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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Howdy fellow FTVA members,

Welcome back from your Holiday Season...it has certainly been an interesting few months with the weather and everything else happening in the country. We hope y'all had a great season and everyone returned safe from all the festivities. Wanted to also bring you up on a few developments here in San Antonio.

We will hold our Spring Social in San Antonio on 4 May 2019 at the SeaWorld Marriott and should be able to visit with the new 25th Air Force Command Chief, CMSgt Summer Leifer, that evening. Chief Leifer comes to 25 AF from the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing at Langley AFB and has an extensive ISR background as an Arabic linguist. We look forward to sharing our rich heritage with her.

I also wanted to remind you of what's happening with the Annual Reunion this year. We've had to move the dates to the first weekend of October (3-5 October 2019) due to a conflict in scheduling with a couple of folks out there. Seems they did indeed reserve the banquet hall for their wedding on the same evening we were going to hold our Reunion Dinner. Fortunately, Ken Williams was able to reserve the venue for the following weekend.

Finally, we announced in our previous newsletters that we were moving away from the hard copy version of the newsletter. This would alleviate us of our biggest quarterly cost to the association and allow us to focus our efforts on the men and women of 25 AF. Currently, we spend approximately \$3,600 per quarter for the printing and mailing of each black and white issue. Our online version is a far superior product at a fraction of the cost. If you haven't seen it, I recommend you check it out. The pictures are in color, the text is easier to read, and we have many of the past copies. All you need to do is let us know you want to cancel your hard-copy and our IT Director (Roy Burnett) will get you a password for the issues we have on file. Simply email Roy using rebyells@gmail.com.

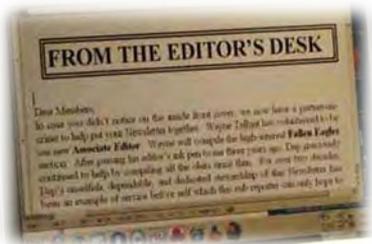
As always, I want to thank you for your continued commitment to the FTVA and encourage you to provide us with suggestions and feedback to improve our association. We are constantly looking for ways to support

our Airmen/units, expand our membership and maintain our legacy of support to our great Nation. If you have any ideas, please contact us through our web-site (www.ftva.org).

Until next time, always remember to "Remain in Touch".

Cheers, Ted Colquhoun

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We are well into the New Year and here's hoping the Year of the Earth Pig (Chinese New Year on Feb 5) is a healthful and prosperous year for each and every one of you. For those Orientalists out there, feel free to send me some "lucky money" ☺. This is

our first issue of 2019 and here's hoping most of you elect to receive the e-Edition instead of the black and white hardcopy. As you've read previously because of high and increasing costs, we are being forced to migrate our publication into the 21st Century. Like many of you, I too was born and bred on the hard copy printed medium; in fact I still subscribe and read the local newspaper; but I have to admit their online version is a much better product. So, I encourage you all, preferably sooner rather than later, to send an email to our IT Director (Roy Burnett) at rebyells@gmail.com stating "please sign me up for the e-Edition of RIT". Thanks.



HALL OF HONOR NEWS

Nominations Due NLT 3 June 2019!

Do you know someone who you think should be in the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's Hall of Honor (HoH) and who is not? The only way people are selected is if they are nominated, and the only way they get nominated is by members doing the work to nominate an individual!

Please take the time to nominate those who are worthy as the HoH Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association's reunion activities.

Nominations must be received not later than 3 June 2019 by email. Email nominations to me at chiefajh@gmail.com and to Lee Anthony at LeeAnthony@satx.rr.com. When submitting nominations, please comply with the page, front and back, and font using the HOH Nomination Form available on the website. I am more than willing to assist anyone on how best to develop a nomination.

Since the creation of USAFSS as a major air command in 1948, members of USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency/25th AF, hereinafter referred to as the Command, have been at war 24/7/365 as anonymous sentinels, engaged in combat with foreign enemies of the United States and its allies while conducting operations in the air as aircrew members, on the seas aboard U.S. naval ships, and on each of the major continental land masses as well as numerous islands around the world.

In no small measure, their contributions toward the preservation of our freedoms, though largely unheralded, have been vital to the continuance of our national security and our way of life. The Command has been blessed with an abundance of talented members who possessed the skill sets and intellectual capacity, coupled with unselfish dedication and commitment, to conquer whatever challenges they encountered – often while confronting significant adversity and at great personal sacrifice.

The Freedom Through Vigilance Association's founders established the Hall of Honor in 1983 to honor those individuals who served the command

with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. To date, 188 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Honor. They include former officer, enlisted and civilian personnel whose contributions as technicians, supervisors, planners, managers and leaders extend from World War II through the ongoing conflicts. The Hall of Honor preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the Nation.

We have all had the privilege of serving with individuals who are viable candidates for induction into the Hall of Honor. This is an opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in an attempt to ensure they receive the recognition and lasting tribute they have earned. The Selection Committee will review all eligible nominations and select individuals for induction into the Hall of Honor using eligibility criteria and procedures pursuant to the Hall of Honor Charter. A copy of the Charter is available in the newsletter and on the web page at <http://www.ftva.org>.

Thank you for your support and for recognizing those who are deserving.

Thank you and Remain In Touch,

A.J. Harrison, Hall of Honor Program Chair



25TH AIR FORCE NEWS

Compiled by Ken Maynard,
Associate Editor

CADELL TO DEPART 25TH AIR FORCE

(Adapted from an article by Alexx Pons, 25AF/PA, published January 28, 2019)

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas --Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Cadell, Twenty-Fifth Air Force command chief, spent the last eighteen months serving the more than 29,000 military, civilian, and contractor personnel under the headquarters, witnessing a continuous wave of growth, change, and progression.



CMSgt Stanley Cadell, 25AF command chief, will depart the headquarters and assume the role of command chief for AFMC in February 2019. U.S. Air Force photo illustration by Alexx Pons)

As he prepares for what will be his fourteenth assignment, and before he assumes his next role as the command chief for Air Force Material Command, Cadell and highlighted some experiences from his time here with global intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance warriors.

Q: What was it like joining Twenty-Fifth Air Force as its

top, enlisted leader?

A: Humbling to say the least. It has been incredibly exciting to be part of such a great organization. When I look back at those who previously served in this position, enlisted heroes, I know I am standing on the shoulders of giants like former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Richard Kisling. Twenty-Fifth Air Force boasts a rich legacy and knowing I have been a part of that is incredibly rewarding.

Q: Have ISR Airmen influenced or shaped your vision of their unique contributions to global missions?

A: Absolutely! When I look back at the impressive Airmen we have – at what these Airmen provide our nation daily – it is incredible. I am extremely proud to have been part of their team.

Q: Do you feel as though you have grown as a chief and leader because of your experiences here?

A: I definitely have... it is hard to quantify and put that into specifics, but what I have gained here has made me a better leader through not only understanding the perspectives of our ISR Airmen and what they bring to the fight, but in seeing that our nation's leaders rely on what they provide to our warfighters.

Q: Tell me about the toughest lesson you learned leading under Twenty-Fifth Air Force or the biggest challenge you faced – how did you overcome that?

A: I think one of the biggest challenges has been the large geographic distance of this command and trying to get around see our Airmen – quickly realizing that would be nearly impossible. I have had opportunities to see our Airmen serving all over the world but understanding that span of control has been challenging. Figuring out unique ways to communicate the commanders' vision and understand workforce challenges has helped overcome some of that.

Q: Do you enjoy being a command chief? What is your favorite or the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: That is easy – yes, I love the job; and my favorite part is spending time with Airmen. Communicating, mentoring, and interacting with them... that is part of what being a leader is about – staying engaged.

Q: Are you leaving the headquarters with any regrets?

A: My only "regret" is that my time here was limited. We are in a period of significant change and there is so much going on across our command (Air Combat Command) right now, so much that lies in the future, and knowing I will not be here to see that come to fruition makes me sad. However, I know we have some great leaders who are up for any challenges ahead and I will be watching with anticipation from afar and always consider myself part of the Twenty-Fifth family.

Q: What has been the best advice you have received during your career?

A: Do not give up! There is no obstacle that can stop you if you put your mind to something... you can work hard enough to overcome anything.

Perseverance over hard times makes us better and stronger. If you stretch your boundaries, other opportunities will come. Resistance to change does not allow us to grow as leaders or Airmen.

Q: Conversely, what do you think is the best advice you have given?

A: One piece of advice I always tell leaders is to be careful of their initial reactions to a situation – things are usually more complex than how we perceive them to be. In the past, I have been presented with issues, and upon digging into them learned there was more to the story than I first thought; this was especially prevalent during my time as a first sergeant. Therefore, when someone brings you an issue (as a leader), we must be mindful of quick reactions when there is likely more to the circumstances. Keep in mind that it often takes digging and research to address the true nature of an issue and not just the symptoms.

Q: Is there anyone you personally look up to... anyone who inspires you?

A: My family; my wife who has been by my side for more than 30 years and my two daughters who grew up as military kids. When I see what our military families experience and how they are able to stay resilient in spite of those challenges, it is truly inspirational. It is often easier for us as military members to relocate and start new positions because there is an innate expectation – that burden is much more challenging for the families who support us, but that commitment is incredible and often under appreciated.

Q: How do you want to be remembered when you leave here?

A: As someone who genuinely cared about Airmen and their families and worked hard every day to try to make a difference for them.

Q: Is there anything I did not ask that you would like to add – any final words for your Twenty-Fifth family?

A: This has been, in nearly 27 years of military service, the best assignment I have had because of the men and women assigned to this command, and the expertise and devotion they put into what they do each and every day. The outstanding dedication of our workforce has made me proud to be part of this organization and I will deeply miss the Twenty-Fifth Air Force.

Editor's note: CMSgt Summer Leifer, 480th ISR Wing command chief, will succeed Cadell as the next command chief for 25AF.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ACES HY SENSOR

(Adapted from an article by 1st Lt. Jarvis D. Brown, 497 OSS/Operations Support Planning)

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. — As tools and tradecraft evolve, older technology is retired to make way for more advanced training and equipment to aid the warfighter in executing the mission.



Such is the case with the Airborne Cueing and Exploitation System Hyperspectral (ACES HY) sensor. On December 10, 2018, the ACES HY sensor officially sunset as a package attached to the retiring MQ-1 Predator.

The ACES HY sensor made its debut at the Distributed Ground Station-1 at Langley Air Force Base in August 2013, collecting and processing information across the electromagnetic spectrum to discover illicit material such as active oil stills and homemade explosives in support of operations against the Taliban in Afghanistan. Team ACES HY’s primary objective was to prevent IED attacks against both coalition forces and the local populace. During the following two years, analysts of Team ACES HY single-handedly discovered over 200,000 pounds of illicit material, resulting in countless lives saved.

In 2015, the ACES HY sensor shifted to support operations in Iraq. Current U.S. Air Force Airmen in DGS-1 who worked with the ACES HY sensor reflected on their experience with it and the unique capability it brought to the intelligence mission.

“I’m proud to have been a part of such an impactful mission,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jarod, DGS-1 sensor planner. “We would find thousands of pounds of illicit material via this sensor, then provide those details to decision makers and witness the destruction of the material within 24 hours. The quick feedback made the ACES HY mission that much more satisfying to work.”

Maj. Brandon, DGS-1 director of operations, continued Jarod’s story.

“Having the ACES HY sensor attached to a full motion video aircraft with munitions is what provided the quick destruction of discovered illicit material. The combination proved to be one of the most effective capabilities in the Air Force.” He applauded DGS-1 Airmen, stating, “My

most memorable mission was when we located a large boulder the intelligence community [had] not yet assessed was nefarious until one of our analysts saw it move. Thereafter, we found 1,000 pounds of illicit material and destroyed it in 45 minutes as well as determined ISIS connections in a nearby mosque.”

Robert, DGS-1 exploitation team shift lead, reminisced on his most successful mission.

“It was an unbelievable night when I and two other young Airmen executed the ACES HY mission over an area in Iraq unknown to us. The precision of the ACES HY sensor aided in the discovery of 2,000 pounds of illicit material at a production facility. The story got better when the material and facility were destroyed in addition to a high value individual.” He concluded by noting, “I can’t believe this special sensor is retiring. It brought so many great effects to the battlefield. It was by far the most underrated sensor on the MQ-1 Predator.”

AIR FORCE MAKES UPDATES TO ENLISTED EVALUATION POLICIES

(Adapted from a SECF/PA / Published January 23, 2019)

Arlington, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force recently updated evaluation policies for enlisted Airmen, refining the process and requirements for enlisted performance reports.

The revised policies are in response to feedback from the field and are geared towards increasing flexibility for commanders and empowering performance within the enlisted corps.

“We are continuously making strides to reform our talent management system, including evaluating updates we previously made to the Enlisted Evaluation System,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel, and services. “Our focus is on making our system more agile, more responsive, simpler and more transparent to better meet the needs of our Airmen and our Air Force.”

The updated policies will impact almost every active duty enlisted Airman as well as those in the Guard and Reserve.

One of the more significant updates covers a long and widely debated subject. Under the new policy senior noncommissioned officers who complete an associate’s degree or “higher level degree from a nationally or regionally accredited academic institution” are eligible for promotion

and senior rater stratification or endorsement consideration.

Prior to this update, only degrees obtained from the Community College of the Air Force could be considered for senior rater stratification and endorsement. Airmen should ensure completed degrees are updated in their personnel records in the Military Personnel Data System.

Another update focuses on equitability and streamlines the stratification process by removing ineligible Airmen from the senior rater stratification pool. The previous policy allowed Airmen with an approved high year of tenure, or HYT, retirement date to be factored into the senior rater's endorsement allocations. For Airmen reaching HYT, performance evaluations are also now considered optional.

An additional update authorizes the senior enlisted leader, previously only an advisor, to be a voting member of the Enlisted Force Distribution Panel. In addition, the policy affords large units the ability to use the Enlisted Force Distribution Panel process. If a designated large unit chooses not to do so, the unit commander must publish and disseminate alternate procedures no later than the accounting date for each evaluation cycle to ensure transparency.

In yet another update, commanders now have authority to designate any number of non-rated days if they determine an Airman "faced personal hardships during the reporting period." The option provides commanders the agility to reflect periods of extenuating circumstances on annual evaluations without negatively impacting the Airman.

Air Force senior leaders also made recommendations regarding referral evaluations. Currently, a report is automatically referred when "met some, but not all expectations" is selected on the AF Forms 910 and 911. To allow raters the opportunity to identify and document potential areas of improvement, these ratings will no longer be considered a mandatory referral enlisted performance report. This particular policy change will take effect in conjunction with the staff sergeant static close out date on Jan. 31.

CMSAF Kaleth O. Wright said the change to referral evaluation requirements allows raters to provide Airmen with more honest, realistic feedback of their performance while, at the same time, allowing Airmen more room to improve.

"Under the previous policy, if we set 100 expectations for an Airman and they met or exceeded 99 of them but fell short on one, in essence we were saying they should be removed from promotion consideration," Wright said. "That doesn't align with our vision of talent management. We want

supervisors and command teams to have the option to make decisions that make sense for our Airmen, tailored to each individual situation.”

Wright added that providing this decision space for commanders aligns with the Air Force’s effort to revitalize squadrons and empower leaders.

SUB-ZERO TEMPS WON'T STOP THE WARFIGHTER

(Adapted from an article by Delanie Stafford, 55th Wing/PA / Published 1 February 2019)

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. -- Offutt Airmen battled through some of the coldest weather to hit Nebraska in decades as they participated in the first 2019 Operational Readiness Exercise held here January 28 – 30.



The exercise, appropriately named Winter Havoc, tested Offutt’s ability to process a large amount of troops and cargo.

SSgt. Jianna Goto, 55th AMS decentralized material support supervisor, coordinates cargo requirements inside the Installation Deployment Readiness Cell. The members participated in Phase I of ORE Winter Havoc that tested Offutt’s ability to process and deploy a large amount of personnel and equipment on short notice. (U.S. Air Force photo by Delanie Stafford)

“This was the first time we’ve done an exercise like this in six years,” said Installation Deployment Officer Capt. Samantha Dinardo, who is assigned to the 55th Logistics Readiness Squadron Installation Deployment

Readiness Cell. “The scope of the cargo we processed was far larger than what a regular exercise would look like. So this was the first time pretty much the entire base has seen something like this.”

All together, the IDRC and Deployment Control Cell processed 120 increments of cargo, weighing 236.4 short tons, as well as 560 personnel and 10 simulated aircraft called chalks.

For a deployment of this size, 80 additional personnel from across Offutt were trained to augment the IDRC.

The three-day exercise ran around the clock and many personnel worked 12 hour shifts. Dinardo said that the size of the exercise as well as the cold weather challenged her team.

Those who worked outdoors with cargo faced frigid temperatures that barely broke zero with wind chills that felt like negative 30 degrees. As a result, personnel had to work in cycles.

“It was cold,” said Staff Sgt. Jianna Goto, 55th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron decentralized material support supervisor. “We just dressed warmly, and after a couple of minutes in the cold, we would go back inside the scale house or inside the building to warm up.”

The cold weather also caused two tractors to break, slowing down operations.

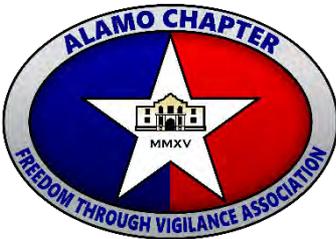
Dinardo said the experience gained by her staff and the augmentees will go a long way towards future exercises and deployments.

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FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

It was great seeing many chapter members at this year’s reunion and learn first-hand what the haps were in Colorado, Salt Lake City, San Angelo, and Hawaii, and the here-at-the-home Alamo Chapter. Many accounts and inputs are below, and as always, please 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).



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

The November meeting of the FTVA Alamo Chapter was called to order by President Barnie Gavin on the 15th of the month at 5:45 PM at the Saltgrass Steakhouse on I-10W. There were 17 members, spouses and family members present. We had no official business to discuss at this meeting but did thoroughly enjoy each other’s company. The manager of Saltgrass came out and explained the Landry’s reward program and the benefits of membership that could be used to bring funds to our chapter. In other notes:

The “They Served in Silence” DVD is still available. You can still pick up a copy at the next meeting.

Barnie will send out an updated roster to the membership. If you know of any

Howdy Y'all! Diana and Mike Nielsen at the November meeting of the FTVA Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, TX.



others who wish to join please invite them. If you know of members who have moved please let us know and we'll update the roster.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM where we continued to share stories and enjoy each other's fellowship. Remember---Always *Remain in Touch*.



Happy Campers. Depicted at the Alamo Chapter meeting are (l-r) Dan Martin, Vince Colacicco, Mrs. Homer Waring, Homer Waring, Elise Colacicco.

There was no meeting over the Christmas holidays and the Alamo Chapter

reconvening at 5:30 PM on 17 January after the turn of the new year. Once again, they assembled at the Saltgrass Restaurant. Fellowship and dinner were enjoyed by all 22 members present. Members and guests attending included: Bernie Gavin, Grady Robinson, Terry Robinson, Eric Edger (Bernie's Grandson), Jesse and Clara Coultrap, Al and Karen Daugherty,



Four Score and ... Alamo Chapter President Bernie Gavin addresses the assemblage at the 17 January meeting of the Alamo chapter.

Dan Martin, Ron Haygood, Bob and Donna Crabtree, Vince and Elise Colacicco, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Warning, Lee and Jen Anthony, Ken and Sheila Williams and Leroy and Mrs. Rogers. Items discussed included:

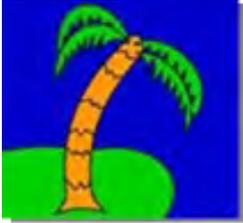
- President Gavin briefed that \$200 was donated to the 543rd Intelligence Group for their recognition program.
- Judy Gavin's old Army uniforms were donated to Leroy Rogers and the Lackland AFB museum.
- Dan Martin agreed to take over Historian duties for the main FTVA Board of Directors thus allowing Bernie Gavin to assist Ken Williams in Social Chairman duties.
- A raffle was held to help the Helotes Disabled American Veterans program raise funds for an office building to assist Veterans.

February 2019 Alamo Chapter Meeting

The San Antonio Chapter of the FTVA held their monthly meeting at the Saltgrass Restaurant on 21 February 2019. Fellowship and dinner was enjoyed by all 24 members and spouses present. President Bernie Gavin called the meeting to order at 1832 and started the meeting by reminding all that the FTVA "Spring Social" will be held on the 4th of May at the Marriot Hotel on TX 151. This is a "No Cost" function; however, a donation of \$5 or \$10 would be greatly appreciated. President Gavin also informed all that the Annual "Reunion" will take place in the first week of October as opposed to the usual last weekend in September. Our Chapter's donation of \$200 was received by the 543rd and Jesse Greene will contact the unit to determine what the donation was used for. On that note, Jesse Greene puffed out his chest in the Proud Papa mode and informed us that his daughter Trinity Wilson's Cheer Team won their division in the NCAA Championships, and, oh, by the way, Trinity has also been accepted to attend the United States Air Force Academy. Congratulations, Trinity on both achievements. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1840.

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Aloha Chapter Honolulu, HI

John "Tilly" Toillion, President

Aloha Chapter held its first 2019 get together on February 14 at Mililani Ruby Tuesdays, our favorite watering hole, to catch up on our recent happenings. Unfortunately, only the four amigos (Fred Collins, Dave Jones, Ken Een, and John Toillion) were able to attend on this special Valentine's Day.



Aloha Chapter stalwarts (l-r) Ken Een, John "Tilly" Toillion, Dave Jones, Fred Collins at their February chapter get together.

Main topics of discussion included health updates (there are many), world news, war stories, and John's recent tour of the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) facility at Hickam.

Fred Collins continues to be in first place with health challenges but always shares a lighter side of visits to the VA at Tripler. It so happens on that infamous day of January 13, 2018 when thousands of us received that never-forget "THIS IS NOT A DRILL" text message, Fred was on the 7th floor at Tripler and was evacuated to the basement – some 30 minutes after the notice went out – which Fred tried to explain to the Tripler staff that if there really was a missile it would have arrived already. Fred also shared on a recent stay at Tripler he was trying to get some rest and had his hands folded on his chest and an intern happened by and thought Fred was having a heart attack and the next thing Fred knew he was receiving a shot of

epinephrine which he said caused him to want to jump up and down and enter a dancing contest.

John recommended arranging a visit to the new DPAA facility which he found very enlightening. Aloha Chapter is honored to have members Dickie Hites, Ken Een and Al Teal (recently retired and now in Texas) have worked at DPAA. Here's a link for more info: <https://www.dpaa.mil/>.

As always, the palm trees are always swaying and the surf's a-pounding for anyone headed this way.

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



**Heritage Chapter
San Angelo, TX**
Ronald 'JJ' Graham, Chapter President
Ed Bendinelli, Chapter Vice President

Submitted by
Larry Ross, Chapter Secretary
Your humble scribe in San Angelo,

Goodbuddy's "Doc" Garrett Retires

Dr. John "Doc" Garrett retired on January 31 after serving 19 years as Goodfellow's Wing Historian. On January 25th, he was honored at a retirement banquet and



Heritage Chapter President JJ Graham Presents Retirement Plaque to Doc Garrett.



Col Ricky Mills, 17 TRW commander, presents Dr. John "Doc" Garrett with the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

ceremony attended by co-

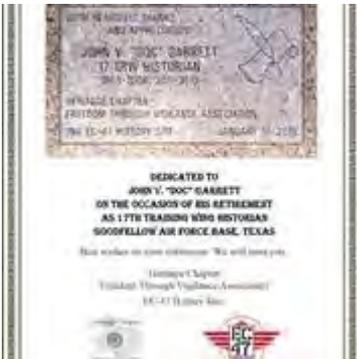
workers, relatives and friends. In recognizing his service, 17th Training Wing Commander Colonel Ricky Mills presented "Doc" with the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and several Letters of Commendation.

"Doc" was a true friend of the Heritage Chapter; always there to guide and support us. In recognition of his invaluable contributions to the Chapter, we presented him with a Certificate of appreciation which read in part:

"In grateful appreciation for your significant contributions in support of the mission and initiatives of the Heritage Chapter, Freedom Through Vigilance Association. Your personal

interest, insight and professional assistance in planning and coordinating Chapter events were instrumental to the success of our efforts to remember, to honor and to thank those who served in the United States Air Force Security Service and its succeeding commands here at Goodfellow and around the globe.

The Chapter also presented him with a retirement plaque, a Goodfellow challenge coin and a photo album with pictures of the events. The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of a large, engraved granite marker honoring his service. The marker, a gift from the Heritage Chapter and



Ed Bendinelli, Joe Martin, Larry Ross, Doc Garrett, Tom Nurre and JJ Graham

EC-47 History Site, will be permanently mounted near the EC-47 display in front of the Norma Brown Wing Headquarters building.

Heritage Chapter Holds Annual Banquet

Continuing what has become annual tradition, the Heritage Chapter held its year-end banquet on January 10th at a local steak-house restaurant. Thirty-six members and guests celebrated the evening with good food and camaraderie. Special guests were 17th Training Wing Commander,



Now hold on there! Exactly what are you proposing? Chapter President JJ Graham reacts with 'shock and awe' at an unintelligible comment from the assembled revelers. Diane Ross appears bemused by the question.

Colonel Ricky Mills; Command CMSgt Lavor Kirkpatrick and wife, Michelle; and Danny Henderson, whose father was an EC-47 pilot in Vietnam. Larry Miller set up the traveling Don Goff [Memorial] Missing Man Table kit. Stored in an authentic military foot locker, it is available to any organization wishing to borrow. As her tradition, Cindy Willey gave each family a hand-made gift. Tom Nurre surprised us with some very unique gifts. In recognition of his service as Chapter President, Tom presented an EC-47 scale model to JJ Graham. Unfortunately, due to its fragile nature, the model could not be un-boxed for all to see. Both Ed

Bendinelli and Larry Ross received miniature models of a 6994th Security Squadron crew van. These vans were used to transport aircrews to and from the aircraft. Most uniquely, Larry Miller was presented a tiny model of a Missing Man Table display. The miniature display was in recognition of Miller's outstanding work in assembling the travelling kit. Tom Nurre briefed a proposed new project to place memorial pavers at the EC-47 aircraft site located in front of the Norma Brown Wing Headquarters on Goodfellow. These pavers will be gifted to the base from the Heritage Chapter. The event capped the end of a very successful year and the beginning of a new one.

What follows is a montage of the festivities showing all having a good time.



Tom & Kitty Nurre with Cindy Willey

Tom Nurre waxing poetic to the rapt attention of (left) Kitty Nurre and Cindy Willey.



Mary O'Brien puttin' on the grin for the photographer.



Hail to the Chief. CMSgt Lavor Kirkpatrick and Michelle enjoying the entertainment at the Heritage Chapter Annual Dinner.



Judgement Day. Carl Wood (left) and Ed Bendinelli undoubtedly discussing the esoteric sequence of events in tonight's program.

A replica model of a standard crew van; for many of us the primary means of transportation for getting to and from work.



Larry Miller at the Missing Man Table, honoring those silent warriors who can no longer be with us.



Pleased to meet ya! David and Harriett Samad at ease and ready to chow down on the fine cuisine. But first, smile for the camera!



The Missing Man Table Footlocker. Used to store the items of honor displayed at social and other functions honoring those who have gone before us.



Sample Pavers on display.



Adie & Pat Potter apparently having a great time at the Heritage Chapter's Annual Banquet.



Wasatch Chapter Salt Lake City, UT Scott Lawson, President

The FTVA Wasatch Chapter has been idling a bit over the holidays but we're looking forward to starting things back up for 2019. We've taken on a special project to sponsor 151st Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance

Group nominees for the first ever 300th Military Intelligence Brigade-sponsored Intelligence Ball in March 2019. We will be recognizing the military linguist and intelligence professional of the year for 2018. We'll update the next newsletter with our award winners and photos from the ball.

An item that may be interesting to FTVA members is the one-of-a-kind recon aircraft RB-57A, S/N 52-1492 on display at the Hill Aerospace Museum at Hill AFB, Utah. According to "The History of BIG SAFARI" by Colonel Bill Grimes (2014), the aircraft was modified for photo reconnaissance work under the BIG SAFARI program SHARP CUT and then modified again for project SWITCH BLADE. This is the only aircraft that received the SWITCH BLADE modification and served that program against targets in North Korea and China in the early 1960s. This aircraft is available for sponsorship and is being considered as a future opportunity for the Wasatch Chapter. One of our members, Phil Butler is a tour guide at the museum and encourages anybody with personal stories of SWITCH BLADE or SHARP CUT to reach out to him at pebutler169@gmail.com.



The RB-57A, S/N 52-1492, depicted above was completed by Martin on July 13, 1954 and accepted by the U.S. Air Force on May 24, 1955. It was the last RB-57A to be built, ship number 75. During its career it served with the 7499th Support Group and 7407th Support Squadron in Germany, Air Materiel Command Headquarters in Ohio, and the 4440th Aircraft

Delivery Group in Virginia. It was retired from active duty in December 1960 and transferred later to the USAF Museum System. It arrived at Hill Aerospace Museum in 1990. Photo and additional background sourced from the RB-57A Fact Sheet. <https://www.hill.af.mil/About-Us/Fact-Sheets/Display/Article/397135/rb-57a-canberra/>

Finally, as we continue to reach out to our membership and connect with the more tech savvy members, we invite you to join us on Slack (slack.com). We’ve created a workspace for the FTVA organization at large and can set up channels by topic, individual chapter, projects, etc. as needed. It’s very flexible, easy to use and provides a great way to “Remain in Touch” with FTVA members near and far. For the operators, think of it like our own intercom with private and select net features to chat about FTVA related issues and activities in real time. The more members we can get into the channel, the more active and productive we can all be in promoting our FTVA. If you would like to join us, contact Scott Lawson at lawson.scott1@gmail.com for an invite link.

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BITS & BYTES

EC-47 Newsletter Tidbits

By Tom Nurre & Joe Martin

Happy New Year to all you guys and your families. Joe and I are looking forward to sharing this EC-47 History Site opportunity with all of you. Stay well...tell us your EC-47 story sometime during the new year too.

Our December Newsletter announced the retirement of Dr. John "Doc" Garrett from his job as Goodfellow's 17th Training Wing Historian. We are planning to present him a bottle of vintage Seagram's V.O. with ribbon...and encourage him to wear the ribbon during his final 30-days of employment as an official "2-digit midget" Short Timer according to old USAFSS and other service traditions.

Please send us your comments/recollection(s) about the V.O. Short Timer Ribbon and any "Short" calendars you might have used or know about at USAFSS and TEWS squadrons. Joe mentioned that the Crown Royal bag pull-string was used for the same purpose as well. I don't recall this but am betting some of you guys will! What say y'all?

Joe and I will combine your inputs into a "fact sheet" to present to Doc o/a 10 January. Send your comments to: info@ec47.com, Subject same as above.

Thanks for helping us all remember "back when" things were great fun for the participants and passing this along to Doc in an open forum!

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REUNION REPORTS

**FTVA Board of Directors
Host Post-Holidays Social Soiree**

On January 12, members and guests of your FTVA Board of Directors had a ‘reunion of sorts’ as they met at a local beanery to re-connect and decompress after the frenzy of the holiday season. A good time was had by all and below are some happy snaps (thanks to Sheila Williams and Rass for providing them) commemorating the occasion.



**Sheila Williams (left) with
Donna and Bob Crabtree, past
FTVA President**

**Ken Williams (left)
with Evan and
Annette Smith and
Ron Haygood. Ken
currently serves as
social chairman,
Evan as our esteemed
vice president, and
Ron, past BoD
president.**





FTVA BoD Treasurer Lee Anthony and spouse Jen. Jen's support in the signage and logo-ball business is very much appreciated every year.



Shari and Ted Colquhoun, the current reigning FTVA BoD President.



Above, Amy and Mark Hess, Vigilant Partners Program Coordinator are "happy to be here" as are (right) Dennis "Rass" Rasmussen, RIT Editor Emeritus, and Joe 'Pepito' Figueroa, our Fallen Eagles section editor.





Above, Roy Burnett, FTVA Membership Chairman and Web Master, along with wife Liz. Right, Rosario and Pepito Figueroa, Fallen Eagles Editor.



Hail, hail, the gang's all here. Your FTVA BoD and guests enjoying fine dining and camaraderie at the 12 January get-together.

Keeping in Touch on Valentine's Day



A wee group of USAFSS/ESC Amigos celebrated Valentine's Day at the River City Seafood Grill in San Antonio. Seated at table (L-R) across from each other (back to front) are: Jeanie & Andy Smith, Donna & Bob Crabtree, Judy & Ken Maynard, Carole & Ken Gendolfe, Pat & Jim Gonzalez and Dennis Rassmussen.

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**REUNION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



6916th SS/ESS Reunion
March 21-24, 2019
OL-RM/Hellenikon AB
Location: Hampton-Inn, Rockwall, TX



Former members of the 6916th SS/ESS will hold a reunion beginning March 21st, 2019 through March 24th, 2019. The “forward operating base” will be Rockwall, Texas at the Hampton Inn of

Rockwall. The “Raiders Recovery Room” will be open for crew check-in beginning at Noon, March 21st. Activities for the three days include tall tales, golf, L3 tour, and more tall tales. Anyone that was in the 6916th starting with the OL-RM in Rhein Main through the official closure at Hellenikon AB, Greece in November 1990 are welcome to join us. Please contact Stu Skeen on Facebook Messenger or via email (shskeen1@gmail.com) for hotel and payment information.

Peshawar Air Station Alumni Reunion
Biloxi, Mississippi
April 28 - May 1, 2019
IP Casino and Resort

Welcoming family members, friends, and all who were stationed at from the 6937th Comm. Group, 2008th Comm. Group, and USASOU 23 ASA dependents in Pakistan. Itinerary includes tours of Keesler AFB and The National World War II Museum. Details at 6937th.org, 6937th Facebook page, and the USASOU 23 ASA Facebook page

FTVA Annual Spring Social
May 4th, 2019
1700-2200
Location: SeaWorld® Marriott
11606 Highway 151, San Antonio, TX
For All FTVA Members and Guests

Come and join the FTVA's Annual Bacchanalia in Celebration of Spring in San Antonio, TX. Featuring heavy finger foods, a pay as you go bar, and a guest speaker (TBD). Mix and mingle with old friends and new acquaintances and *Remain in Touch*. Contact Ken Williams (kennbobb@aol.com) or Bernie Gavin (brniegavin@gmail.com) to secure your seat at the table.

September 5-7, 2019
6994th Security Squadron
Location: Nashville, TN
(Doubletree Hotel)
POC: Rick Yeh, (301) 943-6417 or blk67cougar@gmail.com
The 2019 6994th Security Squadron reunion will be held in
Nashville, TN 5-7 Sep 2019. Details are on the website or contact
Rick Yeh or Rich Krejsa for details.
URL: <http://www.6994th.com>

October 3-5, 2019
FTVA-25th Air Force Annual Reunion
Location: San Antonio, TX
More Details Forthcoming

November 7-10, 2019
6918th RSM/Security Squadron
Brady / Hakata, Japan
Location: Jacksonville, FL
(Doubletree Hotel)
Comments on 6918th Website
<http://6918thhakata.com>



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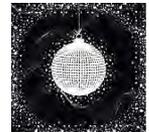
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Donald Bundy



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(IMO of CMSgt Tom Tennant)
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SIGNING IN

The following is a selected list of folks taking that extra step to “Remain in Touch” who have signed into the FTVA Website (www.ftva.org) in the past few months.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: KEELY406@GMAIL.COM
 First Name: Patricia
 Last Name: Killian
 Unit:
 Country: United States
 Comment: My father was TSgt James Luther (Ret. '79) WB4SXR (silent key 6/8/13). He was in the 6994th. Not sure of all dates. He was stationed in Vietnam, Germany, Kadena (left 8/71), Offutt (left 76), and Eielson (76-79 Retired).

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: michaelo.thomas@gmail.com
 First Name: Michael
 Last Name: Thomas
 Unit: USAFSS
 Country: USA
 Comment: Karamursel Air Station, Turkey late 63 all of 64

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: jjgolf@frontiernet.net
 First Name: Jerry
 Last Name: Johnson
 Unit: 6989th RSM 61-63
 Country: USA
 Comment: Nicknamed The Teenager of Trick 2. Spent 2+years, went home still 19. Bowled the highest game ever on the hill. (279). Bowled on Squadron team and pitched fast pitch the 1st year the new ball field opened. Had no fences or lights yet.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: chrsmrtn1.bm@gmail.com
 First Name: Charles R
 Last Name: Martin
 Unit: 6950th ESG
 Country: USA
 Comment:

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: normand8614@gmail.com
 First Name: Norman
 Last Name: Haines
 Unit: USAFSS/AFCD
 Country: USA
 Comment:

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: jimswil@aol.com
 First Name: Jim
 Last Name: Wilson
 Unit: 6922 Security Group
 Country: USA
 Comment: R29251 April 1969-June 1970. Dawg Flight

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: ronaldmcbeth@gmail.com
 First Name: Ronald
 Last Name: McBeth
 Unit: 6985
 Country: USA
 Comment:

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: glachcik@gmail.com
 First Name: Gerald
 Last Name: Lachcik
 Unit: 6900 Frankfurt, Germany
 Country: United States
 Comment: Was stationed in Wakkanai AS Japan 3 times plus Danang, Berlin, Frankfurt & USAFSS hill in San Antonio. Now living in Tucson, AZ. Call 208-899-6845. (Looking for old friends.)

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: jjlg8384@windstream
 First Name: John
 Last Name: Gluscheck
 Unit: 6918th Security Squadron
 Country: USA
 Comment:

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: rha554236@yahoo.com
 First Name: Richard
 Last Name: Allen
 Unit: Wheelus Field Tripoli
 Country: USA
 Comment: Served there 1955, 1956. 6934 RSM. Finished up at Brooks in San Antonio.

-----Tear Line-----
 Good afternoon,
 Joe and I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday...and are looking forward to Christmas with family and friends. The next Newsletter is now available on-line. Just click the link below and enjoy all the information about unit reunions, new Articles that Joe has finished (and is working on) and a peek at planned events for next year.
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
 All the best,
 Tom & Joe
[EC-47 Newsletter December 2018](http://ec47.com/storage/UserFileFolder/December_2018_Final.pdf)
http://ec47.com/storage/UserFileFolder/December_2018_Final.pdf

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: edmiller8035@gmail.com
 First Name: Edward
 Last Name: Miller
 Unit: 6994th Security Squadron - TSN
 Country: USA
 Comment: 292X1 6925th RSM PI 1956 -1958, Det 2, 6920 SW Shiroi AB,1958 – 1959, 6989th RSM Misawa 1959, HQ USAFSS 1960, 6950 SW 1961 to 1964, RAF Chicksands, AECP at U of Colorado 1965 to 1967, 6940 SW as student and instructor in 8035 course, 1967 - 1970 Goodfellow, 6994th SS 1970 - 1971 Tan Son Nhut. Out of command until retirement in 1977.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: mswcajon@yahoo.com
 First Name: Mark
 Last Name: Watjen
 Unit: 6988th
 Country: USA
 Comment: Assignments: Goodfellow AFB (2 tours) 6916th (2 tours) 6949th 6988th.

-----Tear Line-----
 Email address: kvacfamily@hotmail.com
 Last Name - Novak
 First Name - Kevin
 Comments -

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: wrs1447@hotmail.com
 First Name: William
 Last Name: Skinner
 Unit: 6910th Security Wing Darmstadt
 Country: USA
 Comment: Baker Trick 63-65

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: gspeaks123@gmail.com
 First Name: Gaither
 Last Name: Speaks
 Unit: 6990th
 Country: USA
 Comment: Just looking around.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: jerry_aronica@yahoo.com
 First Name: Jerry
 Last Name: Aronica
 Unit: USAFSS
 Country: USA
 Comment: I was a Russian 203 in Pakistan.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: jet491@msn.com
 First Name: John
 Last Name: Thelen
 Unit: USAFSS
 Country: United States
 Comment: AFSCC, 6924th Sec Sq, 6931 Sec Gp.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: pmower@dslextreme.com
 First Name: Patrick
 Last Name: Mower
 Unit: 20371/20871/q20871qan/20250
 Country: USA
 Comment: Just Checking In. Hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: Mygre2218@gmail.com
 First Name: Myra
 Last Name: Gregory
 Unit: NSA
 Country: USA
 Comment: Widow of Joe H Gregory III, CMS USAF Ret

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: bill_lobo@yahoo.com
 First Name: William
 Last Name: Lobo
 Unit: 6919 ESS, Sembach Air Base, Germany
 Country: Germany
 Comment: Enlisted in Jun 1963. 6910 ESS, Darmstadt, 64-66. 6987 ESS, Taiwan,66-67. 6910 ESS, Darmstadt, 67-70. 6931 ESS, Iraklion, 70-72. 6903 ESS, Osan AB, 72-73. 6913 ESS, Augsburg, 73-74. 6917 ESS, San Vito, 74-76. 6911 ESS, Hahn AB 76-79. 6911/13 ESS(M) Augsburg, 79-86. 6919 ESS, Sembach AB, 86 until 31 Jan 1991; The end... Pardon any errors. I am travelling now and pulling numbers out of my brain. 26 Nov 2018. greetings to everyone.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: yvonron41@aol.com
 First Name: Ron
 Last Name: Moyer
 Unit: 2004
 Country: USA

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: w.h.mccormick6969@gmail.com
 First Name: William
 Last Name: McCormick
 Unit: Homestead AFB
 Country: USA
 Comment: Mac McCormick. A 20391 on first flight RB50 out of Rhine-Main; Russian, Chinese and Beaner; will be 88 this year and still kickin' just not as high.

-----Tear Line-----
 E-Mail address: Chowskej@gmail.com
 First Name: John
 Last Name: Chowske
 Unit: 6912th Security Squadron
 Country: USA
 Comment: After DLI, original end game was to go to SAC, hence went to

Fairchild AFB for survival training and because of clearance, interrogation resistance. Met SR71 pilot and his backs seater during latter. USAF changed its mind and decided that USAFSS needed us more, so after Goodfellow, on to Berlin. 72-74 there. Interesting place in Cold War.

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: mdacjfd@yahoo.com

First Name: James

Last Name: Duffy

Unit:

Country: USA

Comment:

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: twowell@comcast.net

First Name: Edward (Ted)

Last Name: Whewell

Unit: 6912 ESG

Country: United States

Comment:

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: ma@commconsvc.net

First Name: Mark

Last Name: Allen

Unit: Menwith Hill - F38

Country: USA

Comment: RAF Menwith Hill, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG3 2RF

Cmdr: Sir Arthur Bonsall KCMG CBE (1976–1978) Sir Brian John

Maynard Tovey KCMG (1978–1979)

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address:

First Name: Artie

Last Name: Doyle

Unit: 6949th Offutt AFB. Ne

Country: USA

Comment:

-----Tear Line-----

Sender: Richard Yeh

Sender E-Mail: blk67cougar@gmail.com

POC: Rick Yeh

POC Phone: C - (301) 943-6417

POC EMail: blk67cougar@gmail.com

Start Date: 2019-09-5

End Date: 2019-09-7

Unit: 6994th Security Squadron

Location of Reunion: Nashville, TN

Comment: The 2019 6994th Security Squadron reunion will be held in Nashville, TN 5-7 Sep 2019. Details are on the website or contact Rick Yeh or Rich Krejsa for details.

URL: <http://www.6994th.com>

-----Tear Line-----

Email - wa6cmj@suddenlink.net

First Name – William

Last Name – Murphy

-----Tear Line-----

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First Name: jed

Last Name: rogers

Unit: 6917th ESS

Country: USA

Comment:

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: Terry.lingo@att.net

First Name: Terry

Last Name: Lingo

Unit: 292x1

Country: USA

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: yother@librarysystems.com

First Name: Larry

Last Name: Yother

Unit: USAFSS

Country: United States

Comment:

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: rtwhittaker@yahoo.com

First Name: Ryan

Last Name: Whittaker

Unit: ESC NCO Academy

Country: USA

Comment: Just checking to see who is out there!

-----Tear Line-----

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: butler7719@hotmail.com

First Name: Benjamin

Last Name: Butler

Unit: 6944th ESG

Country: United States

-----Tear Line-----

E-Mail address: Brunkerj@cox.net

First Name: Jeff

Last Name: Brunker

Unit: 6931st SS

Country: USA

Comment: Last Security Service unit was at Ft. Meade 76-78, but don't remember the unit number. 6931 was 75-76. Given my last name, I was tagged as "Archie" my 4 years. I felt as though my 4 years as a 202 were important and am proud to have served.

-----Tear Line-----

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FALLEN EAGLES
Compiled by Joe Figueroa,
Associate Editor



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

Abeska, Mary Ann, SSgt, USAF

Allen, Jeffrey R., SrA, USAF

Brock, Dennis E., USAFSS

Britt, Gene Holder, SMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member ****

Burnside, Robert F., A1C, USAFSS

Bryant, William R., CMSgt (ret) **FTVA Lifetime Member ****

Cromer, Larry J., retired, USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member****

Dietz, Donald C., A2C, USAFSS

Ferrill, Howard M., Maj, USAFSS

Feit, Stephen S. USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member****

Haley, Roma F., SSgt, USAFSS

Hartmann, Frank, USAFSS

Irwin James, R. II, SSgt, USAFSS

Krzesicki, Charles M. USAFSS

Lott, Randall R. MSgt (ret), USAF

Maddox, Zane, MSgt (ret), USAFSS

Meyer, Clare Stephen, USAFSS

Micale, Peter N., Col (ret), USAF

Montera, Peter P., SSgt, USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member****

Parks, Michael S., SMSgt (ret), USAF

Patterson, Bill, USAFSS

Penn, Thomas L. USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member****

Ray, James M., MSgt (ret), USAFSS

Rayfield, Richard R., A2C, USAFSS

Richardson, James H., USAFSS

Ritola, Lars G., Sgt, USAFSS

Spear, Benny W., MSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member****

Stephan, Robert W., MSgt (ret), USAFSS

Stultz, James R., MSgt (ret), USAFSS

Sutterfield, Suzanne Marie, SSgt, USAF

Tucker, Glover J., MSgt (ret), USAFSS

Warta, Norman O., SSgt, USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member****



Abeska, Mary Ann, 65, passed away Jan 1, 2019. She enlisted in the USAF in 1973 and completed Printer Systems technical training at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas. In 1974, she and a technical school classmate were chosen as the first ‘WAFs’ to receive FLEXSCOP operator training at the Naval NTTC School at Corry Station, Pensacola, Florida, for the six-week course to enable them to

operate the FLEXSCOP computer system. Her first duty station was the 6931st Security Group, Iraklion Air Station, Crete, Greece. In 1977, she transferred to 6950th Security Group at RAF Chicksands, England. These assignments were part of what was then known as USAFSS, which was essentially the cryptographic intelligence branch of the Air Force. It is currently known as the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, and is comprised primarily of airmen culled from the cream of the USAF enlisted recruits (the top 1/2 of 1 percent). Mary Ann was honorably discharged on April 8, 1979, with the rank SSgt. She is survived by her husband Tim. **//Obit Galena Funeral Home//**



Allen, Jeffrey R. 44, passed away Nov 23, 2018. Dr. Allen enlisted in the USAF where he served at the NSA as a Slavic Cryptologic Linguist fluent in Russian. After his time in the service, Jeff returned to graduate school in South Carolina where he graduated with honors from Sherman College of Chiropractic in 2004. Jeff leaves behind his mother, Mary Christian-Allen, father, Alvin Allen. //Obit Seale Funeral Home//

His rank was SrA and he served during the Persian Gulf Conflict. //Louisiana National Cemetery//



Britt, Gene Holder, SMSgt (ret), 86, passed away Dec 12, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF and served 28 years in the military career in the Intelligence Collection Field. Gene was a member of an elite cadre known as "The Silent Warriors", men and women of the USAF Security Service, who spent their years intercepting and interpreting enemy communications in all their forms. He was widely recognized as a preeminent expert in the

field and was often recalled to his command's headquarters in San Antonio and Fort Meade, Maryland, to consult in critical situations. He first served at a remote, but vital post in Adak, Alaska followed by a posting in Edinburgh, Scotland. Later, his Air Force Signal Intelligence specialty would take them to overseas posts in Italy, Crete, and Japan, as well as an assignment teaching at the Cryptology School in San Angelo, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Carol, Rapid City and daughter Marvinna. //Obit Legacy.com//

His rank was SMSgt and he served during the Vietnam Conflict. //Black Hills National Cemetery//



Brock, Dennis E., 75, passed away Nov 4, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF and was trained as a Russian linguist, eventually serving in the Security Services in Peshawar, Pakistan. Dennis is survived by his wife of 39 years, Gailyn; six sons, Paul, Eric, Dari, Ted, Kyle, and Kevin.//Obit Galesburg.com//



Burnside, Robert F., 84, passed away Aug 22, 2018. He served both in USAFSS and US Army during the Korean War. His assignments included Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th RSM on Charlie and Dog Tricks and the DF Site from 1953-1956. Bob is survived by his wife, Myrle; daughter, Christy; stepdaughter, Virginia; and stepson, John.

His rank was A1C and he served during the Korean Conflict. //Culpeper National Cemetery//



Cromer, Larry J., 80, passed away Nov 7, 2018. He was retired Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Deanna; son, Yu Yuji Nishimura; daughters, Kelly, Kristy, and Kala. //Obit Hurley Funeral Home//

Death notification listed in "Our Losses" at 6994th Security Squadron Web site //6994th.com//

Very sorry to learn of Larry's passing. We worked together while in the Air Force in Bremerhaven, Germany (where he gave me the nickname "muggsy" because of my NY accent--LOL), and Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas! Larry coached our base softball & flag football teams and always provided us all with a good laugh, especially when we played golf. His leadership and expertise in our Air Force work, was always very important to him, and all of us who worked with him. To Dee and her family, know that our times together were special, and I am proud to have called him my friend, even all these years later! May his soul Rest in Peace. In my thoughts and prayers. //Brian Donnelly//



Dietz, Donald C., 81, passed away Jan 21, 2019. He enlisted in the USAF and served for eight and a half years, including an assignment to Yale University to become a Chinese linguist. During this time, he traveled to Taiwan. After leaving the military, he went to work for the U.S. Department of Defense and was there for 35 years, the last 5 years of which he was honored to have been a member of the Inspector General's office.

During his time working for the US Government and Military, Don traveled to Taiwan, Korea, Hawaii, Japan, Vietnam, South America and Turkey. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Angela Belle Dietz; daughter, Tristina; son, Christopher Dietz. //Obit Neptune Society//



Feit, Stephen S., 83, passed away September 19, 2018. He served as a Chinese Linguist from 1957 to 1960. His assignments included the 6927th RSM Onna Point, Okinawa from 1958 to 1960 and as an NSA Employee until 1968. He maintained proficiency in Chinese language through life. Stephen is survived by wife, Myra and two sons and two granddaughters. **//Obits Dignity Memorial & Myra Feight//**

Never met Steve face to face but has some good conversations with him when he established the 6927th RSM website. My fondest memory of him is a photo of him standing in Tiananmen Square proudly wearing his US Air Force Security Service T-shirt. A good guy indeed. RIP Steve. **//Bob Rennick//**



Ferrill, Howard M., 85 of Granbury, Texas died February 13, 2019. He was born in Belleville, IL and raised in Carbondale, IL. He entered the Army in 1951 with the 44th Division, Illinois National Guard during the Korean War. He joined the USAF in 1954 and entered Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 1958. He retired from USAFSS at Kelly AFB, February 1973, after 22 years of military service, with his two tours at European Security Region (USAFSS), Frankfurt Germany, and the 6906th Security Squadron (USAFSS), Brooks AFB, TX. After retiring he worked for McDonnell Douglas in Houston, Texas, serving as the Communications Security (COMSEC) and Operations Security (OPSEC) consultant to the Space Shuttle Program where he retired in 1993. He is survived by Martha, his wife of 28 years, and six children, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Submitted by Toni Ferrill (daughter).



Haley, Roma F., 82, passed away Apr 13, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF in 1954 and served his country in Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913 RSM on "C" flight and Maintenance from 1955-58. Roma is survived by his wife, Nova; daughters: Brenda, Debra, Wanda, Carol, and Patricia. **//Obit 6913th.org//**

His rank was SSgt and he served during the Korean Conflict. **//Houston National Cemetery//**



Hartmann, Francis E. 94, passed away Sep 28, 2018. Frank served at Kelly AFB, in USAFSS and ESC, in the Air Force Cryptological Support Center, from 1950 -1981. Frank was drafted into the Army Air Corps near the end of World War II. Just as he was completing

truck driver training in Utah, the war ended. The base was immediately jammed with thousands of German POWs. The base commander found out Frank spoke German (he was a Texas Hill Country German) and pressed Frank into service as a translator. Frank was not fond of translating and was soon allowed to separate from the Army. After he got out, he worked various places, eventually completing high school via his GI bill and applying for a civil service posting. With a recommendation from one of his former commanders, Frank was accepted, eventually becoming a "logistics expert." Coming from the days of greater security-consciousness in our command, Frank was tight-lipped about his job, and really never mentioned much about his work beyond "logistics." At retirement, Frank's work was lauded by Harold Roseblum, NSA deputy director for communications security, and Jerry Johnson, Col USAF, commander of Air Force cryptology support center. **//Obit Williams Sims//**

Francis worked for Security Service for thirty-five years. Survivors include his wife of seventy-two years, Gertrude Weber Hartmann of Blanco; children, Francis, Phillip. Laurie and Guy. **//Obit Crofts Crow Funeral Home//**



Irwin, James R. II, 73, passed away Jan 14, 2019. He enlisted in the USAF during the Vietnam War and was selected to serve as an Airborne Reconnaissance Specialist in the Security Services as a Russian Linguist. After 4 years of service, he received an honorable discharge holding the rank of Staff Sergeant. **//Obit Legacy.com//**

"I saw an eagle fly . . ." Farewell fellow "Silent Warrior." We may not have served in the same places, but you served with an elite fraternity. You will be remembered at the Freedom Through Vigilance Association Remembrance ceremony this Fall. **//Pete Siegel, San Antonio, TX//**



Krzesicki, Charles M., 87, passed away Dec 23, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF and served four years as a Cryptologic Specialist. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Frances; sons, Mike and Steve. //Obit Dignity Memorial//



Lott, Randall R., MSgt (ret), 58, passed away Dec 9, 2018. Randall joined the USAF as a Russian linguist. His assignments included Japan, Italy, California, Texas, and Hawaii. He retired as a MSgt after 22 years of service. Randall is survived by his wife of 39 years, Gina, and his sons Logan and Jacob.

His rank was MSgt and he served during the Persian Gulf Conflict. //Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery//



Maddox, Zane, MSgt (ret) 79, passed away Dec 20, 2018. Zane 22 years in the USAF. His assignments included England and the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany from 1959 to 1963 as a Morse Intercept Operator on Able Flight. He retired in 1979 at Mather AFB. Zane served as the 6913th Squadron (alumni

organization) Treasurer for many years and was one of the most active members of the Reunion Committees, and never missed attending one. He even hosted a Reunion in Sacramento in 2008. Zane is survived by his wife Terri, daughter Kimberly, and step-son Joseph. //Obits 6913th.org & North Sacramento Funeral Home//

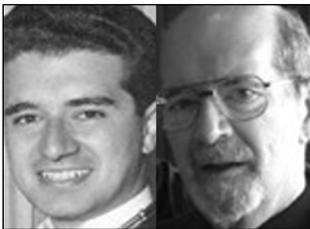
Zane's rank was MSgt and he served during the Vietnam. //Sacramento Valley National Cemetery//

All of your USAF friends are saddened by your departure and thank you very much for your service as our Squadron Treasurer for many years. Also for your expertise in organizing our biannual Reunions. Our condolences to your wife Terri. //Ron Fandrick//



Meyer, Clare Stephen, 75, passed away Dec 2, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF the 6994th Security Squadron as a Morse intercept operator while stationed at Tan Son Nhut Airbase, Vietnam from 1966-1967. He flew over 100 missions and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. His life career took a different direction as a certified Physician's Assistant after graduating from Chadron State College in pre-medical sciences in 1974 and Baylor College of Medicine in 1978. Steve served as a medical officer in the US Army serving at Ft Riley, KS, and Mainz, Germany from 1982-1986. He is survived by his wife, Carole; daughter, Clare. //Obit Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home//

Colony, TX. He is survived by his wife, Carole; daughter, Clare. //Obit Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home//



Micale, Peter N. III., Col (ret), 88, passed away Dec 6, 2018. His Air Force career began in 1954 Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. His USAF career spanned 27 years and one day. He was a Vietnam War veteran, earning the Bronze Star Medal, and a proud member of the USAF Weather Service. In 1978, he arrived at his final duty station,

Goodfellow AFB where he was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal for outstanding service as the School Commander of the 3480th Technical Training Group. He retired from the Air Force in 1981. He is survived by his son Col (Ret.) Peter N. Micale IV (Diane) and daughters Rosy Hester (John), Ginamaria Micale, Paula Baierski (Chris), and Annie Webb (David). //Obit Go San Angelo//



Montera, Peter P., 85, passed away Jan 13, 2019. He enlisted in the USAF in 1952 and served during the Korean War. He was assigned to USAFSS Brooks AFB. He was then transferred to HQ USAFSS, Kelly AFB. Subsequently, he was transferred as NCOIC of USAFSS Liaison Office in Manhattan Beach AF Station, Brooklyn,

NY. He was also a member of the Air Force Association, Air Force Museum Foundation, Life member of FTVA (USAFSS). He leaves his wife of over 66 years, Therese; children, Annemarie, David, Therese, and Antoinette. //Obit Dignity Memorial//

His rank was SSgt and he served during the Korean Conflict. //Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery//



Parks, Michael S., SMSgt (ret) 54, passed away Dec 27 2018. He enlisted in the USAF and studied to become a Vietnamese linguist in Monterrey, California in 1986. He then became an integral part of the Joint Task Force- Full Accounting detachment in Hanoi, Vietnam. There he was responsible for locating and repatriating soldiers who were lost during the Vietnam War. He completed multiple tours in Vietnam with

JTF-FA. His final duty station was in San Angelo at Goodfellow Air Force base where he was the superintendent of the 17th training squadron. He retired in October 2011 after 26 years of active duty service. He is survived by his wife Xuan; his daughters Rian and Samantha. //Obit GoSanAngelo//

Mike and I were stationed together in Hawaii and went to Vietnam together as part of JTF-FA in 1994. He was a great mentor and a good friend. I wish I had known he was only a few hours away from me in San Angelo it I would have visited. RIP brother. //Jason//



Patterson, Bill, 86, passed away Sep 18, 2018. Bill served 20 years in the USAF as a communications equipment repairman. Eight years of his duties were spent in Alaska, Germany, Philippine Islands, West Pakistan and Vietnam. Among his rewards, he was most proud of his Honor Graduate of USAF Security Service Instructor School, Distinguished Graduate of Air

University Instructor School, Honor Graduate and Commandants Award from the Security Service Senior NCO Academy, two AF Commendation Awards, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two AF Outstanding Unit Awards. He is survived by his best friend/wife, Marilyn and daughter, Linda. //Obit The Roanoke Times//



Penn, Thomas L, 70, passed away Jan 17, 2019. He enlisted in the USAF and served his country during the Vietnam War. It's of this time serving his country during the Vietnam War, Tom was most proud. He never forgot his tour of duty or his brothers-in-arms and took every opportunity to attend a Veterans' service or to contribute to Veterans' causes. He was a member of the Silent Warriors, USAF Doggers, and Nakhon Phanom

RTAFB. Tom spent a total of 32 years working for the government, 21 years as a U.S. diplomat. He is survived by his devoted wife of 45 years, Phongsee, and by his loving children, Tom and Patricia. **//Obit Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory//**



Ray, James M., MSgt (ret), 86, passed away Dec 16, 2018. His military career spanned 24 years, six foreign countries and three conflicts. He is survived by his daughters, Diana & Vicki Woody. **//Obit Braman Mortuary//**

He was a MSgt and served during the Korea and Vietnam Conflicts. **//Omaha National Cemetery//**

He was a Morse intercept operator back in the day. May he rest in peace. **//Jose Ramos//**

My sincere condolences to Jim's family. He was a friend and helped me to buy my first house in Plattsmouth back in 1984. He patiently spent hours schooling me on financing options and showing me many houses that were in the low-budget price range of a young NCO. Fly high Silent Warrior. **//Scott Winn//**

Profound sadness at the loss of another fine "Silent Warrior". I first met Jim when he was my sponsor when I arrived at the 6949th at Offutt AFB in October 1972 from Okinawa. From that time on Jim remained a good friend whom I met frequently at local retiree luncheons over the years. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Salute! **//William White//**

My condolences to Jim's family. I worked with "The Mayor of Cedar Creek" as we called him when I was stationed at the 6949th at Offutt AFB. Enjoyed his wry wit and great sense of humor. Jim's name will be called at the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's Remembrance Ceremony later this year. **//Pete Siegel//**



Rayfield, Richard R., 83, passed away November 18, 2018. Richard joined the USAF 1952, completed basic training at Sampson AFB, NY and Tech School (Radio Operator Course) at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. He served with the 41st RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany on Dog Flight as a Morse Intercept Operator. In 1954 Richard was transferred to the 85th RSM at Sembach/Wasserkupe, Germany. He is survived by his wife, Maria and 3 children: Richard, Tracy and Margaret. //Obits 6913th.org & Islands Cremation and Funeral Home//

His rank was A2C and he served during the Korean Conflict. //Cape Canaveral National Cemetery//



Richardson, James H., passed away Dec 9, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF and served his country in Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913 RSM in "Maintenance" from 1956-59. //Obit 6913th.org//



Ritola, Lars G., 69, passed away Dec 22, 2018. The following death notice appeared in the Record-Eagle.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition of the Record-Eagle. Services will be held in the spring.

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services. //Death Notice Record-Eagle//

His rank was Sgt and he served during the Vietnam Conflict.//Oakwood Cemetery//

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Spear, Benny W., MSgt (ret), 75, passed away Dec 26, 2018. He is survived by companion Kathy Martz. //Death Notice Kahler Dolce Mortuary //

Got to know Benny on Crete also but came to find out through our Charlie Flight connection he grew up in

Sugar Creek, OH. Less than 20 miles from where I grew up. Small World. Prayers! **//Andy Ronald//**

I got to really know Benny at the "Charlie Flight" reunions held in St. Louis. He and I had been stationed together on the Greek island of Crete while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Benny was smart, funny, and articulate. My last memory of him will always be of us sipping Metaxa (a Greek brandy) together at the "Charlie Flight" reunions. Rest In Peace my Brother...my fellow "Silent Warrior". **//Bobby Armistead//**



Stephan, Robert W., MSgt (ret), 66, passed away Nov 4, 2018. He was the youngest member of his Russian class at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, in 1970-1971. He served during the Vietnam War in Okinawa and Thailand during 1972-1974 and later reenlisted, serving in other areas such as San Vito, Italy. He served in the CIA from 1987-2006 and was an adjunct professor at the Institute of World Politics, writing "Stalin's Secret War: Soviet Counterintelligence Against the Nazis, 1941-1945". It was published in 2004 **//Obit findagrave.com//**

Served 20 years 11 Active, 9 Reserves; AFSC 203X0; assignments included 6990th Okinawa 72-73, 6912th Berlin 74-76, 6917th San Vito 76-79, Ft Meade 79-81, AF Reserves DIA 1981-1990. He earned a PhD and authored "Stalin's Secret War: Soviet Counterintelligence Against the Nazis. **//Peter Zahorodny//**



Stultz, James R., MSgt (ret), 93, passed away Jul 4, 2018. He saw service during WWII as a Radio Operator/Gunner on B-17 and B-29 aircraft and also served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Jim's assignments included Alaska, Korea, Germany and Japan. He retired from USAFSS in 1969. Jim is preceded in death by his loving wife of 66 years Jean. He is survived by 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. **//Obit Porter Loring**

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His rank was MSgt and he served during the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. **//Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery//**



Sutterfield, Suzanne M. 56, passed away Nov 1, 2018. She enlisted in the USAF where she graduated from the Defense Language Institute and served for ten years as a Russian Linguist and Intelligence Analyst. Upon leaving the service at the rank of Staff Sergeant, she continued her career as an Intel Analyst as a civilian contractor with Trident Data Systems. Suzanne is survived by her husband, Lee; daughters, Cara and Sarah Smeltzer; son, William. //Obit Porter Loring Mortuary//



Tucker, Glover J., MSgt (ret), 80, passed away Nov 8. 2018. He enlisted in the USAF and served for 24 years on assignments around the world. He is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughter Urcella; son Christopher. //Obit Castle Ridge Mortuary//

He was a MSgt and served during the Vietnam Conflict. //Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery//

AFSC 207X1. Assignments include Oct 1961-1963 Elmendorf AFB, Alaska/6981' Nov 1963-1964 St Lawrence Island, Alaska; Oct 1964-1967 Misawa, Japan; 1967-1968 Lackland AFB Annex/Medina; 1968-1969 Udorn AB/ Thailand; 1969-1973 Darmstadt & Augsburg Germany; April 1973- May 1975 Taipei, Taiwan/6987; May 1975- Oct 1977 Homestead AFB, Florida; Nov 1977 – Nov 1980; Hahn AFB, Germany/6911; Dec 1980 – Nov 1984 Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX.HQ ESC. //Edward Jolly//



Warta, Norman O., 89, passed away Nov 14, 2018. He enlisted in the USAF in 1951 during the Korean War. Norm attended Louisiana Tech and served at the Security Service USAFSS Headquarters which later he served at the Air Intelligence Agency as a Crypto-Tele-Type Operator. Norm served with Johnny Cash in the 6923d Personal Processing Squadron (PPS) at the Brooks Air Force Base. Norm was Honorably

Discharged in 1955 having served 4 years and attaining the Rank of Staff Sargent all 4 years. He was in the Honor Guard at Military funerals for 20 years. He was a Life Member of the Seifert-Bianchi American Legion Post 132 serving in several capacities, a Life Member of DAV Chapter No. 15, also the USAFSS Comm-Sec Veterans Group, Brooks Air Force Base

Heritage Foundation and Freedom Through Vigilance Association. Norm is survived by his four loving daughters, Margaret, Karen, Barbara, and Lynn. Norm was preceded in death by the love of his life this past June, Lois of 66 years. //Obit Minnesota Valley Funeral Home//

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