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The President's Corner



Howdy Silent Warriors,

I hope everyone has been having a super summer, but I'm ready for some cooler temps... it's been hot and dry here in San Antonio. Baseball season is going full guns, while most of us are ready for some football. It's that time of year, so let's get ready for our annual Anniversary activities.

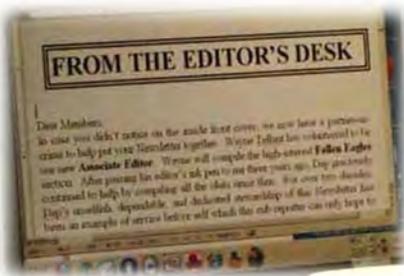
The Anniversary planning is going full speed thanks to our board members and the POCs in 25th AF. I hope everyone received their Anniversary packages with all the details. The golf tournament (28 Sept) is raring to go out at the Golf Club of Texas. The next day is where the changes begin. The HOH Induction will start the Friday morning events off at 0830 for coffee and donuts in the Larger Auditorium (BALA), followed by the ceremony at 0900. The Remembrance Ceremony will follow at 1130, followed by the picnic at Stapleton Park.

The next change will be Saturday morning at 0930 for the Annual Board meeting at the Security Service Federal Credit Union at La Cantera. We have been offered and gratefully accepted the credit union's Board Room for our meeting. The address and map are in your packets...hope to see many of you there. And finally, in the evening (1730), we will have our banquet at the Gateway Club. One of our own, Lt Gen/Director (ret) Jim Clapper, has graciously accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker...it will be a memorable occasion. Recommend you get your tickets early because we expect a big crowd.

Finally, this will be my last newsletter as your President. I have been fortunate to have been a board member for almost 15 years (off and on) and for the last 4 years, it has been my honor to serve as your President. I want to thank the past and present Board members for helping me all along the way. The Board's reason for existence is to serve and support USAFSS/ESC's successor organization, 25th AF and its active duty personnel. I believe we have done that, but we can always do more. The Board needs your help. Through attrition, the FTVA is slowly hemorrhaging membership numbers and we need to find new ways to acquire new members. More and more, many traditional organizations are losing membership because the younger generations don't join activities like the

VFW, AFA, America Legion, Masons, AFSA, NCOA etc. which are all getting smaller. So, like them, we are searching for new ways to attract the younger generation. We need to get the word out on how the FTVA has made, and can make, a difference. This is one of the reasons we changed the date and time of the HOH induction... hopefully, those faces on the plaques hanging on the wall and what they stood for, will help the younger generation to better understand who we are and why the inductees are so special. We'll see if it works. Remember to "Remain in Touch",

Cheers, Ron



Hi Everyone,

Some highlights in this issue include the selection of our newest inductees into the FTVA-sponsored Hall of Honor, the memorialization of Tennant Hall at Offutt AFB and the election of our new FTVA President and Vice President. As you read

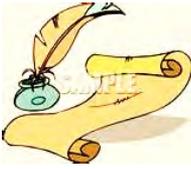
through the various sections, you'll find some aspects of the magazine continue to evolve. Dennis Buxton compiled an interesting set of reports from our various Chapters around the nation. This time around, I say THANKS to many of you who personally contributed to this RIT. We do our best to "answer your mail", but sometimes the clock beats me to the punch. Thanks again for your participation in this publication. Hope you enjoy the read and am looking forward to seein' y'all at the annual reunion!

Sincerely,



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Letters To The Editor

10 June 17

Dennis,

Just got the latest newsletter and saw Max Meneely among the Fallen Eagles. Max and I were at the 6906th (Brooks AFB) for a couple of tours. Max could really make an MC-88 (Typewriter) scream for mercy. He only used two fingers on each hand, but he was good for 110 wpm. He was phenomenal! He went from Brooks to Skivvy-Nine in 1979 or '80 and extended his tour there which shot my chances of going there right in the tailfeathers. I don't hold it against him. I'm almost afraid to check out the Fallen Eagles section for fear I'll find more friends who have gone.

Thanks, and keep 'em coming.

Roy Heath,

June 20, 2017

Rass,

Just got the latest version of the RIT newsletter. Great job as always. The article on Misawa's Heritage Hall caught my attention. When the last of the military folks from the hill grabbed their hats, and booked out of here, I was told (sorry for passive voice but I couldn't resist it) that the Hall's items were being sent to Elmendorf along with the remnants of the mission. Maybe the stuff made a stop there on its way to 25AF; but that's not why I am writing. Anyway, back at its inception, when then-CMSgt Jerry Gething was putting the project together, a couple of us local retirees could help. The result of my participation is a series of Heritage Hall web pages that still exist online today. They show some aspects of the research and preparation as well as photos of the display cases. Anyone can check them out at:

www.misawajapan.com/heritagehall/index.html

If you think folks will be interested, you can include the link in the next newsletter. Keep the newsletter coming and thanks to you and your team for all the hard work.

Lee Martin

Annual 2017 FTVA Officer Elections

As announced in your June 2017 Newsletter, 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. Formal election results will be confirmed at the annual membership meeting on September 30, 2017.



Ted

Evan



FTVA Hall of Honor Selections



The Hall of Honor selection committee takes great pleasure in announcing this year’s selections for induction into the Hall of Honor at the 29 Sep 2017 induction ceremony. The following Hall of Honor members comprised this year’s selection committee: Brig Gen Grover Jackson - USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Crabtree – USAF Ret; CMSgt Ed Jolly – USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Egger – USAF Ret; CMSgt Marco Aldaz – USAF Ret; CMSgt Edward Barnes - USAF Ret; and SMSgt Lee Anthony – USAF Ret.

On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for induction into the FTVA Hall of Honor for 2017:

- Col William D. W. Grimes, USAF (Ret)**
- Lt Col Paul J. McKenna, USAF (Ret)**
- CMSgt Kenneth C. Maynard, USAF (Ret)**
- CMSgt Jesse L. Greene, USAF (Ret)**

Thank you and Remain In Touch.

A.J. Harrison, Hall of Honor Program Chair



25th AIR FORCE NEWS



Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

INTELL SQUADRON HONORS BARON 52 VIETNAM VETS

Adapted from an article by SSgt Alexandre Montes, 70 ISRW/PA

ARLINGTON, Va. — During the Vietnam War, intelligence Airmen were crucial to ground forces and decision makers. These warriors used intelligence to triangulate the position of adversaries from onboard an EC-47Q electronic warfare collection aircraft, or ‘Electric Goon,’ tail number 43-48636, call-sign BARON 52.



On Feb. 5, 1973, eight Airmen set out on a mission to locate tanks along the Ho Chi Min trail. Those Airmen lost their lives aboard Baron 52, the last EC-47Q lost during the Vietnam War.

The crew of eight were assigned to Detachment 3, 6994th SS, and the 361st TEWS. Those Airmen’s heritage is being commemorated by the 94th IS Squadron at Fort Meade, Maryland.

The 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing Base Honor Guard Airmen present the flags to begin the BARON 52 wreath laying ceremony May 10, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)

Since 2014, the Airmen of the 94th IS have invited Vietnam Veteran Airmen from the 6994th SS and 361st TEWS to a commemoration ceremony at

Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. to honor those who sacrificed their lives during the Vietnam War.

“There were numerous sacrifices of these brave Airmen, as part of their mission being above the combat zone. ‘Alone, unarmed and unafraid,’ they had the highest casualty rate in the Security Services,” said Lt. Col. Laura Bunyan, 94th IS commander. “Today, the men and women of the 94th IS pay tribute to those who came before us and pledge to always remember the sacrifices of 6994th SS, to include the crews of TIDE 86, CAP 72, PRONG 33, CAP 53, BARON 56 and BARON 52.” Buynan explained that the current Airmen are somberly reminded of their predecessor’s sacrifices and honored to have the Veterans among them for the annual commemoration.

The guest speaker for this year’s commemoration was retired Master Sgt. Joe Martin, formerly of the 6994th SS and a Morse Code operator. Martin explained to attendees the significance of Security Service Airmen’s missions. “Today, there is a war going on that started way before 9/11, and there is no end in sight,” Martin said. “The 94th IS and similar units are our first line of defense in that conflict. Carrying out that mission, you’ve enriched a heritage going far beyond the 6994th SS and its war.”

Beginning with Security Service, Electronic Security Command, Air Intelligence Agency and now 25th Air Force, Martin said today’s 94th IS Airmen are the latest in a long line of silent warriors who labor in the shadows on signals intelligence. As he closed out his remarks, Martin further commended the Airmen of the 94th IS. “It can be a tough, and often a thankless job,” he said. “Just as we did in that other war so long ago, you’ll do it and will do it well.”

Closing out the ceremony, Buynan and Martin laid a wreath alongside the tomb that honors the Airmen of BARON 52.

Shortly after, the names of those killed in action aboard BARON 52 were spoken by 2nd Lt. Erica Volino, 94th IS, and a moment of silence was observed.

“From the 361st TEWS, Capt. George R. Spitz, pilot; 1st Lt. Servero Primm III, co-pilot; Capt. Arthur Bollinger, navigator; 1st Lt. Robert E. Bernhardt, third pilot and from the 6994th SS, Staff Sgt. Todd M. Melton, airborne cryptologic linguist; Sergeant Joseph A. Matejov, airborne Morse systems operator; Sergeant Peter R. Cressman, airborne Morse systems operator; Sergeant Dale Brandenburg, airborne electronic warfare systems operator.”

AFTAC PARTICIPATES IN PROMINENT HUNT 17-1

Adapted from an article by Susan A. Romano, AFTAC/PA

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center here participated in Prominent Hunt 17-1, a combined counterterrorism exercise between the governments of the United States and Canada to collectively test each nation's ability to respond to two simulated nuclear post-detonation attacks.

The exercise took place in Halifax, Nova Scotia April 24-28. One of the goals of the exercise was to enhance U.S. and Canada's ability to collaborate in the aftermath of a terrorist attack to determine who was responsible.



(L) Technicians prepare simulated nuclear debris samples collected during Prominent Hunt 17-1, a combined counterterrorism exercise between the US and Canada April 24-28, 2017.

The exercise collectively tested each nation's ability to respond to two simulate post- uclear detonation attacks..

(Photo by Department of Homeland Security)

The exercise began with a hypothetical detonation of an improvised nuclear device – one in New York City and another in Halifax. Participants then practiced their ability to respond to the attack from initial notification of the detonation, deployment to the site, collection of ground debris samples and their capability to transport the radioactive samples to a designated laboratory for nuclear forensics analysis.

AFTAC sent four experts to participate in the exercise – one to New York, two to Canada and one to Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Fla. The Canadian contingent went in support of the ground collection task force, while the Airman at Tyndall deployed to Air Forces Northern A3 directorate as an airborne liaison officer.

Ron Absher, a physical scientist with the nuclear treaty monitoring center, was AFTAC's NY liaison. "Oftentimes there are exercises within exercises," said Absher. "For Prominent Hunt, I traveled to New York City to participate in a tabletop exercise called Gotham Shield, which tested the interactions between the National Technical Nuclear Forensics Ground Collection Task Force and consequence management agencies responding to a nuclear explosion. Once that scenario was complete, I relocated to Halifax to serve as a controller for Prominent Hunt, where the GCTF deployed to test their ability to expeditiously deploy and collect nuclear debris evidentiary samples for the FBI or lead federal agency."

AFTAC routinely participates in national-level exercises to test its global monitoring capability and technical applications expertise when nuclear events occur. "We provide the messages that initially identify the event as having radiologic characteristics, which includes details on the time and specific location of the detonation, and we provide an estimate of the yield of the weapon," Absher said.

Post-detonation fallout samples provide potential evidence to the source of the nuclear device and help officials – in this case U.S. and Canadian – to determine who was responsible for the attack.

In addition to AFTAC's role, agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation participated and collaborated with Canada's Department of National Defense, Canadian Joint Operations Command, Joint Task Force Atlantic, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"Our role is to detect and respond to an event that involves radiological material," said Doris Bruner, AFTAC Directorate of Operations technical advisor. "We conduct assessments on the ground and in the air, and forward the collected samples to our network of labs for analysis. The NTNF mission requires the combined efforts of many different government agencies, both domestic and international, so everyone understands each other's capabilities and possible limitations. The more we work together, the more efficiently and effectively we can provide rapid answers to the technical forensics questions needed by the FBI and U.S. decision-makers."

AF ANNOUNCES ENLISTED PME REDESIGN

Adapted from an article by SMSgt Katherine Grabham,
Office of the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force officials announced major changes to the enlisted professional military education program today via an initiative called Enlisted Professional Military Education for the 21st Century, or “EPME 21.”

A major initiative of EPME 21 is that time in service will no longer dictate an Airman’s EPME enrollment -- Airmen will only be required to complete distance learning courses as a prerequisite to their resident attendance. This initiative is now in effect.

Also, the Air Force will transition to 100 percent resident EPME, allowing all active duty, Guard and reserve Airmen an opportunity to attend Airman Leadership School, the NCO and senior NCO academies prior to promotion.

The changes are a result of the [2017 EPME triennial review](#), said CMSgt JoAnne Bass, the Chief of Air Force Enlisted Developmental Education at the Pentagon.

“The committee determined changes were needed to the existing EPME structure to align EPME with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s policy requiring rank-based educational opportunities,” Bass said. “This also enables all Airmen an opportunity to attend resident PME to truly leverage the educational experiences gained from instructors and peers.”

One of CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright’s three priorities is leadership – developing Airmen who are ready to lead. One of his objectives in this is to cement EPME changes and infuse agility into Air University processes to improve the ability to provide timely, updated content delivery.

“If this sounds familiar, it should. It was the staple of our EPME for almost 43 years before a recent change to a time in service model,” Wright said. “While this model was effective for some, we quickly found it didn’t meet the needs of all our Airmen, causing many NCOs to lose the opportunity to attend in residence at all.”

Rather than requiring Airmen to complete EPME at set times based on how long they've been in the Air Force, the new model transitions to a rank-based continuum of learning.

Removing the TIS determination "just makes sense," Wright said. "We must ensure timely, focused and operationally relevant training and educational solutions at all levels. Providing Airmen with the appropriate PME at the right times in their career is a must. If we deliver it too soon, it's not effective for where they are in their careers. If we deliver it too late, it's not effective at all."

Wright notes that the model provides Airmen greater flexibility and time, allowing them to focus their energies on the mission.

"Commanders, superintendents, first sergeants and supervisors remain central to inspiring a culture of innovation, agility and excellence, while promoting a continuum of learning that spans an Airman's career," he said.

Airmen will not be notified from the Air Force Personnel Center or Air University on when to enroll themselves into distance learning, but must manually enroll themselves.

"This new EPME structure allows Airmen to decide the best timeframe to complete their distance learning," Bass said. "They will have to complete the distance learning prior to being scheduled for the resident portion, but each Airman now has more flexibility as to when the right time is for them."

Bass explained that distance learning provides students with basic competency development and the resident courses allow students to apply what they learned.

"It is necessary to complete both the distance learning and the resident courses to achieve development of the required competencies at the appropriate proficiency levels," she said. "We expect staff and master sergeants to complete their respective distance learning so when they become technical and senior master sergeants, they are immediately eligible for resident attendance."

Resident EPME is a promotion requirement -- Airman Leadership School, NCO Academy, SNCO Academy and the Chief Leadership Course are required for promotion to E-5, E-7 and E-9, respectively.

Airmen who have previously completed NCO or SNCO distance learning courses under the previous policy and have not attended resident EPME, will still receive EPME credit and will not be required to attend the resident portion. Additionally, those currently enrolled in NCO or SNCO distance learning courses may still complete the course and receive credit upon completion. Or, they may withdraw with no adverse actions and reenroll later, prior to attending resident EPME. “This change clearly sends a signal that our senior leaders value deliberately developing our enlisted corps,” said Lt. Gen. Gina Grosso, the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. “This is a positive move in the right direction, as we continue to develop the force and support our Airmen.”

Additionally, EPME 21 will institute a new requirement called Professional Development Unit that will capture diverse education, training and life experiences. This will allow the AF to capture those experiences. Each Airman will complete 24 PDUs per year with one PDU equaling approximately one hour of learning, which equates to three days of development in the span of a year.

Many activities that enlisted Airmen already do will count towards the 24 PDUs. Professional Enhancement Seminars, Senior Enlisted Joint PME, college classes and even earning professional certifications accumulate points. Many Airmen have already attended programs like Profession of Arms Center of Excellence or other major command courses. Additionally, Airmen actively plan and participate in Air Force, Joint and coalition exercises, gaining experience in warfighting activities ranging from aircraft generation, command and control and force protection. And finally, Airmen deploy and lead both small and large teams across our Combatant Command Areas of Responsibility. These all count.

More Linguists on the Way for ISR Mission Air Force Magazine July 2017

Adapted from a article by Wiison Brissett, Senior Editor

Posted by John Lopes

Air Force announced Friday a \$70 million contract with the Kapsuun Group to provide linguist and analyst support services for the ISR mission. Kapsuun will provide 1N3 ground linguists and 1A8 airborne linguists, on an indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract, affecting the 25th Air Force’s 55th Wing, 70th and 480th ISR Wings, the 361st ISR Group, and the 24th Air Force’s 67th and 688th Cyberspace Wings.

ACC COMMANDER VISITS BEALE

Adapted from an article by A1C Tristan D. Viglianco, 9 RW/PA



Gen. Mike Holmes, commander of Air Combat Command, meets with members of Team Beale July 26, 2017, at Beale Air Force Base, California. During his visit Holmes toured various facilities and met with Airmen from across base. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Justin Parsons)

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif — Gen. Mike Holmes, commander of Air Combat Command, visited the base and met with members of Team Beale July 26-27.

During his visit, Holmes toured various facilities where he spoke to Airmen and attended numerous meetings and briefings. In a meeting with the squadron commanders, Holmes spoke on squadron revitalization and giving squadron commanders more power over daily operations.

“We (ACC) want to give squadron commanders more power and autonomy,” he said. “We want to authorize squadron commanders to make decisions, which helps save time and allows them to do what needs to be done in order to complete the mission.” The main purpose of Holmes’ visit was to get a firsthand look at Beale’s infrastructure and gauge the 9th Reconnaissance Wing’s mission readiness.

“Gen. Holmes visited Beale to view current operations, assess base infrastructure, and discuss mission readiness,” said Col. Andy Clark, 9th Reconnaissance Wing vice commander. “He toured several facilities across the installation and discussed the Wing’s infrastructure improvement strategy and our approach to enhancing readiness.”

Chinese Jets Intercept US Recon Acft Over East China Sea

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The United States says two Chinese jets have intercepted a US spy plane flying over the East China Sea. The Chinese Sukhoi Su-30 jets reportedly came within proximity of an American four-engine WC-135 jet, with one of the Su-30s flying upside down, directly above the American plane,

Lieutenant Colonel Lori Hodge, a spokesperson for the US Air Force, said on Thursday. The Chinese fighter jets had outmaneuvered the US jet, forcing it to descend hundreds of feet from its position.

"The issue is being addressed with China through appropriate diplomatic and military channels," Hodge said. The crew of the US Air Force WC-135 Constant Phoenix aircraft, also known as a "nuke sniffer," described the confrontation as "unprofessional." One crew member said the intercept was "unprofessional" because of "the maneuvers by the Chinese pilot, as well as the speeds and proximity of both aircraft."

The WC-135 has been regularly deployed on missions in Northeast Asia, according to US officials. The "nuke sniffer" reconnaissance planes have been used in the past to gather evidence of nuclear activities by North Korea, according to reports by US media. The US's military presence in the region concerns China, which says such presence causes unnecessary tensions. Chinese forces conducted two more interceptions last year, one in the South China Sea and one in the East China Sea. In the second case, a Chinese J-10 fighter came within 100 feet of a US Navy RC-135.

Japan Scrambles Jets

Meanwhile, Japan said on Friday that it had scrambled fighter jets after a Chinese vessel sailing in disputed waters launched a drone.

Japan dispatched four planes, including two F-15 fighters and an airborne warning and control system (AWACS) plane to waters surrounding the islets on Thursday, Japan's Defense Ministry said.

Japan and China are at odds in a longstanding territorial row over a group of small uninhabited islands in the East China Sea administered as the Senkakus by Japan but claimed as the Diaoyus by China.

Yoshihide Sugam, Japan's top government spokesman, told a regular press briefing that the incident took place Thursday and that Japan filed a "strong protest" against China. Japan has said its military scrambled a record number of jets last year, mostly in response to an increase in approaching Chinese aircraft.



I don't think you need spurs on *both* boots. Generally, if one side of your horse starts to run, so will the other.



Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Honors Five Linguists Killed in Vietnam Including Four USAFSS Members
 (Submitted by Larry Miller)

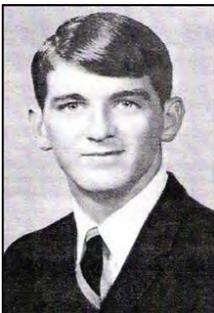
During Memorial Day ceremonies on May 25, 2017, the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) entered the names of three Vietnamese language graduates of DLI into DLIFLC’s Hall of Heroes. The three inductees were:



(L) SSgt Todd Melton, whose aircraft was shot down in 1973 while he was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron in Thailand;



(R) SP5 Richard Hentz of the 138th Army Security Agency Company, Phu Bai AB Republic of Vietnam, who died when his aircraft was shot down in 1971 and whose brother is Air Force CMSgt (Ret) Ron Hentz;



(L) Sgt Clarence “Boone” McNeill, also a member of the 6994th, who perished when his aircraft was shot down in 1969.



Two other Air Force Vietnamese linguists and former members of the 6990th, **MSgt Steven Moser** (Photo unavail) and **TSgt Robert “Marty” Flynn** (R), who both perished in a helicopter crash in Vietnam in 2001 while assigned to Joint Task Force – Full Accounting operations, were also honored during the ceremony.

The ceremony was presided over by Army Colonel Phillip Deppert, the DLIFLC commandant, and attended by dignitaries from the Monterey community including the mayor of Salinas who was the guest speaker. The audience included several Gold Star mothers and fathers, virtually every student at DLIFLC, and four formations comprised of soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen.

San Angelo’s Heritage Chapter member Larry Miller presented a display case containing a “Hanoi Hilton” brick to DLIFLC on behalf of the “Doggers”, the Heritage Chapter in San Angelo, and the 138th ASA Company honoring the sacrifice of these five brave Americans. The inscription on the case reads as follows:



“This common construction brick was recovered in 1993 from the infamous Hoa Lo Prison in North Vietnam, known to United States prisoners-of-war as the “Hanoi Hilton.” This relic is symbolic of the service and sacrifice of the millions of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who answered their country’s call to duty during the Vietnam War.



Presented to The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center May 29, 2017 by the USAF “Doggers”, the “Heritage Chapter” of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, and the Veterans of the 138th ASA Co, 138th Avn Co (RR), and the 138th MI Co. In Memory of:

- TSgt Robert M. “Marty” Flynn, Joint Task Force – Full Accounting
- SP4 Richard J. Hentz, 138th Aviation Company (Radio Research)
- Sgt Clarence L. “Boone” McNeill, 6994th Security Squadron
- SSgt Todd M. Melton, 6994th Security Squadron
- MSgt Steven L. Moser, Joint Task Force – Full Accounting

And All Vietnamese Linguists of the United States Armed Forces Who Perished in Vietnam.

“All Gave Some, Some Gave All”

(R) Larry Miller ended his presentation reading an excerpt of the emotional poem “Just a Brick” by Tom Penn:



*“Through misty eyes I stare, humbled by this piece of history,
For a brief instant, old memories emerged as I imagined the misery;*

*How could they withstand such conditions so far away from home?
Beaten, starved and humiliated? Many thought this would be their ultimate
tomb.*

*A parade of names came forth, images of Peterson, McCain, and Day
Of the horrors, they all suffered and endured in that Hell so far away
Duty, Honor, Country had their back through days of endless torture
And those indignities unleashed behind those walls of brick and mortar!*

*So, don’t dare tell me “it’s just a brick, you know”
It’s much more than that, it’s a reminder – not just of pain and sorrow
But a palpable symbol, and testament to their unflinching devotion
To their comrades, their service, and most assuredly to their nation.”*



After words from the DLIFLC Commandant and the guest speaker, the Hall of Heroes plaque containing the names of Melton, Hentz, and McNeill was unveiled. Next, a 21- gun salute was fired and a moment of silence given honoring the more than three hundred Vietnamese linguists of all four services who perished in the Vietnam War.

After calling out the names and ranks of four individuals standing in

formation and hearing their responses of “Present!”, the DLIFLC Command Sergeant Major Ryan Ramsey then shouted out the names of each of these lost heroes three times with no reply. The audience then rose as “Taps” was played one last time for SSgt Melton, SP5 Hentz, Sgt McNeill, MSgt Moser, and TSgt Flynn.

The “Hanoi Hilton” brick honoring our lost comrades will be placed on permanent display in the newest language department building soon to be memorialized in honor of another hero and Medal of Honor awardee, Marine LTCOL Donald Cook, who also sacrificed his life while being held as a POW in Vietnam.

BEDSIDE MATTERS



B J Cook //Aug 7, 2017//Fort Walton Beach, FL//
I talked with B.J. on the phone. Although he routinely uses a wheelchair now, he said he felt “Purddy Good” these days and planned to travel to San Antonio for this year’s FTVA Reunion. //D.Rasmussen//

Donald Cole //Aug 7, 2017 //De Ridder, LA//
Parkinson’s. According to his wife, Sue, who is his primary caregiver, Don is up and walking more with his “walker” at least twice a day and has mobility for showering, shaving and basic needs. He seems to be more comfortable since changing his primary care from Houston, TX to Lake Charles, LA where they reduced the number of meds he’d been taking. His neurologist is looking at the possibly of using deep brain stimulation treatment to deal with his recurring involuntary movements. Please keep Don in your thought and prayers. //Sue Cole//

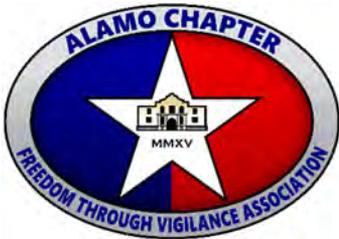
Tom Penn//Aug 8, 2017/Odenton, MD//Tom continues follow-up treatment for his congestive heart failure. A change in medications have reduced the number of aspirations he currently receives. He and his wife Phong See recently celebrated their daughter’s wedding. //Bob Cope//

FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

Compiled by Dennis Buxton, Auxiliary Staff

We're still in the hot, sticky days of summer here in South Texas while some of our chapter members in more northerly climes are already beginning to feel the cool breezes of Autumn waft in. However, we are ALL excited about the upcoming annual FTVA reunion and its myriad of activities. In preparation for the great event, we have compiled "the haps" from our chapters for your reading pleasure. Do 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 inputs to Ted.Colquhoun13@gmail.com.

We begin this narrative in the heat and humidity. Dateline: The San Antonio, Texas-based Alamo Chapter.



Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, TX

Barnie Gavin, Chapter President
Ken Gendolfe, Chapter Vice President
Mike Nielsen, Chapter Secretary

May Flies

On 18 May, the distinguished assemblage of the very active Alamo Chapter met at Logan's Roadhouse. The meeting was opened by President Barnie Gavin and attended by 15 members and guests. Vice President Ken Gendolfe sat close to President Gavin in case anything happened.

543d ISRG Support. President Gavin provided a quick overview of the agenda for this session which included information resulting from a meeting with 543rd ISRG Commander Colonel Tom Barnett and two enlisted members, Skagit Buksoontorn and Amber Thomas. They discussed the Chapter's support to the 543rd and how we could enhance the "younger" members of the unit's understanding of the heritage and traditions of the Association. Amber and "Buk" suggested creative writing challenges by submitting an AF Form 1206 highlighting their accomplishments within the

year emphasizing heritage, tradition, unit morale and cohesion and team building.

Other ideas for FTVA and Group involvement were:

- An FTVA/Active Duty Golf Tournament
- Leadership Luncheons
- A unit Visit by FTVA/Chapter members.

In addition, President Gavin suggested the chapter arrange a lunch with the unit, attended by members of our chapter (Pres. Gavin, VP Ken Gendolfe, and Chief (Retired) Ken Maynard. For the essay contest, Sue Douglas and Tom Tullio volunteered to assist in the rating of any essays submitted.

History on DVD. President Gavin has a DVD containing historical highlights which will be presented to the 543rd. In addition, several chapter members asked if they could obtain a copy for their use and Dennis Killian and John Lopes said they could make the requested copies.

Merritt Island Veterans Museum. On behalf of the Merritt Island Veterans Museum, located in Brevard County, FL., President Gavin, informed the membership of the museum's continuing quest to acquire artifacts from veterans. President Gavin volunteered to serve as the conduit for any members who wished to donate.

New Member. The group gave a hearty handshake and 'howdy' to new chapter member SMSgt Joe Watters.

Chow's Up! Although the meeting was the officially adjourned, the chapter denizens then dived into the ample supply of food and fellowship!

June Bugs

On 15 June, the Alamo Chapter members once again convened at their favorite watering hole, Logan's Roadhouse, and after calling the meeting to order, President Gavin offered up the following for discussion and general information.

543rd ISRG Update. President Gavin will be setting up a follow-up meeting with the 543 ISRG Commander, Col Tom Barnet to discuss parameters for conducting the essay contest with the subject, Heritage and Traditions of the FTVA.

Merritt Island Florida Veterans Memorial. President Gavin informed the membership that, related to the museum discussion last month, the memorial and museum does not have any artifacts or memorabilia with ties to ISR or our heritage. The plea is if anyone can spare something meeting this criterion, please let President Gavin know.

July. It's HOT!!!

To try to beat the heat, the Alamo Chapter held its monthly get-together on 20 July at (where else?) Logan's Road House as it was rumored one can obtain an ice-cold beverage there. With 25 members, spouses and guests in attendance; a fantastic turnout. And while social interaction and camaraderie reigned supreme, the chapter managed to conduct the following business.

543rd ISR Update #2. President Gavin is trying to get on the commander's calendar within the next couple of weeks for the anticipated meeting.

Dinner and a Movie. The diners and kibbutz-ers watched the DVD concerning the history of ISR from the very beginning up to around 2004, featuring the Air Intelligence Agency (AIA). The DVD shows our history as well as mentioned many of our members. That DVD is being reproduced by Dennis Killian and John Lopes and will be made available to all our members. Please shoot President Gavin or Vice President Mike Nielsen an email and we'll add you to the list to receive a copy.

25th Air Force. Ron Haygood brought us up to date on where the 25th Air Force is today. Our ISR airmen now number over 30,000 and are doing amazing things around the world. Ron suggested at our next chapter meeting we receive a current 25th Air Force Mission Briefing; unclassified of course. That recommendation was accepted and we will try and set that up.

Until Next Time. The next chapter meeting will be held on August 17th at Houlinhan's at 1604E & Blanco. Read about this in the December edition as we won't be able to input because of publishing deadlines for the September RIT.

Heritage Chapter

San Angelo, TX

Ronald 'JJ' Graham, Chapter President

Ed Bendinelli, Chapter Vice President

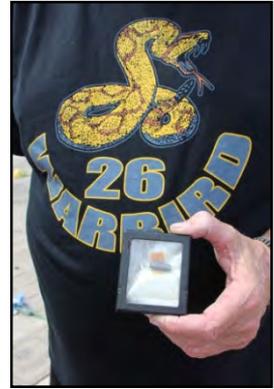


*Note: The below inputs were contributed by the self-described "tired and overworked field reporter," **Larry Ross**, Chapter Secretary. (Ed: Thanks Larry. Great job and keep 'em coming!)*

As a follow-up to last month's Goodbuddy report on the repairs to the Vietnam Memorial, there was a very-well attended dedication ceremony featuring new grandstands, a professional sound-system provided by the Funky Monkey band and the group, the Twin Mountain Tonesmen. Overall, a very well-orchestrated ceremony. The refurbished Huey looks great as does the entire area, now complete with security cameras. Ron Seabolt, a member of the Rattler/Firebird Association, was on board this helicopter when it was hit by enemy fire; he holds one of the three bullets that were lodged in the aircraft. Col. Jeffrey Sorrell, 17th Training Wing (Goodfellow AFB), Vice Commander, was guest speaker at the re-dedication ceremony.

Remembrance. The solemnity of the wreath laying ceremony at the refurbished helicopter (below) captures the importance of remembrance for all those who served.





Fitting Remarks. Col. Jeffrey Sorrell (above, left), 17th Training Wing (Goodfellow AFB), Vice Commander, guest speaker at the re-dedication ceremony addresses the assemblage. **Valor.** One of the three bullets (above right) that were lodged in the aircraft displayed by helicopter crew member Ron Seabolt.

Col. Jeffrey Sorrell (right), 17th Training Wing Vice Commander, next to the wreath presented during the dedication ceremony held at Mathis Field.



17th TRAINING WING CHANGE OF COMMAND

GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE, Texas –

The 17th Training Wing Change of Command Ceremony commenced at the traditional time of 8:17 a.m., at the Goodfellow Air Force Base parade field, 21 July.



USAF Maj. Gen. Robert LaBrutta, 2AF Commander, passes the guidon to Col. Ricky Mills, 17th Training Wing Commander, at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, July 21, 2017. The change of command ceremony is a time-honored military tradition that signifies the orderly transfer of authority. (USAF photo by A1C Randall Moose)

At the ceremony Col. Michael Downs, 17TRW Commander, transferred command of the wing to Col. Ricky Mills. In a symbolic exchange of authority, Col. Downs passed the unit guidon to his superior, U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert LaBrutta, 2nd Air Force Commander, who then passed the flag to Col. Mills. During his time here, Downs focused his efforts on improving the base for those under his command helping to bring new businesses on base, creating new professional development courses and starting the Make Goodfellow Great initiative, a collections of interest groups ranging from anime to golf to comedy and more.

“Since Col. Downs took command here, there has been a flourishing of quality of life improvements,” said Master Sgt. Douglas Earl, 316th Training Squadron operations superintendent. “In addition, there is a visible sense of ownership and pride among the Airmen here. Gym hours, dining options, amenity renovations, hobby and interest groups, these are miles ahead of what was available to me when I came through training in 2006 on Goodfellow. Col. Downs did an amazing job as commander. He navigated uncertain budgets and increased demand for the Airmen we produce here, all while focusing on taking care of people. I am lucky to serve under Col. Downs multiple times in my career, and hope to have that opportunity again.”

Downs not only worked on improving the lives at Goodfellow, but also made efforts to help locally as well. With his assistance Goodfellow and the local community signed 18 Memorandums of Understanding, which is number

one out of 61 Air Force bases around the world. Memorandums of Understanding are partnerships between the community and Goodfellow to help share manning and resources.

“There is a marked difference between a good leader and a great leader ... Mike Downs is a great leader,” said Dr. Carol Ann Bonds, former Air Force Chief of Staff Civic Leader Program member. “His future is bright and we have been truly blessed to have had his extraordinary leadership at our base and in our city. We are far better positioned as a vibrant installation due to your leadership, Mike.”

Col. Mills came from Ft. George Meade, Maryland, as the former 707th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group Commander. The Colonel is the son of CMSgt (Ret) Larry Mills, a member of the FTVA Hall of Honor.

A Farewell at Goodbuddy Airplane Patch.



At a packed Wing Staff Meeting on 11 July, Heritage Chapter President JJ Graham thanked departing 17th Training Wing Commander Colonel Michaels Down for his outstanding support of the Heritage Chapter and intelligence training at Goodfellow. As a “Sayonara” gift, President Graham and Vice President Ed Bendinelli presented Col. Downs with a model of the EC-47 ARDF exhibit displayed in Wing Headquarters.

Heritage Chapter in Memorial Day Ceremony

Submitted by Larry Ross



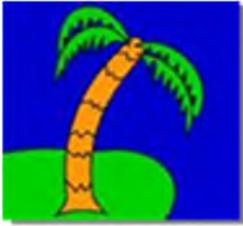
JJ Graham (above) laid a wreath during the evening Memorial Day ceremony at the Tom Green County Courthouse in downtown San Angelo, TX on behalf of the Heritage Chapter.



Although it was a quiet ceremony (there was no sound system available) with a modest attendance, the Chapter was well represented. This was one of two annual Memorial Day celebrations in San Angelo (the other being at the Vietnam War Memorial just outside the airport). All the veteran's organizations laid a wreath at the memorial on the courthouse lawn.



(L) Leading a contingent from Goodfellow Technical Training Center, Col Alejandro Ganster, Commander of the 17th Training Group, presented the keynote address at the remembrance ceremony.



ALOHA Chapter, Honolulu, HI

John “Tilly” Toillion, President

The Aloha Chapter held its third 2017 get together on July 7 at Ruby Tuesdays Mililani. We welcome new member Larry Nishihara who spent a few years in USFASS as a linguist.

Fred Collins returned recently from attending the Tennant Hall Dedication in honor of CMSgt Thomas H. Tennant who served with the 97th Intelligence Squadron Operations Facility at Offutt AFB, NE.

In addition to the outstanding food, we enjoyed sharing several war stories which included much laughter following each "Do you remember when...?"

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

Tilly



L-R: Dickie Hites, Larry Nishihara, Dave Jones, Fred Collins, Steve Crain, Ken Een, John Toillion, Al Teal, and Phoenix (Dickie's Grandson).

FTVA Aloha Chapter “Foreign Exchange”



Alamo Chapter President Bernie Gavin (Second from left), got his provisional Mainland visa and passport stamped and came to the Aloha State and visited our Hawaii chapter brethren in between surfing lessons on Waikiki. L – R Ken Een, Bernie, Tilly, Dickie Hites and Phoenix.



Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colo Springs, CO

Ftva-rockymountainchapter.com/

George “Ike” Eichelberger, President



Gold Country Chapter

Yuba City, CA

John Aurelius, President

Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter,

Fort Meade, MD.

Jerry Gething, President Erreka Coleman, Secretary

Editor's Note: This is the inaugural input - worthy of a Bravo Zulu - of our rejuvenated chapter, formerly called the National Capitol Chapter.

Spring Social

If you are a former member of any of the Air Force Cryptologic Commands and are in the Maryland/DC area, you are Cordially Invited to the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter, Spring Social, June 10, 2017, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Bavarian Brauhaus, 7304 Pkwy Dra South, Hanover, MD 21076.

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & limited Open Bar

Free for Members and Their Guests. Open to Non-members Who Pay \$20 Dues on Site. Attire: Casual, RSVP via e-mail - ftva.marc@gmail.com

Please include number of guests Also check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FTVA.MARC/>.

Editor's Note: As of press time, we were still awaiting the report of the Spring Social and other Mid-Atlantic chapter activities.

END OF CHAPTER REPORTS

2017 REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

20th Annual USAFSS Misawa Alumni Social
At Lily's Kings Lounge 111 Whitewood Drive
(Across from the old USAFSS Hq Bldg on Security Hill)
Wednesday, Sept 27, 2017 at 6 pm Group picture: 8 pm.

The annual Social is open to everyone. Stop by King's anytime during the FTVA Reunion week. My staff has been instructed to treat you like the royalty that is expected. Never know whom you will see there.

Lounge phone: [210-670-1020](tel:210-670-1020) or call: [210-260-3062](tel:210-260-3062) (Walt Ritter cell)

Sep 28 - 30, 2017

FTVA ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY REUNION, San Antonio, TX.

Location: Security Hill, San Antonio, TX

POC: Ron Haygood president@ftva.org

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

Note 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

0830 - 25 AF Headquarters Auditorium Opens

0900 - Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony

1130 - 1200 Remembrance Ceremony

(In front of Bldg 2000)

1200 - Picnic at Stapleton Park

Saturday 30 September 2017

0930 - General Membership Meeting

Security Service Federal Credit Union at La Cantera

1700 - Reunion Banquet Gateway Club, Lackland AFB

Guest Speaker - Lt Gen/Director (ret) Jim Clapper

Sep 22 – 27, 2017

COMBAT APPLE 50th Reunion

Location: Rockwall/Greenville, TX

POC: Bob Cotti (rfc2k@sbcglobal.net)

Sep 21 – 24, 2017

6918th RSM/SS Brady/Hakata, Japan

Location: Colorado Springs, CO

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

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

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



It's too long to wait until St. Augustine in January and Colorado Springs in 2018. So, we're holding a "Mini" in San Antonio in September. No programs or banquet.

Will see Airman Graduation, the EC47 Memorial Service and the picnic, then go out to dinner on Friday. Hospitality suite open for your fellowship. Full details can be found at www.usafssrollcall.com. At bottom of that page, print the registration form and mail it to Bob Askew.

Oct 5 – 8, 2017

Association of Spanish Linguists (“Beaners”)

Location: Omaha, NE

UPCOMING 2018 REUNIONS

Apr 25 – May 1, 2018

Fall of Saigon Party (FOSP) 2018 Doggers Reunion

Location: Key West, FL

POC: Joe Turney Ph: [5128257290](tel:5128257290) email: parrotjet@yahoo.com

Comment: 43rd Annual Fall of Saigon Party for all Vietnamese Linguists assigned to USAFSS/ESC/AIA, etc. The usual fishing & diving & boating/ & beach stuff, a Duval Crawl, a Dry Tortugas trip (AKA Gilligan's Island Redux), general sightseeing and rabble-rousing, a memorial service and picnic, and a Saturday night banquet.



Aug 6 – 12, 2018
16th Annual National
Misawa Project Reunion
 Location: Branson, MO
 Comments on project website.

REUNION REPORTS



6918th Mini Reunion in Arizona



Received from Fred Corsi - Last evening (May 2017) I had the pleasure of having a mini-reunion and dinner with Joe and Kathy Ruffalo (Daze), Diana and CMSGT Big Al Townley (Daze) and my wife Amy and son Alex. I have been in contact with both Joe and Al, but this was the first time in 46 years they had been together. A lot of stories were told and a lot of names brought up in the two and a half hours we spent together. I wouldn't have traded it for anything. Take care to all. // **Fred Corsi (C Ft)** //



2017 Misawa Reunion at Providence, R.I.
June 22 – 24, 2017
Newsletter Staff Compilation

The Misawa Project put together another high-quality National Reunion this year in Providence, R.I. Following out-takes were downloaded from a gallery that the attendees posted on spokt.com.



You talk about a raffle table . . . this one was waaay over the top.



Old Time Friends
(L) L-R Bill Aumiller, Bill Ratliff, Charlie Ballew & Lee Burleson

(R) The Hospitality Room Started to fill up Thursday afternoon.



2017 Misawa Project Member Attendees



FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 691616
San Antonio, TX 78269
29 July 2017



PLATINUM PARTNERS

Prop Wash Gang
(IMO CMSgt (Ret) Tom Tennant)
Berlin Island Association
General Dynamics Information Technology
Ozmen Family Foundation at the
Community Foundation of Western Nevada
(IMO Maj Gen Paul Martin)



GOLD PARTNERS

Neal T. Robinson
Jeff and Cecelia McRaney
Security Service Federal Credit Union
Air Force Federal Credit Union
Mrs. Doyle E. Larson (IMO Maj Gen Doyle E. Larson)
William F. (Bill) Sheck
Bill and Fumiko Sheck
(IMO of SMSgt (Ret) Bob and Chieko Pfister)
USAFSS Roll Call



SILVER PARTNERS

Anthony F. Jensen
Grover Jackson
Bob Cope
To the Penny Tax Services
Arrowhead Electric Service
Lee and Jen Anthony
Regis F.A. Urschler
“Picnic Partners”
Charles “Jerry” Ellis
Greg Radabaugh
Grant and June Howells & Ken and Hide Lantz
(IHO The Doggers)
William “Sparky” Rogers
(IMO Col Duane Russell and Cap Rory Foran)





BRONZE PARTNERS



Henry Whitney

BJ Cook

(IMO CMSgt (Ret) John Sinnard and CMSgt (Ret) AC Chamblee)

Donald Bundy

William F. McCarthy

Bob & Debbie Cope

(IMO of CMSgt (Ret) Tom Tennant)

Ronald Hentz

(In Memory of CMSgt (Ret) Tom Tennant and Col Grover McMakin)

Larry and Alice Boyce



PATRON PARTNERS



Engrave-Tech & Graphics

Mark and Amy Hess

William Lantz (IHO CMSgt (Ret) Larry

Mills and

IMO SMSgt Robert W. Lantz)

Bob and Debbie Cope (IMO Lt Col (Ret) Chancel T. French)

James Mayer

Richard Sacchetti

Jorge David and Patricia Colon (IMO Ray and Joan Rivera)

Charles Bishop

*//Platinum Partner \$2,500 +//Gold Partner \$ 1,000 - \$2,499// Silver Partner \$500- \$999// Bronze Partner \$ 250 - \$499// Patron Partner \$ 100 - \$249

2017 Misawa Project Ladies, Family & Friends





Every Air Force reunion needs a Sailor, and here's ours. George and Sarah Logan



Harry Larrabee & 'Frankie'



Jim Herbst and Jim Kaus



(L) Lee Carpenter, Oly Harrison and Bob Wynn

Oly got to the hotel before we did... he didn't have to go to Detroit to do that, like we did.



Our 2017 competitors in the Exotic Shirt Contest.

(R) Here's Bill Ratliff, candidate and our pick for the Exotic Shirt contest, Misawa Reunion, Providence RI



Attendees who were assigned to RSM or OL units in the early years of USAFSS ('48 – '62) were given "Trail Blazer" status and Caps to match.

6918th Mini-Reunion San Antonio June 15, 2017

Posted by Dave Bethard

Received the following info and photo from Lucy Webb who is the daughter of one of our 6918th Commanders, Lt Colonel Hal and Marcy Perry. Forwarded for your info and ask your help in posting it on 6918th Spokt site please.



.L-R Marcy Perry (widow of Lt Col Hal Perry, 6918 SG Cmdr); daughter Lucy Webb (Itazuke H.S.); Dennis (C Flt SSgt Reporter 67 - 69) & Testudo Rassmussen; Anita & Lynn Kravitz (1Lt B Flt Cmdr 68 - 70).

All were assigned there during '67-'70 who kept in touch over the years and are friends and proponents of our reunion efforts. We're hopeful that you can make it to our Colorado Springs gathering in Sep! //Dave Bethard//

Ed. Note: Due to Printer's Suspense for Sep issue, the following Reunion Reports are Pending for December issue of RIT:

6994th Security Squadron Aug 17 – 19, 2017
Location: Dayton, OH.

Peshawar Air Station Reunion Aug 24 - 27, 2017
6937th (AF), 2008th, Pakistan '59-'69), SOU23 (Army)
Location: Omaha, NE

BUILDING DEDICATION HONORS LEGEND

55th Wing Public Affairs / Published July 06, 2017



OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. -- A dedication ceremony was held at the 97th Intelligence Squadron headquarters facility here June 30. The facility was dedicated Tennant Hall in honor of retired Chief Master Sgt. Thomas H. Tennant who played a major role establishing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations in multiple units which later became the 97th IS.



“Today we recognize a chief, an operator, leader and friend who gave so much to his Airmen and mission,” said Lt. Col. Jennifer Saraceno, 97th IS commander. “I never had the chance to meet Chief Tennant, but I wish I did. If he were serving today, I would want him by my side. He was the type of chief every squadron commander wants on their team.”

(Right) We are honoring ... the godfather of airborne operations,” said retired Maj. Dick Oliver, who served with Tennant during multiple assignments. “It’s absolutely appropriate for us to recognize Tom for his service and name this building in his honor.”



Tennant served 31 years in the Air Force, enlisting in 1950 as a Russian linguist. In 1958, he became an airborne cryptologic linguist and over the next 24 years logged more than 7,500 flight hours. Tennant first arrived at Offutt in 1964 serving with Detachment 1 of the 6940th Security Wing, which would become the 97th IS. He led a team of 12-14 Airmen, working at the Strategic Air Command headquarters providing non-flying analysis support.

The following year Tennant helped establish the 6949th Security Squadron at Offutt. Their mission was to provide security service crews for SAC's Big Team RC-135C Burning Pipe missions.

Tennant went on to serve in Vietnam before returning to Offutt in 1973. For his second tour here, he served as the NCO-in-charge of the 6944th Security Wing, managing the wing's new RC-135V Rivet Joint fleet.

After a tour in Thailand, Tennant returned to Offutt for his third and final assignment. While managing all Rivet Joint service crew support, he also spearheaded the NSA's request for Spanish linguists during Nicaragua's ongoing civil war.



(Left) “We have nothing but love and appreciation for what Chief Tennant did on behalf of us,” said retired Chief Master Sgt. John Schultz, a former Spanish linguist, who worked with Tennant. “His magical management, unwavering support and outstanding leadership enabled us to accomplish our mission. This building is well named and I'm sure the people who are in it will continue with his spirit and can-do attitude.”

When Tennant retired in 1983, he had served as NCO-in-charge of every heritage ISR unit whose lineage is tied to the 97th IS. Today, the 97th is one of the largest squadrons in the U.S. Air Force with more than 550 Airmen. On a daily basis, they are deployed downrange providing combat ready aircrew to provide ISR support to warfighters and national leadership.

This honor and dedication to the life and work of Chief Tennant ... is incomprehensible,” said Penni Tennant-Schumacher, one of Tennant’s children, who attended the ceremony along with her mother. “The amount of time and effort and dedication and contributions of so many made this possible and we are humbled that you worked so hard to make this happen for him.”



Subject: PMFR -- Tennant Hall Dedication & PWG Reunion 2017
Submitted by Larry Tart

Prop Wash Gang Reunion 2017 — Forty-Five Prop Wash Gang members gathered in Bellevue, NE, 29 June to 2 July 2017, for our annual reunion. With reunion HQ in Bellevue's new Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, we had our banquet catered in the Bellevue Volunteer Firemen’s Hall, both conveniently located within about five miles of Offutt AFB.

Tennant_Hall Dedication - On Friday (30 June), we assisted the 97th IS in christening its Ops building as “**Tennant Hall,**” — honoring CMSgt Thomas H. Tennant (Ret), who passed away in 2016.



Lt Col Jennifer Saraceno provides concluding comments @ dedication ceremony, 30 June 2017 at Offutt AFB, NE.



After the ceremony, Lt Col Jennifer Saraceno (97th IS/CC) invited attendees into the squadron heritage lounge (in Tennant Hall) for an after-work chat with her Airmen. We soon learned that our Air Force airborne ISR

progeny are ably and enthusiastically carrying on the legacy established by Chief Tennant and other PWG pioneers more than a half-century ago.

We were the first “prop-wash-era” ISR flyers whom most of the young flyers had met, although they are quite familiar with “care packages” that the PWG provides annually at Christmas to deployed AF airborne ISR flyers — many in the lounge sought out a PWGer to personally thank us for making their lives in the “sandbox” during the holiday season a bit more pleasant. And mission wise, they hunger for details on analog, manual airborne ISR during the 1950s, ‘60s and ‘70s versus today’s automated operations. With an open invitation to return anytime, a suggestion was made that the PWG hold its reunion in the Offutt/Omaha area every two years. Recovering from tornadic damage on Offutt on 16 June, including damage to several Rivet Joints, precluded an RJ being available for a PWG walk-through during our visit.

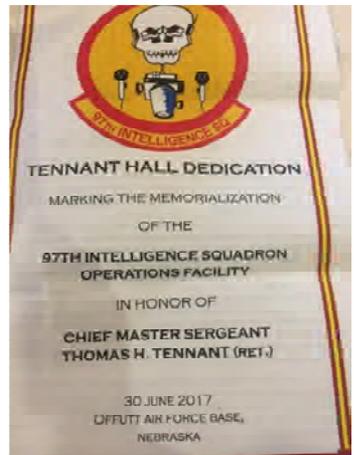


Margaret Tennant, with Larry & LTC Saraceno

Reunion Banquet — eighty-eight diners enjoyed a night of camaraderie and excellent food at our banquet where Chief Tennant’s widow Margaret Tennant and son Tom Tennant Jr were special guests on 1 July. Lois and Nancy Larson, widow and daughter of Maj Gen Doyle E Larson (Ret), also attended. In lieu of a guest speaker, eight PWGers — Jimmy Mayer, Lonnie Henderson, Dick Hahn, Bill Miner, Bob Lambert, Walter “Rosie” Rosenstrom, Jerry Ellis, and Larry Tart — each had a few minutes to pay a tribute to their mentor and friend, Chief Tennant. Larry also read a tribute from Thomas “Wolfgang” Emdy, who had served with Tennant at Rhein-Main, Germany, and Incirlik, Turkey, in 1960-61. Afflicted by the recurrence of aggressive prostate cancer earlier this year, Wolfgang was one of the first PWGers to sign up for this reunion, but fate intervened. On his death bed — he died on 26 April — Tom scribbled a tribute to his “tutor” and “friend” Tom Tennant, ending with “RIP BOTH OF US.” (Emdy’s widow Carol mailed the note to me.)



(Left)
Margaret Tennant cutting memorial dedication cake



(Right) Program Cover from Tennant Hall Dedication

Not a dry tear in the room at the end of the tributes to our Chief Tennant!
Best Regards till next year’s PWG reunion, which will probably be held in Omaha.

Larry Tart

PWG Tennant Hall Tribute

Submitted by Lonnie Henderson

“I've lived a good life. I feel that I have contributed.”

Thomas H. Tennant, 2016

On a warm June day, members of the 97th IS stood tall in a promotion ceremony as stripes were pinned on several unit members. The ceremony, conducted by Lt Col Jennifer Saraceno, 97th IS Commander, took place appropriately in front of the soon-to-be dedicated TENNANT HALL. Many, perhaps most, of those in uniform that day had not been born when Tom retired from 33 years of active military service.

Shortly after that ceremony, the dedication of TENNANT HALL took place. Under a warm sun, the Tennant family arrived and were seated in a place of honor. Former co-workers paid tribute to Tom in short anecdotes about the impact Tom had on their careers. It was quite a ceremony, and one fitting a Chief of Tom's stature.

The next evening, members of the Prop Wash Gang assembled again to pay tribute to the man who may have been the ranking CMSgt in the Air Force when he retired in 1983. Tom made the comment above to me the last time I visited him in his home in Bellevue. Nothing sums up Tom Tennant more than those few words. I used another statement in a tribute to Tom at his memorial service:

“Tom was many things to me, but most of all, he was my friend.”

Almost 90 people attended the PWG banquet on Saturday night, including Maggie Tennant and Thomas Tennant, Jr. Joining them were Lois and Nancy Larson, widow and daughter of another legend in the intelligence community, Doyle Larson. General Larson and Chief Tennant were instrumental in establishing airborne units around the world.

Also linguists, ditty-bops, special signals operators, wire benders, even a couple of former Security Service linguists who went over to the dark side and joined the Navy – all there for one purpose. To pay homage to a legend, an icon, in “This Thing of Ours.” And the wives – those who “Also serve, who watch and wait.”

Harry Coogle was there – the AMS on the Cobra Ball that crashed on Shemya in 1981. With him were his wife, Elaine, our daughter, Kim, Harry

and Elaine's son Chad and his wife, Gina, and their two children, Alyssa and Parker. "Barney Google" got a standing ovation when introduced, and a few grizzled old senior NCOs were noted with something in their eyes.

Tributes continued, as one after another, PWGers recounted events in their lives on which Tom Tennant had a major impact. Dick Hahn, Bob Lambert, Jerry Ellis, Larry Tart, Walt Rosenstrom, Bill Miner, Dick Oliver – moving tributes, interrupted by another few instances of something in the eyes of those in attendance. Blame all that on Carole Lambert, one of those who so proudly "Watched and Waited."

I was especially happy to see the 97th Commander, Col. Saraceno, Ops Supe CMSgt Dave Monaco and Senior Enlisted Advisor CMSgt Karen Grider in attendance. Our legacy is being passed on.

Conversations in the hospitality rooms at our various reunions follow a predictable pattern – war stories, things that happened, things that never happened, embellishments on those that did happen. "There I was, at 28,000 feet, hanging by my patch cord..." You know how that goes. Lies, lies, and more lies. Except for me. Every story I told was the verifiable truth. Honest Injun! One major difference – we could not embellish or make up stories with Tom in attendance. With a steel-trap mind that never forgot anything, he would nail you to the wall with the slightest discrepancy.

"That Herky Bird flight left Rhein Main at 0643 hours, June 18th, 1958 enroute to Inky Dink Airplane Patch in Incirlick, Turkey with a crew of twelve. I had a ham sandwich with mayo and an orange for lunch..." Now perhaps at our future reunion, we can add a bit of colors to some of those stories, but always in the back of our minds will be the image of Tom Tennant, looking down from above, and stating, "No, no, it didn't happen that way..." Today, the Fourth of July 2017, I am preparing to go to a daughter's home to celebrate what this is all about. We in "Our Thing" have been around the globe, from the jungles of SE Asia and Central America, the frozen north above the Arctic circle, the Sand Box, practically every sea on the planet doing our thing. As I watched the young men and women, most of whom were not born when I retired, coming out of Tennant Hall, I stood proud and rendered a silent salute to them as they carry on our legacy. That is what it's all about.

"FLY LONG, FLY HIGH, SILENT WARRIOR"

Lonnie Henderson



HISTORY & MEMORIES



Submitted by: B.J. Cook

36th CSS Brooks AFB, San Antonio, TX.

Orderly Room Personnel gathered in May 1957 for this photo. I am standing in the back row #2 in from the end on the right-hand side.

Posted on 6918th SG Spokt website by Dave Bethard



Keesler graduating class 26047 on 7/25/67. In the second row, Dave Bethard, Bob Buchinski, Johnny Buck and Glenn Birdwell all went to the 6918th Hakata later in 1967—November of 67. I can't remember the rest of the class, but I know Ratliff is on the Misawa site, and he is in the back row, second from the left end. //Merritt Barthel (A-59-62 & 71-73)
The Bill Ratliff on the Misawa site was at Misawa in the early 60's. // William O. "Bill" Doolittle (59-61, Trick 2 62-65, 74-77)//



EC-47 History Site [Newsletter www.ec47.com](http://www.ec47.com) June 21, 2017

Greetings – Tom Nurre sends:

Especially for everyone (TEWS and Security Service) stationed at Saigon & Pleiku & Phu Bai, 1967.

Construction of the Task Force Alpha building at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB started 50-years ago next month. We are featuring this topic in our July Timeline look-back series. Please review the background information provided in the attached paper and let us know if you were involved or know how this was handled in your work section.

Here is our main interest: Were you involved in any way with the anti-infiltration system of sensors used as a “virtual fence” targeted against the flow of personnel and supplies through the DMZ and along the Ho Chi Minh Trail complex? Who of the squadron personnel were involved? Did the TEWS avionics shop get involved in the hearability tests of the actual sensor, or was this a 6994th SS Bravo maintenance, communications and/or operations initiative? How did you happen to get involved? Do you remember any specifics about intercepted sensor signals and the type information collected?

Quite coincidentally, at a recent FTVA Rocky Mountain Chapter meeting in Colorado Springs, USAFSS veteran Chuck Maerten (6913th SS) shared his experiences from his assignment to Task Force Alpha with the 1987th Comm Sqdn (AFCS), duty with the 56th Combat Support Group (PACAF). A TSgt at the time, Chuck was a 29370-ground radio operator and part of the initial cadre of operators at TFA. He has a remarkable memory and I'm sure you will all enjoy his story in our July Timeline update.

We would sure appreciate your stories relating to Muscle Shoals as well.

Please respond via email to: info@ec47.com

Subject: Muscle Shoals/Igloo White

Thanks, Tom Nurre

EC-47 Newsletter <noreply@ec47.com>
to FTVA Newsletter June 25, 2017

This is a follow-up to our June 19, 2017 email with the same subject. Thanks to everyone who sent responses. You have helped expand our understanding a bit more about these sensors and any play that may have involved our mission aircraft or ground crews. Here are two responses you all may find interesting. If these comments jog your memories, please let us know your personal recollection as well. I will finish up the Timeline article for the July homepage slides by the end of next week...and will include as many of your comments as reasonable. Same same - send to: info@ec47.com, Subject: Task Force Alpha or Muscle Shoals/Igloo White.

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Miller
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
To: Tom Nurre
Subject: Response on Task Force Alpha

Dear Chief,

Tom Penn, one of the Doggers (USAF Vietnamese Linguist Group) of Renown, called me today regarding your request. He indicated that he was called down to TFA one time to listen to a tape of voice. Surrounded by a captain, a major, and a two-button, he listened to the voices of two PAVN troops, one man and one lady, as they "billed and cooed" during a sultry night on the Ho Chi Minh trail. Just finding love in all the wrong places! He agreed with my general assessment that transcribing or even copying most of it would have no intel value, though there could be some pure linguistic value in improving conversational language skills.

Regards,

Larry Miller, Vietnamese Linguist
6908th SS NKP 1975

Thanks all,
Tom Nurre, NKP 1970-1971



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

Adams, Newell F., USAFSS
Alverson, James E, SMSgt (Ret), USAF FTVA Lifetime Member **
Amitrani, Donald J., CMSgt (Ret), USAF
Cafferty, William H., MSgt (Ret), USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member **
Dearman, Robert (Bob) T., CMSgt (Ret), USAF
DePeter, Thomas George, USAF
Eakin, Robert A., SMSgt (Ret), USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member **
Emdy, Thomas R. USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member **
Fairley, Virginia J., (Spouse of Clarence, FTVA Lifetime Member)
Frick, Carlos W., USAFSS
Fulton, Richard D., USAF
Griffin, Billy D., MSgt (Ret), USAF FTVA Member
Hance, Gary S., USAFSS
Hatcher, Howard E., CMSgt (Ret), USAF
Hebeler, Lynn R., SMSgt (Ret), USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member **
Hine, Joseph L., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Hollifield, “Don” (Francis), CMSgt, USAFSS, FTVA Lifetime Member**
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Robinson, Neal T., Brig Gen (Ret) USAF, Lifetime Member, HOH**
Rose, Vincent “Vinny”, USAFSS
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Setser, Luther P., USAFSS
 Siegle, Ronald Edward, USAFSS
 Soat, James O., USAFSS
 Sweezy, John T., Maj (Ret), USAF
 Thorson, Erling, "Dick", USAFSS
 Verdelotti, William R. (Bill), USAFSS
 Wiatrowski, Larry M., USAF
 Willis, Robert Allen III, USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member **



Adams, Newell F., 61, of Cocoa, FL passed away May 29, 2017. //Obit Legacy.com//

Frank passed away with his daughter Theresa at his side. Frank fought health problems for the better part of 3 years. Per his request, there will be no service. Those who knew him will miss him. I met Frank when I was assigned to the 18th SPS at Kadena, we were neighbors there and again after his retirement outside Clark AB. As an aside, Theresa (Tessie) was Frank's caregiver for the entire length of his health problems. //Larry Ryan//



Aiverson, James E., SMSgt (Ret), 73, passed away Jun 15, 2017. His military career took him to Goodfellow, TX, Misawa, Japan, Kelly, TX, Karamursel, Turkey, and Keesler AFB, MS. James retired as an Instructor for the Keesler AFB 1st Sgt Academy in 1984. He founded the Misawa AFB, Japan Honor Guard and was instrumental in the 1st Misawa USAFSS reunion in Biloxi. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Wanda Faye Irvin; his children, John Lewis, Deborah Kaye, and

Lola Ann. //Obit [The Sun Herald](http://TheSunHerald.com)//

Jim and I spent assignments together in Japan and at Goodfellow. Jim was quite a guy with a storied career, great sense of humor and lots of friends. RIP amigo. //Dennis Rassmussen//



Amitrani, Donald J., CMSgt (Ret), 71, died May 20, 2017. The Chief enlisted in 1964 and went to Lowry AFB, Colorado, where he graduated from Intelligence Operator school. in Dec 1965. In June 1966, he was assigned to the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. He was also part of the original TDY cadre at the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Udorn AB, Thailand. From 1967 to '70, he was at Beale AFB, as a Sensor Applications

Specialist assisting in the final deployment for the first operational SR-71 reconnaissance aircraft. He returned to Vietnam in June 1970 as a Senior Enlisted Analyst at HQ Military Assistance Command. In June 1972, Don headed to the 497th Reconnaissance Technical Group, Schierstein, Germany, as the NCOIC, Special Studies Branch. After tours at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, he went to Yong San, Korea, as the NCOIC of the J2 at HQ United States Forces Korea. He then went to Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas, where he was the Superintendent for the 3490th Technical Training Group. After retirement from the Air Force in August 1995, Don went to work as a Senior Requirements Analyst for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) at Air Intelligence Agency (AIA) in San Antonio.

//Obit Weed Corley Fish//

Don and I got together often at Goodfellow Training Center. He was a "Super Chief" in my humble opinion. He made a significant difference by setting the example for outstanding performance, mentoring others, and literally leading the way for countless officers and enlisted members of our intelligence command family. RIP amigo. **//Dennis Rasmussen//**

Last week I posted on the 1N1 FB site the community "had lost a gem." I was partly correct--we did lose a gem--just not any gem... We lost a diamond--the most precious gem of all. **//TJ Moroney//**



Cafferty, William H., MSgt (Ret), 79, passed away May 7, 2017. Bill retired first, from the USAF as a MSgt, then from the Army/Air Force Exchange Service as Vice President of Loss Prevention Directorate; and then as a Retail Loss Prevention Consultant for Ace Hardware. Bill served in both the Vietnam and Korean Wars. Survived by his wife, Jeanette; a daughter, and one son, and the mother of his children, H. Faye. **//Obit Grimes Funeral Chapel//**

Bill was Chief of Safety and Security for AAFES-Europe and then at HQS AAFES when he retired. He was an active member of the Alamo Chapter of the AAFES Retired Employees Association. Bill was also a fellow Yale-IFEL Chinese-Mandarin linguist, class of 56-1 who retired from the USAFSS RIP. **//Bob Askew//**



Dearman, Robert (Bob) T., CMSgt (Ret), 76, passed away June 25, 2017. Bob served 30 years. It was during his tour-of-duty as a Chinese linguist instructor at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA that he met the love of his life, Hiromi. Bob is survived by his loving wife Hiromi and son Roy. **//Obit Dignity Memorial//**

Sad news. I flew with Bobby T. On Okinawa and worked with him on staff at DLI. A reasoned voice, a trusted advisor and friend. **//Tom Wheeler//**

Bobby was one of the good ones...flew many MB missions with him. Will miss him. **//Ralph Wade//**

Flew many Vietnam missions with Bobby 1966. He was one of the best in our business. RIP, Bobby T. **//Walter (Rosie) Rosenstrom//**

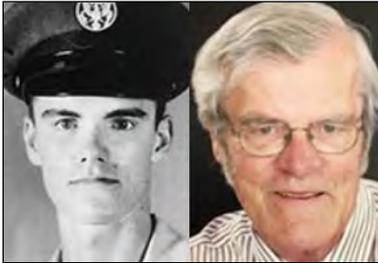


DePeter, Thomas George, 57, passed away May 21, 2017. Tom served in the AF from 1981 to 1988 as a Chinese Linguist. He is survived by his wife, Alwalyn Lancaster; daughter Sadie; and son Joshua. **//Obit The Gainesville Sun//**



Eakin, Robert A., SMSgt (Ret), 84, passed away July 19, 2017. He served in the USAF for 25 years; He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and several meritorious service awards while serving in the Korean War and during Viet Nam. He was also an avid golfer and liked to travel. He is survived by his daughters, Ravis and Eleanor; and son Tom. **//Obit Mission Park Funeral Chapels North//**

20 July - I was notified today that my friend Bob Eakin passed away on the 19th. Here's his obit and funeral information. I will miss him. So long old friend. Rest in peace. //Lanny Abee //



Emdy, Thomas R., 76, passed away April 26, 2017. Tom served in USAFSS from '58 to 66'. He is survived by his wife Carol: children Anita and Gregory. //Obit Star Tribune//

Tom joined the U.S. Air Force in 1958 serving in USAFSS until 1966. Tom trained at Syracuse University as a Russian linguist. He was in a neighboring barracks there when a tragic fire destroyed building M-7 killing 7 airmen and injuring many others.

Although Tom was never stationed at Bremerhaven, many of us knew him from our days at Syracuse University. //www.6913th.org//



Fairley, Virginia Josephine, 84, passed away May 17, 2017. She married Clarence Lavelle Fairley on September 15, 1956 at Euclid, CA. She was a retired Accountant. She is survived by her husband: Clarence Lavelle Fairley (FTVA Lifetime Member and HOH inductee) and their daughter: Jeanette. // Obit - Robbins/ Funeral Home, Mobile Alabama//



Frick, Carlos W., 80, died March 31, 2017. He served with USAFSS at 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1955-58 on Able Flight. Survivors include his wife of 54 years Carolyn; sons, James & Bryan; daughter, Katrina Elaine. //www.6913th.org// //Obit Shives Funeral//

I was in the U.S. Air Force in Bremerhaven Germany from 1954 through 1957 and I knew Carlos there. I am very sorry to hear about his passing. //John Bowers//



Fulton, Richard D., 74, passed away June 29, 2017. Rick served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Biloxi, MS and Okinawa. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Peggy Fulton; daughters, Jennifer and Laura; son, Richard. //Obit The Oklahoman//



Griffin, Billy D., MSgt (Ret), USAF, 82, passed away May 11, 2017. He served with the USAFSS and retired in 1973 with 22 Years of service. He then entered Civil Service at Kelly AFB for an additional 17 years. He is survived by his daughter Monika, wife Alma Griffin, step children Lisa, Lonnie & Joseph. //Obit Legacy.com//

It was a pleasure to fly with you. You were always prepared, dedicated, and had a healthy sense of humor.

You will be missed. //Jim Irwin//



Hance, Gary S., 69, passed away May 8, 2017. He served in the Vietnam War. In the USAF, Gary rose to the rank of Sergeant while working in USAFSS, often while under hostile fire. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary Anne; sons, Brian and Jeoff. //Obit Greenlawn Funeral Home// //6994th.com//



Hatcher, Howard E., CMSgt (Ret), 90, passed away March 4, 2017. He is, survived by his daughter Pamela; son John D Hatcher. Howard's wife of 56 years, Marianna, passed away May 21st, 2016. He served 21 years in USAFSS, traveling all over the world including Moscow, Russia, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant. //Obit Orlando Sentinel//

Chief Hatcher was the first CMSgt I saw in the Air Force. He was my first ELINT Supervisor in Hof (62-64). He and his wife were very kind to me and my wife. His assignments included HQ USAFSS; 6915th ESS; HOF Germany; Key West, FL; TDY to Taiwan. //SMSgt (Ret) Jim McDaniel//



Haupt, Kenneth U., 74, passed away April 28, 2017. He served in the USAF for 20 years and enjoyed the many countries he and his family toured. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan; his daughters Ellen and Diane. //Obit Montgomery Advisor//

Ken served his country in the USAF as a 202 during his 1966-1970 tour at Hakata. //Carol Farr//

I remember Ken was a good troop, both on and off duty from my 67 -69 tours at Hakata... he must have been on Charlie Flight since I can still remember working with him as a 202. RIP Ken. //Dennis Rassmussen//



Hebler, Lynn R., SMSgt (Ret), USAF, 82, passed away on May 31, 2017 at home in San Antonio, TX. Lynn joined the USAF in 1954 and worked as a personnel specialist, linguist, and an analyst. Lynn retired from the Air Force in 1977 as a Senior Master Sergeant and entered civil service as a network administrator until he retired. He married Linda Lu De Boy on August 24, 1955 and is survived by his wife; daughter Clevetta Herndon; and son Steve Hebler. //Obit Mission Park Funeral//

Lynn and I went to language school together in 1955, went to Germany in the same outfit and our paths have crossed several times throughout our careers. We kept in touch after our retirements and got together several times throughout the past 61 years. I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace Good Friend. //Frank J. Valois Jr//

I first met Hap in Darmstadt in 1970 and we hit off from the start as we are both from Iowa had many common interests (hunting, fishing, sports). He was a fun guy to be around and a mentor to us all - even us Ditty Boppers. //John Toillion//

I met Lynn in 1956. It was my first assignment to USAFSS and Lynn took me under his wing and treated me like a brother rather than "a newbie". The gang out at Grunstadt hill were a great bunch to be with an Lynn always had a story to tell which always kept us in good spirits. Rest in Peace my brother. Kay and I send our condolences to the entire family and I appreciate Steve for keeping everyone informed. The blond-haired jeep. //Ron Weaver//

I first met Lynn in 1956 when I was assigned to the 6914th RSM at Sembach AB, Germany. We served together at various locations and he was the last guy I talked to the day I retired from the AF. Because of the internet, I was able to reconnect with Lynn and we shared memories. My condolences and I pray for the Hebler family. Rest in Peace dear friend. //Merritt "Red" Barthel//



Hine, Joseph L. MSgt (Ret), 83, Passed away January 31, 2017. He served honorably in the USAF from 1951 until his retirement in 1977. During his military career, he received numerous commendations for his work. He is survived by his four children Kirk, Vickie, Roberta, and Scotti; his four stepchildren: Len, Cheryl, Deb, and Lawrence. //Obit All Faith's Funeral Home//

Joe was trained as a ground radio communications equipment repairman, and served with the 6193th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1963 to 1966. Where he was a SSgt and an OJT supervisor for the Radio Maintenance unit. He was also stationed at Shu Lin Kou Air Station, Taiwan; Berlin, Germany at Tempelhof and Malmstrom AFB in Montana. //www.6913th.org//



Inge, William A., MSgt (Ret), USAF, 68, passed away December 14, 2010. He was a MSgt with the Virginia National Guard and retired from MATES, Fort Pickett, U.S. Army, and veteran of the USAF. William is survived by his two daughters, Kimberly and Shelly; and their mother, Linda. //Obit Joseph McMillian Funeral Home//

Bill was at the 6915th Security Group. //SMSgt (Ret) Jim McDaniel//



Inskeep, Karen A., LtCol (Ret), USAF, 60, passed away June 20, 2017. She retired from the USAF in 2011 after a 32-year career. With 4 years enlisted service, Karen entered the Air Force ROTC program at California State University – Fresno and graduated as a distinguished graduate and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Karen spent 28 years as an intelligence officer serving at Misawa, Japan, Chicksands, England and globally in AF ISR Agency, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, U.S. Forces Korea, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and U.S. Central Command. Karen is survived by Thomas, her husband of 25 years. **//Obit Sunset Northwest Funeral Home//**

Tom, I was so saddened by your phone call. As 6920th ESG commander, I remember that Karen’s prior enlisted experience and mature judgement greatly helped our unit earn a coveted “excellent” rating from the ESC IG in 1990. She left us way too soon. **//Doug & Anne Williams//**

I served with Karen in Japan and Germany. She was a dedicated officer who worked hard for her people and for the mission. **//Paul Gifford//**

So sudden... When I was Ops Supe at Misawa in 88-91, I observed Karen’s winning leadership style as the ranking Captain in our young Ops officer corps. Condolences Tom, may she RIP. **//Dennis Rassmussen//**



Kubeck, Donald J., CMSgt (Ret), 86, passed away April 5, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF in 1949. He completed a Polish language course at the Army Language School in Monterey, CA and was assigned to Chicksands, England, (1950-56) where he met and married Jean who was also at Chicksands from (1958-1959). He next served {1959-1963) with the 6913th RSM at Bremerhaven, Germany as a Radiotelephone Controller on Baker Flight and then re-assigned to the Traffic Exploitation Section of Operations. Don retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1969. **//www.6913th.org//**



Lynam, James "Vernon" Sr., 95, passed away May 4, 2017. Vernon was a Navy World War II Veteran and finished his 20 years of military service in the Air Force. He is survived by his daughter Phyllis. [//www.findagrave.com//](http://www.findagrave.com/)

Jim served his country in the USAF as a 292 during his 1961-1964 tour at Hakata. **//Carol Farr//**



Matowitz, Keith G., SMSgt (Ret), 75, passed away June 18, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF in 1964 and honorably served his country for over 23 years. Keith flew in 200 combat missions during the Vietnam conflict. Because of his exposure to Agent Orange, he courageously battled cancer for over 30

years. Keith had the undeniable love and support of his wife, Norma for over 51 years. He is survived by his wife and one son, Scott. **//Obit Sunset Northwest Funeral Home//**

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of a longtime friend. From Augsburg, Germany in 1972 to RAF Chicksands, England in the early 80s, and the past 25 years in Texas we shared many visits and cruises together. Ev and I enjoyed the special bond and friendship we shared with Keith and Norma. Keith fought a courageous battle - we will surely miss our "Mr. Excitement" and his unique sense of humor. Ev and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers **//Ev and Chuck MacFarlane//**



McDaniel, Thomas Robert, 76, passed away May 17. A truly dedicated and outstanding airman. He is survived by his son Steven. **//Obit Mission Park Funeral//**

I just received word that another TRANSEC/COMSEC legend has left us. **//Bill Buchsbaum//**



Molder, Robert (Bob) Leroy, 72, died June 16, 2017
Bob enlisted at age 17 and traveled extensively while in USAFSS/ESC, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. Bob retired after 27 years and then worked in Civil Service for 19 years. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Pauline; three daughters and one Son. //Obit **Barranco and Sons//** //6994th.com//

We were at the same locations over the years; Key West, Chicksands, San Antonio, and DaNang but as luck would have it, we were never on the same flight. I always remember Bob as a guy that was liked and respected by everybody that worked with him. //James (Jim) Alton White//

Bob and I served most of our consecutive and lengthy Air Force tours at the same locations and the same time frames at RAF Chicksands, England (3 times), Kelly AFB, Texas, Danang, Vietnam, and Fort Meade, Maryland. His infectious smile and laughter always seemed to lift the spirits of everyone around him. //Franklin L Bowlby//

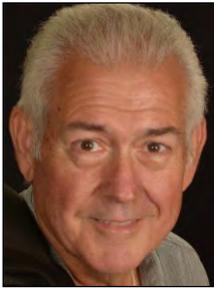


Ouellette, Emile R., SMSgt (Ret), 86, died on May 28, 2017. His 23-year USAF career began in 1948. He served in the U.S., Japan, Marshall Islands, the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany; Italy and the Philippines. Rick's AF career included an assignment in 1950 to 'Project Greenhouse', a nuclear test held in the Marshall Islands where he participated in 4 nuclear bomb tests. During the 4th test, a wind shift blew the

atomic cloud back over the island where the U.S. soldiers were located and Rick suffered significant atomic fallout with subsequent serious health problems. He also manned his own Guard post in Korea along the heavily armed DMZ. Rick retired in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Lucille; one daughter and three; sons. //Obit: **Degusipe Funeral Home//**



Rose, Vincent "Vinny", 72, died June 20, 2017. He served with the USAF in communications in Germany and Japan during the Vietnam War. He was stationed at Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th RSM on Baker Flight from 1963-65. Vinny is survived by his wife of 48 years: Inalyn Payne of Massachusetts and 5 daughters. //www.6913th.org//



Sarg, Thomas Eugene, MSgt (Ret), 64, passed away May 22, 2017. He completed Cryptologic Analysis training at Goodfellow, TX. A USAF Veteran of the Vietnam War, he participated in Operation Frequent Wind during the evacuation of Vietnam in April of 1975. Tom also served in USAFSS/ESC units in Germany, Italy and the Philippines. Tom is survived by his wife of 45 years, Vicky and four children. **//Obit Keeps Funeral Home//**



Setser, Luther P., SMSgt (Ret), 76, passed away January 20, 2017. Luther attended Syracuse University and served in USAFSS as a Russian linguist. He was stationed in Turkey and served with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1960 to 1962. He was subsequently stationed in Alaska and California and retired after 25 years in the Air Force. **//www.6913th.org//**



Siegle, Ronald Edward, SSgt, 74, died May 6, 2017. He served in the USAFSS 1960 to 1968, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Survivors include his wife, Sharon and four children. **//Obit Bertas Funeral Home//**

“Our Losses” 6994th Security Squadron - Deceased 6 May 2017 per wife Sharon **//6994th.com//**



Soat, James O., 82, passed away July 19, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF serving in the 29th RSM in various locations, including Clark AFB in the Philippines, and Kelly AFB in San Antonio. After his discharge, he attended St. Mary's University. He is survived by his spouse Diana; and two sons. **//Obit Porter Loring//**



Sweezy, John T., Maj (Ret), 98, passed away July 25, 2017. John joined the Air Force and flew B-17 bombers in Germany during WWII and at the end of the war, during the Berlin Airlift, he flew C-47s and C-54s. He continued his service in the USAF as an Intelligence Officer in USAFSS

during the Cold War in Darmstadt, Germany. After retirement, he had a successful career with Prudential Insurance Company. John is survived by his son, John Jr. //Obit Porter Loring//



Thorson, Erling, “Dick”, 80, passed away December 17, 2016. Dick served in the USAFSS 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany on Dog Flight in 1956 and 1957, as a communication specialist. After 4 years in the Air Force, he worked as a journalist. Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Barbara; and 5 children.

// www.tributes.com//



Verdelotti, William R. (Bill), 92, of Tampa, passed away on April 21, 2017. He was a 27- year veteran that served his Country in the Second World War (WWII). Bill also served in the USAFSS as a 292 during his 1963-1967 tour at Hakata. William is survived by his four children. //Carol Farr//



Wiatrowski, Larry M., 54, passed away July 5, 2017. Larry served in the United States Air Force to begin his lifetime of service to his country, which, after four years in the Air Force, included more than 25 years as a U.S. Department of Defense civilian working for both the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy //www.tributes.com//

Larry was a former Chinese linguist in ESC. He got out and went into civilian service where I believe he was Chinese linguist for the Dept. of Navy for several years before flipping over to Dept. of Air Force. For the past several years, he was the Chief, Wing Security here at 480 ISRW at Langley. //Rodney Sayers//



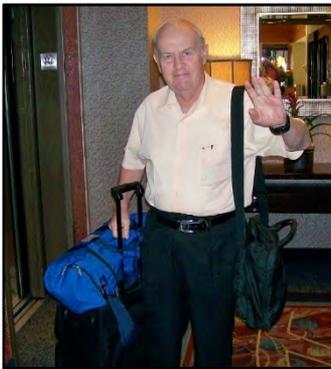
Willis, Robert Allen III, 74, died July 20, 2017. He enlisted in the USAF in 1961 and joined the Security Service. He was stationed in Amarillo, San Angelo and San Antonio, Texas as well as Germany and South Korea. He loved his time serving our country and was active with fellow veterans of the U.S. Air Force Security Service (USAFSS). He is survived by his wife

of 51 years, Charlotte; oldest daughter, Elizabeth; his youngest daughter, Julie. //Obit James & Sikes Funeral Home//

(Ed Note: Tributes received in response to earlier Fallen Eagle postings.)

Good-Bye to Wayne Graczyk (d. April 19, 2017)

Posted by Dave Bethard and Bill Spencer



This photo (captured by our top-notch photographer, Bill Spencer) is probably the last one taken of **Wayne Graczyk** - this one snapped as he was heading out to catch his flight back to Japan, the morning after the 6918th SS/SG 2015 reunion in Minneapolis. Rest in peace old friend--thank you for your friendship and support over the years--and for all you did to make the 6918th experience and memories live on forever. A more fervent and faithful Charlie Flight troop there will

NEVER be. Sayonara for now. //Dave Bethard, April 24, 2017//

After a little research, I found out how AMAZING Wayne was. He was notified in 2017 that he was to be inducted into the Arthur L. Johnson High School Hall of Fame on 18 May 2017. Of course, by that time, Wayne had already moved on to his eternal reward in Heaven. I found the following on Facebook. It really touched my heart and it validated exactly who, and what kind of person, Wayne was. Finding it was an unexpected opportunity and I

just had to share it with the 6918th USAFSS Brotherhood. There will never be another Wayne. He is truly a legend in Japanese Baseball League Stadiums. //**Bill Spencer**, April 24, 2017//)

In Memory of David Croak (d. Apr 29, 2017)

Submitted by Bob Askew

I just saw in the June RIT that 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 after a lengthy and painful illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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 Pyong Yong Do (the island) in 1958 and closed 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. Please pass this information on to the folks who keep the FTVA Fallen Eagle list, the "Skivvy-Nine" Fallen Eagle list, as well as anyone on your list who might have known Dave. Thanks,

Bob Askew

203-2 Yale-IFEL 57-9



(Left photo)

6929th RSM Osan and

Det 2, 6929th RSM PY-Do

Picture of Dave (far right) and me to Dave's right as we deactivated the PY-Do site, loaded the trucks onto the LST to depart for Inchon and on to Osan. July 1959.

“A Gentle General”

Robinson, Neal T., Brigadier General, USAF (Ret), 65, passed away May 27, 2017. Born to a USAF family, he was appointed to the USAF Academy in



1970. He became an intelligence officer serving in hot spots around the world: South Korea, Iran (where he was taken hostage during the 1979 crisis), Panama, Italy and Germany. General Robinson was head of intelligence for European Command during the Kosovo War. After retirement in 2005, he continued his service in industry, most recently with Oracle Corporation. He is survived by his wife Pat.

//Obit Enders & Shirley Funeral Home//

Brig. Gen. Neal T. Robinson was Director, Air Force Cryptologic Office, Fort George G. Meade, Md., and Vice Commander, HQ Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), Lackland AFB, TX. After Signals Intelligence School at Goodfellow AFB, TX, he served as the flight commander and Chief of Operations Management with the 6903rd Electronic Security Squadron at Osan AB, South Korea. He was then assigned to the National Security Agency as an intern, and later at both the Defense Intelligence Agency and AIA as a Middle East analyst. In 1990, the general went to U.S. Southern Command, Panama, and served in the Directorate of Operations as Chief of Intelligence for the Deployable Joint Task Force. He returned to South Korea as the Director of Intelligence for 7AF, and was then assigned to AIA at Kelly AFB as Director of Operations. The general has served as the Director of Intelligence, C2, NATO Combined Air Operations Center, Vicenza, Italy, and as Director of Intelligence for U.S. Air Forces in Europe. He later served as the Associate Director of Operations for Command, Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance with the Directorate of Air and Space Operations at HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.

The General’s complete list of assignments can be viewed at:

<http://www.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies/Display/Article/04905/brigadier-general-neal-t-robinson/>

I worked with BGen Neil T Robinson for many years over my 57 years with the Federal Government. A great man that really cared about his people. BGen Robinson will be missed by many. I express my sincere sympathy to his family. General Robinson RIP. **//Edward Jolly (CMSgt (Retired))//**

Neal was one of the hostages taken when the US Embassy was overrun in Tehran, Iran on November 4, 1979. Neal was an intern - Junior Officer Cryptologic Career Program NSA - stationed at the Embassy at the time of the takeover. He was one of the 13 hostages released Nov 19-20, 1979 by the Ayatollah. **//Rich Gibaldi//**

From: Larry Tart Aug 7, 2017 (Received from Charlie Swanson)

Forwarded To: Fallen Eagles

CMSgt Don (Francis M.) Hollifield, who served at Chicksands from about 1957 to about 1960, and was an occasional participant in the Chix Reunions (at least at the Pocomo event) **passed on May 6, 2017 at age 87**. His wife, Josie departed in January 2016. Holly's daughter informed me that his health deteriorated following her passing. **//Charlie Swanson//**

The world has lost a stellar influence on both current and former members of the Air Force Intelligence community. **//Larry Tart//**

*Our condolences. A legend we should all admire, may he RIP. This one deserves special handling in our newsletter. We must delay processing his full final obit and added tributes until available in the Dec issue. The September issue is now in final QC stage for printing. **VR D. Rassmussen***

The Lone Sentinel



:BITS::AND::BYTES:

Rass,

This would probably be better in a RIT article than posted on the web site.

Bob Baert

From: James Taylor [mailto:jstaylor@aol.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

To: membersupport@ftva.org

Subject: Veterans online shopping benefit

Bob, my daughter Sandi Lute is coordinating this AAFES benefit for eligible members. It took me less than two minutes to become verified using the vet verify link. Was wondering if this is a benefit that could be disseminated to our membership?

Thank you, Jim Taylor

----- forwarded message-----

From: "Lute, Sandra L." **Date:** June 12, 2017

Subject: Veterans online shopping benefit

Dad, thank you so much for helping us share the news about the benefit. Here are some links with information:

<http://www.militarytimes.com/articles/more-than-18-000-vets-verified-for-online-exchange-access-and-thousands-are-already-shopping>

<https://www.facebook.com/e86ab042-41ac-4147-ba5d-d402bcf6e4c8>

<https://www.vetverify.org/>

<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/>

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June 23, 2017

Name: Charles "Chuck" Simpson

Unit: USAFSS HQ, Kelly, San Antonio, TX

Comment: 20 Years with USAFSS (1952-72): - Landsberg, Sembach, Berlin, NSA, Brindisi, NSA, Scotland, Chicksands, JSPC (Okinawa).

June 23, 2017

Chuck,

Great to hear from you. Thanks for signing into the FTVA website. From your assignments listed below, you really made the rounds to some plum assignments. Unfortunately, we're not at most of those sites anymore. Hope you can join us at our Anniversary activities the end of Sept (28-30) here in San Antonio. We have five great events culminating at our banquet and its guest speaker, Lt Gen/Dir (ret) Jim Clapper. Take care and remember to "Remain in Touch". cheers, Ron

Col (ret) Ron Haygood
President, FTVA

July 8, 2017

From Name: Mike Whelan

Unit: Colorado Springs, Co

Comment: Additional assignments include 6912th, Hqtrs USAFSS/ESC, 6917th (2), 6987th, and 6922nd.

July 9, 2017

Mike,

Thanks for signing into the FTVA website. Looks like you had some great assignments. The FTVA has two purposes: one to give an avenue for members to stay in touch with friends and coworkers from back in the day and two, providing support to the active duty that are still doing some of the same things we did, just in a different location and equipment. If you are still in the Colorado Springs area, we have a FTVA Chapter there. They meet at Rhino's Bar and Grill. Hope to see you at our Anniversary activities here in San Antonio the end of Sept. Great events culminating with the banquet Saturday night with Lt Gen/Dir (ret) Jim Clapper...should be super. Take care, Ron

Col (ret) Ron Haygood
President, FTVA

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<input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBERSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/> MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
<input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS CHANGE

Age Range for Life Membership Rates	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 71-75	\$95
<input type="checkbox"/> 66-70	\$115
<input type="checkbox"/> 61-65	\$160
<input type="checkbox"/> 56-60	\$170
<input type="checkbox"/> 51-55	\$185
<input type="checkbox"/> 46-50	\$200
<input type="checkbox"/> 41-45	\$220
<input type="checkbox"/> 36-40	\$235
<input type="checkbox"/> 31-35	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 and under	\$265

Optional Information we publish in yearly directory:
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