometimes the rifle salute occurs right after the flag is folded, Taps is sounded and the flag is presented with the spent cartridges placed in the folds of the flag. The presenter explains they represent Duty, Honor, and Country. A hearty Bravo Zulu to all who were present. //Peter Siegel//

Tim left an indelible mark in my life; from his sage mentorship during our Alaska tours, to our daunting Spectre Gunship days in Italy/Bosnia, and finally in retirement. Always appreciated his wit, candor and friendship. See you in the next life, Tango! //Eric Hauff//

Fly high silent warrior, you'll live forever cherished by Airborne's Finest. Peace to you and sincere condolences to your family. //Dave Anderson//

Tim was taken much too soon, but while he was here he lived life to the fullest each day. We should all be so lucky to live such a full life. I'm proud and honored to call Tim a friend and a mentor. //Kevin Buck//



David R. (Dave) Petit passed away in early June 2015 just a few days before his 75th birthday. Dave was a 202 on Able flight while at Hakata during the 1963-1966 time frame. //Carol Farr//



William "Bill" Philip Reed, 83, passed away July 16, 2015. Bill joined the Air Force in 1952 and served for four years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia Jean Reed, two sons, John William Reed and Jeff Reed of Hudson Florida, and one daughter, Judith Lynn Rose. //Obit - **Beysers Funeral Home**//

Bill joined the USAF in 1952 and served with the 6913th RSM on Baker Trick from 1954 to 56 at Bremerhaven Germany. //www.6913th.org//



Col (Ret) Duane Elliott Russell passed away in North Richland Hills on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Duane was born in 1923. He served in the United States Army and United States Air Force, starting in World War II until retirement in 1974. While in the Army and the early Air Force, he served as a master sergeant, then as an officer, with rank of flight officer through

full colonel. Duane served as an infantryman, pilot and a special intelligence officer. He earned the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (Vietnam), several air medals, two presidential citations, a V for valor during Vietnam, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm,

and several others. After retiring from the Air Force, he served as and retired as a certified Texas high school teacher of history, government, economics, and the Russian language. He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland and a master's of arts from Ball State University, and several professional diplomas from the Air University and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Duane served as a professor at Ball State University, as well as the University of Alaska. A member of the USAFSS Hall of Honor, inducted in 1991, his name is also inscribed on the National Aviation and Space Exploration Wall of Honor at the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Washington, D.C. He was affectionately known by his Air Force troops as "Colonel DER." A Master Mason for over 65 years, Duane was a member of several Lodges, ending with the Masonic Lodge in Richland Hills. Duane served as Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Mart and Lorena. He was 32nd-degree Mason of the Scottish Rite. He was a life member of the VFW Post 6008 in Hewitt, a member of the American Legion, and a volunteer at Providence Health Center in Waco for 11 years. He was a member of Youngblood Memorial Presbyterian Church in Robinson and St. Paul Presbyterian Church in North Richland Hills.



CMSgt (Ret) George P. Stevenson Jr., 77, passed away May 15, 2015. He served 22 years. He is survived by his daughter, Grisan and son, Gordon. //Obit – Chase Parkway Memorial//
//Notified Homer Waring//

Our good friend has passed away. His cheery smile and energetic approach to making the world a better place remain strong in my memory. George was in the 291XX career field and had a number of assignments in USAFSS--including one at RAF Chicksands in the mid-70's where I was fortunate enough to know him.
//Homer Waring//

Steve and I were in email communications many years and virtually to the end. Never ever bemoaned his plight. Always upbeat. A prince among men

and the finest gentleman I have ever known. But first and foremost from our Air Force days together over 50 years ago he was and always will be a comrade in arms. RIP and god speed. //Spencer & Susan Hendron//

I first met Steve when he and I were in the Air Force, stationed in Scotland. We worked together for several years. I can honestly say that Steve was the nicest man I ever met. We stayed in contact with each other and talked on the phone, e-mail etc. I visited him and Helen in Connecticut several years ago. They were wonderful hosts and we all had a great weekend. //Jim McMillon//



Jerry L. Taylor, 73, died, February 8, 2015. He had served in the Air Force and was a member of American Legion Post 191. He is survived by his wife, Sandi Taylor and son, Lance Taylor. //Obit **Watson Giddens Funeral Home**// //Notified www.6913th.org//

He served in the U.S. Air Force at Bremerhaven, Germany from 1960-63 on Dog Flight in the RP Shop. //www.6913th.org//



Donald E. Turgeon, a.k.a., Pidge, Old Don and The Legend, 79, passed away June 29, 2015. Don is survived by his loving wife, of 50 years, Janet. He is also survived by his two sons, Todd and Bob. //Obit – **Las Vegas Review**

Journal//

He joined the U.S. Air Force, serving with the 6913th RSM at Bremerhaven, Germany from 1956-58 on Charlie Trick. //www.6913th.org//



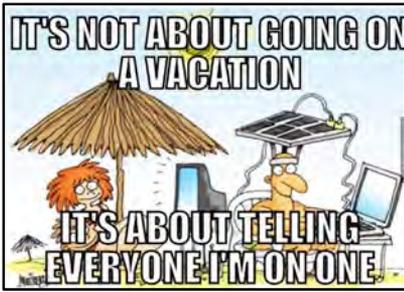
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Following was received from Christie Moorman who teaches ELA to sixth graders at Huntsville TX Intermediate School Her stepfather, Bobby Dan Hughes, had a career of service in the Air Force that lasted 26 years (1967-1987). He was often deployed to various locations during his career including Misawa, Japan, West Berlin, Germany and Sinop, Turkey. Christie writes: *Very proud of Chief Master Sergeant Hughes who served his final assignment at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, TX He served for two years there as Superintendent of the Cryptologic Language Training Division and later as Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commander of the Goodfellow Technical Training Center.*



Signed by unit commander upon verification of an aircrew member completing 100 missions. This upload in response to Bob's query, same subject. Posted by Tom Nurre

Note: James Robert Clapper, Jr. is a retired lieutenant general in the United States Air Force and is currently the Director of National Intelligence. He served as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency from 1992 until 1995.



Gendolfe's Journal – Texas to Rhode Island and Back

Submitted by Ken Gendolfe

(Ed note: Thought you might enjoy a little human interest story once in a while. Since Ken Gendolfe and his

wife Carole take extended road trips around the country in their RV coach fairly often, I asked him if he could post a travel-log on their recent trip to Rhode Island from San Antonio, TX. //Rass//)

We started our trek on June 6th, from home in Selma, TX...about 3 miles outside the city limit of San Antonio.

The first leg of our trip took us to Texarkana, TX...about 350 miles. We are lucky to take our “home” with us so there’s no unpacking and overnighting is a quick setup and breakdown the next day.

The next evening, we stopped over at a Navy Support Activity north and west of Memphis, TN. We’ve stayed here before. It’s set up in a quiet cul-de-sac behind their Commissary. We like staying on military installations. It give us a sense of security, especially at night when we walk our dog, Harry. The FamCamps (Family Camps) are usually well-lit and patrolled.

Night three found us in Elizabethtown, KY. Because my butt gets numb after a couple of hours, we limit our days to about 350 miles...unless we’re late getting somewhere. We make short runs with a couple of rest stops, take on fuel, and quit early in the day. It’s easier to make connections (electric, water, etc.) in daylight than night.

Our fourth night was a longer journey to Verona, NY. Another preference is staying at casinos. On average, casinos charge less for the stay, have generally well-kept campsites, and are relatively secure. For consideration however, is that what they offer in amenities in the RV camp is quickly compensated for in the casino. I’m here to tell you we have generously sent many casino investors’ children to institutes of higher learning.

The first leg of our trip was completed on June 13th at a small RV Campground in North Scituate, Rhode Island. It wasn't the greatest of facilities, but we merely needed to park the RV for a week or so while we attend our niece's wedding. We spent our evenings in the coach, but our days were filled with family and a mini-High School reunion with old friends. I did get the opportunity to take Carole to *Federal Hill*, which is the Old Italian section of Providence, our intention was buy some Egg Flake noodles that we can't find at home. \$140 later we had 4 packages of the flakes, Italian hard salami sliced to order (it was a small circumference salami, so I had him cut it in ¼" slices for nibbling), cheese, prosciutto, warm Italian bread, and pancetta (Italian bacon). I love going up to *Federal Hill*, a must visit for anyone visiting Rhode Island.

The wedding was a magnificent event. In typical Italian fashion, most of the presents given to Bride and Groom were flat...money cards!!! The Groom is an Associate Coach for the University of Vermont Catamounts, a Division One basketball team...hoping to do better this year. There were plenty of UV basketball players in attendance. I guess I'm not as tall as I used to be, 'cuz my neck was hurting by the end of the night.

A word about the wedding. The ceremony was performed in a local church. The reception was held in the Providence Biltmore Hotel. There's a sentimental reason for this that probably no one is interested in, but to make this article longer than one page, I'll carry on.

My niece was born nearly a year after my father passed away. My father, in his youth and to augment his salary as a welder in the Ship Yards during the war, worked as a waiter at the Biltmore, soon becoming a headwaiter. One of his claims to fame was that the Kennedy Wedding at Hammersmith Farm in Newport, RI, was catered by the Biltmore with my father attending. So, in a type of memorial, my niece decided it would be nice to have her reception at the Biltmore. I'm sure her father (my brother-in-law) would have rather had it at Denny's...

We started our turnaround trip on Monday the 22nd. About 80 miles later, we stopped at a Hanscom AFB run Recreational Camp at Humarock, Mass. Humarock is about 20 miles south of Boston on the South River. Fourth Cliff is on a bluff above the ocean on the east side and the river inlet on the west. The photo of the sunset on the following page was taken from this location. If you're ever in the New England area and would like a quiet seaside vacation at more than reasonable prices (cabin that sleeps

6 with gorgeous views is \$135 a night)... the Humarock Rec Facility is well worth it.



Our journey continues tomorrow when we visit West Point... We arrived safely, albeit in an-around-about way, at the FamCamp at West Point. Nestled in the Adirondacks, I can conceive of no way that this fortification could have been lost even with the plans that Benedict Arnold stole and provided to the English.



The vistas from the grounds of the Academy are fantastic. We decided to take the 1 hour tour of the grounds. That proved to be a smart decision. I'd imagine

there are a million stories of events that happened here, but the few that we heard were probably the most enjoyable. Our guide provided some of the folk lore and history of the Academy including a few that I'll list here.

First, one of my idols, Gen George S. Patton...a five year graduate!!! Seems he didn't make graduation with his original class due to failure of one of his courses. He was chided about that throughout his career. As



we visited the cadet area, there was a statue of him erected in front of the Jefferson Library. His family donated the funding and requested the placement there because the General's response to the questions of why he didn't graduate on time was that he couldn't find

the library!!! His family saw the humor in that.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower was apparently quite a prankster (aside from being a C student) while attending the Academy. Some of his pranks required some correctional activity, and some cadets are penalized by being force-marched around the parade grounds. Seems Ike was a member of the Century Club because of his pranks!!

And Finally!!! Gen Douglas MacArthur wasn't alone while he attended the Academy. Doug's Mommy also resided on the academy ground directly across the parade grounds from the dormitories. Mom would keep tabs on Douglas by checking the lights in his room at night. If the lights were on late into the evening, Mom would tell him he need to get more sleep...if the lights were out too early, he needed to study more. She'd leave notes all over the ground for him to find and made sure he complied!!!

Visited Fort Smith on Cape Henry, VA. Had the opportunity to view the USS San Antonio as it was heading out to sea!!!



Heading for South Carolina on Thursday to spend some (more) time with my sister and Brother-in-law at their condo in Myrtle Beach.

After spending the 4th of July at my sister’s “vacation” home, we re-hitched the wagon and headed for Florida. Our first stop was to Mayport Naval Station to rest up and replenish. Mayport has a beautiful FamCamp,

at the entry of the St. John’s River. All of the marine traffic into Jacksonville, FL, enters thru the St John’s River and some of the sights are simply fantastic, including all the Navy vessels home ported at Mayport.



From Mayport, we turned west on I10 heading home. We stopped first in Destin at an Eglin AFB run MWR facility on the bay. If you’re thinking of visiting Florida’s Emerald Coast (so named for its emerald-colored waters and sugar white beaches), you should give this place some consideration. A 3 bedroom “villa” for \$130/night is cheap in Destin, and the longer you stay, the cheaper it gets. They have a pool, marina, charter fishing opportunities, play-ground for the kiddos, and a safe environment!

After a short visit there, including visits with friends dating back to San Vito in the 70s, we finished up our trip with stops at casinos in Bay St. Louis, MS and Kinder, LA where I again lost my “pitooti” !

“Charity of Your Choice”

Submitted by Dave Naab

From time to time, we’ve all been asked to donate money to a "charity" which purports to support various causes. Solicitations come from mailings and telephone calls, sometimes even from door-to-door appeals. The narratives that are used to seek donations varies but usually pulls at one's heart strings. How to determine those which are legitimate charities that donate the lion's share of the incoming donations to a specific cause has always been a challenge.

Michelle Singletary, author of the column "The Color of Money" in the Washington Post recently wrote an article which provided details how to check up on the percentage of your donation actually goes to a given charity. Briefly, we are referred to the Federal Trade Commission's web site, www.ftc.gov and to search for "Charity Scams". The Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance has a data base at www.give.org and you can also check at www.charitynavigator.org to learn more.

Members would be best served to read the entire article, which provides additional insight. See the following link http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/get-there/before-you-get-out-your-wallet-for-charity-do-your-research/2015/05/19/5cd979ac-fe5f-11e4-8b6c-0dcce21e223d_story.html

Reminder!! Misawa Alumni Social!!

Misawa Alumni Social/Ice Breaker: Make plans to attend the 18th annual USAFSS in Misawa alumni gathering on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 6 PM. Social will be at Lily’s Kings Lounge, 111 Whitewood, San Antonio, Texas. Group pictures taken at 8 PM. Reservations not required. Everyone invited. All USAFSS veterans are encouraged to stop by Kings during the reunion week to meet up with some of your old friends. For info call Walt Ritter, 210-260-3062

Upcoming 6918th Sep 2015 Minneapolis Reunion

Posted by Dave Bethard



More 6918th Brady/Hakata history and memories will be available for you following our upcoming reunion! Disc 1 includes 6 slide shows, including some Ashiya images, in addition to photos from Daniel Hull, Jim Moyer and Mike Mehren, all from Charlie

Flight. Also included are a nice grouping of miscellaneous photos received since the 2013 reunion, as well as a wonderful 2013 photo-journey back to Hakata with Marty O'Brien of Baker Flight. Disc 2 will include images of the flight photos from the 2015 reunion, as well as hospitality room, candid and banquet program highlight images to share. As always, both discs are full of photos, good music, and more memories than you can count! (Disc 1 and case could ship now, with disc 2 following approximately 3 months after the reunion). POC: davebethard@att.net for requested donation and ordering information.



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