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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Howdy Y'all,

It's Spring time in San Antonio and the temperatures are starting to rise... a nice reprieve from the winter. As with the transition of the seasons, so goes the sports scene in San Antonio. The Spurs are done for the season, but baseball is just picking up with the final season for the SA Missions (moving to Colorado next year). In 25th AF news, this year is the 70th Anniversary for USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA, AFISRA and 25th AF. Plans are already started to celebrate this significant milestone during the FTVA/25 AF annual anniversary activities in Sept (27-29). POCs are being selected, checklists are being reviewed and we are working with 25th AF to schedule our guest speaker. The Public Affairs office and History office have several initiatives planned over the next several months and we will share those with you as we get them. It will be another great event, so we hope to see many of you to join in the festivities.

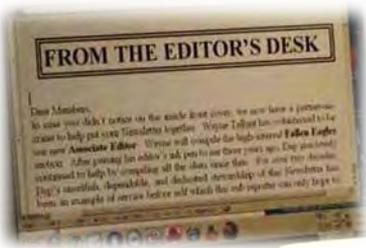
We also held the FTVA Spring Social a couple weeks ago at the Sea World Marriott. Ken Williams and his son Derek did another great job putting event together...don't know what we would do without them. We had about 50 people in attendance to hear CMSgt Stan Cadell, 25 AF/Command Chief, give us an update on the state of the NAF and share some stories about a number of the Airmen around the command and what they are accomplishing for our Air Force. The Sea World Marriot did a great job with food, drink and the nice setting.

Finally, the Board always encourages suggestions and feedback. Whether its ways to encourage new membership, chapter news or ways to support our troops/units, don't hesitate to contact us thru our web-site. We are here to support...and as always "Remain in Touch".

All the Best,

Ted Colquhoun

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### Greetings!

Another issue coming your way! Extra, extra read all about it. But first, please know that the Esteemed Rass is on the mend and we at this publication (and elsewhere throughout the world) are glad for it. He continues to be an integral part of this publication. His

prime directive is to keep this cub editor 'straight' and I hope he's doing a good job of it. This issue is a bit later than normal as duty called as I had to enjoy the greenery associated with Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a week. Speaking of which, don't forget to get your FTVA Golf Tournament Teams in early (once you receive your Reunion Packet in the mail in a couple of months) as the spaces fill up fast. Bob Benitez is your new Golf POC as I stepped aside to take this position. Lastly, I want to thank those of you who provided inputs to this issue especially the reports of the many reunions going on around the world; now that's what I'm talking about! What a great way to "Keep In Touch" by publishing not only the upcoming event, but by sending in an "after action report". Thanks again and enjoy the read.

Dennis Buxton



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*(Following Transcribed/Edited)*

15 Feb 18

Denny –

Another Eagle has fallen. I got this newsletter (ed: not depicted) a couple of days ago, but I got the news on "T's" (ed: CMSgt Herman W. B. Tinnirela; see Fallen Eagles section) the day after he died from Don Ohman.

Apparently "T" had gone to the base hospital with pneumonia, and they sent him to a hospital in Hachinohe, where he refused treatment. On the way back to Misawa, he departed the pattern.

Don said his wife of many years had died recently, so that may well have been a factor.

I had an appointment the next day, and all the folks in the .... were saddened by his unexpected death.

We really lost a great one there.

Cheers – if any are left.

Roy (Roy Heath).

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5 March 2018

Subject: THE WALL THAT HEALS (TWTH)

From: Bill McCarthy

To: JJ Graham

Cc: Dennis Buxton; Rass

JJ: Just finished reading article on *The Wall That Heals*. Great stuff. The Goodfellow Chapter obviously is very proud of the work done to bring that there. As always great to see so many names from the past. Your Chapter obviously has a lot of folks I dealt with. Because I am old school I really like to receive the hard cover. I still read the local newspaper every day. Anyway, my best to all in your Chapter and well wishes to all. Also hope Rass gets well soon. Well done to our new Editor.

With Respect and Gratitude, Bill McCarthy

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9 March 2018

Subj: THE WALL THAT HEALS (TWTH)

From: JJ Graham

To: Bill McCarthy

Cc: Dennis Buxton; Rass

Appreciate the kind words! I'll be sure to pass them on to our "small but robust" group. Having *The Wall That Heals* here was an amazing experience. We had a lot of veterans thank us for allowing them to pay respects to old friends and get a sense of closure. If you ever get the chance to visit TWTH, please do so.

A lot of us here (including myself) are a little old school, also. Like you I read the paper every day and enjoy turning the pages of actual books (including the newsletter). And we all agree that Dennis is doing a super job! We all wish the best for Rass. He is one of my heroes and I'm looking

forward to seeing him out and about real soon.

Thanks again for thinking of us and I hope you and yours have a great day!

Cheers...JJ

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13 Mar 18

Subj: FTVA Newsletter March 2018, p. 41

From: George Kitkowski

To: Dennis Buxton

Just noticed that my old friend and partner in crime, ADDIE PAUL, (the Magician) has made it into the newsletter again as he often does. In 1984 I became the NSA REP to CINCNORAD. Then three years later General Herres established the US Space Command and I became the first NSA REP there. But along with US Space Command, Army. and Air Force established their Headquarters in Colorado Springs. And I became the Rep to all.

And now for the rest of the story. I found myself going to several staff meetings a day as the Commands tried to get organized. After several months I was nearing exhaustion. I told the Director that between NORAD and all the Space Commands, it was like a Three Ring Circus and I needed help. So they sent me a Magician: Addie Paul!

And he's still doing it today. Was glad to see he is alive and well. Best wishes. Colonel George Kitkowski

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14 Mar 18

Subj: Rass

From Ron Moyer

To Dennis Buxton

Hey bud, all pie-faces aside. that was a great transition piece you put in the RIT. Don't think there could be a better replacement for Rass

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28 Mar 18

**MEMORANDUM FOR FTVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

FROM: 25 AF/A2O TASE Manager

2 Hall Boulevard, Suite 201

San Antonio TX 78243-7072

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

1. Please pass on my sincerest thank you to the Freedom Through Vigilance Association for your unwavering financial support to our annual CMSgt Stu Engbretson Tactics Analyst of the Year Award. Your donation makes recognizing our finest tacticians possible. Without your sponsorship this award would be extremely difficult to give out each year.

2. The award preserves and honors CMSgt Stu Engbretson and recognizes the senior and junior level adversary tacticians each year that emulate what he personified. His plaque on the 25AF Hall of Honor simply reads, "He wrote the book on tactics" and through his memory we recognize the continuation of his vision through our current tacticians as well as uphold our heritage.

3. This year was especially rewarding as the current FTVA President, Mr. Ted Colquhoun, personally knew and was able to pass on memories of CMSgt Stu Engbretson to our working group attendees. That made this year's presentation even more special.

Respectfully,

Kevin D. Inman, DAF  
25AF TASE Manager

***Editor's Note: The winners of the CMSgt Stu Engbretson Tactics Analysts of the Year Award are: Junior Category - SSgt Adam Smith (303 IS, Korea TASE); and Senior Category - TSgt Ryan Baldrige (361 ISRG, SOF TASE). Congratulation!***



**HALL OF HONOR NEWS**

**By A. J. Harrison, HOH Chairman**  
**NOMINATIONS FOR 2018**

The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is currently reviewing the write-ups of nominees for induction into the Hall of Honor. As detailed in our last issue of RIT (March 2018), HOH nominations must be received not later than 4 June 2018, and selections will be announced in the September RIT issue. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association’s reunion activities that will be held at 25 Air Force (formerly AF ISR Agency) HQ on Friday morning, Sep 28, 2018. Once again, thank you for your participation.

Thank you and Remain In Touch.

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





**25TH AIR FORCE NEWS**

**Compiled by Ken Maynard,  
Associate Editor**

**2017 CMSGT THOMAS N. BARNES AWARD – 25 AF**

**MEMORANDUM FOR HQ 25 AF STAFF AND 25 AF UNITS DOWN  
TO WING**

**FROM 25 AF/CS**

**2 Hall Boulevard, Suite 201  
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**SUBJECT: 2017 CMSgt Thomas N. Barnes (Crew Chief of the Year)  
Award - 25 AF Nominee**

1. On behalf of Maj Gen Mary F. O'Brien, we are honored to salute SSgt Kyle W. McClung, Dedicated Crew Chief EC-130H, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (755 AMXS) as the 25 AF/ACC 2017 CMSgt Thomas N. Barnes (Crew of the Year) Award winner. The Air Force Association recognizes the crew chief with the most significant contribution to the AF operational mission. CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes served as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force from 1973 to 1977. CMSAF Barnes' career began as a flight engineer; he later served as a crew chief on B-25, C-47, B-52D/G and F-4 aircraft. He was the first African-American Senior Enlisted Advisor in any of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. Please join me in congratulating SSgt McClung as our winner and wishing him success as he competes at the Air Force level!

**STEVEN C. DOUCETTE, GG-15, DAF  
Chief of Staff**

## 9TH IS “HACKS” INTO DEFENSE CHALLENGES WITH STANFORD UNIVERSITY



**Steve Weinstein, Stanford University professor, speaks to a group of students during a Hacking for Defense class in Silicon Valley, California (U.S. Air Force photo by SrA Ashley L. Gardner).**

*(Adapted from an article by Senior Airman Ashley L. Gardner, 9th IS.)*

**Silicon Valley, Calif.** — Airmen from the 9th Intelligence Squadron are working with Stanford University students to gather ideas on how to make the Optical Bar Camera mission more effective.

Hacking for Defense, a non-profit organization working to generate problem solving cooperation between academia, industry and

Department of Defense, introduced a problem-solving methodology. Working to solve national defense challenges, H4D pairs Stanford students with partners in the DOD or adjacent industries to build a relationship between two entities in hopes of producing innovative technological solutions to defense issues.

The class seeks to apply Silicon Valley entrepreneurship methods in military-industrial contexts. Students create what is similar to a “lean startup”, which emphasizes a process of need-finding and problem-solving.

This process helps individuals with the problem receive a newer, fresher idea on something they may have never thought of before, while also revealing that students are capable of contributing to solutions to real-world problems.

“We work with wet film. This is an excellent opportunity to couple one of the oldest sensors in the DoDs inventory with the latest advances in technology,” said CMSgt Ian Eishen, 9th IS superintendent. “Our thoughts

are that computer vision may provide a solution, but the team may find something that would be a better fit.”

The students learn entrepreneurship while they are engaged in a national public service, which is one of many opportunities to make the world safer by teaming with the DOD and other government agencies.

“My best friend joined the Marines,” said Austin Bushree, Stanford student. “I decided to go to college, and it was interesting to see the divergence in paths. I’ve always admired his dedication to service and to the country, so I really respect him for all that he is doing. I look at what he is out there doing and I don’t see how I would owe any less to my country and the people who live in it. We have completely different skillsets, but I saw this as a way to commit myself to a legitimate problem doing something bigger than myself.”

This unique collaborative program began in April 2018 and lasts approximately 3 months. Stanford students will visit Beale Air Force Base for an up-close look at equipment and processes involved with the problem solving requirements. In return, Beale Airmen will have the opportunity to engage on the university campus as the subject matter experts during the problem solving process.

## **OFFUTT MAINTAINERS SUPPORT ROYAL AIR FORCE DURING TWO WEEK TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

(Adapted from an article by 55 Wing Public Affairs)

**ROYAL AIR FORCE WADDINGTON, England** -- Four maintainers from the 55th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 55th Maintenance Squadron recently traveled across the pond to work side-by-side with their counterparts from the Royal Air Force’s 51 Squadron.

The two week exercise was an opportunity to expand upon the co-manning process for both fighting forces as they provide support to the U.S. and U.K.’s RC-135V/W Rivet Joint fleet.

“Our goal was to integrate ourselves into 51 Squadron and become a part of the team,” said MSgt. Luka Hurley, 55th AMXS assistant lead production superintendent.

The Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth Airmen who were chosen for the trip specialized in aircraft mission systems, avionics, aircraft structures and fuel systems.

Working alongside their RAF colleagues the two units ensured the 51

Squadron’s two available RJ’s met their operational taskings as required.

“This was a great opportunity for both parties to share engineering experience, further integrating engineering working practices which can often present challenges due to inherent differences between the U.S. Air Force and Royal Air Force procedures,” said RAF Sqn. Ldr. K.J. Bissett, 51 Squadron executive officer.

“Our co-manning partnership with the U.K. serves as a bridge for cross flowing ideas and technical innovations,” said Maj. Julian Thomas, 55th MXS commander. “It also gives the U.S. Air Force an opportunity to influence the maturation of the U.K.’s aircraft maintenance program.”

The Department of Defense and the U.K. Ministry of Defense came to an agreement in 2011 that allowed the RAF to purchase three RJs over a seven year period.

Since then the 55th Wing has trained all of the 51 Squadron’s 135 pilots, navigators, electronic warfare officers, intelligence operators and airborne maintenance technicians as well as their maintainers and avionics specialists.

“Being welcomed into 51 Squadron and the Royal Air Force was a complete honor,” Hurley said. “Our co-manning relationship is sure to be a success.”

The two units are already looking at other ways to continue to grow their relationship and synergy in the future.

“The exercise was hugely successful and enhanced the already excellent ties between U.S Air Force and Royal Air Force engineering,” Bissett said. “Our cooperation at the technical level will help both nations achieve greater interoperability and warfighting effectiveness in the future,” Thomas said.

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**TREATY MONITORING CENTER INDUCTS THREE TO ITS WALL OF HONOR**



**The Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., inducted three members to its historic Wall of Honor at a ceremony held March 27, 2018 in the center’s Doyle Northrup Auditorium. The inductees were Lt Col (ret.) Robert E. Wiley, CMSgt (ret.) William J. McClelland, and CMSgt (ret.) Susan J. Spencer. Pictured here in front of the newly-engraved plaques are CMSgt Wesley A. Schuler, AFTAC superintendent; McClelland; Doris Bruner, proxy for Spencer; Wiley; and Col Greg Sawyer, AFTAC vice commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Phillip C. Sunkel IV)**

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

**PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** -- The Air Force Technical Applications Center here inducted three new members to its Wall of Honor at a ceremony held in the center’s Doyle Northrup Auditorium March 27, 2018.

Lt Col Robert Wiley, CMSgt Bill McClelland and CMSgt Sue Spencer, all former members of the nuclear treaty monitoring center, were recognized for their contributions to AFTAC’s long range detection mission by having their names engraved on the wall in the center’s main lobby.

The tradition began four years ago after AFTAC moved in to its newly constructed headquarters in 2014. The center's Heritage Committee was formed and its first order of business was to develop the criteria to establish a way to recognize individuals who profoundly contributed to AFTAC's global mission, while personifying the Air Force Core Values: integrity, service, excellence.

This year's selectees bring more than 75 years of experience and service to the Department of Defense's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center.

Wiley, a career physicist and nuclear explosion detection expert, spent a good deal of his time at AFTAC working in the Space Operations Division, managing the center's multi-million dollar acquisition support contracts for the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System. Many of the techniques he implemented during his tenure with AFTAC are still used today.

McClelland joined the AFTAC's long range detection team in 1964. During his career, he served at various overseas detachments in New Zealand, Ascension Island and Korea, as well as at the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron at the now-defunct McClellan Air Force Base in California. While the chief retired in 1984, he continued his tenure with the treaty monitoring center as a contractor, where he still serves today.

The third inductee served 26 years on active duty. Spencer began her Air Force career as a pharmacy technician, but ultimately cross-trained to become an applied physics lab specialist. She was a gifted microscopist and oversaw AFTAC's trace particle program throughout the years. Prior to her retirement in 1999 and because of her vast knowledge and skills, she was selected to support the closure of the McClellan Central Laboratory and AFTAC's Technical Operations Division.

While Wiley and McClelland were able to attend the ceremony in person, Spencer was unable to make it to Florida's Space Coast. Instead, she asked to have former co-worker and friend Doris Bruner accept the award on her behalf. Bruner is the technical advisor for AFTAC's Director of Operations and said it was a privilege to serve as Spencer's proxy.

Each inductee received a hefty medallion with an inscription that reads, "Let this medallion signify its recipient is a member of an elite and noble group of Airmen who stand in silent vigil for the good of all humankind."

Pictured on the medallion is an American Bald Eagle clutching a scroll in one talon and a sword in the other. The scroll symbolizes the Limited Test Ban Treaty and the sword illustrates military strength and might. Above the eagle are the words "Sapientia Potentia Est," Latin for "Wisdom is Power." Col. Greg Sawyer, AFTAC's vice commander, officiated the

ceremony.

“Today, we honor our collective history and the legacy of three fellow Airmen whose distinguished service provides innumerable examples of innovation that outpaced and countered our adversaries,” Sawyer said. “We honor their service and contributions, and we honor them for the inheritance they have provided this generation of AFTAC personnel. On this day, you join the ranks of our AFTAC forefathers and luminaries, and we are better for having shared its spaces and responsibilities with you. A significant portion of your lives and talents have been freely given to this organization, and for that we are eternally grateful.”



**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROVES BENEFICIAL FOR ISR DATA INTERPRETATION**

*(Adapted from an article by Master Sgt. Heidi West, 99ABW/PA.)*



**LAS VEGAS (AFNS) --** The 526th Intelligence Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, hosted an Artificial Intelligence and Design Thinking seminar at AFWERX Vegas.

**Chief Master Sgt. Stefan Blazier, command chief of the 363rd ISRW at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., speaks to a class through video message during the Artificial Intelligence and Design Thinking seminar at AFWERX Vegas, Las Vegas, April 9, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kevin Tanenbaum)**

Event guest speaker CMSgt Ian, superintendent of the 9th Intelligence Squadron at Beale AFB, California, introduced more than 100 Airmen, contractors and Department of Defense employees to the fundamentals of design thinking, artificial

intelligence and cutting-edge computer technology.

“I want to expose you to the way we do business in (intelligence,

surveillance and reconnaissance) and empower you to be part of the conversation,” said event coordinator SMSgt Amy, superintendent of the 526th IS, to the group of attendees. “Hopefully, as the concepts become less intimidating, they will stimulate a culture of curiosity within you that makes you want to learn more and dig deeper.”

“We need to drive change,” said CMSgt Stefan Blazier, command chief of the 363rd ISR Wing at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, in a video message to the students. “Our adversaries are constantly developing technology to catch up. We need to adapt and weaponize data to wield answers.”

One way in which Ian taught the students to strategically evaluate this data was through design thinking, which is a human-centered approach to innovation that draws from the designer’s toolkit to integrate the needs of people, the possibilities of technology, and the requirements for business success.

To illustrate the five steps of design thinking – empathize, define, ideate, prototype and test – Ian used an exercise provided by the Institute of Design at Stanford University. First, each student sketched his or her idea of the perfect wallet. Next, they interviewed the student beside them to understand their wallet desires and needs (empathize). The students then reflected on the interview and what they learned (define) before brainstorming and sketching ideas to meet their “customer’s” needs (ideate). After presenting the sketch to the customer, each student used provided materials to build a model of their wallet (prototype). The final step was testing the design to see if it met the customer’s expectations.

“The idea is to move from personal bias as a designer to meeting customer needs,” Ian explained.

SrA Raymond, who traveled from the 20th IS at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, watched his design evolve with each customer interview. In the end, he designed a wallet with the comfort of a standard billfold as well as the convenience of modern banking.

“By the end of the exercise, I had almost completely scrapped my original idea because of my partner’s feedback,” Raymond chuckled. “He came up with stuff I had never even thought about.”

Just as entrepreneurs design, scrap and redesign based on the needs of the customer, the Air Force aims to build a culture where leaders identify the needs of Airmen, champion their solutions, eliminate roadblocks, push back detractors, and celebrate innovative failures and successes.

“You have to ask yourself three questions before implementing an idea: ‘Can I build it?’ ‘Will anyone use it?’ and ‘Is there anything better already out there?’” Ian explained. “The real heart is going through the process – do we have a problem worth solving or a process that needs improving?”

To further explain the aforementioned questions of feasibility, desirability, and viability, Ian talked with students about how to identify stakeholders, develop a value proposition canvas and transform data in comprehensible chunks of information.

“Think of everything you do as a mini startup,” Ian told the students. “But, instead of thinking about revenue, think about mission completion.”

Several ways in which students can transform data is using artificial intelligence, which extracts high-dimensional data from the real world in order to produce numerical and symbolic information. For example, with the right tools, a dull spreadsheet of numbers can be transformed into a moving masterpiece of emotion.

“You have to make sense out of a ton of data so the warfighter can make a decision,” Ian explained. “Design is not just for artsy people. Designing experiences is all around you.”

Designing ideas and executing ideas require an abundance of resources. One resource available to all Airmen and DoD employees is the AFWERX facility. Amy invited Mark Rowland, AFWERX Vegas director, to explain the unique structure and neutrality of his networking hub.

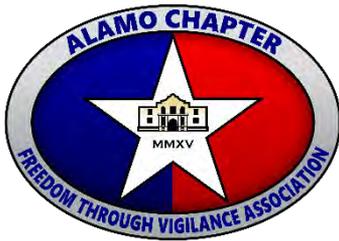
“The hub is like Switzerland,” Rowland began. “It’s a safe place. We work with startups, and we work with the Air Force. We speak different languages, but we both want the same things. You want solutions to your Air Force problems, and we want to build solutions to your problems. There are one million new visitors to Las Vegas a week. Imagine how many new people and new technologies are here.”

Wrapping up, Rowland left the students with food for thought: “Spend 95 percent of your time thinking about the problem and only 5 percent on the solution.” Rowland continued, “After all, it’s not about finding a solution, but about finding the best solution.”

**FTVA CHAPTER NEWS**

A new year and a new issue is upon us. The FTVA Chapters are waking from their winter (and holiday) naps. Many thanks for taking the time to input. Remember to forward your chapter inputs at any time (monthly, weekly or all at once) to Evan Smith, FTVA Board Vice President and current Chapter Liaison [evan.v.smith@gmail.com](mailto:evan.v.smith@gmail.com).

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**Alamo Chapter**  
**San Antonio, TX**  
**Barnie Gavin, President**  
**Mike Nielsen,**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**

The 15 February meeting of the FTVA Alamo Chapter was called to order by President Barnie Gavin at 6:15 PM at the Saltgrass Steakhouse. There were 22 members, spouses and family members present. Items discussed included:

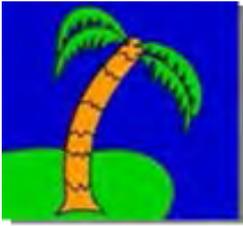
- The “They Served in Silence” DVD is still available. You can still pick up a copy at the next meeting.
- Evan Smith is going to contact the commander of the 543<sup>rd</sup> to discuss how the Alamo Chapter can support that organization. We currently have \$450 in our treasury that needs to be allocated to a cause or possibly returned back to the FTVA.
- New members Evan Smith and his wife Annette were there along with Joel Siskovic and his wife Carol.
- Barnie mentioned that the FTVA Spring Social will be held in April in lieu of our Chapter meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM where we continued to share stories and enjoy each other’s fellowship. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 March at 5:00 PM at the Saltgrass Steakhouse. If that changes we’ll be sure and let you know.

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**Aloha Chapter**  
**Honolulu, HI**

**John “Tilly” Toillion, President**



We held our second get-together of 2018 on (are you ready for this?) Friday, April 13! Who said the Aloha Chapter doesn't live dangerously? Attendees were Ken Een, Dave Jones, Oly Harrison, Fred Collins, and Dickie Hites who subbed for me at the last minute. More on this later.

Topics of discussion (no surprise) included the VA, general health issues and the latest books that everyone was reading. We also congratulated Fred Collins who was celebrating his 57th wedding anniversary.

Back to Dickie subbing for me. So happens in the wee hours of April 11, I woke up with severe chest pains and difficulty breathing. Wife wanted to call 9-1-1 but I told her I didn't want the hook and ladder folks showing up at 1:30am waking the neighbors so she drove me to Wahiawa General Hospital where I underwent 4 days of several tests - none of which pinpointed the cause of the chest pains. Not all was lost, however, as they diagnosed me with Atrial Fibrillation (AFib). I have joined the club of many of you who are on meds needed to keep my heart rate steady (below 100 that is).

**Kicking Back. John “Tilly” Toillion, president FTVA Aloha Chapter, grinning with grandson photo-bombing the occasion leading from the front.**

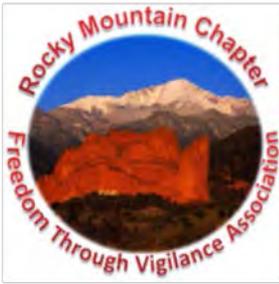


Am happy to report I'm still up and at 'em thanks to hundreds of received thoughts and prayers by family, friends and friends of friends - many from FTVA. As my Commander and Chief at home reminded me, "Let this serve as a wakeup call. "Yes ma'am!"

That be it from the coconut

wireless.....Alooooo-Ha!

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

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

The Rocky Mountain Chapter (RMC) of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association will be teaming with USAFSS Roll Call to support their reunion being held in Colorado Springs, CO, 19-22 July 2018. At the RMC meeting on 10 Apr, it was agreed that we will facilitate the awarding of the Vietnam War Commemoration pin and certificate to eligible members. This recognition will be done in conjunction with the Thursday evening dinner, with guest speaker BGen (ret) Charlie Bishop. In addition, the RMC is also providing assistance with planned visits to the air and space museum at Peterson AFB as well as a tour of the USAF Academy. Finally, we are awaiting confirmation for the Friday night dinner speaker, but LTGen B.J. Shwedo, former Commander 25th Air Force, is the invited guest speaker.

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**Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter (MARC)**

**Fort Meade, MD.**

Jerry Gething, President

On 29 March, representing the MARC, I had the privilege of attending a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. (ed: See History and Memories section), where USAFSS Vietnamese linguists ("Doggers") presented bricks from the "Hanoi Hilton" to three organizations that support Vietnam veterans.

Randy Seitter, the Master of Ceremonies, did a fine job outlining the term "Dogger" (keeping the explanation at a "PG" rating) and putting into perspective the critical information and incredible value our USAFSS Airmen contributed to the warfighters. Larry Miller of the FTVA Heritage Chapter, took over the podium for a few minutes and related how the Hanoi Hilton bricks came into his possession, then had a brick passed through the crowd for a closer view. Brig Gen Timothy Haugh, Director of Intelligence at U.S. Cyber Command at Fort George G. Meade, MD was kind enough to make opening remarks and echoed Randy's sentiments regarding the



**A Somber Reminder. One of the bricks from the Hanoi Hilton presented during a 29 March Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Washington, D.C.**

significant role our USAFSS Airmen played during Vietnam, highlighting the USAFSS reliance on the enlisted men and women within the Command. Following Gen Haugh's comments, Perry Keeton presented a brick to the Vietnam Veterans Association; Jimmy Hebert presented a brick to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund; and, Rich Bini presented a brick to the Medal of Honor Foundation. The crowd of several hundred in attendance was comprised of Vietnam and other military veterans, their families, Park Service personnel and many other onlookers and passersby, lucky enough to be visiting the Wall at the time. That was most impressive as how the initially small gathering grew to a vast audience as tourists and passersby paused to observe and pay their respects as well.

Larry Miller told me there are plans to present a few more bricks in the DC and Ft Meade area this year. Stay tuned ... and Remain in Touch!

Jerry

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It's been a quiet 3 months at Goodbuddy Airplane Patch....please check back in the next RIT!

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It's been quiet out west in California as well.

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**2018  
REUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Newsletter Staff Compilation

**UPCOMING 2018 REUNIONS**

Jun 28-30, 2018

25<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Squadron

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The 25 IS is celebrating our 25th Anniversary! To commemorate our history, we will have several events in celebration.

29 Jun - 25 IS Memorial Golf Tournament

29 Jun - Anniversary Social

30 Jun - 25th Anniversary Dinner

See the website for more information and to purchase tickets to the events.

URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/17031687058>



**July 18-22, 2018**

**USAFSS Roll Call Reunion**

**Location: Colorado Springs, CO**

Go to [www.usafssrollcall.com](http://www.usafssrollcall.com)

There will be three excursions. More details to come.



**Aug 6 – 12, 2018**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Annual National**  
**Misawa Project Reunion**  
Location: Branson, MO  
Comments on Project website.

**Aug 9 – 11, 2018**  
**2018 6994<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Location: Airport Crown Plaza Hotel, Louisville, KY.

Registration, hotel and activities information will be forthcoming shortly on the website. Those interested in a round of golf during the reunion, please send a message to Rick Yeh at [blk67cougar@gmail.com](mailto:blk67cougar@gmail.com). We are currently looking at a course about 10 miles from the hotel at a cost of \$28 for greens fees & carts (senior citizen rate).

**6994TH REUNION UPDATE**

From Rick Yeh:

Plans for this year's reunion in Louisville, KY are still proceeding on schedule and there is a list of paid participants being compiled on the website.

Reminder, registration packets are requested by 9 Jul 2018. If you want us to put an emergency contact on file, please don't forget to fill out that section on page 2. If you don't want to provide the optional information, please write 'none' so I know I won't have to bug you in a follow-up note.

For any first time attendees, if you do not have a photo of yourself in our 'Rogues Gallery', please submit a photo of you from your tour for your reunion badge. Likewise, if former attendees do not like the photo being used on their badge, please send me a different one for me to use.

Although many of you have already submitted your Vietnam photos, if you find any others or find some documents such as Air Medal or DFC awards, please bring them to the reunion and I'll scan them into the files then. I can also scan photos and 35mm slides, so bring them along also. We are always looking for new material to expand the site contents.

Golfers: Quail Chase has been selected as the venue for this year's reunion outing. Greens fees \$25 which includes cart. Optional lunch of sandwich or hot dog or brat and chips and fountain drink will be available for \$6. To facilitate things, we will get tickets to redeem for the lunch. Rental clubs

are available for \$30. If you plan to play at this year's reunion, please drop me a line and indicate if you are interested in the lunch package. Dale Short is the man behind getting this year's tournament set up, so give him a yell to say thanks.

To have something to review, I'm putting together a couple 'brag books' of Air Medal and DFC orders. So far I have 41 orders representing 302 DFCs and 143 orders representing 880 Air Medals. As many of the Air Medal orders are only for the basic or 1st OLC I'm guessing 6994th crewmen earned well over 1500 Air Medals and I'm sure that there must also be a significant number of DFC orders that have not been discovered. If you have copies of any related documents (Aeronautical Orders, Basic Wing Awards, Air Medals, DFC, AFCM, Bronze Star) etc. Please scan (without editing) and send to me. I've always thought it would be nice to have documented proof to show that the 6994th is the most decorated unit (unit & individual wise) from USAFSS to 25th AF. Time permitting, I may put some other lists together that may be of interest.

See you in Louisville in August!

(May 7 Update from Rick Yeh)

Just a reminder that the registration packages for this year's reunion are due in 8 weeks (9 Jul 18). Again if you do not have a 'then' photo on file in our Rogues Gallery, please send it in when you send your registration (or e-mail to me), so we can get your photo on your badge.

Golfers: Please let me know if you plan to play golf on 9 August (Thursday). We have 12 people signed up so far. Tee times start at noon and we have 5 tee times, which we need to either fill or cancel the excess. Dale also wants to let me know that the \$6 lunch at the turn special is an 'all or none' proposition. So far, everyone is 'in'.

Just FYI, my little 'brag book' project of collecting special orders for medals earned is coming along fairly well, and I again ask everyone that has not sent me copies of the special orders for their Air Medals, DFC, Bronze Stars or AFCM to do so, and I will have them in notebooks for your perusal at the reunion. If you have your Aeronautical Orders and Wing awards, they'd be nice to have too. Again, as the materials will never be published, please don't redact any info as sometimes I use the info to differentiate between like names like 'John Smith'. If you can't find the orders themselves, if you can copy your certificate so I can add it to the book, at least that will provide proof for one more medal.

So far I have collected documentation for 1484 Air Medals, 363 DFCs, 8 Bronze Stars and 26 AFCMs. As many of the Air Medals are for 2nd & 3rd OLCs, I know there are a lot of basic Air Medals that haven't been accounted for yet. Most of the materials have been from the 70-72 timeframe, so need little more participation by the early and late guys please!!

If you don't feel comfortable about e-mailing your orders and are coming to the reunion, bring them along and I will scan them at the reunion.

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## **Coming Soon!**

# **The Annual FTVA and 25 AF Reunion 27-29 September 2018 San Antonio, Texas**

## **Reunion Packages to Be Mailed in the Near Future**

- Golf Tournament**
- Picnic**
- Hall of Honor Induction**
- Memorial Dedication**
- Semi-Formal Dinner**

**Oct 10 – 12, 2019**  
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**Brady / Hakata, Japan**  
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(Doubletree Hotel)  
Comments on 6918<sup>th</sup> Website  
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## REUNION REPORTS



### ANNUAL FALL OF SAIGON PARTY

The 43d annual Fall of Saigon Party (FOSP) reunion was held from 25 April to 1 May, in Key West, FL. The following narrative, by Randy Seitter, with photos provided by Larry Miller, captures it all.





**Doggers, Etc.. A group shot of everyone at the Key West War Memorial from left to right: Gary Koehn, George Judd, John Derin, Ben Johnson, Bob Klobucar, Randy Seitter, Ed Evans, Dean Brown, Larry Ross, Ken Kramer, Larry Miller, Rocky Lecorn, Bert Turner, and Joe Turney.**

### **By Randy Seitter**

As some of you know, I enjoy writing a PMFR for any of the Air Force reunions Linda and I attend. The one we attended the past few days is no exception. Hope you enjoy. Even though it is a Dogger event, ANYONE and EVERYONE associated with the USAFSS or its iterations is welcome to join us. Would love to bring aboard some of the younger guys/gals. And especially next year!!!! We are seriously considering a cruise! Talked about either Texas or Florida. My own thoughts are that Orlando (and Port Canaveral) are more accessible with direct flights and subsequently less expensive than the Texas Gulf port areas (but could be mistaken and open to correction.)

Our FOSP (Fall of Saigon Party) is held every year on or about April 30<sup>th</sup> (hence the name, LOL.) This also coincides with the end of the cruise season and there are some REALLY good deals. But, if we can get a large enough block of staterooms, might make it even less expensive. Or the ability to negotiate some good shipboard credits.

SOOOOOO, if you think you'd like to join us next year, drop me or Larry Miller an email with your questions, comments and/or wisecracks and we will proceed accordingly. And feel free to forward to other USAFSS entities

(202, 207, AMT, etc.) of which I am not a member.

We're not getting any younger people. And Air Force reunions and especially USAFSS reunions are a blast! Great bunch of swinging d.... (well you know.)

Regards, Randy



**What a motley crew!  
From left to right: Rich  
Bini, David "Rocky"  
Lecorn, Lowell Cook,  
Ray Simmons, Gary  
Koehn, and our host in  
Key West Joe Turney**

### **PMFR – FOSP – Key West, TX – April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

Big thanks to Joe & Michelle Turney and the rest that make our reunions possible and putting together a great venue, trip and activities. The hotel was back together after Hurricane Irma (as was most of the rest of the Keys where we visited) nice, fresh and at a GREAT price. Hospitality Suite fully stocked.

Been doing these PMFRs for the last several FOSPs and other reunions in the past and hope you like this one. Of course, not everyone attends every function. So, feel free to add your comments to the PMFR.

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** – Linda and I arrived around 6:00 P.M. after flying into Ft. Lauderdale and driving to Key West. Great drive if you've never done it. Crossing through the various islands (some still not fully recovered since Hurricane Irma.) One island noticed a LOT of iguanas on the sides of the roads. Don't recall that before. After arriving, checking in (smooth at the gate, thanks, Joe) and unpacking, up to hospitality suite, reconnecting with old friends and meeting some new ones. Stories, as always, great and little to no embellishment of what happened in the past.

**Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** – As with many of the reunions, there is plenty of time to get together with "your" group of guys/gals. Activities scheduled

for today included Conch Train tour, walking tour (Harry Truman's Little White House, Hemingway House, home of the six-toed cats, Southernmost point, beach and shopping. And of course, Duvall Street Pubs! Later that evening was our Sunset Cruise. Nice large boat, beer and wine, smooth sailing and unfortunately this time, not the best of sunsets due to cloud cover. But, great music, reggae singer and the camaraderie. Weekly Duvall Street Parade on Thursdays. Then back to the hospitality suite and more stories, fun and frivolity.

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – A few (Bert Turner, Pat O'Neal, Larry Miller, and newbies Rick and Suzanne White) did the ½ day fishing tour. Came back with quite a bit of fresh fish for Eng Johnson to cook up. Again, some went on their own tours as above. Had a BBQ cookout behind the hotel under the pavilion. Linda and I joined some others and toured the Truman Little White House and Hemmingway House. Nice tours. That evening was the Conch Republic Great Sea Battle at Mallory Square. Our group did Firefly Restaurant and tried the bacon wrapped meatloaf. Good! As with the previous evenings, back to the hospitality suite for more beverages, stories and general merriment.

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** – The Dry Tortugas trip originally scheduled for yesterday was today. Did not get a chance to do this tour. Maybe next time. A group of us ate lunch at the Thai Island restaurant almost right across from our hotel. Haven't had Thai food since NKP! That evening was our banquet. Showed on the big screen the recent event at "The Wall" on Vietnam Veteran's Day attended by Larry Miller, Perry Keeton, Jimmy Hebert, Rich Bini and myself. Our guest speaker was Colonel Jimmie Butler a Forward Air Controller during Vietnam that flew 240 missions, many out of NKP. Gave some great stories about being a FAC! As with previous FOSP's bricks from the Hoa Lo prison (Hanoi Hilton) were presented to John Nicolai, Dean Brown, Rich Bini and Jim Bomm. Vietnam Veterans pins also presented to those that had not yet received them. Discussed where next FOSP at the end, more later. Off to hospitality suite.

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Some left this morning. Guessing had to get back for work or other scheduled activities. Linda and I did some shopping and wandering around downtown including Mallory Square. Nice shopping around where the cruise ships come in. Stayed around until sunset and saw a beautiful one that evening. Did something different after everyone returned that evening and spent some time in the hospitality suite having some beverages and more talk.



**BLANKET COVERAGE.** Randy Seitter and Joe Turney auctioning off a blanket during the banquet festivities. It eventually went for \$295.

**Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Most just sort of milled around Monday. Many having left. Did another cook out behind the hotel with Larry and me serving as the chefs! Don't believe anyone got sick. Headed to Bayview Park for our remembrance ceremony. Always sad to see the names we are adding every year! Tom Penn, who unfortunately was unable to attend this year, forwarded a great tribute that Larry and I read instead of our usual tribute. It can be seen on the Doggers' Facebook page. Too many leaving us too soon. Reminder to all to make every attempt to attend our FOSP or ANY of the many USAFSS related reunions held throughout the year. The departed list is also posted on the Dogger FB page.

**Now Next Year** – we had somewhat of a plan this year. Talked before our reunion about where to go next year, pros and cons, input, boots on the ground person, etc. Came up with San Antonio, New York/New Jersey, Tucson, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Las Vegas and some other areas.. Most of the votes were for San Antonio and Washington, D.C. We will be looking into availability and pricing for those two venues.

However, AFTER the discussions, the idea of a cruise was floated (get it, HA!) Some quick checking found this time is the end of the cruise season and prices are VERY reasonable. AND hotel and food included. Talked about some of the Texas and Florida ports. The Texas cruises (3 -4 day) go to Cozumel and the Florida ones to the Bahamas. What does everyone think about a cruise next year? Show of hands by way of email response to either

Larry or me.

Also, one last suggestion was Okinawa. Not sure the cost to go there. Wouldn't mind but others would have to tackle that trip.

Thanks again to all that made it possible and those that attended. No one can understand the bond we developed all those years ago and to which some of us are still bonding, unless you've been there/done that. And still think we are even more unique than many of our brothers in arms due to the fact of the limited areas in which we could serve having those special talents and training we received. Thank you, my brothers, and hope to see you all soon!

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**THIRSTY.** Chief Carl Wood, Meredith “Moose” Osborne, and Bert Turner enjoying some adult libations at the Doggers picnic.

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## HISTORY & MEMORIES

### PMFR – Vietnam Veteran’s Day 2018

Authored by Randy Seitter

Photos Submitted by Larry Miller, FTVA Heritage Chapter

Back in early February of this year, after Linda and I returned from the Super Bowl (Yeah EAGLES!), Larry Miller approached me about an idea and plan that he was formulating for presenting the bricks we have in our possession from the Hoa Lo prison, you know, “Hanoi Hilton” to a few entities.

Since this was coming from us “Doggers” (with thanks to the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association), thought it appropriate to hold the Ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial, “The Wall” in Washington, D.C. on Vietnam Veteran’s Day, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

We would be presenting bricks to the Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA), the Medal of Honor Society (MOH) and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF). Larry reached out to me, Perry Keeton, Jimmy Hebert and Rich Bini.



**The Gang’s All Here. From left to right: Rich Bini, our bugler Jim McDevitt, Perry Keeton, Randy Seitter, Bob Demayo, and Larry Miller heading off to the Vietnam Veterans Wall ceremony.**

Well, Larry made the mistake of making me the Master of Ceremonies and I ran with it. After some discussions about who and what we should invite and do (flyovers, parades, etc). we settled on getting a military Color Guard, an Anthem singer and a bugler to play taps at the conclusion. Larry was also able to get BG Timothy Haugh, US Cyber Command as a guest

speaker).

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018** – Many of us arrived the night before. We stayed at the Holiday Inn, Crystal City. Not far from the Reagan airport and the offices of VVMF. Jim Knotts, President of the VVMF was very helpful and instrumental in getting the National Park Service permits, transportation for us, a PA system and just generally coordinating the whole event. We met, where else, in the bar, O'Malley's Pub that evening to go over the next day's schedule. Yeah right, we had some adult beverages and talked about the old days and catching up.

**Thursday, March 29, 2018** – Hotel shuttle took us the couple miles to VVMF to get their shuttle to the National Mall around noon. Had a pretty tight window in which to have our event. We were slated 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. since there were other events planned that day. Including the Secretary of Defense placing a wreath at The Wall (a little more about that later).

By the way, the entire ceremony was filmed and presented live on Face Book by Stars and Stripes. It was also recorded by the VVMF and is available on line and can be seen on my Face Book page. Nice attendance at our event by many including fellow Doggers and several of my 24N classmates.



**EMCEE: Randy Seitter, author and the Master of Ceremonies.**

Jim Knotts started us promptly at 1:00 P.M. having a few words about “Doggers,” The Wall and the National Park Service (who it turns out would be receiving one of the bricks instead of VVMF). Mr. Knotts introduced me as the emcee. First, I gave a little history of the term Doggers (graciously and elegantly provided by Larry Miller). Next came the presentation of the Colors. The Color Guard marched in and posted the Colors. The anthem was then BEAUTIFULLY sung by MSgt Kerry Wilkerson! Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Color Guard marched off and we began our ceremony.

First came Brigadier General Timothy

Haugh, Director of Intelligence US Cyber Command. General Haugh gave a great speech about his past association with USAFSS and its various iterations throughout the years, current US cyber operations. He also honored and acknowledged those that lost their lives doing what we do.

Next was Major Larry Miller with a little history on how we came upon



**Not Just Another Brick.** Mick Cole carrying one of the bricks around for the audience to look at and touch.

obtaining the bricks from the Hanoi Hilton. He also read the poem written by our own Tom Penn when he received his brick. Very moving piece “Just a Brick”! During this time, Mick Cole carried around an extra brick we had so the audience could see and touch a piece of history.

Perry Keeton took the podium to present the first brick to the VVA. President John Rowan (who is also one of us and has attended some of our reunions) was originally to receive the brick but was unable to attend. It was received by his assistant Rick Weidman. The brick was in honor of SSgt. Clarence “Boone” MacNeil, Panel 33W.

Jimmy Hebert was next to present his brick to the VVMF (builder of The Wall). The brick was actually going to the National Park Service and Ranger Karen Cucurullo, who takes care of The Wall, and placed in their display with other items left at The Wall. His brick was in honor of Todd Melton Panel 1W, Jimmy’s roommate at language school.

Last presenter, Richard Bini to the Medal of Honor Society. Presented in honor of Capt. Lance Peter Sijan, Panel 29E and presented to MOH recipient 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brian Miles Thacker. Rich also presented a vial of sand from Iwo Jima in a very handsome crafted case in honor of the 27 MOH recipients from that WWII battle.

The three presenters and recipients went to their respective positions and panels on the wall to make their presentations with the bricks in beautiful wood cases designed and provided by Jimmy Hebert. I called for them to make their presentations and then Taps was superbly played by my bugler and comrade from the Guardians of the National Cemetery in Washington Crossing, PA, James McDevitt. Seemed like EVERYONE stopped and placed their hands over their heart or saluted all up and down the memorial while Jim played Taps. VERY MOVING!

I then did a short closing speech on why I was there. That I felt WE, Vietnam Veterans, swore no other returning military personnel would be subject to what we came home to and hopefully changed the public’s perception and attitude towards our soldiers, sailors, airmen coming home.

Finally, I paid tribute to one of our own, 24N alumnus and my roommate, Mike Freeman and his father, Rube Freeman. Rube was a combat veteran of WWII and Korea and wounded in both wars. In Vietnam, Rube was in charge of a South Vietnamese Infantry Division. The ARVN Division came under heavy attack by 2 NVA battalions, signaling the first major battle between North and South Vietnamese regulars. Sgt Freeman’s division was overrun with many of the ARVN soldiers fleeing and Rube unable to



communicate in their native language. His body was found the next day.

And although many of the South Vietnamese soldier's bodies were stripped, MSgt Freeman's was fully clothed and boots laced. The enemy

**Memories of a Hero. Jimmy Hebert sharing memories of his roommate SSgt Todd Melton who perished in the shutdown of EC-47 Baron-52.**

had learned to respect his determined fighting spirit.

So, ironic, that his son would enter the Air Force and become a Vietnamese linguist. I'm sure much to the chagrin of his mom. So, we proudly salute MSgt Rube Freeman and the sacrifices he made not only in one war, but three!

Made our way back to the bus, VVMF and finally our hotel. Some left later in the day, and many of us got together to discuss the day's events and talk over old times again at O'Malley's.

**Friday, March 30, 2018** – Was able to get us tickets to take the White House tour at 9:30 this morning. Think we had about a dozen of us staying for today's activities. First visit for me to the White House. Very enjoyable and impressive "people's house"! We were all supposed to continue together throughout the day, do lunch at the Capitol and do the Capitol tour set up by my Congressman, Brian Fitzpatrick's staff. Unfortunately, we separated after the WH tour and when arriving at the Capitol, a suspicious package shut down and evacuated the Capitol. Was able to get some of us together, made our way to the Congressman's office in the Canon Building, had lunch and about 2:30 was finally able to do the Capitol tour. Another great building! Think we did another dinner at O'Malley's after a long and tiring day. Not getting any younger people. Many left that day. Linda and I were hanging around until Sunday. Cherry Blossom time and Linda not having been to Washington DC, thought it was a good idea.





**SOMBER PRESENTATION.** Against the backdrop of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Perry Keeton presents brick from the Hanoi Hilton to Mr. Rick Weidman from the Vietnam Veterans of America.

THANK YOU,  
VIETNAM VETERANS.  
YOU ARE NOT  
FORGOTTEN.

## FALLEN EAGLES



Received word of the following losses from caring relatives, friends or obituaries and offer prayers and sympathy to loved ones.



*“It is the soldier above all others who prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.” Douglas MacArthur*

**Compiled by Joe Figueroa, Associate Editor**

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Balog, Kenneth A., MSgt (ret), USAFSS  
Bedell, Charles H. III, SMSgt (ret), USAFSS  
Bohannon, Edwin G., USAFSS  
Courville, Rene E., USAFSS  
Craver, Samuel M. M., MSgt (ret), USAFSS  
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Miller, Randolph, A. USAF  
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Sundin, Dennis J., USAFSS

Sutton, Stephen (Steve) Warren, Col (ret), USAF  
 Taylor, Edwin W., Lt Col (ret), US Army **FTVA Member\*\*\***  
 Taylor, Myron, CMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member\*\*\***  
 Tennant, Margaret, Spouse CMSgt (ret) Thomas Tennant  
 Tinnirella, Herman W.B., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS  
 Turner, Otis C., Maj (ret), USAFSS

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**Balog, Kenneth A., MSgt (ret), 85**, passed away Feb 7, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF when the Korean War broke out, serving a year in theater. He went to Germany in 1955, then returned to San Antonio and the USAFSS. After serving in eastern Turkey for a year, he returned to San Antonio. He served a combat tour in Vietnam 1966 -1967 and retired at HQ USAFSS Aug 1, 1974. He is survived by his daughter Gail

Elaine. //Obit - North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home//

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**Bedell, Charles Henry III, SMSgt (ret), 73**, passed away Dec 30, 2017. He joined the USAF in 1962 and earned a Bronze Star for his Vietnam service. He retired following 22 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gerda; daughters, Michelle and Melanie. //Obit – The Recorder//

He served at the 6915th (Hof), 6970th (NSA) and Buckley ANG Base in Aurora, CO. He was a great ELINT Operator

Analyst. //Jim McDaniel//

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**Bohannon, Edwin G., 75**, passed away Dec 29, 2017. Ed served as a Chinese Linguist and was stationed in Taipei, Taiwan. Ed is survived by his wife, Barbara, of 54 years and his son, Chip. //Obit – The Island Packet//

Ed was a member of our 6987th Alumni Association. He served as a Chinese Linguist in the Republic of China (Taiwan). He was the first to report the first detonation of the A-Bomb by the Peoples Republic of China in 1964. Rest in Peace Brother. You fought the good fight. //Gary Knighton, 6987th Alumni Association, Indian Trail, NC//

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**Courville, Rene E., 65**, passed away Oct 18, 2012. He proudly served in the USAF. Rene is survived by his wife, Renee Courville and children; Wendy, Tami, Regina, Christopher, and Carolyn. //Obit – Rosewood Funeral Home//

He was in the Russian Class in Bloomington, Indiana. His daughter said he served in Berlin from 68 to maybe 1970. //AJ Harrison//

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**Craver, Samuel M.M., MSgt (ret), 83**, passed away Oct 1, 2017. If I remember correctly, Sam was one of the original group of dit-chasers assigned to Rhein-Main after the loss of 60528. I re-connected with Sam at one of our early reunions (1998-2000) in Castroville, TX.

You old-timers might recall that pre-paychecks, (when we used to be paid in "cash") we had to stand in a pay-line and sign our FULL name (no initials!) to receive our pay. Since Sam had TWO middle names, his full signature would not fit the space allocated ... so ... he was the only one in the 6916th at that time who was allowed to sign for his pay as "S.M.M. Craver".

He was an "icon" ... and will be sorely missed! RIP, old friend! //Aaron Kriegel//

Thanks for alerting me about. Sam's passing. Sam and I were great friends. We were stationed in Japan (Misawa) Air Force base before we went to Germany. Went to Darmstadt first and then transferred to Rhein-Main in 1958 after the shoot down of the 130. In 1960 I married Karin and shortly after that he married Judy. Ah, we miss the good old days. Your buddy Arlen Van Fossen. Keep up the good work. //Aaron Kriegel//

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**Cross, Curtis E., MSgt (ret), 80**, passed away Mar 15, 2018. Born to the late Charlie and Lucille Cross, Curtis was raised in Baker County. He joined the USAF and served 25 years

Curtis is survived by his son David and daughter Teresa. //Obit – Mathews Funeral Home//

Saddened to learn of Curt's passing yesterday morning (3/15/18). He was among the initial group of dit-chasers to transfer to Rhein-Main after the loss of 60528. Although we both spent years together at the 6916th, I never actually flew with Curt since our crews only consisted of a single Morse position ... so we A292's flew numerous independent/separate missions "together!" (My first two or three missions, however, were flown "side-saddle" with Austin Humbles, as I was to be his replacement).

With much urging on my part, Curtis managed to attend just two of our (earliest) PWG reunions; it was great spending "face-time" with him again after more than three decades....! Although we did maintain contact over these last 20 years, it was (sadly!) rather sporadic.

RIP, Curt! Soar High old friend; you will be sorely missed! //Aaron Kriegel//

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**Dankovich, John J, 81**, passed away Mar 10, 2018. He served in the USAF for 21 years. He is survived by his son Johnny. //Obit – Fred Hunter’s Funeral Homes//

He served in the U.S. Air Force on Easy Trick from 1964-67 with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany. John and William Decamp were part of the final Air Force group left at Bremerhaven before we turned the mission over to After Bremerhaven he was with the 6993rd RIRAK at San Antonio,, Texas, then to Danang, Vietnam and then to Chicksands.the Navy and Marines. John left Bremerhaven in December 1967. //www.6913th.org//

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**DiBaggio, Anthony J., Col (ret), 88**, passed away Mar 5, 2018. He entered the USAF at the onset of the Korean conflict and served for some 30 years in various Staff and Command positions worldwide. Colonel DiBaggio retired from the service in 1979. He is survived by his wife Sherry A. Johnson; step-daughters Shelly and Wendy; sons David, Brad, Richard. //www.mySA.com//

Colonel DiBaggio was awarded the USAFSS Order of the Sword Apr 19, 1979. //http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Portals/10/AFEHRI/documents/OrderoftheSword/Reipients.pdf//

Col DiBaggio was the Director of Communications at USAFSS during my active duty time. He was a great Officer and always looked after his people. //CMSgt (ret) Ed Jolly//

He was at the HQ when I was a 2Lt and he was in Hawaii as the PSR when I was the ops officer at Clark. Super guy. //Barnie Gavin//

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**DuRei, Terry, A., 70**, passed away Apr 17, 2018. He is survived by wife, Connie and daughter, Kendra. //Roberts Family Funeral//

Terry A "Taco" Durei died 17Apr2018 / Age: 70. Terry was a 292 during his tour at Brady 1967-1969. //Carol Farr//

On behalf of the 6918th RSM/SS, Hakata, Japan brothers and sisters. Rest in Peace Brother Terry. The reunions are never going to be the same with out you //Carol Far//

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**Fitzhugh, William A., 69**, passed away Mar 29, 2016. He served (AFSC 203) from 1969 to 1973. His assignments included Syracuse Russian language training 1969-70(SR9769B) Goodfellow Radio training 1970 Darmstadt 1970 Berlin 6912th 1970-73. //Jasper Parham//

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**Fleegle, Donald R., CMSgt (ret), 86**, passed Feb 26, 2018. He joined the USAF June 1950, serving tours in Mississippi, Aleutian Islands, Newfoundland, Germany and Texas. He retired Jan 1, 1971 at Kelly AFB. He is survived by his wife Audrey, whom he met and married at Brooks AFB. April 10, 1953; daughters, Patti and Pam. //Mission Park Funeral Home//

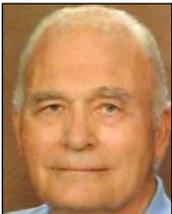
I first met Sgt. Fleegle in April, 1958 in Bremerhaven, Germany. I was assigned to Able Flight at the 6913th. RSM. Sgt. Fleegle was a Tech Sergeant then and the Asst. Trick Leader. I initially thought he was a real hard ass, but that soon tempered down to the understanding that he was a real good guy.

I remember him walking down the isle at 6:00AM on a mid watch and asking me who was the singer on the AFN Stick Buddy country station. "Who Me?"

Many years later while attending my first 6913th reunion In Colorado Springs, I met Sgt. Fleegle while checking into the hotel. We immediately recognized each other and I have enjoyed being with him and Audrey at many more reunions.

I am very saddened by his passing, but I know there is a spot in Heaven awaiting his arrival. God Bless you Sgt. Fleegle. //Huk Tracy//

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**Gehri, Michael D., SMSgt (ret), 79**, passed away Apr 13, 2018. SMSgt Gehri served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force then later retired from Southwest Research Institute after 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children, Kelly and Christine. //

My condolences to the family, worked with Mike in Japan in the USAF. //Ralph Huffman//

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**Gilmore, Joseph E., MSgt (ret), 75**, passed away Dec 18, 2017. Due to being raised in a career military family, he lived all over the world. While stationed at Offutt AFB near Omaha, NE, he was introduced to Theresa "Teri" Welch. They were married on June 22, 1970 in Santa Paula, CA. Joe made the Air Force his career. Joe was a Cryptologic Linguist Superintendent for the Air Force. His decorations include the Bronze Star and Air Medal. He is survived by his daughter, Marcella Gilmore. **//Kissee-Schofield-Eakins Funeral Home//**

He was an airborne Korean Linguist and his assignments include Yokota, Osan, Okinawa, Offutt **//Steve Mobry//**

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**Goff, Donald R. "Don", SSgt (ret), 67**, passed away January 23, 2018. A memorial mass was held January 26, 2018. An inurnment ceremony with military honors was held April 5, 2018 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo, Texas. Don was a FTVA Lifetime member, a Knights of Columbus member, and an ardent supporter of many veterans causes, especially the "Missing Man Table" ceremony. In 1968 Don graduated from Morse Systems operator school in Biloxi, Mississippi. He served at Goodfellow AFB, at bases in Italy and Thailand, and at Ft. Meade. Don is survived by wife Mary, son Steven, and daughters Katherine (Muldrew) and Christina (Grelle). **//FTVA Heritage Chapter//**

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**Goode, James L., CMSgt (ret), 89**, passed away Nov 1, 2017. He joined the USAF in 1947. A few of James duty stations were Keesler AFB, MS, Incirlik AB, Turkey, Thule AB, Greenland, Misawa AB, Japan, Chicksands AFB, England, Sheppard AFB, TX, Goodfellow AFB, TX and Medina AFB, TX. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1975. James is survived by his two sons, Gregory and Jeffrey. **//Meadow Lawn Funeral Home//**

Jim was a 292 during his tour at Brady 1958-1960. **//Carol Farr//**

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**Greene, James M., CMSgt (ret), 80**, passed away on Mar 3, 2018. He served in the USAF with tours in Germany, Korea and Vietnam. He was with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany as a Morse intercept operator on Charlie Trick from 1955-58. He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant. He was a Radio Frequency Management Supervisor.

Jim also served at several AF bases in the United States, and Japan, Philippines, and Thailand where he met and married Pattama. They were then stationed at Patrick Air Force Base. Jim also worked in support of the NASA Space Shuttle Program.

Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Pattama Greene; daughter: Judy; Son: Jim.  
[//www.6913th.org//](http://www.6913th.org//)

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**House John E., SMSgt (ret), 81**, passed away Mar 27, 2018. John was a proud USAF Vietnam veteran and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded for his service there. He served his country at numerous overseas and stateside assignments for 28 1/2 years, retiring at Goodfellow AFB San Angelo, Texas in 1984. One of his proudest moments was being retired by the USAF Thunderbirds flying team. He then continued to serve his country as a Civil Servant at Goodfellow AFB another 20 years. He married Kathleen McIntyre on December 26, 1957 in Larne, Northern Ireland. They recently celebrated 60 years together, 19 1/2 of that traveling the world as military family. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; sons, Robert and Shaun. //Obit – Johnsons Funeral Home//

Worked with John at Goodfellow during the mid 80's ... He was an outstanding part of the intell training team there. //Dennis Rassmussen//

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**Johnson, Allen Ervin, 77**, passed away Apr 4, 2018. He served in Vietnam, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster. Allen served in Vietnam, Germany, Turkey and Japan. He is survived by his wife, Georgia, his children: daughters Pepper and Chelsea; and son Rayne. //Obit - North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home//

His AFSC was 29271 and his assignments include the 6932nd Security Group, TUSLOG Det. 3-2, 1967-68 Served airborne with 6994th Security Squadron, Danang about 1969-71. //Skip Kimbrow//

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**Martens, William R., 88**, passed away Feb 5, 2018. He started his military career in high-security intelligence. His unit, based in Japan just before the Korean War, intercepted and analyzed Russian and Chinese radio transmissions. Bill leaves behind children Paul, Christopher, Katherine, David, Ellin, and Robert. //Obit – Courier Post//

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**Miller, Randolph A., 73**, retired NSA Senior Executive, died Apr 19, 2018. Upon graduating from ROTC in 1966, he joined the USAF and was assigned to Fort Meade. After discharge, he joined the National Security Agency as a civilian and completed nearly four decades of service to his country in the Intelligence Community. In recognition of his career

achievements, Randy was appointed to the Senior Executive Service and subsequently honored with the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1997. He is survived by his wife Suzette and son Matthew. // **Obit - Barranco & Sons, P.A. Severna Park Funeral Home//**

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**Moore, John Earl, 73**, passed away Dec 12, 2017. He served in the USAF from 1961 to 1969 as a Morse intercept operator and photo cartographic analyst. He is survived by his partner of 26 years, Susan K. Taylor; daughters, Shannon and, Laura. //Obit – **Scranton Times//**

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**Moore, Willis Francis, 87**, passed away Nov 23, 2017. More affectionately known as “Paco”, he started his illustrious civil service career in 1963. In June of 1984, Paco joined the Electronic Security Command (ESC), later known as Air Force Intelligence Command, and currently designated as the Twenty-Fifth Air Force. Serving in the prime of the Cold War, Paco was assigned to the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center, Electronic Warfare Directorate, Simulator Validation Division (SIMVAL). He provided engineering direction and assistance for conducting investigations and tests to determine the impact of simulator modifications for electronic warfare training, operations and testing. He was the project officer for many field tests, and a consultant for numerous others, to gather data to be included in the Operational Performance Validation Reports (OPVRs) published by SIMVAL. Paco retired from ESC in 1990, and received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a civil service employee. He is survived by daughters, Frances, Sylvanne, and Deborah; and son Alan. //Obit - **Grimes Funeral Home//**

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**Murphy, William Franklin “Bill”, 80**, passed away Feb 18, 2018. Bill proudly served his country in the USAF as a USAFSS Morse Intercept Operator in Greenland and Iceland. Bill is survived by his wife, Linda; his sons, Jadd and Bryan; daughters Vickie and Lisa. //Vaughan Guynn Funeral Home//

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**Petersen, Ted A., SMSgt (ret), 78**, passed away Dec 22, 2017. He served for 26 years. Most of his career was spent as a cryptologic linguist - crew member on RC-135's. He was stationed in Alaska, Turkey, Monterey California, Germany, England, and Nebraska. While in England, he was one of two "Yanks" to be trained to referee "Association Football" (soccer). He is survived by his loving wife, Lugene; his sons, Walter and Steven. //Obit – **Shrine of Remembrance//**

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**Puckett, Russell E., MSgt (Ret), 88**, passed away Feb 28, 2018 in San Antonio, TX. He first joined the Army Air Corp in 1946, then returned to civilian life. He enlisted again in 1950 and served in the Korean conflict, later becoming a communications analyst with USAFSS. His assignments included Korea, Turkey, Philippines, Germany, Italy, Hawaii, and HQ USAFSS. A life member of FTVA, he was also a member of VFW, Eagles, Masons, Scottish Rite and Shriners, with the latter he played golf with the "Eightsome" group since the early sixties.

Russ is survived by his wife of 60 years Betty Vanhoy Puckett, son Jeffrey Puckett, LT. USN, (Ret), daughter Cheryl Renee Brooks, grandson Nicholas Brooks, son-in-law Nate Giddings, and sister Gladys Dezalia. Services were held March 29 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. **//Fred Brooks, SMSgt (Ret), Son-In-Law //**

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**Schultz, Leon John, 75**, passed away Feb 5, 2018. Lee joined the USAF in 1961, studied Russian at Syracuse University, then flew as a combat crew cryptologic linguist aboard the RC-130 with the 6988th Security Squadron. He flew in missions out of Yokota AB, Japan, and Da Nang AB, Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He separated in 1967 to pursue an academic career.

On the path to becoming a college professor, he completed his Masters in 1971 and PhD in 1977 at the University of Tulsa. He is survived by his daughters, Shanon and Erin and son Patrick. **//Obit - Shaffer Funeral Home//**

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**Shackelford, Carroll H., 89**, passed away Jan 13, 2018. Carroll was a USAF veteran having served in the Korean and Vietnam War. He is survived by his loving wife, Sara; sons, Ronald and Donald; daughters, Barbara, Debra, and Kathryn. **//Obit - Everidge Funeral Home//**

Carroll "Shack" served our country in the USAF as a 702 during his 1958-1960 tour at Hakata. **//Carol Farr//**

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**Smith, Brad R., 64**, passed away Jan 23, 2018. He served in the USAF. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Joan; daughter, Amber; and son, Kevin. **//Obit Laubenthal-Mercado Funeral Home and Cremation Services//**

Brad was a Sergeant and served from 1972 to 1976. His AFSC was 297X1. His assignments include 6987th Scty Gp., SLKAS, Taipei, Taiwan (1973-1974). Smitty was a dear friend & I will miss him dearly. We ran the clubs in Taipei

& had a blast. He was a Dawggie through & through. Me & my wife Amy have Joanie and Smitty's family in our prayers. RIP my friend!!! //Lenny C. Moshier//

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**Smith, Edward Darrell, 80**, passed away Dec 6, 2016. He served in the USAF as a Radio Intercept Operator and was stationed in Kirknewton RAF Base (Scotland). He is survived by his spouse Alice. //Obit – Lindquist Mortuaries//

Rank-A1C; Dates of service: 1954-1958; AFSC- 29351; assigned to RAF Kirknewton 1955-1958 //Harry Hathhorn//

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**Spaulding, Vernon C., 79**, passed away Mar 31, 2018. "Speedy" was a 702 during his tour at Brady 1958-1959. Vernon also served at Ashiya with the 6922nd RGM. //Carol Farr//

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**Spears, Donald G., SMSgt (ret), 82**, passed away Dec 15, 2017. Donald devoted his life to serving his country in the Naval Reserves from 1952-1954, USAF 1954-1976, and USAF Civilian Service from 1976-1997. Survivors include his wife, Jimmie Nell Spears; his children Carol, Sheila, Karen, Donald, and Rebecca. //Porter Loring Mortuary//

His assignments include Alaska; Phoenix Arizona; Guam; Montana; Wakkanai AFB, Japan; Karamusel Turkey; Lackland AFB, Texas; Thailand; Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson Arizona; USAF Security Service, Kelly annex. He was He was part of the technical team that developed the President's football. His USAFSS duties include Program Manager and Chief of Quality Assurance. //Sheila (Spears) de Ases//

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**Sundin, Dennis J., 87**, passed away Feb 28, 2018. Dennis enlisted in 1949 and graduated from Security Service School. He was then assigned to a small, remote outpost near Naknek, Alaska to monitor Russian activity during the Korean War. After returning from Alaska, Dennis was stationed at Brooks Air Force Base until he was honorably discharged in the fall of 1954. Due to his military training and experience he was hired by the USAF in 1958 as a civilian in the Security Service Command at Kelly Air Force Base. He retired from civilian service on January 3, 1987. Dennis is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Betty Sue and his children Randy, Brad, Susan, and Sharon. //Obit - Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home//

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**Sutton, Stephen (Steve) Warren, Col (ret), 75**, passed away Apr 1, 2018. He served over 30 years on active duty. He was stationed all over the world and truly enjoyed his career. Those who served with him fondly remember him as a “servant leader” who always put the needs of his fellow Airmen ahead of his own. He worked tirelessly and mentored untold numbers of other military members during his service. He is survived by his daughters Melissa and Tracy; and son Timothy. //Obit - McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory//

I was stationed with Col Sutton in Korea (he was Skivvy Nine Commander) and at Headquarters AIA in San Antonio. A true leader and commander who had the respect and admiration of all. Knowing him and Joanne was a privilege and an honor. He helped shape the careers of many of us and the world is a lesser place without him. Dennis Buxton, San Antonio, Texas. //Dennis Buxton//

I send my condolences to all the members of Col Suttons family. I served with him at Headquarters, Air Force Intelligence Command, in 1990. He left to assume command of the 6903ESG in the Republic of Korea. My wife passed away, in 1990, and I received a humanitarian reassignment to Korea, so that my wife's Korean family could help me with my two young children. When I arrived, AND throughout my tour, Col Sutton, went way above and beyond my expectations, to ensure, my family's needs were a priority. He was not just my commander, but a good friend, and mentor. He treated everyone the same!! This world was a better place that Col Sutton was a part of it. He touched many lives. May God bless his family. //Robert Frazier, MSgt (ret)//

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**Taylor, Edwin W., Lt Col (ret), 73**, passed away Nov 9, 2017. An FTVA member, he is survived by his wife his wife of 50 years, Rita. Win proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. //Obit – Reyers North Valley Chapel//

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**Taylor, Mylor F., CMSgt (ret), 84**, passed away Mar 25, 2018. Myron enlisted in the USAF in March 1952. He was selected for training as a Radio Intercept Operator. After completing training in Keesler, Mississippi (Jan 53) he was assigned to the 6910th Security Group at Landsburg, Germany. Arriving in Bremerhaven, Germany after a nine days on the USNS Buckner he and others were reassigned to the 34th RSM (Radio Squadron Mobile) at Wheelus Field, Tripoli. Following his first overseas

assignment he departed Africa in September 1954, for a Radar Station in North Bend, OR. Soon, he was off to March AFB, California for Analytical Training where he also was promoted to Staff Sergeant. During this period, he also qualified and was selected for Officer Candidate School (OCS), while simultaneously; he

received an assignment to Zweibrucken, Germany. He turned down OCS selection and the family proceeded to Germany arriving at the 6901st Special Communications Group (SPCOMGRU) in December 1958. In July 1962, he was reassigned to the 6970th Security Group (SCTY GP) at the National Security Agency (NSA) at Ft Meade, Maryland and was soon promoted to Technical Sergeant (TSgt). In September 1965, Myron departed for a remote tour on St Lawrence Island, Alaska and the 6980th Security Squadron (SCTY SQ). Leaving St Lawrence Island as a Master Sergeant (MSgt) in Sept 1966, he and the family moved to Anchorage, Alaska where Myron was assigned to the 6981st SCTY GP. In July 1969, Myron and the family left Alaska and moved to Hakata, located on the third largest island of Japan. In Japan, Myron was assigned to the 6918th SCTY SQ from August 1969 to May 1972 supporting signals intelligence in Southwest Asia (SWA), during the Vietnam War. He was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt) at the 6918th. Myron volunteered to support in-country operations in Vietnam but he was never given the “green light” by leadership. He always had a special place in his heart for the Airmen he knew who never returned. In May of 1972, he was reassigned and preceded to the 6910th SCTY SQ at Augsburg, Germany. Following a three year tour in Germany Myron was reassigned to The United States Logistics Group (TUSLOG) Det 94 in Karamursel, Turkey for one year, August 1974 to August 1975. Finishing Senior NCO School and notified of his promotion to Chief Master Sergeant, (CMSgt) he was reassigned stateside for his second tour at NSA at Ft Meade, Maryland culminating a career in Intelligence and retiring in September 1978 at the highest enlisted rank of CMSgt (E-9). Myron is survived by his wife of 63 years, Shirley; children, Christopher, daughter, Lynn and Patrick. **//Patrick Taylor, Col (ret)//**

Myron was a 202 during his tour at Brady 1969-1972. **//Carol Farr//**

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**Tennant, Margaret**, 85, spouse of CMSgt (ret) Thomas H. Tennant, passed away Apr 29, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, CMSgt (ret) Thomas H Tennant (FTVA Lifetime Member). Loved and adored by family and friends both across the pond and in the United States, she is survived by daughters, Patricia, Penni, and Jean and son, Tom. **//Omaha World Herald//**

There was a nice Salute to Maggie at the Bellevue Funeral Home this morning. Among sightings: Jose Ramos, Rick Jefferson, Al Moore, Lloyd Johnson, John Novak, Ted Brown, Reg Urschler; Bill White. Most with their wives **//Pete Ogaard//**

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**Tinnirella, Herman W.B., CMSgt (ret)**, passed away Dec 1, 2017. “T” served for 30 years. He attended technical school. He attended technical school at Keesler AFB for Morse Code Intercept training through July 1959. Afterwards moving around to various locations within the Security Services at Peshawar, Pakistan, Wakkanai, Japan, and Hakata Japan. Retraining into the Administration career field he was stationed at Tachikawa AB, Japan in February 1963 to June 1965 and again in

November 1965 to June 1966. Between those assignments he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut AB, Republic of Vietnam with the 2nd Air Division. After two assignments at Grand Forks AFB, ND and Offutt AFB NE, he came to Misawa for the first time in July 1970 to December 1974. He then crossed trained into the First Sergeant’s career field with an assignment to Keesler AFB and returned to Misawa in June 1981 until his retirement in July 1988. //Misawa AB Retiree Activities Office Newsletter//

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**Turner , Otis “Cliff”, Maj (ret), 97**, passed away Jan 17, 2018. Cliff joined the Army Air Corps just after his seventeenth birthday. He became a G. I. Cook and spent the next several years in a variety of jobs through the enlisted ranks – he served in every enlisted grade, the four Warrant Officer grades and received a direct commission as a Captain and retired as a

Major, United States Air force. During World War II, he served three years in the jungles of the South Pacific from the Fiji’s Gudacanal, New Guinea Moritia and the Phillipines. He survived the assault by the Japanese when they tried to retake Guadacanal. In 1956, he was assigned to the United States Air Force Security Service (now the Air Intelligence Agency) in San Antonio, Texas. Most of the command was located overseas, much of it in remote areas in Turkey, Alaska, Pakistan etc. For several years, Cliff spent much of his time in Airplanes traveling with the Commander to overseas units on trips lasting sixty days, visiting over fifteen countries without coming home. A difficult time for his family. When he retired as an Air Force Officer, he immediately took a civil service position with the same organization and retired again in 1977 as a GS 14 as Director of Personnel Plans. Cliff served over forty years in the USAF. He is survived by his son Jerry.

//Obit – Hillcrest Funeral Home//

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