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Freedom Through Vigilance Association

Annual History

October 2018 – September 2019

Objective

The overall objectives of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA) are to foster continued awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force, in general, and specifically those of the 25 Air Force – and to provide Association members a forum for desirable social, educational and humanitarian services.

Period of history

This history covers October 2018 – September 2019 and spans the social year of the FTVA.

Organization

The Kelly AFB Commander, Col. John Webb, organized the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, formerly known as the USAFSS/ESC Association and the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association, on October 26, 1981, with the approval of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. The Alumni charter was granted on December 2, 1981. William T. Ballard was the chartering president.

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2019 FTVA Hall of Honor Selections

By

A.J. Harrison

Hall of Honor Program Chair

On behalf of the FTVA Hall of Honor Selection Committee, I am pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for induction into the FTVA Hall of Honor for 2019. These outstanding individuals will be inducted at a 4 October ceremony as part of the annual reunion.

Radabaugh, Gregory C., SES, DAF (Ret)

Roman, Gregory A., Col, USAF (Ret)

Rasmussen, Dennis L., CMSgt, USAF (Ret)

Bisset, Horace (Joe) F., MSgt, USAF (Ret)

Also, I wish to thank this year's Hall of Honor selection committee members for their hard work and dedication in reviewing the numerous application packages, for engaging in meaningful dialogue and arriving at consensus during the past few months. This was not an easy process as there were many, many worthy individuals. This year's committee members were:

Brig Gen Grover Jackson, USAF (Ret)

Lt Col Ken Williams, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Bob Crabtree, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Ed Jolly, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Bob Egger, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Marco Aldaz, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Edward Barnes, USAF (Ret)

SMSgt Lee Anthony, USAF (Ret)

25TH AIR FORCE NEWS

Compiled by Ken Maynard,
Associate Editor

ACC ANNOUNCES 24TH, 25TH AF MERGER

Adapted from an article by ACC/PA

Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA—Air Combat Command is merging Twenty Fourth and Twenty Fifth Numbered Air Forces at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, this summer to better integrate cyber effects, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations, electronic warfare operations, and information operations.



Air Combat Command Twenty Fourth and Twenty Fifth Air Forces, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, will merge this summer to better integrate cyber effects, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations, electronic warfare operations, and information operations. Graphics by: Mr. Robert Young

The synergy between cyber, ISR, EW, and IO will increase unity of effort across these capabilities, resulting in new and improved options for combatant commanders. The

integration also better aligns these units with priorities outlined in the 2018 National Defense Strategy and delivers the first “Information Warfare” NAF for the Air Force.

“The merger of 24th and 25th is the next step in leveraging and integrating new ideas and technologies to both improve the quality and speed of decision-making and deliver improved effects for commanders,” said Gen. Mike Holmes, commander of Air Combat Command. “This formalizes the existing

collaborations between cyber and ISR while expanding our competitive space in EW and IO, ultimately improving readiness and increasing lethality across the range of military operations – all vital to the success of multi-domain warfighting in the 21st century.”

The new IW NAF bolsters the Air Force’s ability to present electromagnetic spectrum forces and capabilities to execute missions alongside joint and interagency partners.

While the final organizational structure has not yet been determined, ACC anticipates an activation ceremony at JBSA-Lackland, Texas, in late summer of 2019.

Editor’s note: As of the end of September 2019 the merger is still pending.

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ACC discusses 16th Air Force as new information warfare NAF

By Staff Reports, Air Combat Command Public Affairs / Published September 18, 2019



U.S. Air Force Gen. Mike Holmes, the commander of Air Combat Command; Lt. Gen. James C. Slife, Air Force Special Operations Command commander; Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigian, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa commander; Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., Pacific Air Forces and Air Component commander; and Gen. Timothy M. Ray, Air Force Global Strike Command commander, discuss forward power projection in the 21st century during the Air Force Association Air, Space & Cyber Conference in National Harbor, Md., Sept. 18, 2019. After this panel, Holmes participated in a media event where he talked about 16th Air Force, the new information warfare numbered Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Erin Smith)

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. (AFNS) --

Gen. Mike Holmes, Air Combat Command commander, discussed the designation of the 16th Air Force as a new information warfare numbered air force Sept. 18 at the Air Force Association's Air, Space & Cyber Conference in National Harbor.

ACC will integrate 24th Air Force and 25th Air Force capabilities into a new organization under a single commander who will be responsible for providing information warfare capabilities to combatant commanders with the speed to match today's technological environment.

"By having cyber and all the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance tools together, one of the things it allows me to do is build a collection plan in advance

before I do something and am able to have better information to support better decisions for our warfighters," he said. "The Air Force is not going to run independent information warfare campaigns, but we'll build those, organize, train and equip tools for combatant commanders."

The heritage of 16th Air Force pays tribute to a group of highly decorated Airmen with a history of continued excellence in joint warfighting, strategic deterrence and military partnerships. During the Balkans air campaigns in the 1990s, the 16th Air Force pioneered efforts in the way the Air Force conducts intelligence operations, setting the foundation for operating in a continuously evolving information environment.

"We want to arm our leaders with options they can use that are proportional to the things that peer adversaries are doing," he said. "We think we can present more robust teams with better intelligence support behind them and present some information ops options, which we have some game at already, but to improve that and be able to offer it on a larger scale to more combatant commanders at once."

Activating 16th Air Force emphasizes the organization's continued excellence in addition to its early use of integrated information systems and emerging technologies, such as remotely piloted aircraft. Just as the 16th Air Force made history bedding down the RQ-1 Predator at Taszar, Hungary, to provide enhanced ISR capabilities in the Balkans, it will soon make history again in the expanding arena of information warfare.

"The activation of 16th (Air Force) will synchronize the mission areas of ISR, electronic warfare, cyber and information operations capabilities," said Holmes. "This integrated capability will provide multi-domain options to component and combatant commanders around the globe."

The 16th Air Force will be located at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, where ACC will hold an activation ceremony later this year.



AIRMEN RECOGNIZED FOR THWARTING ADVERSARY ATTACK

Adapted from an article by TSgt Darnell Cannady, 480th ISRW/PA
Published July 26, 2019

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, VA — One of the keys to a successful combat operation is combining intelligence reporting with mission operations planning and execution. The 497th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group here, recently recognized three Airmen with achievement medals for providing timely and critical information that effectively saved the lives of 100 personnel.

Senior Airman Benjamin was conducting intelligence analysis when he uncovered a report of a potential attack. He reported this to his shift lead, Senior Airman Sean, and then immediately began compiling a report to provide leadership with a detailed intelligence assessment.

This report showed 50 enemy fighters planning an attack on a U.S. Central Command Forward Operating Base that housed both U.S. personnel and local forces.

Responding immediately to this threat, Sean tasked his team of analysts to conduct further research and provide more detailed intelligence. Senior Airman Carlos led this team and satisfied the request, providing adversary intentions.

Sean delivered the report to the Combined Air Operations Center, which was not aware of the severity and complexity of the imminent attack. The report informed the task force and put them on alert hours before the attack.

The CAOC sent five air assets to intercept the enemy threat, resulting in the destruction of one vehicle-borne improvised explosive device, two improvised assault vehicles, and 82 enemies killed. The FOB repelled the attack and the lives of 100 personnel were saved.

While only three were recognized, multiple team members played a role in ensuring critical information landed in the hands of key decision makers, fulfilling the group's motto of 'Providing the right intel to the right person at the right time'.

"I think this specific scenario was an excellent example of how we really should be operating on a day-to-day basis as far as how we integrate internally, and how we communicate with mission partners," said Benjamin.



ISR EFFECTS INITIATIVE CONNECTS INTEL AIRMEN WITH OUTCOME OF EFFORTS

Adapted from an article by SSgt Eboni Prince, 480 ISRW/PA

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii—Intelligence analysts are often the driving force behind mission successes world-wide. Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Airmen take data from all domains, analyze it and turn it into decision quality information for countless customers on a daily basis.

One of the issues in providing intelligence during a continuous operations tempo is that analysts often do not receive feedback regarding the fruits of their labor.

Consequently, a few members of the 8th IS launched an initiative to scour systems of records and build communication bridges with mission partners to highlight the true impact and effectiveness of intelligence analysts' hard work.

Thus, ISR Effects was created.

Designed to provide individual and meaningful feedback to Airmen within the squadron, the initiative directly supports the 480 ISRW's interdependent priority to make the wing an assignment of choice by investing in ways to connect Airmen to the outcome of their efforts.

SMSgt Charles Edwards, 8th IS operations superintendent, launched the initiative by selecting two subject-matter experts with diverse operational backgrounds who shared a passion to innovate the best way to empower Airmen. These two Airmen, SSgts Dora Saladee and Jhonathan Jimenez, conceptualized the foundations, tactics, techniques and procedures necessary to create a program that contributes to morale and resiliency.

“The work this team does closes the feedback loop of the intelligence process and builds compelling narratives backed by deep qualitative and quantitative impacts of daily intelligence tasks that help eliminate the drudgery that can build without an effort of this kind,” said Edwards.

Saladee and Jimenez spend every workday researching missions, communicating with mission partners and compiling and managing data, as well as brainstorming innovative acquisition methods.

“I think this is an amazing program that helped scratch an itch intel analysts have had for a long time,” said Jimenez. “Many times, they feel they simply produce products and reports to no end and rarely understand the importance of how those reports are being utilized within the

intelligence community. With this program, we have witnessed firsthand the surprise in Airmen as they learn the level to which their intelligence efforts are being implemented.”



U.S. Air Force Airmen assigned to the 8th Intelligence Squadron conduct analysis at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Feb. 22, 2019. ISR Effects is an initiative that helps connect intelligence analysts to the outcome of their efforts. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Eboni Prince)

ISR Airmen like TSgt Nicole Boggs, 8th IS intelligence analyst, have already felt the impact of what ISR Effects can bring to the unit in a few short months.

“The ISR Effects reports bring awareness to Airmen with our unit which demonstrates how their actions, no matter how seemingly small, have a bigger purpose, and increases individual knowledge of how far-reaching the ISR enterprise impression really is,” said Boggs.

Mission partners rely on these Airmen and their cognitive abilities, coupled with high-end technologies, to help provide an advantage. It seems only fitting that the significance of their work be understood, highlighted and emphasized.

“ISR Effects efforts reinforce the teamwork necessary to secure these outcomes,” said Edwards. “Our team has done a fantastic job in emphasizing that the work we do means people who never knew we were there are safe to continue defending the U.S. and its interests.”

HISTORY & MEMORIES

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, and 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.”

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Editor’s note: The following article was originally printed in the March 2011 ‘Remain in Touch’.

The following article was written in 2000. For the record, the writer completed six overseas tours in Germany, Japan, Taiwan and Korea during his lackluster career. He also completed stateside tours at the Air Force Special Communications Center (Remote Intercept Recovery at Kelly), Air Force Electronic Warfare Center and The National Security Agency. He trained and worked as a cryptanalyst and also served as a radio traffic analyst, flight analyst, flight reporter, flight commander and ground-support analytic role for an Airborne Communications Reconnaissance Platform unit. He also pulled a tour of duty as a watch NCO at an All-Sources-Indications-Center. (NOTE: He took his turn at burn detail and through good luck, and by the grace of God, he received the Good Conduct Medal. He retired as a MSgt in 1975.

(Above Introduction Submitted by Luther Deese)

USAFSS AND THE YOUNG (at the time) AIRMEN

by Don Lehmann

This is just a small note of thanks to those who made the United States Air Force Security Service what it was during the Cold War years. If you know anyone who served as an Intercept Operator, Voice Specialist or Traffic Analyst, please let them know their efforts were truly appreciated. Time has a way of getting by and it is hard to believe that a quarter of a century has passed since my Security Service days between 1955 and 1975. Nostalgia-fueled net-search met with some success but I couldn’t get “the feel” for USAFSS, as I knew it, in the 50’s, 60’s and early 70’s. In particular, any report of contributions and accomplishments by first- and second-termers in the communications intelligence field seemed remarkably absent while generals and colonels, if one were to go by honors bestowed by some organizations, would appear to have carried the day for Security Service. The roles of these airmen were not only significant but, indeed, were the critical element of our successful intelligence operation.

First, and foremost, Security Service was an enlisted man's (and woman's) organization until at least the 70's. By this I mean that all activities, from the commanding general's on down, were in direct support of the collection, processing, analysis and reporting of communications intelligence. All of these activities, plus most ancillary missions, were primarily conducted by the 20XX AFSC's: 201 (Cryptanalyst), 202 (Radio Traffic Analyst), 203 (Language Specialist) and 29X (Morse Intercept and Printer Ops) who were, to a person, enlisted personnel. Conversely, an officer's organization would be one in which all activities are in direct support of a mission that is carried out primarily by officers. A fighter unit would be a good example where the mission would be to put the pilot and plane on target. In the Security Service of the 50's, 60's and 70's, the 20X's and 29X's were the "pilots" who delivered the "goods."

Secondly, the Security Service that I remember, was Air Force ~ but very few mistook us for the military. Many military traditions tended to be at odds with mission efficiency and some personnel who transferred into Security Service had a difficult time dealing with the "free spirits" and the flexible, just get-the-job-done atmosphere. For example, in Misawa, Japan, circa 1963, a captain submitted his request for a transfer back to his old command because, as he stated, he had never seen such a group of unmilitary-like enlisted people in his life. Who could forget, in 1957 at Zweibrucken, Germany, the 1st Sgt announcing to the assembled troops that he was going to, "make everyone a soldier, by God!" The laughter he received in response pretty well summed it up. The idea was so incongruous with reality it was, well, just funny. Near Taipei, Taiwan, in 1962, an E-4 who had crossed-trained from another career field took affront when he learned that he would be trained by a lower ranking E-3, the person he was replacing. (Training/orientation by the person being replaced was the customary practice in Security Service at the time.) The cross-trainee was offered an apology for being put into such a demeaning position and was told that the next day he should report for duty less the number of stripes on his sleeve it would take for him to be comfortable with the situation. Even though it was a relaxed military, Security Service was definitely an elite organization — without the individual elitists. The intelligence specialists came from all walks-of-life, representing all ethnic groups and every socio-economic strata of our Country. They were in the top ten percent of all enlistees in the Air Force. They were involved, intelligence-wise, in every international situation that was a threat, or had a potential threat, to our Nation. When their shift came up they performed like the true professionals they were.

Sputnik was launched in 1957 and our space program didn't get up full steam until shortly thereafter. In the 50's we didn't have the cyberspace technology now available and, consequently, if there was a pretty-good-sized remote hill in the proximity of a target nation's communications we likely put an intercept site there. "The Hill" (hill 170) [later called the 6903rd], Osan, Korea, was rather typical of some of our smaller sites.

Throughout Europe, the Mideast, Asia and the far East, from the Mediterranean to the Pacific, and in Alaska and down the Aleutian Chain these collection sites were manned by—you guessed it—enlistees, mostly first- and second-termers., Land-based intercepts were supplemented by our Airborne Communications Reconnaissance Platform RB-50s (and later the RC-130s and after that the RC- 135s) with rear-end crews of ten or so 203's, a lonely 292 and an occasional 202. These enlistees chased those dits and dahs all over the ether and they intercepted and transcribed voice

intercepts in many tongues. They mastered Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, German, Spanish, Eastern-European Slavic, Arabic and other languages. This massive amount of data was screened for perishable intelligence by the analysts and reported to the appropriate national-level consumer. The technical knowledge and communications intelligence expertise this required fell strictly in the enlisted man's domain.

As anyone who manned the intercept sites during the tense Cold War period knows, a sense of well-being for the Country could only come with the knowledge that there was always a damn-good intercept operator or voice specialist sitting in front of that console. Our operations were directed by NSA (National Security Agency). NSA, of course, had the horses and did the heavy lifting when it came to cryptanalysis, long-term and in-depth analysis. We had our Command Headquarters at Kelly but to the troops in the field it was almost a non-entity though they occasionally made their presence known. For instance in the mid-1960s, Headquarters announced that Security Service would have its very own "BEAVER" Program. Most, especially anyone stationed at the more remote sites, were delighted to learn to their chagrin that the term was an acronym (**Be Ever Alert Vigilant Error Removal**) for a Department of Defense mandated "Zero-Defects" program. I'm sure Command played an important role in planning, budgeting, logistical and other support activities to implement NSA directives but, to the field locations, their light was well hidden under the proverbial bushel as we dealt primarily with NSA and other operational units.

Throughout the years, after I turned "lifer," the first-termers continued to provide the bulk of personnel for manning our positions and they always performed admirably. They came in hurt and sick (but mostly hung-over) when necessary and did the job at hand—they were the best of the best. I know many went on to successful careers in civilian life after their stints in Security Service and it was my privilege to have known and worked with them and, speaking I'm sure for all of us lifers, I thank them. So, when you see the lists honoring the colonels and generals give them the due they deserve, but remember—always remember—that it was the young (at the time) airmen who produced the intelligence in Security Service and it was the young (at the time) airmen who stood watch over the Nation. Then, as you view the list, pencil in hundreds of names of young (at the time) airmen and you will have re-created a pretty good image of what Security Service was like in the 50's, 60's and early 70's.

*//The foregoing opinions of the author should not be construed as any kind of official/unofficial history of Security Service. It's just Don's story and he's sticking to it. // **Ed Note**//*

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FALLEN EAGLES

We have learned of the following losses from caring relatives, friends or obituaries and we 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." D. MacArthur

Abeska, Mary Ann, SSgt, USAF; **Adkinson**, James E., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Allen**, Jeffrey R., SrA, USAF; **Allen**, Joseph F., TSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Member**; **Amburn**, Charles L. "Bud", MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Armitage**, John R., USAFSS; **Auchterlonie**, Alexander, CMSgt (ret), ESC; **Becknell**, Robert Lee, USAFSS; **Beeler**, John D., USAFSS; **Bellish**, Anthony P., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Berg**, Russell P., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Bernier**, Paul A. MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Boersma**, Dale, A1C, USAFSS; **Bresnok**, Michael L., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Britt**, Gene Holder, SMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Brock**, Dennis E., USAFSS; **Brush**, Robert S., USAFSS; **Bryant**, William R., CMSgt (ret) **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Bryant**, William R., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Burnette**, Denver, H., USAFSS; **Burnside**, Robert F., A1C, USAFSS; **Butts**, Joseph L., SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Cargill**, Roger D., USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Casciano**, John P., Maj Gen (ret), AIA; **Cheek**, John W. Jr, Rev. Dr. USAFSS; **Chicosky**, Kent "Chick", CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Cook**, Marvin K., USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Cook**, Richard R., A1C, USAFSS; **Crawford**, Ronald, D., USAFSS; **Cromer**, Larry J., retired, USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Dietz**, Donald C., A2C, USAFSS; **Drury**, Del Gregory, SSgt, USAFSS; **Duplessis**, Paul E., Col (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Dykstra**, John Junior, USAFSS; **Everidge**, Eddie F., USAFSS; **Feit**, Stephen S. USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Ferrill**, Howard M., Maj (ret), **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Gautreau**, Burnell "Frenchie", USAFSS; **Green**, Joe B., Col (ret), USAFSS; **Gregory**, Joe H., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Grinsel**, David C., USAFSS; **Hain**, Richard M., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Haley**, Roma F., SSgt, USAFSS; **Hamilton**, David J., Maj (ret), USAFSS; **Hansen**, Louis L., USAFSS; **Hartmann**, Frank, USAFSS; **Hawkins**, Ronnie D., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Hoag**, Charles, USAFSS; **Hoffman**, David C. Sgt, USAFSS; **Huartson**, Raymond Kenneth, USAFSS; **Hughes**, Ronald Douglas, USAFSS; **Huigens**, Lawrence H., TSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Hux**, James F. III, USAFSS; **Irwin** James, R. II, SSgt, USAFSS; **Kahlow**, Theodore, A1C, USAFSS; **Klase**, Larry E., USAFSS; **Krzesicki**, Charles M. USAFSS; **Lane**, Albert Carl, SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Leonard**, Arthur, B. USAFSS; **Lott**, Randall R. MSgt (ret), USAF; **Lynch**, John P., Col (ret), USAF **FTVA Hall of Honor 1995**; **Mackey**, Billy J., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Maddox**, Zane, MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Mangum**, David A., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Member**; **McVey**, Karin Kreiss (Spouse of Stanley McVey USAFSS); **Meyer**, Clare Stephen, USAFSS; **Micale**, Peter N., Col (ret), USAF; **Mitchell**, Voy J., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Montecino**, Allen J., Col (ret), USAFSS;

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1. **Sept 29, 2018 FTVA Annual General Membership Meeting:** After the VP determined there was a quorum, President Ted Colquhoun called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Security Service Federal Credit Union, La Cantera Corporate Headquarters Building Board of Directors conference room, San Antonio Texas. Bernie Gavin was the longest serving member present (1958) and John Toillon travelled the farthest to attend (Hawaii).

2. ATTENDANCE:

Ted Colquhoun – President	Evan Smith – Vice President
Lee Anthony – Treasurer	Ron Haygood
Bernie Gavin (Alamo Chapter)	Dennis Buxton
Ken Maynard	Ken Williams
AJ Harrison	Bill Scheck
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Scott Lawson (Salt Lake Chapter)	J.J. Graham (Heritage Chapter)
Roy Burnett	Dennis Rassmusen
George Eichelberger (Rocky Mountain)	Bob Crabtree
Kurt Shoe	BG Grover Jackson

3. **MINUTES:** President Ted Colquhoun requested a motion to forego the reading on the last General Membership Meeting Minutes as the Secretary was absent and only a draft copy was available. Motion made and seconded.
4. **TREASURER's REPORT:** Lee Anthony provide a annual report and related that the Association accounts were down 9K in 2017 and about the same for 2018, and that cost cutting and additional revenue options need to be considered. A long discussion followed about the cost of mailing hardcopy directories and Remain in Touch Newsletters. Much of the discussion centered on the need to move to electronic mailing and impacts to the few members who still rely on paper copies. The Board took an action to have a follow-up discussion on the topic to weigh the merits and make a decision on the way ahead and timeline. Additionally, the Memorial Fund is healthy and Chapters should solicit funds from the board for projects that meet the Memorial Fund criteria.
5. **VIGILANT PARTNER UPDATE:** Lee Anthony reported that contributions from Vigilant Partners was down and recommended we proactively seek new partners.
6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**
 - a. **FTVA Historian** – Bernie Gavin – Reminded everyone to provide their regular reports; needs a copy of last year's Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes for the history.

- b. **Web & Membership Chairman – Roy Burnett** – Assessing the membership tracking tool for sustainability; updating webpage...working to get on-line sign-up and payment established; recommended the need for a concerted membership drive. The Board took an action to have a follow-up meeting to discuss membership recruitment. Discussed Associate Membership ROE.
- c. **Hall of Honor: AJ Harrison** – Thanked Ted for recognizing in his speech at the HoH induction ceremony all those on the Selection Committee...lots of hard work. Inducted 189th -192nd members this year. Ron Haygood stressed the need to push the nomination process to the Chapters and the need for buy-in and support from 25AF Command Section.
- d. **Memorial Ceremony: Ted & Lee** – The event was a success; C5 overflight(s) timing was a bit off; Ted noted the voluntary participation of several Med Group personnel. Significant because there was a heat-related medical event and, since the Base had determined the event was not to be supported officially by medical personnel, had they not been present could've been tragic. Ted took this up with 25AF leadership to engage with the Base for next year.
- e. **Social Activities: Ken Williams** – Still need a replacement Social Chairperson. Noted the Lackland Club was already booked for a wedding for the normal September Banquet date. Highlighted that the last Spring Social had only 55 people attend...recommended the Board consider if it's worth continuing. Board took an action to discuss.
- f. **Golf: Dennis Buxton** – By all accounts the Golf Tournament was a big success; thanked Bob Benitez for putting together a great event. Everyone loved the earlier start time and the food was much better than in previous years. Prizes were good. There were 10 fewer teams than in previous years, which hastened play, and was generally attributed to 25AF legal determination that it couldn't be designated a place of duty.
- g. **Picnic: Jaque Lerma** – Overall good event. Attendance was down somewhat, partially attributable to an unforeseen funeral service for a 25AF Airman that coincided with the event
- h. **Newsletter: Dennis Buxton** – The suspense for inputs for the next RIT Newsletter is 1 November; as all are busy, need to "remain in touch" and push regular reminders.

7. CHAPTER UPDATES:

- a. **Aloha Chapter:** John Tilly" Toillon provide an update; small membership but active and viable.
- b. **Rocky Mountain Chapter:** George "Ike" Eichelberger provided an update. Very robust chapter with active participation. Annual written report provided.

- c. **Heritage Chapter:** J.J. Graham gave a comprehensive update of the chapter's activities. Extremely well supported by 17TRW leadership and local civic and veterans organizations.
- d. **Salt Lake City Chapter:** Scott Lawson provided an update; still working membership efforts...highlighted need to show value of membership to potential members.

8. BUSINESS:

- a. **Election of Officers:** Having received no other nominations, Lee Anthony and Loren "Phred" Sevinger were confirmed as the Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.
- b. **Schedule of Events for Next Year:** In light of the Gateway Club's availability for next year, a motion was made, seconded and approved to move next year's Anniversary Events to the first week of October.

9. OPEN FORUM:

- a. Kurt Shoe from Florida opened a discussion about opportunities for better partnering with veterans and civic organizations. Ted noted that this was the first year that the City of San Antonio formally recognized the events with their formal proclamation. Recommended the Board discuss partnership opportunities in the future.

- 10. ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION

Income/Expense By Category (1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018)

INCOME

Donations	4,797.00
Interest, Inc.	797.90
Membership Dues	5,157.00
Social Receipts	11,024.30
Chapter Income	3,264.80
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,041.00

EXPENSES

25 AF Activities/Support	17,373.70
Bank Service Charges	20.00
Chapter Rebates	1,722.00
Membership/Contract Labor	9,783.04
Newsletter	11,465.21
Social Events	1,718.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$42,081.15

OVERALL TOTAL **-\$17,040.15**

USAFSS/ESC MEMORIAL FUND

Income/Expense By Category (1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018)

INCOME

Donations	5,495.00
Interest, Inc.	287.97
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,782.97

EXPENSES

25 AF Support (Tennant Hall)	1,600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,600.00

OVERALL TOTAL **\$4,182.97**

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