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## The President's Corner



Howdy Silent Warriors,

Spring has sprung, basketball and hockey are ending (Go Spurs Go) while baseball is up and running. We had a nice Spring Social arranged by "Mr. Reliable" Ken Williams. Our guest speaker was BGen (select) James "Cliffy" Cluff, the 25th AF CV. He started out as an intel officer, but went on to be a pilot in F-16s and later a squadron, group and wing commander of remotely piloted aircraft (RPAs) units. He is a big supporter of ISR and the FTVA...joining that very evening. We also recognized a couple of deployers; one from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the other from Kabul, Afghanistan. A great evening of food, speaker and camaraderie.

We have been informed that the 25th AF Change of Command is in May. MajGen Shwedo has been nominated for his 3rd star and moving to the Pentagon to be the AF/A6...quite an accomplishment for an intel officer. He has been a true friend and supporter of the FTVA. He will be replaced by MajGen (select) Mary O'Brian coming in from the CYBERCOM/A2...a few years back she was the 70th ISRW/CC at Ft Meade. We are looking forward to working with her on the upcoming Anniversary activities.

Speaking of the Anniversary activities, we are changing up a few things this year to facilitate participation. First, we have moved the Hall of Honor (HOH) Ceremony to Friday morning at 0900. Our intention is to broaden the visiting audience and the understanding of the HOH by the current HQs work force. Then, the Remembrance Ceremony will be held outside followed by the picnic. It should be a great day.

Additionally, a Saturday morning meeting on base is becoming harder and harder with gate closures and more stringent base access controls. Therefore, we are moving the Saturday morning membership meeting to a new venue off base. There are several central locations available and, once it's nailed down, we will announce the location in our reunion package mail-out.

The banquet this year will still be on base at the Gateway Club. We are excited to have LtGen (ret) James Clapper, former Director of National Intelligence, as our guest speaker. You won't want to miss this one.

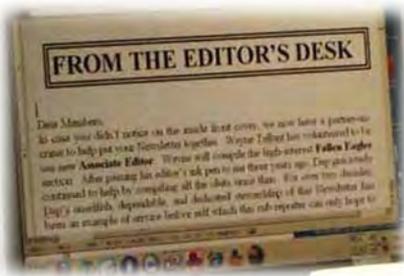
Additionally, many of you have heard thru the grapevine about possible changes at 25th AF. It's been almost 3 years so it's about time for another reorg. The CSAF, new SECAF and CORONA will be deciding soon about combining 25th AF (ISR) and 24th AF (CYBER) into one large numbered AF under ACC. If the table is slapped in June, we will become the largest NAF in the AF, approx 42,000 Airmen. If this happens, it will be another interesting time for the staff...to say the least.

We are always looking for new members. If you're retired but still working, talk to your friends and co-workers that you know were in the command. If you're working for a company in our business, encourage them to be a Vigilant Partner by contacting Col (ret) Mark Hess. If you're fully retired, reach out to old friends and encourage them to join.

Finally, I want to thank Rass and his staff for continuing to do such an outstanding job with the newsletter. Check it out on-line, you'll like it even better than the hard copy. Thanks...and always remember to "Remain in Touch".

Ron

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Hi Everyone,

Once again, thanks to all of you who contributed to filling the pages of this quarter's FTVA news that's fit-to-print. We have included almost all your submissions in this issue by catching up on getting those articles published that have been "in the

queue" for a while (which added a few lines to our History and Memories Section). We've also announced your nominations for the annual election of two BOD executive officers. You can read about our support to the 25 AF as well as teaming with the Command in hosting the annual **Spring Social** event which was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio.

While visiting San Angelo, TX in early May, I was invited to “sit in” on the monthly (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) meeting of the Heritage Chapter. They are indeed a “small but robust group.” I was impressed by the number of initiatives they discussed in support of Goodfellow Training Center and several other local community activities. They really do continue to “make a difference”.



May 4th (L-R) Rick Primo, Ron “JJ” Graham (Pres), Corky Bingham, Ed Bendinelli (Vice Pres), John Frost, Larry Ross (Secretary), Wayne Bascom, Marc Kirner, and Steve Voss.

We have included just about everything of interest on my desk “from soup to nuts” so I hope you’ll find this issue of RIT both “diverse and robust” reading too.

*Have a great summer!*



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*Letters To The Editor*

From: Burgess, Frank (Mbr # 247)  
To: FTVA Membership Chair

The address you asked us to confirm is correct. Frank has not been in good health for a few years. The Freedom Through Vigilance Newsletter always brings a smile to his face. Please continue to send Frank the FTVA Newsletter. Thank You.

Sincerely, Mrs. Frank G. Burgess

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From: Bruce Case                      Feb 22  
To: FTVA Newsletter

Rass, before I say more... words can't describe how wonderful, professional, extensive, honorable .... all those things and more are the way I would describe your newsletter. I'm only a recent member but, oh, I am so proud to be associated with our outstanding patriotic warrior brothers. I can't thank Myles enough for sending me that old Newsletter. And... I was blown away when I dropped into the page with my letter there staring me in the face. Thanks so much for putting me in such a prominent place. I guess you've observed that I had no trouble downloading the whole Newsletter. Above and beyond what I just said, the art work, the color, and the photos were brilliant and beautiful. Great job by the staff who put the report together.

Bruce Case

Bruce -

I can't remember (old timer's) if I answered your kind thank-you message from Feb... at any rate, your thoughtful response was very flattering. It's very much a team effort and we just do the best we can (old-timer's, lack of tech savvy, monetary considerations, and time constraints notwithstanding). Wishing you our best for the future.

v/r Rass & the RIT Team

**Annual 2017 FTVA Officer Elections**

Having been appointed as the nominating committee for the annual officer elections to be held in September 2017, we gave accepted submissions for the offices of President and Vice President. For obvious reasons, only those who can attend the monthly BOD meetings in San Antonio were seriously considered. With the unanimous concurrence of the FTVA BOD, Ted Colquhoun and Evan Smith have accepted nomination to serve as your President and Vice President respectively for the upcoming 2018-2020 term. Ted has been serving on the FTVA BOD taking care of our Fallen Eagles data base for several years; then as our Vice President for the past year.

Lt Col Evan Smith enlisted in 1985 as an Airborne Russian Linguist and after his promotion to MSgt, earned a commission in 1997. He spent a career in intelligence, with operations and staff assignments in the Pacific, Europe and the U.S. He served several deployments to the Middle East for combat operations. His final assignment was as Commander of the 97<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron, Offutt AFB, NE. and retired in 2015. He now works in the 25 AF HQs.



Ted

Evan

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**FTVA Hall of Honor Nominations**



The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is currently reviewing the write-ups of nominees for induction into the FTVA’s Hall of Honor. As detailed in our last issue of RIT (March 2017), HOH nominations must be received not later than 5 June 2017, and selections will be announced in the September RIT issue. The induction ceremony is a major element of the Association’s reunion activities to be held Friday, 29 September 2017 at 0900 in the 25 AF Headquarters Auditorium. Once again, thank you for your participation.

Remain in Touch,

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

**25<sup>th</sup> AIR FORCE NEWS**

Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

**TU-2S ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RELEASED**

Adapted from an article by 25<sup>th</sup> Air Force

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Air Combat Command officials released the TU-2S Accident Investigation Board results April 19, 2017. The TU-2S crash occurred Sept. 20, 2016 near Sutter, California during a training mission after the aircraft entered an unintentional secondary stall and the two pilots ejected.

During the ejection sequence, the instructor pilot, Lt. Col. Ira S. Eadie, was killed, and a second pilot received minor injuries.

“Beale’s Airmen have shown resilience in the months following the crash,” said Col. Larry Broadwell, 9th RW commander. “This tragedy impacted the Eadie family, Beale, and the local community. We will continue to provide support to those affected and always remember the sacrifice Lt. Col. Eadie made in the line of duty.”

Since the incident, the Eadie family has appreciated the support they have received from friends, Beale, and the local community but would like privacy now.

“The results of the accident investigation were presented to us, affording our family some small degree of closure during this difficult situation,” said the Eadie family. “We would like to thank the entire investigation team for their diligent efforts in helping make sense of this tragedy. We greatly appreciate the love and support from all who have assisted over the past few months. We would also like to thank you in advance for respecting our family’s privacy during this current period of grieving.”

## SCIENTISTS COLLABORATE IN SAN ANTONIO

Adapted from an article by Lori A. Bultman, 25th Air Force

LACKLAND, Texas Scientists from across the country pop up on a different Air Force base every Spring, looking for a specific shade of blue. This year, the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board found their ‘Air Force blue’ while meeting April 10-13 at 25th Air Force



Headquarters. The group of 50 board members, and about 50 associated personnel, held mostly classified discussions on the wide variety of impacts science can have on global Air Force and Department of Defense missions.

“It has been a great week here,” said Werner J.A. Dahm, Ph.D., chair of the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. “Board members gained first-hand exposure to the challenges of cyber operations and how 24th Air Force is ensuring that warfighters can maintain the information advantage, and how 25th Air Force provides multisource intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance products, applications, capabilities and resources, to include cyber and geospatial forces and expertise.”

“Every spring, we go to an operational base because we think it is critical for board members to receive Air Force ‘bluing’,” Dahm said. “It helps the SAB members get a deeper understanding, from the mission level to the individual Airmen, how they see the mission and how it effects their personal lives. Just sitting in D.C., and having all our meetings there, you don’t get that. The Airmen that spoke to us at our luncheons were inspirational.”

The SAB was created as an advisory body of experts who provide independent, external, expert advice to the senior leadership of the Air Force, Dahm said. The 50-member board includes scientists, engineers, academics and technical program leaders, who are tasked annually to complete studies on topics deemed critical by the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

“Some of the key missions at the 25th and 24th reflect what is happening at the leading edge of the Air Force,” he said.

“Cyber has grown to become pervasive,” Dahm said. At Joint Base San Antonio, people are aware of how pervasive the cyber threat is and the implications Air Force-wide, he said.

“All of the services are more dependent on technology than they were ever before, and that vector is going one way,” Dahm said. “It is increasing every year. There is hardly anything in the Air Force that doesn’t depend, in one way or another, on technology.”

Among the topics discussed during this SAB Spring Board Meeting were: ‘Nuclear Surety and Certification of Emerging Systems,’ ‘Adapting Test and Evaluation to Emerging System Needs’ and ‘Technology Viability to Support Penetrating Counterair Capability,’ Dahm said.

“The studies the SAB has done during its nearly 75-year existence are remarkable,” Dahm said. The key mission limitations have changed, the challenges have changed and the SAB has always been tasked to take on the most contemporary, current problems and provide the best advice to the Air Force, Dahm said.

In addition to the assigned studies, the board also completes five reviews of technology developments from the Air Force Research Laboratory, and provides technical advice to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and major command leaders.

“In the past several months, the board has conducted on-site in-depth reviews of research strategy and progress in the Air Force Research Laboratory, including Aerospace Systems, Sensors, Directed Energy, Space Vehicles, and the System Technologies Office,” Dahm said.

Through the board’s work, Dahm said the Air Force can invest in the key technologies where they will achieve the greatest value.

“Part of the SAB’s job is, in part, to help Air Force leaders think through that, so every dollar the Air Force invests gives the Airmen the best tools to be dominant,” Dahm said.

Dahm appreciates what the board does to help every service member accomplish their mission.

“I think there is tremendous value in every Airman here, at Joint Base San Antonio, within ACC and the broader Air Force, knowing that they have got an Air Force Scientific Advisory board working to keep the Air Force at the leading edge, to help them have the tools to be able to be dominant in the jobs they do.”

The board, first known as the Army Air Forces Scientific Advisory Group, was established by General H. H. “Hap” Arnold in 1944, and chaired by his scientific advisor Dr. Theodore von Kármán. It is a Federal Advisory Committee that provides independent advice on matters of science and technology relating to the Air Force mission.

Since its formation, studies and technical reviews by the SAB have had strong impacts on the science and technology programs conducted by the Air Force, and on the resulting capabilities that have emerged from these programs to support the Air Force mission, according to the SAB website.

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### **AFTAC AIRMEN HAUL IN ANNUAL STEM HARDWARE**

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



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Six Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center here earned Air Combat Command accolades for their accomplishments in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. The winners, all of whom are assigned to AFTAC’s Technology Coordination Office (TC),

learned of their selection from AFTAC’s commander, Col Steven M. Gorski, after ACC’s 4-star general made the final selections.

The awards were broken up into two distinct groups: one for Science and Technology, and one for Acquisitions. Within the groups were specific categories and recipients were required to submit a lengthy nomination package for each award.

Three of the six awards are named after luminaries associated with the respective award. Capt Jeffrey B. Archer, chief of TC's Aerospace Systems Branch, won the Harold Brown Award, the highest award given by the Air Force to a scientist or engineer who applies scientific research to solve a problem critical to the needs of the Air Force. It is named after Dr. Harold Brown, the eighth Secretary of the Air Force and 14th Secretary of Defense.

Capt Kimberlee S. Pottinger, chief of TC's Sensors, Surveillance and Development Branch, won the Air Force Science and Engineering Award/Research and Development category for her work on global persistent surveillance and characterization of high value assets within the Department of Defense.

Maj Ernesto F. Curiel, TC's deputy director, earned the Air Force Science and Engineering Award/Research Management category. Curiel was instrumental in the advancement of unique communications and identification technologies to meet critical mission requirements.

Maj Michael Butler, who serves as the chief of TC's Space Situational Awareness Sensors Branch, was selected for the Air Force Science and Engineering Award/Advanced Technology Development after he led a 62-member team from 15 national organizations to develop a space situational awareness characterization technique. This is Butler's third consecutive win (same group, different categories), and the past two years he went on to win at the Air Force level as well.

Curiel collared a second award from the acquisitions group—the Gen Lester L. Lyles Developmental Engineer of the Year award. Lyles was the commander of Air Force Materiel Command who received degrees in mechanical and nuclear engineering.

The sixth winner was Capt Joshua J. Ford, a TC systems engineer, who was presented with the Dr. Paul G. Kaminski Most Promising Systems Engineer Award for his work on a \$2.5 billion geosynchronous earth orbit missile warning spacecraft. Kaminski is best known for his role in the development of stealth aircraft.

“AFTAC Airmen absolutely overshadowed the competition and came away with impressive hardware,” said LtCol David Laird, director of TC. “These awards are a true testament to the caliber of our workforce here, and the recognition our Airmen continue to receive around the Air Force.”

## WING MAKES MOVE TO NEBRASKA

From an article by 55th Wing Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — *Editor's note: This is the third article in a series that annotates the history of the 55th Wing from its early days as a World War II pursuit group to its current form as an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance unit.*



After nearly two years of planning, the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing moved from Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, Aug. 16, 1966.

*On Aug. 16, 1966, the 55th Wing completed a major move when it went from Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. August 2016 marked 50 years for the 55th Wing at Offutt Air Force Base.*

This past August, the wing marked 50 years in the greater Omaha community.

Just prior to the wing's full move, the wing's detachment at Offutt assumed flight operations of Strategic Air Command's airborne command post, known as the EC-135 Looking Glass.

SAC began the Looking Glass mission Feb. 3, 1961, and from that day forward the aircraft was airborne 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Looking Glass name was used because the aircraft's mission was to mirror ground-based command, control and communications of the nation's strategic nuclear forces. It was to be able to control the nation's bombers and missiles if ground control was lost at SAC. After initially being flown by the 34th Air Refueling Squadron at Offutt, the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing assumed Looking Glass responsibilities July 1, 1966. The EC-135C was assigned to the wing's 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron and later the 7th ACCS, and its crew consisted of two pilots, a navigator, an airborne refueling systems operator and communications systems operators.

The Looking Glass' battle staff was divided into seven operational teams from all branches of the armed services and was under the command of a flag officer when airborne.

On July 24, 1990, after nearly thirty years, Looking Glass ceased continuous airborne alert, but remained on ground or airborne alert 24 hours a day. When SAC was deactivated on June 1, 1992, the mission became part of U.S. Strategic command until Sept. 25, 1998, when the U.S. Air Force handed the mission over to the U.S. Navy's E-6B aircraft.

In total, EC-135C crews accumulated more than 281,000 accident-free flying hours. In addition, the Looking Glass mission provided a key element of the U.S. nuclear deterrence and was a significant contributor to U.S. victory in the Cold War.

In addition to the Looking Glass, the wing also assumed another high-profile mission in just under 10 years at Offutt when Air Force's entire E-4 fleet and its National Emergency Airborne Command Post mission was transferred here Nov. 1, 1975, from Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

The E-4's mission during the late 1970s and 1980s was to provide the president a safe location to conduct wartime operations in the event of a nuclear attack, earning the jet the dubious moniker, "the doomsday plane." The aircraft and her Night-watch team have been continuously ready, serving "hot" alert 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As the Cold War came to a close in the 1990s, the E-4 remained on alert status, but saw its mission expand and name change to the National Airborne Operations Center in 1994. And just this past October, its mission was transferred to Air Force Global Strike Command and out of the wing.

Beyond those two C2 missions, the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth continued its worldwide ISR missions and gained host responsibility for Offutt in 1986. The wing deployed to the Persian Gulf Aug. 9, 1990, and began 24-hour-a-day reconnaissance of the region for U.S. Central Command. Amazingly enough, the wing remains there today.

To reflect the wing's performance of a diversity of missions, the 55th SRW became the 55th Wing Sept. 1, 1991. The unit was transferred to Air Combat Command June 1, 1992, when SAC disestablished. As the clock turned towards a new century, the 55th Wing continued to expand its mission set with the addition of the EC-130H Compass Call. The unit was assigned to the wing under the 55th Electronic Combat Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Today the 55th Wing is the largest wing in Air Combat Command, the second largest in the Air Force and conducts operations out of Offutt, Davis-Monthan, Kadena Air Base, Japan; Royal Air Force Mildenhall, U.K.; and Souda Bay Naval Support Activity, Crete.

## Stu Engbretson Tactics Analysis Reporting Awards

Adapted from an article by Lori A. Bultman, 25 Air Force

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO – LACKLAND, Texas --

The 25th Air Force Tactics Analysis Reporting Program recently recognized analysts' significant accomplishments completed outside the scope of their traditional Air Force Specialty Code with the Stu Engbretson Tactics Analysis Award. "We are extremely proud of the professionalism of these two outstanding Airmen, who have clearly excelled in their mission of delivering adversary tactics intelligence to the Air Force's tactical warfighters down at the flying squadron level," said Col. Michael Stevenson, commander, 363rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing.

(Right) Mr. Ronald Haygood, USAF ACC 25 AF A2/3 recognizes MSgt Aaron, 51st Intelligence Squadron, 363rd ISR Wing as one of this year's award recipients. "It's an honor to receive the Stu Engbretson Senior Tactician of the Year Award for 2016," Aaron said. "While an individual award, I wouldn't be able to accomplish the things I do without an awesome CENTASE [Central Air Force Tactics and Adversary Studies Element] team working together to produce great things. Like Chief Engbretson, I understand intelligence is of little value unless we can get it into the hands of the people who go out and do the Air Force's mission, the aircrews of the USAF, and in a format, they understand."



(Left) Mr. Haygood presents the Junior Tactics Analyst of the Year award to TSgt Ryan, 361st ISR Group, 363rd ISRW. "I am honored to be recognized with such a prestigious award. The TARP/TASE community is very small and is doing very important missions. I love that I get to do multi-Int [intelligence] analysis of

adversary tactics and brief it to aircrews and operators. I believe that the TARP/TASE community is helping bridge the gap between operators and ISR. The SOFTASE [Special Operations Forces Tactics and Adversary Studies Element] team is amazing, and supporting the AFSOC mission and operators has truly been a humbling experience."

CMSgt Stu Engbretson is recognized as the founder of the Tactics Analysis Reporting Program. In 1979, he came up with the idea of bringing intelligence collectors and analysts together with fighter pilots to discuss how adversary air forces were operating outside the scope of their traditional Air Force Specialty Code and how that work impacts Combat Air Forces and Mobility Air Forces, said Kevin Inman, Tactics and Adversary Studies Element Manager, 25th Air Force. “We are extremely proud of the professionalism of these two outstanding Airmen, who have clearly excelled in their mission of delivering adversary tactics intelligence to the Air Force’s tactical warfighters down at the flying squadron level,” said Col. Michael Stevenson, commander, 363rd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing.

The FTVA has sponsored the Stu Engbreston Awards since its inception.

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**32nd IS Honors World War II Reconnaissance Heritage  
Ft. George Meade, Md.**



The legacy of reconnaissance began with the 32nd Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron and its heroic mission in 1943, during World War II.

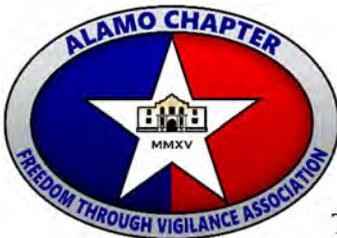
On April 20, Airmen assigned to the 32nd Intelligence Squadron held a memorial ceremony to honor the PRS members who lost their lives in the early days of reconnaissance missions. Annually, the 32nd IS hosts a memorial to pay tribute to their heritage. The lineage began with the 45th Reconnaissance Squadron, which was activated at Gainesville Army Air Field, Texas, in June 1943. Two months later, in August, the squadron was re-designated as the 32nd Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron. During the ceremony, Andrew Anthony, 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing historian, informed those in attendance of the specifics of the 32nd PRS mission during WWII. After Anthony explained the squadron’s heritage and the importance of continuing the legacy, Col Paul Rozumski, 32nd IS commander, spoke to the Airmen about their importance to the mission and the squadron’s heritage. The ceremony ended with a flag folding ceremony held by the 70th ISRW Base Honor Guard.

## FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Dennis Buxton, Auxiliary Staff

Spring has sprung and the sweltering days of summer are nigh upon us as you peruse the haps of your fellow chapter members below. Sit back and pop a cool one and catch up with what's happening at our chapters from the balmy summer breezes of Hawaii to the effluvia of "The Swamp". Not only read what's happening in your area but let us know what you are doing as well by joining and reporting to your local chapters for compilation and forwarding to Ted Colquhoun, FTVA Board Vice President and Chapter Liaison. Email your inputs to Ted at [Wings\\_of\\_Blue@yahoo.com](mailto:Wings_of_Blue@yahoo.com).

*For this edition, we begin deep in the heart of Texas at the San Antonio-based Alamo Chapter.*



**Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, TX**  
**Barnie Gavin, Chapter President**  
**Mike Nielson, Chapter Secretary**

The February 16, 2017 meeting of the FTVA Alamo Chapter was called to order by President Barnie Gavin at 6:15 PM at Logan's Roadhouse, 12477 W. Interstate 10, San Antonio, TX 78230. There were 17 members, spouses and guests in attendance. Items discussed included:

**Spring Social.** The annual FTVA Spring Social will be held 8 April at the Sea World Marriott on Texas Route 151. Dress will be casual and a \$5 donation would be a nice thing to do. 25<sup>th</sup> AF Vice Commander, BGen James Cluff will be the guest speaker this year.

**April Meeting.** The Spring Social will serve as our quarterly Sit Down Dinner with the spouses as well as our April meeting.

**WWII Uniform.** Ottis "Leroy" Rodgers thanked Vince Colacicco for his donation of a World War II uniform of TSgt Charles Costanza to the Lackland Air Force Museum.



**Nights at the Round Table.** Barnie (left) and crew breaking bread at the 16 Feb 17 meeting. To Barnie's left are: Vince and Elise Colacicco, Judy Gavin and her mother, Doris.

**Squared Off.** Also enjoying the evening's victuals and libations on February 16th were (l-r) Ken Williams, Dennis Buxton, Bill Sheck, and Rick Wadle.



### March 16 Meeting

The March 16, 2017 meeting of the FTVA Alamo Chapter was called to order by Vice President Ken Gendolfe at 6:00 PM at Logan's Roadhouse, 12477 W. Interstate 10, San Antonio, TX 78230. There were 12 members, spouses and guests in attendance.

**543d ISRG.** The 543 ISRG is hosting a golf tournament on 21 April at the Golf Club of Texas. This is the local group we chose to sponsor. If possible please support this event. The cost is \$50 a person. Barnie sent out the flyer to our membership back on 14 March.

**FTVA Legacy Discussion.** Dennis Killian, LeRoy Rogers, Mike Nielsen, and Ken Gendolfe discussed ways to preserve the legacy of FTVA and educate the newest members of our ISR community. A couple of ideas that came to the forefront was to meet with the 25 AF Command Chief who holds monthly enlisted calls; meet with the 543 ISRG leadership, and other local organizations to discuss options to educate the younger members of our 25 AF community. When Barnie returns, we will discuss setting up meetings with Chief Towberman as well as with the 543 ISRG leadership prior to their golf tournament. If anyone has ideas, please share them with the chapter.

**Spring Social!** Just a reminder that April's meeting will be at the FTVA Spring Social on 8 April at the Marriott Courtyard on Hwy 151 and Westover Hills. As such there will be no April Alamo Chapter meeting. See you at the Spring Social.

**543d Support Ideas.** Also, I finally got together with Col Tom Burnett, the 543<sup>rd</sup> Commander. I told him we were here to support his group in any way we could. He had a couple of his newly promoted Staff Sergeants with him to hear what I had to say. Subsequently, he sent me the following email reply to our meeting. Amber and Buk came up with the following ideas and I'll let them know about the video.

### **Annual Award Ideas**

*1. FTVA San Antonio Chapter Heritage Award - Maximum of a 500-word essay about what heritage/traditions means to the AF member and how the member promoted or celebrated heritage/tradition within the unit and their peers. These topics can be changed annually to stimulate different submissions and encourage creative writing.*

*a. These essays can be reviewed by any combination of members of the FTVA Board and the senior enlisted/commissioned leaders.*

*b. Winner can be announced and presented with the award on the FTVA's birthday of 26 October.*

*c. Winner can be presented with a paper award in addition to a year membership with FTVA.*

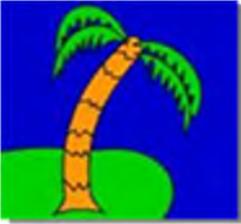
*2. Members will submit an AF Form 1206 highlighting their accomplishments within the year, with the emphasis placed on heritage, tradition, unit morale, unit cohesion, and team building. The same review as above can be used for this award as well.*

### **Other ideas for FTVA and Group involvement:**

1. FTVA-Active Duty Golf Tournament (Pro-Am)

2. Involve FTVA in leadership luncheons/Moretti 5/6 Speed Mentoring to advise younger airmen/NCOs who want to continue a career in intel.

3. Have FTVA come out and conduct briefings in MPR 8000 annually to share war stories and spread the word about what the FTVA does to increase awareness of its involvement with the 25AF.



*Next, we move to the Aloha State to see what the haps are in the Island Kingdom of hula skirts, loud shirts, and surf.*

**ALOHA Chapter, Honolulu, HI**  
John “Tilly” Toillion, President



**Friends at Feast: (L-R): Oly Harrison, John Toillion, Mark White, Steve Crain, Ken Een, Dickie Hites, and Fred Collins mugging for the camera.**

The Aloha Chapter held its second 2017 get together on March 31 at Ruby Tuesdays Mililani. This was our largest group of attendees in quite a while. In addition to our usual discussion topics (e.g., health, war stories, and politics) Steve Crain introduced guest Mark White, retired USAF Col, to share information concerning *Convention of the States (COS)*. Mark is Hawaii's COS Director and Steve is a member. Mark provided an informative overview of COS which is a convention called by the state legislature for proposing amendments to the Constitution in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution. More information is available at <https://www.conventionofstates.com>.

That be it from the coconut wireless. A-looooo-ha!!

*Meanwhile, back in Texas...*

**Heritage Chapter, San Angelo, TX**

Ronald 'JJ' Graham, Chapter President

Ed Bendinelli, Chapter Vice President

Larry Ross, Chapter Secretary



All the news that is fit to print from the Heritage Chapter home front. We begin with the repairs to the Vietnam Memorial.



**Vietnam Memorial Repairs.** The Vietnam Memorial is now fully restored. The helicopter was placed back on its perch on 31 March. The restoration looks good. The memorial will be rededicated on Memorial Day.

**Defense Language Institute Hall of Heroes.** SSgt Todd Melton and Sgt Clarence McNeill, both E-47 crew members who were killed in combat during the Vietnam War, will be inducted in the DLI Hall of Heroes on Memorial Day 2017. Additionally, SP5 Richard Hentz, an ASA Vietnamese linguist and brother of retired USAFSS veteran Ron Hentz, will be inducted. Larry Miller has completed a memorial display (photo right) honoring all Vietnamese linguists who perished in Vietnam. It will be unveiled at DLI on Memorial Day.



**Leftwich Scholarship Fund.** The "RF Leftwich & 6994th ARDF EC Memorial Fund" has been established at the 1st Convenience Bank located in the Wal-Mart on Sherwood Way in San Angelo. The fund created by Ray Leftwich Jr honors his father, TSgt Raymond Leftwich, who was killed in an EC-47 shootdown. The proceeds will eventually support scholarships for those attending the JROTC programs at the two local high schools.

**Angelo State University History Program.** On 30 March ASU presented a history program from readings of historical texts related to WWI. JJ Graham and Tom Nurre were two of the four panel members. Both agree that it was a great experience. A big crowd (160+) attended and seemed genuinely interested in the topics discussed. Veterans responded to the readings and made connections between what people wrote about a century ago and their own experiences or thoughts as the themes pertain to the present day.



**TWTH Display.** (Above) The Heritage Chapter is sponsoring “**The Wall That Heals**” travelling exhibit from 16-19 November 2017. It is a one-half size replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC. The exhibit will be set up on the grounds of Fort Concho. Thanks to the hard work of Ed Bendinelli, we received \$10,000.00 from an anonymous donor to cover the costs of bringing the display to San Angelo. On 11 February, JJ Graham and Larry Ross travelled to Cuero, Texas to view first-hand the setup.



**Gaggle Up!** The Heritage Chapter Members, Family and Guests sitting down for the quarterly social on 2 March

**Quarterly Social.** On 2 March the Heritage Chapter held its quarterly social. Eighteen members and guests enjoyed a good evening. Following the meeting, international students from the Philippines, Indonesia, Niger, Oman, and Egypt, along with two of the staff members, joined us for a meet and greet.

**Chatter Rolling.** At the social, Tom & Mary Goff (left) decide on which West Texas culinary delight to order while Wayne Bascom (middle) amusedly looks on as Tom Nurre (right) expounds on the benefits of membership in the FTVA.



**Top Secret None-Ya.** Kitty Nurre (left) and Susan Frost exchange confidential information regarding this fun social occasion while John Frost pretends not to listen in.

### **In other Heritage Chapter Tidbits....**

**Promotion.** Col Michael Downs, Commander 17<sup>th</sup> Training Wing, received word of his selection to BGen. No effective date provided. Col Ricky Mills, son of fellow-member CMSgt (Ret) Larry Mills, will replace Col Downs as Commander. Transfer date is unknown.

**Sad Passing.** Ms. Colleen Heath, widow of CMSgt James Heath, long-time staff member and former Commandant of the Goodfellow NCO Academy, died 3 April. We responded with individual contributions to the Harris Avenue Baptist Church's request for donations in her memory.

**Surgery.** Karen Bingham, wife of former Chapter president, Corky Bingham, recently underwent surgery. She is now recovering and is in rehab. Please keep Karen, Corky, and family in your thoughts and prayers.



**Editor's Note: Input not received from the following Chapters.**



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

[Ftva-rockymountainchapter.com/](http://Ftva-rockymountainchapter.com/)  
George "Ike" Eichel Berger, President



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Washington, D.C.

Jerry Gething, President Erreka Coleman, Secretary



**Gold Country Chapter**

Yuba City, CA  
John Aurelius, President

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**Was just thinkin'...**

**My people skills seem to be fine.  
It's just my tolerance for stupidity needs some work!**



## ANNUAL SPRING SOCIAL

Newsletter Staff Compilation

Our **2017 FTVA Spring Social** was held in the Alamo/Concepcion Room of the San Antonio SeaWorld/Westover Hills Marriott Courtyard Hotel Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 65 FTVA members and active duty service men and women enjoyed this special evening when we recognized Col Laura Ryan and MSgt Jessica Taylor, two 25 AF recent returnees from deployment. Brigadier General James Cluff, 25 AF Vice Commander (right) highlighted the evening as our guest speaker. The good general was kept busy throughout the evening visiting with attendees.



As has been his custom for many years, Ken Williams hosted the event for FTVA.

(Left) Bernie and Judy Gavin helped by providing name tags to guests as Pete Siegel and Ken manned the welcome table.



(Right) Three crusty ol' stalwarts took time to share a story or two before the shindig.

(L-R) Dennis Rassmussen, A.J. Harrison and John Lopes.





(Left) Our Newsletter Associate Editor, Joe Figueroa and his wife Rosario, were assisted by Pete Siegel (R) in selecting their seating for the evening.

(L-R) Amy & Mark Hess shared the head table with BGen Cluff, our guest speaker. Mark is the FTVA Vigilant Partner's Chair.



(left) A USAFSS vet, Patrick Otis came in from Wimberly, TX and brought along his favorite niece Sara Trcka. Pat pent a tour at the 6927<sup>th</sup> SG on Okinawa in the 1960's as a Chinese linguist.

(L-R) Bob Askew with Sara Trcka next to her Grandpa Patrick Otis and Ginny Askew.

(Right) Graddie Robinson (L) found Dennis Buxton (R) was eager to share some conversation to go along with the buffet morsels at their table.



(Left) Chris & Phan Anderson along with Col Laura Ryan (who recently returned from a deployment to Afghanistan) had a lively visit with Kathy Haygood.

(Right) A.J. Harrison chatted with Andy Smith accompanied by his nephew James Smith who is currently stationed at Ft Sam Houston as a helicopter munitions and weapons specialist.



(Left) To mark the occasion, Ted Colquhoun, FTVA Vice President and the evening's Emcee, presented Gen Cluff with an official FTVA monogrammed cap.

### 6994<sup>th</sup> SS Memorial Highway Dedicated on I-86

Submitted by Rick Yeh



On Thursday, 20 April 2017, a four-mile stretch of Interstate I-86 in Chemung County NY between exit 54 (Ithaca/Horseheads) and exit 56 (Elmira/Jerusalem Hill) near Horseheads, NY was renamed the 6994th Security Squadron Memorial Highway. This portion of the highway was renamed at the request of squadron member Joe Giammichele, who requested and followed through with all the administrative actions needed to have the highway renamed.

The sign unveiling ceremony was held at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center in Horseheads, NY. State officials attending the ceremony were co-sponsors Assemblyman Chris Friend and State Senator Tom O'Mara; County Executive Tom Santulli; and NY Assistant DOT Commissioner Patrick Meredith. In addition to the state officials, there were 13 members of the 6994th and other guests for a total of about 65 witnesses to the ceremony. This is the first highway to be dedicated to the squadron, and is believed to be the first Vietnam unit to have a state highway renamed in its honor in NY.

**2017 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Notifications of Upcoming Reunions**

Any Reunion plans for 2017? Let us help. The form found on the FTVA web site will ensure widest dissemination of your upcoming reunion contact details. Please Go to <http://www.ftva.org/>

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**NOTICE: There's a Prop Wash Gang Reunion and Dedicaton of Tennant Hall at Offutt AFB 28 June - 1 July. //Bob Cope//**

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**June 22 – 24, 2017**

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual USAFSS in Misawa Reunion**

Location: Providence, R.I. (The hotel is in Warwick, which is about 10 miles from the center of Providence. T.F. Green Airport will show up if the destination is Warwick, or Providence.)

POC: Syd Scales

Comment: Spokt Website for details.



**Aug 17 – 19, 2017**

**6994<sup>th</sup> Security Squadron**

Location: Dayton, OH.

POC: Will advise @ <http://6994th.com>

Comment: Arrangements in progress with Holiday Inn Hotel (2800 Presidential Dr in Fairborn)

**Aug 24 - 27, 2017**

**Peshawar Air Station Reunion**

**6937th (AF), 2008th, Pakistan '59-'69), SOU23 (Army)**

will be held at the Embassy Suites Old Market Omaha, NE.

POC: Tom Davis 937-470-3395, [davis5871@att.net](mailto:davis5871@att.net)

**Sep 22 – 27, 2017**

**COMBAT APPLE 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Location: Rockwall/Greenville, TX

POC: Bob Cotti ([rfc2k@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rfc2k@sbcglobal.net))

**Sep 21 – 24, 2017**

**6918<sup>th</sup> RSM/SS Brady/Hakata, Japan**

Location: Colorado Springs, CO

POC: Carol Farr [816-294-1787](tel:816-294-1787) email: [the6918thcorp@yahoo.com](mailto:the6918thcorp@yahoo.com).

**Comment:** Go to Hotel Elegante' <http://www.hotelelegante.com/>

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

**Sep 28 - 30, 2017**

**FTVA ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY REUNION, San Antonio, TX.**

Location: Security Hill, San Antonio, TX

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

Comment: Reunion packets are mailed to the membership along with the annual *Member Directory* in early July. Further information available at our website: <http://www.ftva.org/REUNION/index.cfm>

**To facilitate the annual reunion schedule of activities for local FTVA members as well as those who travel into San Antonio, the FTVA/BOD has made the following changes to the 2017 Annual Reunion schedule:**

**Thursday, 28 September. 2017**

**Golf Tournament at The Golf Club of Texas**

**Friday, 29 September. 2017**

**0900 - Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony**

**In 25 AF Headquarters Auditorium**

**1000 - 1100 Remembrance Ceremony**

**In front of Bldg 2000**

**1130 – Picnic at Stapleton Park**

**Saturday 30 September 2017**

**General Membership Meeting**

**(Venue to be announced.)**

**Reunion Banquet as usual on Saturday 1700t Gateway Club,  
Lackland AFB**



## REUNION REPORTS



### Fall of Saigon Party (FOSP) Doggers Reunion April 27 – 29, 2017 Linda and Randy Posted by Randy Seitter

Welcome fellow Doggers, Attendees (and the rest of you). Another FOSP complete. Sorry for the delay in the PMFR. But, stayed a little longer with some 24N3772 Vietnamese Classmates. And just getting back into the swing of things. Catching up on work, etc.



First, thanks to ALL that made this another GREAT union. Especially our main host John Slyman! Thanks so much for all the work, planning, activities and coordination you did to make this FOSP another successful reunion.

(Left) John Slyman (organizer of 2017 FOSP) with Ron Doranski, who just celebrated his 75th birthday. (Inside the Thunderbird hangar, in front of one of the aircraft.)

Also, kudos to Joe Turney and Larry Miller for their help and an acknowledgement to our anonymous donor for their substantial contribution to this year's reunion. Thanks also to all those that attended.

(Right) Lowell Cook  
Larry Miller  
Dave Domyancic



**Thursday, 27 April 2017** – check in for most of us. Linda and I arrived and used Uber for the first time to get from airport to the Flamingo (hotel of choice for most of us.) If you haven't tried it, highly recommend. Easy, cheap and very friendly and courteous drivers. Checked in, unpacked and proceeded to the Hospitality Suite Room 24170. Nicely stocked with various beer, wine, booze and eats. Thanks to those that helped set it up, keep it clean and those that help take it down. A pretty good crowd the first day. Abundant stories with little or no embellishment, I'm sure. Nice meet and greet and catching up from last year's FOSP. Probably shut it down around midnight on Thursday. WOW, not as many late nighters as there used to be!

**Friday, 28 April 2017** – Our trip to Nellis AFB. Some drove, some took the bus arranged by John. Base access went REAL smooth! First stop was the Thunderbird's hanger, Ops and museum. Two very professional (and quite fit) sergeants gave us a great presentation and information about the Thunderbird's squadron. Saw a nice video and then exited to the museum and hanger for pictures and site seeing. They were also kind enough to get the key for the "store" (really a cabinet) with Thunderbird's stuff. Models, patches, challenge coins and other T-bird stuff. Bought a few things myself. Lunch at the all-inclusive club. Still can't get over seeing the officers and enlisted co-mingling. No fraternization back in our day. EM, NCO and O clubs back in the day! Good or bad? Let you decide. Then off to the "petting zoo". For those of you that have never been, that is a pretty good collection of confiscated weapons from various eras. Mostly Soviet made products from a MiG 23 and MiG 29 to tanks, SAMs, radar, choppers and many things big and small. Really nice, impressive and interesting collection that you can handle, climb in and have some fun with.

FOSP group at the memorial ceremony



(Above) Finally, our last stop was the Memorial and reading of the Doggers and Friends of Doggers that have gone to that Final Orbit.

Too many, too fast and our obit list is growing. Really wish everyone would try to attend our reunions. Especially you “younger” guys that came after 24N! Nice reading and tributes given from Larry Miller, Joe Turney and yours truly.

**Continuing Friday, 28 April 2017** – RTB and what I consider one of the highlights of this year’s reunion. About ½ to ¾ hour with open bar on the High Roller. A really big Ferris Wheel at the Flamingo/Linq hotel/casino. About 20 of us attended and had a great time with unbelievable views of Las Vegas from about 550’. After that, dinner on your own. Bill & Eileen Healy, Mike Freeman, Mary King, Spider Neiles, Jerry Clausen, Linda and I did the Beatles Cirque show. Fantastic!



(Left)  
Dave Domyancic  
and the Holy Grail.

“Holy Batstuff Jake. I found it. I found the Holy Grail.”

**Saturday, 29 April 2017** – This day was essentially free to do what you wanted. Was supposed to be the T-6 flights. However, due to high winds (which were prevalent for the first three days) had to cancel/postpone. Back to Nellis for our dinner that evening with some driving and some taking the bus. Excellent food (Linda and I had the filet) prepared and served at the Club. Understand the other meals were also very good. Highlights were some talk, discussions and recommendations for those who may be suffering from AO caused ailments and your rights for VA help and compensation.

Gave out some more commemorative Vietnam Era Veteran’s pins for those that have not received one. Presentation of two more Bricks from the Hanoi Hilton to Jimmy Herbert and Ben Johnson. Congratulations gentlemen and very deserving of this fine honor from our comrades and peers!



(Above) These were some of the participants at the Nellis AFB activities on April 29th...the wives/girlfriends were taking the pictures at the Thunderbirds. Names in the best order I could put them in (a few blocked heads) Front row: Randy Seitter, Denny Gurtner, Gary Koehn, Bill Healy, "Spider" Neiles, Tom Riggins, Ron Doranski, Joel Ware, Jake Simmons. Back Row: Joe Turney, David Domyancic, Mary Marker, Ben Johnson, Larry Miller, Gene Mattke, Ed Evans, Dan Robbins, Jerry Clausen, John Slyman, Lowell Cook.

And to end the night, discussions, suggestions and recommendations about next year's FOSP location. Talked about moving again to the East Coast. I suggested holding off on the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic area due to closure of the 60258 Memorial and the cryptologic museum. I will check on progress and when these will be reopening. Some thought it would be nice for San Antonio. But, no one present from that area to volunteer and Fiesta San Antonio going on at the same time makes it difficult to hold it during our same time frame. San Angelo was also suggested. But, not much to do except a base tour. Larry Knipschild offered to check the Spokane and Fairchild area for possible future reunion. Final vote came down and accepted by Joe Turney for a return to Key West. JET stated he would consider getting us the Navy hotel again and make it another weeklong event. Details to follow. THANKS, JOE! Those of us that have hosted understand the undertaking and amount of time and effort involved and greatly appreciate it. That was essentially it for FOSP, we dispersed and went our separate ways. Some stayed a few days longer and they can fill in the blanks.

**Sunday, 30 April 2017** – Didn't get to do breakfast or see anyone off this year. Also, we could do the T-6 flights that morning. Winds died down and good to go. Eileen Healy, Bill Healy, Jerry Clausen and myself did the flights. WOW! The highlight of my trip! Did some cruising, dogfight maneuvers and some aerobatics! A 360 loop, barrel roll and even got to handle the stick for a while! Look me up on Face Book and you can see a short video. Thanks to John Slyman and "Lips" the pilot for making that possible.



Gary Koehn & Larry Mills

24N update – was good to get an FOSP Virgin there this year. Dale Sprosty, 24N alumni! And the first-time Dale, Bill Healy and I together since our Air Force days. We were original DLISW roomies when there were 3 to-a-room prior to the 6N Class leaving in November/December 1971 (Rick Francona/Dean Brown's class.)

Great time with some of the greatest guys I've ever known. And no one can understand the bond, camaraderie and relationships we've developed over the years. Hope it continues for a long time and a salute to you all! And come next year, you won't regret it!!!!!! Here is a link to the photos I took during the trip. Not sure how it all works. But, think you click on the link, it takes you to Drop Box and then asks me for permission for your access. Maybe even asks permission for you to make additions. So, feel free to add your pictures so we can share the memories.

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/AF%20FOSP%202017>

Next stop – Combat Apple 50<sup>th</sup> in Texas, September 2017.

Regards, Randy

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**Was just thinkin'....**



**Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.**

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## ROLL CALL REUNION - May 3 – 6 GATLINBURG, TN

A smiling group of nearly 60 USAFSS World Wide Roll Call members enthusiastically joined hands in Gatlinburg, TN for their 2017 annual reunion. Getting things started, the group enjoyed a rousing ice- breaker, a local show stopping performance in the Smoky Mountain Opry, outings, a power outage followed by a special banquet on Friday evening. Additional highlights of the gathering included recognition of Roll Call’s USAFSS Pioneers” (those attendees who were serving in USAFSS 50 or more years ago), the always enjoyable silent auction and

the presentation of coins and certificates to Vietnam-era veterans. Guest speaker for the reunion was BGen J. D. Stauffer.



Greeting folks as they find the hospitality suite, Randy Roby and George Buchanan

(Right) When the power goes off, or a bus trip gets cancelled, the GI’s always find something to do...Pinochle comes to mind.



Jane Doolittle lead her team in presenting a series of patriotic presentations to open our banquet. First, these vets, Jay Johnson (Wearing uniform of USN Sea Cadets), George Logan, (Wearing US Navy uniform), Jane Doolittle (Wearing



USAF uniform) and Harold Hollingshed (Wearing USAF uniform), presented a flag folding ceremony, with Eileen Johnson narration, then, Jane spoke to setting the POW/MIA table, with Jane Godfrey setting the table, and finally, Jane projected a full roster of our comrades who have lost their lives, doing their job for our Command. Ending with TAPs, brought everyone to their feet in a smart salute. Can't tell you how well this presentation was done by this crew. Very moving and so very appropriate. Kudos for sure. During the flag folding presentation, Eileen Johnson described what each of the folds and the folding symbolized. Wow!



Jim Kaus thanking BGen J. D. Stauffer for addressing our group. We gave him a desk clock with a gold tag reading "Thanks from you friends at Roll Call". Also, we gave him a USAFSS Photo History book, and his own Pioneer Cap. Recognizing that he officially does not meet the criteria for a Pioneer Cap, his is labeled "OJT Pioneer". The only other difference is his had some clouds and lightning bolts on its bill

One highlight of the gathering included recognition of Roll Call’s USAFSS Pioneers” (those attendees who were serving in USAFSS 50 or more years ago),



(L-R) Jim Kaus, Ken Armitage, Wayne Bible, Mike Bias, Stanley Strope, James Roper, Wayne Wheeler, Jim Purdy, William Helms, Ron Miller, General Stauffer, and Greg Laskowski. This followed the certificate and hat presentation ceremony.



(Left) General Stauffer gives coins and certificates thanking our Viet Nam Veterans, Mike Bias, George Buchanan, William Helms, and Ron Miller

This is Jim and Alice Kaus at the closing minutes of our banquet. Jim always includes Alice when closing out an event, since she plays such an important role behind the scenes. She is right there when we form the program, make the nametags, order dinners, tags along when we check out hotels, and photographs as many participants as possible. Without her, there'd be no reunions.





**HISTORY & MEMORIES**



**Port of Brindisi, Italy at Twilight**

Posted by Jim Kaus (57-81)



“Prettiest picture of Brindisi, I’ve ever seen.” Jim Kaus

Wow, that is awesome. Loved going into Brindisi port, downtown and a small pizza place on a backstreet, of which I have forgotten the name. (Allen Dickens San Vito 68-70 Able)

That is unique. It sure does the port a lot of justice. Really looks good. (Merritt Barthel San Vito 59-62 & 71-72 Able)

Looks a lot like a painting: The centuries-old towering obelisk that marked the southern end of the Appian Way (Highway to Rome) is center stage. Spent some memorable “breaks” there. (D. Rassmussen San Vito 81-82 Baker)

Looks like a Kincade to me. (Dave Bristol)



**Hello everyone. Welcome to the EC-47 History Site Newsletter**  
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**This is our 50th Anniversary tribute to Tide 86, lost on March 9, 1967.** This edition features a special accounting from one of the crash site recovery team members, (then TSgt) Tom Echols. Chief Echols wrote this article this past Thursday, March 9th, as a special reminder to all of us about the first EC-47 crewmembers to have lost their lives 50 years ago in the Vietnam War. Tom relates his experiences in a very respectful and somber manner. Take a minute to also review his full biography on the last page. The website homepage has also been updated with a special March 1967 Timeline slide and feature stories. Click on each of the slides for January and February for those feature articles too. We appreciate all feedback about the Newsletter articles. Please let us know if there is a topic or event that you feel merits this special attention...we will certainly consider all your ideas and suggestions.



Best, Joe Martin & Tom Nurre

**TIDE 86**  
**A First-Person Account by Tom Echols.**



Tom Echols

In candor, over the years, I have not discussed Tide 86 as it brought back some bad memories; so much so, that I often awoke in a cold sweat, reliving my putting the bodies in the rubber body bags. This haunted me for more than ten years. When we landed with our precious cargo, I stepped on the tarmac and stumbled. Not because I was overwhelmed as such, but because I had sat on my feet all the way back. There was no way I was going to put my feet on the bodies we were retrieving.

Detachment 1, 6994th, Nha Trang, Vietnam, had limited enlisted quarters in the cantonment area, and Staff Sergeants and above had to find quarters on their own. Sixteen NCOs (2 per room) lived in a villa at 8 Le Lai, downtown Nha Trang. Ray Leftwich and I had adjoining rooms. We both were Enlisted Flight Commanders and we often sat on the front porch chatting about many subjects, including aircrew personnel. One of the subjects we discussed was Dan Reese, who had flown nine missions and still could not pass his aircrew evaluations. Ray and I thought that if Dan could be trained, he would learn from Chuck Land, a top-notch operator. Plus, Ray would also fly to insure Dan was not distracted during the flight. Further, he and I discussed that flying a night mission might be best because it was not as busy as day missions. Ray asked me if I would talk with Dan before the mission. I took him aside and encouraged him to not let us down. I made it clear that this was his last chance to become an airborne operator. Should he fail this time, he would be immediately reassigned to a ground unit. During our discussion, I learned that his wife was pregnant. That is when I threw in that flying pay would be a big help. The day of the mission for Tide 86, Ray and I stood on the front porch waiting for the driver to pick him up. I wished him good luck and a safe flight. Incidentally, one of the flight commanders not flying was the standby contact. Four hours after the flight was to recover, the driver came and woke me and I went in and called the 361st Officer of the Day. He initiated a ramp check for EC-47 No. 43-49201. We waited. Nothing! I sent the driver to get Major Mellott and SMSgt Floyd Harrison. As the other personnel began to arrive during the duty day, we asked them to assemble in the upstairs recreation area for us to brief them about what was happening. Naturally, all of us were sad to hear that Tide 86 had not checked in and a ramp-check was not successful. As the hours unfolded during the day of our missing aircraft and crew, we concluded that something serious was looming. Each one volunteered to fly in search of our people. Sadly, the rain was monsoon-like and we could not immediately initiate a search. As soon as the bad weather lifted, the entire military assisted in the search.



Tom on the Flight Line



When the wreckage was located and the aircraft tail number confirmed, Colonel Casey, 361st Commander, and Major Mellott, Commander, Det. 1, 6994th, had coordinated with the powers-that-be about going in to recover crew and classified information. I was told four people would go in via helicopter, two from each unit. The recovery team needed to know that the aircraft was on the military crest of a mountain, no signs of life, and behind enemy lines. Those chosen had to be told that if the enemy discovered the team and it looked like they might be overrunning with capture imminent before the bodies and classified equipment were gathered, a flight of F-100s, flying cap, would destroy the entire site. Even though I was asked to choose two people, I went to the recreation room and looked each one in the face before making a selection. Practically every individual was young, single and had not lived. Since I was married and had three children, I chose myself. The other one from our unit was Donald A. Bernard, our maintenance supervisor, who knew every piece of our classified equipment in detail. I personally knew the entire crew: pilot, co-pilot, navigator, flight mechanic, and of course, our three. My task was to identify every man to ensure no one had been taken. Of course, I had expected to encounter a great deal of blood and possibly dismembered bodies. But, since it had rained for a few days, the bodies were washed and there was no hint of blood. Our crew members were all intact, but shrapnel wounds were evident in the bodies, though not in the faces. The front-end crew members were dismembered as they suffered the impact to the ground. We accomplished our mission and brought the entire crew home. Incidentally, as we were loading the bodies, we were advised that we had been spotted. The 1st Air Cavalry was notified, and when the commanding general learned that our unit was in danger, he deployed gun-ships to strafe the enemy to protect us until we were airborne. Later, we learned that the 1st Air Cavalry once received information from one of our EC-47s that resulted in the saving of one of his Green Beret units. A 3-star general met us when we landed with our crew. While at the crash site, it appeared to me that the aircraft was getting a Doppler set and was hit with ground fire, what we referred to as a BFG. I passed on my observations when I debriefed. But, I could not be absolutely certain and it was recorded "cause unknown." I debriefed with the USAFSS Commander and senior staff via teletype. Major Mellott and Col. Casey were present, and a duplicate copy was forwarded to the 360th and 7th Air Force. The rest is history.

### RATCHET 33 CREW REMEMBERED

(Submitted by B.J. Cook)



**Maj. Gen. Morris Haase, vice commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, visits with the family members of the four Hurlburt Field airmen who died Feb. 18, 2012, when their U-28A aircraft crashed in Djibouti, Africa. [PHOTOS BY DEVON RAVINE/DAILY NEWS]**

## 4 airmen died when their U-28A crashed in Djibouti in 2012

**By Kelly Humphrey**  
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**F**ive years ago—the friends and co-workers of the crew of Ratchet 33 made a promise.

On Feb. 18, 2012, Capt. Ryan P. Hall, Capt. Nicholas S. Whitlock, 1st Lt. Justin J. Wilkens and Senior Airman Julian S. Scholten, all of Hurlburt Field, lost their lives when their U-28A surveillance plane — call sign, Ratchet 33 — went down



**A woman touches a plaque bearing the names of the Hurlburt Field airmen who died Feb. 18, 2012, in the crash of Ratchet 33.**

#### CAPT. RYAN P. HALL



319th Special Operations Squadron  
Age: 30  
Was a U-28A pilot on his seventh deployment  
Entered the Air Force in 2004; received his

commission through the ROTC at The Citadel

#### CAPT. NICHOLAS S. WHITLOCK



34th Special Operations Squadron  
Age: 29  
Was a U-28A pilot on his fifth deployment  
Entered the Air Force in 2006; received his

commission through the Officer Training School

#### SENIOR AIRMAN JULIAN S. SCHOLTEN



25th Intelligence Squadron  
Age: 26  
Was a mission systems operator on his third deployment  
Enlisted in the Air Force in 2007

Assigned to the 25th IS at Hurlburt Field since 2009

## Memories of Peshawar Air Station 1968

Submitted by David N Anderson Email - [dhlairbusb4@cs.com](mailto:dhlairbusb4@cs.com)

Comments - My father was stationed at **Peshawar Air Station (PAS), Pakistan with USAFSS** during 1967-68. My mother, sister and I were fortunate to join him there. I have many fond memories from life at PAS... even though we all felt like we had "to get out of this place".

I remember delivering the weekly newspaper to the housing areas for the information office on my bike. Saleem Razzaq was much younger then, and so was I. My father worked at the commissary and the clothing sales stores on the base. **His name is Francis N. Anderson and I am his son, David.** During our time on base, our education was lacking in that "study by correspondence" was not getting the desired results... so most of us dependents were flown to Ankara Turkey, to attend the American High School at Esenboga.

It was the trip via military transports, and the weekly C141 freedom bird that impressed me as a young person; so much so, that I later enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After 10 years as an aircraft mechanic, I became a Flight Engineer on the Starlifter. My last four years I was assigned to Special Air Missions, Andrews AFB and was part of a crew that flew Congressman Charlie Wilson into Peshawar on a fact finding (shopping) trip! After my military career, I began flying with the airlines, and most recently I flew ISR missions for the Army in Afghanistan. It is a part of the world I just cannot get away from... even though the PAS theme song, "We Gotta Get Out of This Place" sounded so great while we were there.

I realize my time as a student at PAS was more comfortable than those military who were ordered there... but we met great people, both on and off the base. Even today my parents still communicate with a gentleman who oversaw increasing the height of the perimeter wall. His name was **Quadeem Quazi**... He became a close family friend, took us to the Swat valley for a holiday. He still keeps in contact and most of his family now reside in the U.S. "**As-Salam-u-Alaikum**" to all who made my experience so wonderful.

David

## Status of Misawa's Security Hill Heritage Hall

Compiled by Newsletter Staff



To preserve the rich history of contributions by Misawa's Security Hill to the United States Cryptologic and Intelligence Communities and theater warfighters, the Misawa Cryptologic Center (MCOC) created its Heritage Hall. This effort chronologically pieced together the evolution of the site, highlighting the legacy of personnel who had served here, through a blend of photo albums, individual pictures, uniforms and uniform items, mementos, plaques, trophies, personal letters, and other memorabilia. The project was created and managed by members of the MCOC and supported by the many military and civilian personnel previously assigned to the site, including the Freedom Through Vigilance Association. The MCOC Heritage Hall was intended to serve as a lasting tribute to the many cryptologic comrades-in-arms who "served in silence." After the unit closed in 2016, the Hall was dismantled and its contents relocated to the 25<sup>th</sup> Air Force Headquarters History Office in San Antonio. Plans are to incorporate Heritage Hall memorabilia into the 25<sup>th</sup> AF Hqs Museum.



### 6918<sup>th</sup> (Hakata, Japan) Overseas Retirees in Okinawa Reunion

This photo was taken in 2011, with both Wayne Graczyk (d. Apr 2017) and Rich Thorn, a Dawg alumni, at one of the Kadena AB clubs which Rich managed at the time. He's since retired and back in the US (Florida), so we're hoping he's available for this year's 6918th Colorado Springs gathering 21 - 24 September.

(Dave Bethard Dawg 67-71)

## Ministries Chaplain Receives Free Methodist Church Award

Jamestown Gazette Article Contributed by Heritage Ministries

Submitted by Joe Figueroa

Some time ago, the Free Methodist Church of North America awarded Heritage Ministries Chaplain Sam Shreffler the Honored Chaplain Service Medallion. The Honored Chaplain Service Medallion is a prestigious award. Over the last 33 years, it has been awarded to only 14 chaplains.



The medallion was awarded to Chaplain Sam in appreciation for “38 years of faithful and fruitful service to [his] denomination, [his] conferences, [his] local churches, and the Heritage Ministries...” **Chaplain Sam credits his success to experiences that started when he joined the USAFSS and served from 1970 to 1974.** During this time, he married and started his family. He subsequently had three children.

While attending Roberts Wesleyan College, Chaplain Sam worked as an organic chemist for Eastman Kodak. In 1976, Chaplain Sam graduated with two majors, Chemistry and Religion/Philosophy. Later, he joined the Susquehanna Conference and served as a pastor at Vestal Free Methodist Church (FMC) from 1976 to 1986. Next, from 1986 to 1990, Chaplain Sam served the Youngsville FMC. From 1990 to 1999, Chaplain Sam worked and help to start a new FMC called, “Good News FMC,) which is in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. In August 1999, Chaplain Sam was officially endorsed as a Free Methodist Chaplain and became the lead chaplain for Heritage Ministries.

In addition to his titles over the years, Chaplain Sam has served on numerous councils, boards, and committees. For the past 13 years, he has served Chautauqua County Hospice as a board member, 5 years as a vice-chairman and 8 years as board chair. Additionally, Chaplain Sam served for eight years on the executive committee of the Free Methodist Chaplains Association, including four years as secretary and two years as president. Chaplain Sam is a model of the Heritage Ministries mission, “To serve others through Christ-centered ministries which promote Hope, Dignity, and Purposeful Living.”

**TU-2S ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION RELEASED**Adapted from an article by 25<sup>th</sup> Air Force

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Air Combat Command officials released the TU-2S Accident Investigation Board results April 19, 2017. The TU-2S crash occurred Sept. 20, 2016 near Sutter, California during a training mission after the aircraft entered an unintentional secondary stall and the two pilots ejected.

During the ejection sequence, the instructor pilot, Lt. Col. Ira S. Eadie, was killed, and a second pilot received minor injuries.

“Beale’s Airmen have shown resilience in the months following the crash,” said Col. Larry Broadwell, 9th RW commander. “This tragedy impacted the Eadie family, Beale, and the local community. We will continue to provide support to those affected and always remember the sacrifice Lt. Col. Eadie made in the line of duty.”

Since the incident, the Eadie family has appreciated the support they have received from friends, Beale, and the local community but would like privacy at this time.

"The results of the accident investigation were presented to us, affording our family some small degree of closure during this difficult situation," said the Eadie family. "We would like to thank the entire investigation team for their diligent efforts in helping make sense of this tragedy. We greatly appreciate the love and support from all who have assisted over the past few months. We would also like to thank you in advance for respecting our family's privacy during this current period of grieving."

*Editor’s note: The Air Combat Command News Release follows:*

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — A TU-2S crashed Sept. 20, 2016 near Sutter, Calif., during a training mission after the aircraft entered an unintentional secondary stall and the two pilots ejected, according to an Air Combat Command Accident Investigation Board report released today.

During the ejection sequence, the instructor pilot, Lt. Col. Ira S. Eadie, was killed, and a second pilot received minor injuries.

"The purpose of this report was to identify the causes and contributing factors which may have contributed to the incident," said Brig. Gen. David S. Nahom, AIB board president. "This was a terrible tragedy, and our heartfelt condolences go out to Lt. Col. Eadie's family."

The TU-2S, assigned to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif., was conducting an "acceptance flight" training mission. TU-2S pilots are competitively selected from the USAF's already qualified aviator pool, and applicants undergo three "acceptance flights" as a part of their interview process. These flights allow prospective TU-2S pilots the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the TU-2S, under supervision of a TU-2S Instructor Pilot.

The mishap occurred during an "approach to stall" maneuver as part of the first acceptance flight for the interviewing pilot. During the recovery from the stall, the interviewing pilot's flight control inputs placed the aircraft into an unintentional secondary stall, which led to a sharp left wing drop and excessive nose-low attitude. With the aircraft having departed controlled flight and rapidly approaching an inverted condition near the minimum uncontrolled ejection altitude, the instructor pilot commanded ejection. During the ejection sequence, the instructor pilot and his ejection seat struck the aircraft's right wing resulting in fatal injuries.

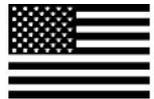
The aircraft descended and crashed in the uninhabited foothills south of the Sutter Buttes mountain range. There were no injuries on the ground. The aircraft was destroyed, with a government loss of approximately \$32 million.

For more information, contact Air Combat Command Public Affairs at (757) 764-5007 or via e-mail at [accpa.operations@us.af.mil](mailto:accpa.operations@us.af.mil).

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**MEMORIALS**



**The FTVA gratefully acknowledges these bequests, generously donated by the following:**

**CMSgt William 'Sparky' Rogers  
(IMO Col Duane Russell & Capt Rory Foran)**



**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

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- Abate, Patrick V., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
- Anderson, Raymond, USAFSS
- Bieber, William
- Broussard, Lou, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
- Byargeon, Frederick, Eugene, CWO (Ret), USAFSS
- Carter, Louis Allen (Pete), MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
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- Damp, Edward F., USAFSS
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- Graczyk, Wayne S., USAFSS
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- Johnson, Jerome E., CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS FTVA Lifetime Member \*\*
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- Lance, Carl, USAFSS
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- Mason, James, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
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- Ramey, Carl D., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
- Rekstad, Paul Oliver, USAFSS
- Seigel, Jules P., USAFSS

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 Spicer, Karrel A., TSgt (Ret), USAFSS  
 Sutton, Woodrow, USAFSS  
 Uribe, Rene, USN (Air Force Civilian)  
 Wenzler, Michael C., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS  
 Womack, Robert Wayne, CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS FTVA Member \*\*

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**Abate, Patrick, V., MSgt (ret), 61**, died Dec 29, 2016. Patrick served 20 years. He was a [Vietnam War](#) veteran and served during Desert Storm. During his service, he was stationed in Korea, Taiwan, England, Greece, and Philippines as a Primary Signals Intel Production Craftsman. //Obit [Legacy.com](#)//

Please accept my sympathy and condolences. We were assigned together in Taiwan at Shu Lin Kou Air Station and at Osan AB in Korea. We met up again in a class at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas, in 1989. //Tony Cook//

Rest in Peace Pat. I will always remember you fondly from our days on Dawg Flight at SLKAS. My condolences to all of your family and friends. Tsai chien, my friend. //Randall L. aka "Curly" Robinson//

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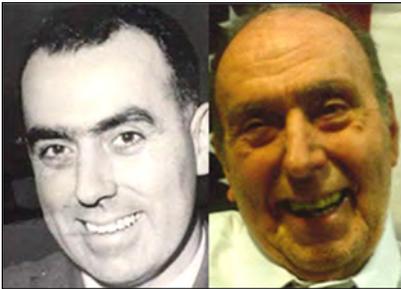


**Anderson, Raymond M., 85**, passed away Nov 12, 2016. He served in the USAFSS in Germany for four years. Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife of 62 years, the former Ruth J. Riegel and daughter, Jane Reed. //Obit [The Pilot](#)//



**Bieber, William R., 79**, died Sep 2, 2016. Bill served his country in the USAF as a 292 during his 1958-1959 tour at Hakata. Survivors include his children; Stephen, Robert, Karen, and Constance. //Obit Legacy.com// //Carol Farr//

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**Broussard, Louis Alton, MSgt (ret), 84**, passed away Mar 10, 2017. He served in USAFSS at the 6950th. Louis was assigned to Lackland AFB, Kelly AFB, Bremerhaven Germany, and RAF Chicksands England. Survivors are his wife of 59 years Dianne; and sons Bill and Dicky. //Obit Mission Parks Funeral// Sad to read the obituary in the paper. Our

deepest sympathy to the family in your loss. Frank and I were stationed at Chicksands, England with Louis. //Frank and Jeannette McDonald//

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**Byargeon, Frederick, E., CWO (ret), 95**, passed away Apr 9, 2017. Fred entered the military in 1940, saw duty in Burma during WWII, and proudly continued service for 23 years, followed by an additional 15 years with the USAFSS as a civilian. He is survived by daughters Catherine, Teresa; son Michael. //Obit Sunset Northwest Funeral home//



**Carter, Louis Allen (Pete), 82, MSgt (ret)**, passed away Jan 27, 2017. Pete served 30 years in the USAF. Survivors include his wife of 63 years Alvie; daughters Rhonda and Debbie; and son Allen. //Obit findagrave.com//

Pete was a 30-year veteran of USAFSS, entering the service in 1953. From 1953 to 1957, he was an X1 (292X1). He got out of the service after one hitch, but reenlisted in 1958 and was an Analyst (202) until his retirement in 1984. During his career, he was stationed in New York, Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Alaska, California, Vietnam, Nebraska and Florida. He retired at Homestead AFB, Florida. //Tom Sparrow//

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**Croak, David, SMSgt (ret)**. My old friend Dave Croak, Yale-IFEL Chinese linguist and Osan and PY-Do, Korea cold war warrior passed away April 29, 2017 in Charleston, South Carolina. Dave and I were at the US Air Force/ Yale-Institute of Far East Languages/Chinese Mandarin together in 1957-58. We were both assigned to Osan, Korea and Pyeong Yong

Do (the island) in 1958 and closed down the detachment on the island together in 1959. Dave went on to attend Indiana University for Russian language and retired as a SMSgt. He had assignments in Korea, Misawa, Japan, Hqs USAFSS on the hill at Kelly, at SHAPE HQS in Belgium, and other assignments in his career. //Bob Askew//

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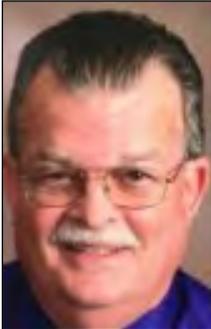


**Damp, Edward F. 85**, passed away Dec 27, 2016. Ed enlisted in the USAF, proudly serving his country in Bremerhaven, Germany. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice; daughter Sue, Kathleen, and Linda. //Obit Alexander Funeral Home//

Ed served as an A/IC at the 41st RSM in Bremerhaven from May to December 1953. He worked primarily for the Operations Officer and the Intelligence OIC/briefer as a draftsman (AFSC 99350). He joined on 17 Dec 1950. After completion of basic training, he landed at Brooks AFB and then to Kaufbeuren, Germany,

assigned to a detachment of 12th RSM, beginning in May 1952. In May 1953, he was transferred to Bremerhaven, where he worked at the 41st RSM until Dec 1953. For the remaining six months of his enlistment, he was assigned to USAFSS HQ to work in the office of DCS/Comptroller. On 16 Jul 1954 Ed was separated from the USAF. //Arlen Trapp//

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**England, Marvin E., 69**, passed away Jan 9, 2017. After College Marvin enlisted in the USAF. He proudly served four years flying in 124 combat missions as the Morse Code Operator. He is survived by his wife Mary Beth; daughters Anita and Michelle. //Obit Ford Wulf Bruns//

We were blessed to have met Mr. Marvin and his daughter, Beth, as he shared an Angel Flight ride with us to Houston. We brought he and the pilot lunch and cookies. Being the smart man that Marvin was, he only ate the cookie! //Dana and Mark Tanner//

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**Fields, Edward B., 74**, died Jan 22, 2017. He was a Veteran of the USAF. Eddy is survived by his wife Zoann; three children, one step-child. //Obit Wilson Funeral Homes//

Eddie as a 292 during his 1962-1964 tour at Hakata. //Carol Farr//

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**Garner, Roy J., MSgt (ret), 86**, died Feb 12, 2017. Roy was a USAF veteran of the Korean conflict and Viet Nam and served his country for 20 years in the Security Service, retiring as a master sergeant. He is survived by his wife Barbara and son Monnie. //Obit Welch Funeral Home//



**Gephart, Robert, MSgt (ret), 82**, died Mar 11, 2017. Bob served in the USAFSS for 23 years. For many years, he was strictly forbidden from speaking about his work - even with others in the same intelligence community once outside the secure buildings they worked in. He remained faithful to his oath of silence until 2015 when he learned his work had been declassified. Bob's family was in awe when they finally learned about the important work he had done and of the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal he'd been awarded for an outstanding contribution to the USAF and intelligence community worldwide. Bob loved traveling with the USAF and showing his family the world. They lived in England, Maryland, Texas, Florida, Turkey, Iceland and California and crossed through other states and countries in their travels. He worked in civil service upon his retirement from the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his children, Bob, Donna, Kerry, Richard and Chris. //Obit **Heffner Funeral Home**//

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**Graczyk, Wayne S., 68**, died Apr 19, 2017. Wayne served his country in the USAF as a 292 during his 1969-1972 tour at Hakata. Wayne was a dedicated supporter of the 6918th Alumni serving as C flight coordinator and Board Member. Wayne married his Japanese sweetheart, Yoshiko and made a beautiful life together in Japan. Wayne was an avid baseball fan and served as a Sports Editor for the Japan Pro Ball and "Tokyo Weekender" //Carol Farr//

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**Harris, Richard, J., 72**, died Feb 1, 2017. He joined the USAF, serving at the 6924th Security Squadron in Danang, Vietnam. When he returned from Vietnam, he started a career in Consumer Finance Business. He enjoyed attending his Vietnam reunions each year. He is survived by his children Darrin and Tripp. //Obit **Harley Funeral Home**//

Hap served his country in the USAF as a 292 during his 1964-1966 tour at Hakata. //Carol Farr//



**Johnson, Jerome E. "JJ", CMSgt (ret), 75**, passed away Feb 9, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF in 1960. His assignments included Peshawar, Pakistan, Ona-Point, Okinawa, DaNang, AB, Rep. of Vietnam. In 1963, he was reassigned to Francis E. Warren AFB, WY. In 1965 Fontainebleau, France and then to Antwerp, Belgium. He returned stateside in 1968 to Lowry AFB, CO. followed by Karamursel, Turkey in 1970. He was deployed to DaNang AB, Vietnam in

1972 followed by Ubon, Thailand in 1973 where he is credited with flying 124 combat missions in EC-47s. 1973-76 he was stationed at RAF Chicksands, England. This was followed by a SAC tour at Fairchild AFB, Washington. Next San Vito AS, Italy from 1979-83. He then transferred to Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX where he served in the 6948th Electronic Security Squadron, and then in 1986 to the ESC Inspector General Team, Kelly AFB, where he retired after 30 years of honorable military service in 1990. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Force Achievement Medal. He is survived by his wife of 52 years Marsha; His son Brian, daughters Jill and Kelly. //Sunset Northwest Funeral Home//

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**Kramarsic, Kenneth J., 67**, died Feb 4, 2017. Ken served in the USAF from 1969-1973. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and Small arms Expert Marksmanship ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. //PTAK Funeral Home//

**Ken** was also a 292 assigned to Charlie Flight with the 6918th Radio Squadron Mobile/Security Squadron (RSM/SS) at Brady Air Base (AB)/Hakata Administration Annex (HAA), Japan during the 1971-1972-time frame. //Carol Farr//

Cannot convey my sorrow or wonderful memories I have of "Kram" going back nearly 50 years starting with our time together in the Philippines - USAFAA 6922nd Security Wing - and the fun times following at our Kuya Reunions. //Randy Roberts//



**Lance, Carl M., 83**, died Jan 8, 2017. Carl served in USAFSS from 1954 to 1959 as a Russian Language Radio Intercept Operator. He is survived by his son, Glenn and daughter, Barbara. //Obit Virginia Pilot//

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**Marshall, Margaret Ann Day, 83**, passed away Feb 27, 2017. In 1957, she married US Air Force Second Lieutenant Pilot Jerry Eugene Marshall. She established warm and caring homes at locations around the world and provided spousal support to her husband's military career. Her tours of Washington D.C. rivaled the most popular agencies. After 30 years, Colonel and Ann retired in San Antonio. //Obit Porter Loring Funeral// //Notified Bob Cope//

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**Mason, James, W., "Thumper", MSgt (Ret), 67**, passed away on Apr 1, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF and served for 24 years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, among many others. His Air Force career took him to many locations: Turkey, Korea and Crete, just to name a few. He was a member of the Air Force softball team and traveled the world playing his

favorite sport. He is survived by his five children: James, Amanda, Sarah, Hunter, and McKenna. //Obit Legacy.com//

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**McMahon, Ossie Darwin, MSgt (ret)**, passed away Feb 18, 2017. He joined the USAF Apr 1983 and retired at Hurlburt Field after 23 years of service in the Intelligence career field as an Airborne Cryptologic Korean Linguist. He was stationed at Monterey CA, Goodfellow AFB Texas, Kadena AFB Okinawa Japan, finally, returning to Florida to become a Direct Support Operator (DSO) with the 25th Intelligence Squadron at Hurlburt Field. MSgt McMahon's many

military awards include the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC),

Aerial Achievement Medal with 6 OLC, Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 OLC, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi Arabia. After his retirement, he worked as a contractor with Scientific Research Corporation (SRC) in electronic warfare, simulation, training, and instrumentation systems. //Obit NWF Daily News//

On Mar 11, 2017, we said farewell to Ossie Darwin. Two of Ossie's prior commanders paid tribute. John Lewis spoke of Ossie's prowess (as a MIMI and his desire to serve his country. He spoke of Ossie's career that took him to Osan, Kadena, and finally Hurlburt, where he turned his attention to the Special Operations community and Direct Support Operations. Greg Roman echoed many of John Lewis' comments. Both commanders said rank had no meaning when Ossie Mac felt the burning desire to make himself heard, but that his heart was always in the right place, and his goal was the safety and security of his troops and our nation. //Ray Farrell//

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**Meneely, Max E., CMSgt (ret), 75**, passed away Mar 26, 2017. Max retired from the USAF where he served as CMSgt. He was united in marriage to Yong Yi on April 24, 1981, in Seoul, South Korea. Survivors include his wife, Yong; two daughters, Sandy and Sally. //Obit Lindley Funeral Home//

As a 20-year old Airman in Korea I was fortunate to serve with Max and he became my greatest mentor. He taught me more about the job, the Air Force and life than any other person I can think of. When he had one or two he would call me "Lennie". I called him my hero. // Layne Marino//

Max and I served together at Det. 2, 6910 Security Wing at Camp Pieri outside of Wiesbaden, Germany. Max taught us how to work and play hard. I remember when he bought his new red car (I think it was a BMW) and the camaraderie that we all shared at Det. 2. Lorraine and I will keep Max and his family in our prayers. //Bill Elliott//

Max and I go back to Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam in 1969. We were stationed together in Vietnam in 1971-72 and, I think, at Brooks AFB, San Antonio, Texas in the late 70's. I know Max was stationed at Brooks AFB in the late 80's when I was the 209X0 Functional Manager at Kelly AFB. // Charlie Clopper//



**Morales, Henry, CMSgt (ret), 82**, passed away Feb 14, 2017. After serving the Marine Corps for 3 years, he transferred to the USAF, where he had an outstanding 28-year stint with numerous tours to include Japan and Nicaragua where he was handpicked for U.S. Embassy staff duty. Known as a "Chief's Chief!", he earned numerous campaign and humanitarian medals as well as the Meritorious Service medal, Commendation medal and Vietnam

Gallantry Cross and Campaign medals. Following retirement, he worked as an Air Force Foreign Program Manager at Kelly Air Force Base. He then served as a Systems Manager at the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center until retirement. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Eleanor; daughters Donna and Debra. **//Obit Porter Loring Funeral//**

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**Mrak, Leonora V. (Russell), 85**, passed peacefully on Mar 7, 2017. silently and peacefully, the way she lived her life. Her gentle and gracious manner touched all she met. Married for sixty-six years, living a life as a military wife, she reared the family with love and devotion wherever the Air Force sent her. She leaves her husband, Steve, daughters, Carol and Janice and son, Timothy. Her son Robert, passed July 2014, after

a career with the Air Force. **//Obit Tondre-Guinn Funeral Home//**

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**Perroots, Leonard H., LtGen (ret), 83**, passed away Jan 29, 2017. General Perroots directed the Defense Intelligence Agency from 1985 to 1988 under President Reagan. He also oversaw efforts to find American military veterans still missing in action in Southeast Asia more than a decade after the Vietnam War ended. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1955 with a bachelor of science degree in history. He received

his commission through the ROTC program and entered active duty as an intelligence officer. In June 1969, he was assigned as chief, Combat Analysis Division, Directorate of Targets, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters 7th Air Force, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. After returning to the United States in August 1970, he again was assigned to the Air Staff as chief of the Operational Intelligence Division. During this time, General Perroots' tour of duty was interrupted by special projects directed by the AF chief of staff and Joint Chiefs of Staff in support of Linebacker II bombing operations in Southeast

Asia then General Perroots was assigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., as director of operations intelligence. In February 1978, he became deputy chief of staff for intelligence. From September 1980 to May 1985 he was assigned to Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, West Germany. The general then became assistant chief of staff for intelligence at Air Force headquarters and commander of the Air Force Intelligence Service, Washington, D.C. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

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**Picoli, Geno, CMSgt (ret), 76**, passed away Jan 30, 2017. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1958 and served over 30 years before retiring in 1988. Spending a good portion of his active career as a First Sergeant, he epitomized the phrase “my job is people, everyone is my business.” Not slowing down, he spent 5 years in civil service and 10 more years as a volunteer at Luke Air Force Base. A longtime advocate and supporter of military families, Geno was an active member of the

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) for over 40 years, serving as International President from 1988 through 1991. A huge contributor to AFSA services and charitable programs, Geno personally supported a wide range of charitable organizations including the Airmen Memorial Museum and Airmen Memorial Foundation. He is survived by his wife Carolyn; daughter, Theresa; sons, Anthony, Joseph. And Geno. **//Obit Thompson Funeral Home//** He served with the U.S. Air Force 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany on "Dog/Easy" flights from 1959 to 1963. While in Bremerhaven he married Ingrid (Tunie), and they had a daughter: Theresa. **//6913th.org//**

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**Ramey, Carl D., MSgt (ret), 80**, passed away Feb 19, 2017. Master Sergeant Carl Ramey proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for 20 years serving in Vietnam before being honorably discharged. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bertie; children Mark and Kimberlee. **//Obit Tributes.com//** **//6994th.com//**



**Rekstad, Paul O.**, Paul Oliver Rekstad died Dec 2, 2016. Paul was a veteran of the USAFSS (United States Air Force Security Service), from 1952 to 1956. Survivors include his wife, Lois and three children; Joan, Alice, Barbara; first wife, Donna and children, Michelle, Erik, Kris and Solveig. //Obit winonapost.com//

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**Seigel, Paul, J., 85**, died Feb 16. Jules spent four years in the Air Force as a radio operator with top security clearance monitoring Russian air traffic during the Korean Conflict and was stationed in Germany. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Catharine; three children, Julia, Sean, and Jessica. //Obit Legacy.com//

He served with the U.S. Air Force 41st RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany on "Baker" flight from 1952 to 1954 as a Morse Intercept Operator (AFSC 29352). He was active in the sports program playing on the '52 'B' Trick basketball team and softball team ('52 squadron champions). in 1953, he was catcher on the 41st RSM softball team, and guard on the 'B' Trick basketball team. //6913th.org//

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**Sheppard, Lawrence, J, 69**, died Feb 7, 2017. He served as a radio operator in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, stationed in Japan. After his honorable discharge, he graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago with a degree in Accounting. He is survived by his partner Melody; his three children, Christine, Kate, Michael. Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Deborah.

//Obit Davenport Family//

Lawrence J "Larry Shep" Sheppard died 07Feb2017 /Age: 69. Larry served his country in the USAF as a 292 during his 1967 - 1968 tour at Hakata. //Carol Farr//



**Shroads, Jacqueline (nee Switzer), 72**, passed away on Mar 28, 2017. Jacque is survived by her husband Dave who she met as a blind date in 1966. Jacque enjoyed traveling with Dave as part of his US Air Force service years. Additionally, Jacque had a great career with the Texas Education Service Center Regions 15 and 20, retiring in February 2000. **//Obit San Antonio Express//**

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**Shulenski, John T., 68**, died Mar 23, 2017. John was honorably discharged Air Force Staff Sgt. who served as a communications analyst in Japan and the Philippines. Surviving is his wife, Marie Lynn and daughter, Amy. **//Obit McNulty Funeral//** John served as a 292 during his 1968-1970 tour at Hakata. **//Carol Farr//**

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**Snedden Carl Stephen, Maj (ret) 59**, died Feb 14, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF in 1975, where he served four years as a Russian linguist. He flew over 100 missions in the RC-135 reconnaissance plane. After the Air Force, he attended the University of Nebraska (Omaha) and Iowa State University (Ames) graduating in 1986 as a doctor of veterinary medicine. He retired from the military as a Veterinarian. He is

survived by his wife Debra; three sons, Andrew, Benjamin, Carl. **//Obit Lacanne Family//**

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**Spicer, Karrell A. TSgt (ret), 80**, served 20 years in the Air Force. He was an A/2C while assigned the Adjutant's office of the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany in 1955-56. He worked in the Orderly Room because. He was earmarked to be assigned to one of the Tricks as a Morse Intercept Operator. He is survived by his wife, Donna; children Michael, Donald, and Donna. **//Obit Nordike Funeral Home//**

Karrel joined the USAF in October 1954. His first overseas assignment was at the 6913th RSM, Bremerhaven. From Bremerhaven, he was sent to Tripoli, Libya to serve at the 34th RSM. **//Arlen Trapp//**



**Sutton, Woodrow "Woody", 81**, passed away October 17, 2016. Woody served his country in the USAF as a 292 during his 1958-1959 tour at Hakata. //Carol Farr//

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**Uribe, Rene L, 73**, died Feb 14, 2017. He joined the US Navy, where he served on the USS Forrestal during the Vietnam War. After he completed his Naval commitment honorably and valiantly, he continued to serve his country by joining the ranks of Civil Service as a National Security Agency (NSA) asset with the Combined Intelligence Publishing Service (CIPS), Lackland AFB TX. During this time, he was instrumental in the evolution of the United States Air Force Security Service (USAF Intelligence) to the Air Intelligence Command, then to the Air Intelligence Agency. He held various prominent roles during his service, most notably as a Statistician/Manager for the CIPS Reprographics Print Plant. His long and distinguished career spanned over 30 years. Rene is survived by his only son, Carlos. //Sunset Funeral Home//

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**Wenzler, Michael C., MSgt (ret)**, passed away Apr 22, 2017. In the early 80's he worked in the comm center, having been a Marine and served multiple tours in Vietnam before becoming an Airman in the Air Force. Later in the early 80's he would watch us in the S&W center and during a conversation with him one night he shared that he was going TDY to cross train to be a 202. He made a good reporter and subsequent S&W Supervisor. He was survived by his wife Cheryl and two adult daughters. Cheryl was a 292X1 who worked in DF. //Michael Schmansky//

Am thinking Wenzler worked in the Comm center and some in our San Vito alumni group knew him from their experience. Col Bob Andress was Commanded the 6917<sup>th</sup> SG at Vito too (81-83). CMSgt Mike Schmansky knew him well and was also one of us 63 - 93 era vets. //Dennis Rassmussen//



**Womack, Robert Wayne, CMSgt, 79,** passed away on February 19, 2017 in Rome, GA surrounded by family. Robert was a 30-year veteran of USAFSS/ESC serving from 1956 – 1985. Initially trained as a Russian Linguist, he had assignments around the world including Japan, Germany, Vietnam and Texas. He was a people person and, after his first wife passed away, he spent retirement traveling at home and abroad with his second wife of 29 years, Rita. Robert was a family man who enjoyed regular visits with his three daughters and two grandchildren. **//Obit received from spouse. //**

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**Ed Note:**

**Shiple, Robert M., 75,** passed away Oct 19, 2016. Obit posted in Fallen Eagles March 2017 is appended as follows: In addition to all his martial arts endeavors, Bob had a lifelong love affair with airplanes, automobiles, and motorcycles. Bob is survived by his loving wife Hea Shin Kim, two sons, Robert M Shiple IV and Nathaniel; daughter Beatrice Shiple, and three grandchildren; Andrew, Stephanie, and Jacob. **//Submitted by Steve Mobry//**

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.....BITS::AND::BYTES:.....

Dennis,

Thanks for the "newsy" March 2017 edition of the FTVA Newsletter. It's always a welcomed arrival in my mail. I am attaching a brief narrative and pics of my recent induction in the Defense Language Institute (DLI) Hall of Fame. Submitted for your consideration for inclusion in the newsletter.



Best,  
Claude O. Proctor, Linguist  
Georgetown, Texas

**DLI 2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**



L-R: Brig. Gen. James (Jim) Adkins; Robert Destatte; Col. Donald C. Fisher, Jr., Ph.D.; Pardee Lowe, Jr.; Col. Phillip J. Deppert, DLI Commandant; Claude O. Proctor, Ph.D.; Walter Scurei

Dr. Claude O. Proctor was recently inducted in the Defense Language Institute (DLI) Hall of Fame at the Presidio of Monterey, California as a recognized Russian linguist who made enduring and significant contributions to the Department of Defense foreign language training and operations. He began his career as an enlisted student in the Russian basic language course in 1959 at the Army Language School, predecessor of the

Defense Language Institute, to launch his career as a professional linguist and U.S. Air Force intelligence officer with numerous worldwide operational assignments.

Based on his extensive operational resume, broad experience in language training, and fluency in the Russian language, Proctor was readily identified for a newly created Air Force staff officer position with a joint service assignment in Monterey. The DLI commandant personally selected him to begin a series of fact-finding trips abroad to interview and coordinate with key senior personnel of the cryptologic services, embassies, military assistance groups, as well as other U.S. and foreign intelligence agencies. Proctor personally configured, coordinated and led the first job and task analysis teams which visited worldwide locations in Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East where linguists were employed in a variety of jobs.

Following his tour at DLI, Dr. Proctor was selected as associate professor of Russian and chairman of strategic languages at the U.S. Air Force Academy. After retiring from the Air Force in 1980, he continued to use his language skills as a Russian technical translator, as well as an instructor of Army military intelligence language specialists. His Russian language expertise was recognized by NASA for his linguistic support of the Space Shuttle *Discovery* on the 2A.1 mission, the first logistics flight to the International Space Station in 1999. Likewise, he received a NASA accolade for his outstanding language support of the Russian Vehicles team and the successful flight of the Soyuz vehicle TM-205 which delivered the Increment 1 crew to the International Space Station in 2000.

His USAFSS operational assignments include Karamursel, St. Lawrence Island, and Hof.

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E-Mail address: [slep@ellijay.com](mailto:slep@ellijay.com) May 1, 2017

Name: Jack Slep

Unit: Germany

Comment: ALS (DLI), Russian, 1950-1951; AFSA (NSA), '51-'53; St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, '53-'54; Russian Institute, Columbia Un., NYC, '54-'55; Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya, '55; Frankfurt/Bad Soden, Germany, '55-56. Burned out, discharged. At 86 y.o., still doing Russian translation etc.

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From: [rlhaygood@aol.com](mailto:rlhaygood@aol.com) May 1, 2017

To: slep, ftvabod, xsab2

Jack,

Good to hear from you. Congrats on continuing to be able to use your valuable AF training as a translator. Thanks for signing into the FTVA's website. We're here to give people a forum to stay in touch with comrades in arms and stay abreast with what the active duty is doing today in the business of ISR. I can tell you that Russian linguists are in great demand...ready to sign back up? The FTVA also supports many activities that help our active duty military and civilians still doing the important intel work around the world, 24 by 7, 365 days a year...just maybe not at the same locations and using new sources and methods. Hope you'll continue supporting the FTVA.

cheers, Ron  
Col (ret) Ron Haygood  
President, FTVA

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From: Aubrey Keeter

To: ftvabod

Rass,

Thanks for your excellent editing of my work- related bio and including it in the March 2017 Remain in Touch newsletter. Your editing expertise in boiling down my lengthy bio to a readable form was superb. I have been awarded numerous "ataboys" during my 42-years work history and I consider your RIT "Then and Now" article as one of my most gratifying. My contributions to USAFSS are like a 'mesquite tree in a forest of loblolly pines' in comparison to the FTVA Hall of Honor inductees. However, I take pride in being one of a group of approximately 60 ASA trained soldiers that transferred into USAFSS in February 1949 and struck the first MC-88 typewriter key to record a targeted transmission. We initiated a mission that has endured for 65 years and grown in scope to become the current 25<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

Aubrey "Duke" Keeter

## AN/MSR-1 Communications Intercept Van Submitted by Jeffrey Blair



Hi Rass,

I just read the March 2017 issue of the newsletter and noticed the article about the AN/MSR-1 Communications Intercept Van. Am sending a photo of our MSR-1 van & separate power generator. (Left)

It reminded me of my last assignment in the USAFSS and a TDY I made in November 1971. I'll tell you a little about it and you can let me know if it would be of interest to your readers. I do have photographs from that TDY and 1 more of our building at Brooks AFB in San Antonio.



**Det 1, AFSCC @ Brooks AFB**

My active duty career started at OTS (Lackland's Medina Annex) Oct-Dec 1967. After commissioning, I was assigned to the 6940<sup>th</sup> Security Wing, Goodfellow AFB. In September 1968, I transferred to the 6940<sup>th</sup> Tech Training Group and cross-trained to the 8035 Signals Intelligence Officer field. The course was completed in February 1969. From there, I went PCS to the 6931<sup>st</sup> Security Group, Iraklion Air Station, Crete, Greece. I was there from March 1969 to September 1970.



After the Crete assignment, I was transferred to Detachment 1, AF Special Comm Center (USAFSS), Brooks AFB. By the time I arrived at Brooks, the unit had been renamed Detachment 6, 6960<sup>th</sup> Support Group.

(Left) Two operators copying UHF & VHF comms in the van.

Det 6 was a COMSEC unit and we made regular TDYs around the CONUS doing COMSEC surveys for various commands, projects, and exercises. My last TDY before leaving active duty to return to school was to Luke AFB, AZ, 2-10 Nov 71. The Air Force was conducting something called Exercise High Heels. Our job was to monitor communications on aircraft participating in the exercise. We were given an extensive EEFI list (Essential Elements of Friendly Information) to look for.



(Left) We loaded our mobile communications intercept van in a C-130 at Kelly AFB and flew the team and equipment to Arizona. Our accommodations and working locations were interesting.

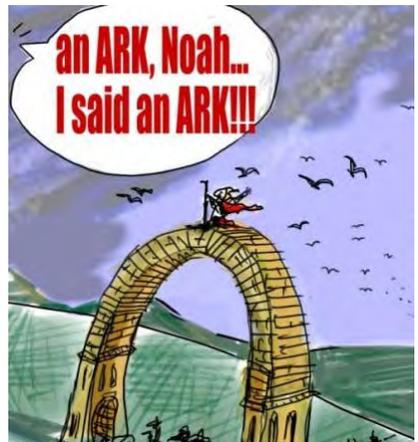
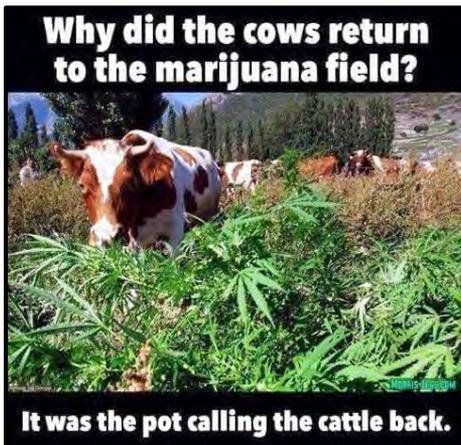
Jeffrey Blair, Wharton, TX  
FTVA Life Member

PS. I joined the active USAFSS reserve in 1974 and served until retiring in 1996.

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And... just in case you thought we might end this issue on a serious note... let's remember to Remain In Touch and "keep on smiling"!



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