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Freedom Through Vigilance Association Annual History

October 2019 – September 2020

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 16 Air Force – and to provide Association members a forum for desirable social, educational and humanitarian services.

Period of history

This history covers October 2019 – September 2020 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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Ted Colquhoun	Past President

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FTVA HALL OF HONOR



2020 Selections

A.J. Harrison, Chairman, Hall of Honor Program

Mr. President,

The Hall of Honor Selection Committee has notified all of this year's inductees, and all have accepted. I therefore announce the 2020 Hall of Honor Inductees:

- **Brig Gen Neal T. Robinson, USAF (Ret) (Deceased)/ Mrs. Patricia Robinson accepted on her husband's behalf**
- **Mr. Larry L. Benson, Col (Ret)/DISL (Ret), USAF**
- **Mr. John Michael Kretzer, DISL, USAF (Ret)**
- **Lt Col Bernie Gavin, USAF (Ret)**

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the following committee members:

- Brigadier General Grover Jackson, USAF (Ret)
- Mr. Gregory Radabaugh, USAF (Ret)
- Lt Colonel Ken Williams, USAF (Ret)
- Chief Master Sergeant Robert Crabtree, USAF (Ret)
- Chief Master Sergeant Kenneth Maynard, USAF (Ret)
- Chief Master Sergeant Edward Barnes, USAF (Ret)
- Chief Master Sergeant Marco Aldaz, USAF (Ret)
- Senior Master Sergeant Lee Anthony, USAF (Ret)

This year was more challenging than many in the past, and the total professionalism of this group remains an inspiration. They spent a great deal of time to ensure the best-of-the-best are selected. It is a true privilege to serve with each of them.

Thank you and Remain In Touch.

A.J. Harrison, Hall of Honor Program Chair



FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION HALL OF HONOR CHARTER

11 April 2020

Overview and History:

The constitution of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA), hereinafter referred to as the association, states that the objectives of the association are to foster continued awareness of the mission and the accomplishments of the USAF, in general, and the USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency/24th Air Force/25th Air Force, and past or present military and civilian personal of 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) in particular; and, to provide the association members a forum for desirable social, educational and humanitarian services.

Fulfillment of these objectives takes many forms. One particular program which promotes the awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the USAF and USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA/AF ISR Agency/24 AF/25 AF, and 16 AF (Air Forces Cyber), hereinafter referred to as the Heritage Organizations, is to honor those who have served the Heritage Organizations with great distinction and excellence, far above and beyond that expected by virtue of grade or position.

There is no greater honor than to be recognized by one's peers as one of the "best of the best."

The USAFSS/ESC Association, the predecessor of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, introduced the program in 1983 when "The Founders" of the command were identified and recognized. In subsequent years, the association identified and recognized "Distinguished Alumni" from among those who served with distinction during a decade (e.g. the Fifties, the Sixties, etc.).

Subsequently, the program became the Hall of Honor (HoH) Program and honored individuals of any period who served the command with great distinction. While it is clearly understood that there were different criteria for the selection of those in the past, to facilitate understanding and preclude confusion, all individuals previously selected - Founders, Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Honor - are referred to in this document as "Hall of Honor" or "HoH" members.

This charter formalizes the Hall of Honor Program in a single document, states its purpose, articulates the policy and eligibility criteria, and establishes the selection procedures. Furthermore, it is the intent of this charter to ensure that the integrity of the Hall of Honor Program is not compromised, that the criteria for selection remains stringent, and that only the "best of the best" are inducted into the Hall of Honor as members.

Purpose:

To identify, recognize, honor and provide lasting tribute to those individuals who served with great distinction and brought recognition and honor to the USAF, the command and

themselves while assigned to units with lineage to the USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA or AF ISR Agency, 24 AF, 25 AF or 16 AF.

Criteria for Nomination and Selection:

Served honorably and with distinction while serving in the command.

Achieved an outstanding record of accomplishment while in the Heritage Organizations by making significant, distinctive and extraordinary contributions to mission success; demonstrated great acts of courage or bravery; or, saved the lives of others through professional skills and/or acts of courage.

Former members of the command are eligible, as follows:

Active duty personnel, being otherwise eligible, must have concluded their assignment(s) in the Heritage Organizations. Only those accomplishments achieved while assigned to the Heritage Organizations will be considered, unless the individual was in a position of great responsibility which allowed him/her to make significant, material contributions to the Heritage Organizations' mission success through policy making, resource allocation, mission alignment, etc.

Those personnel who continue their association with the Heritage Organizations as Department of the Air Force (DAF) civilians following retirement from active duty are eligible; however, consideration will only be given to accomplishments during the period of active duty. Accomplishments during their period of civilian service will not be considered until final retirement from civil service.

Career DAF civilians either must have retired from civilian service or concluded their assignment(s) in the Heritage Organizations. Only those accomplishments achieved while assigned to the Heritage Organizations will be considered, unless the individual was in a position of great responsibility which allowed him/her to make significant, material contributions to the Heritage Organizations' mission success through policy making, resource allocation, mission alignment, etc.

Potential candidates for nomination would include top Airmen and DAF civilians who received Department of Defense, Air Force-level and/or Heritage Organizations-level recognition and/or awards; recipients of major medals (e.g. Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Airman's Medal) and civilian service awards; recognized acts of bravery, life saving and other awards.

Procedures:

Only members of the HoH will participate in the process of selecting candidates for induction into the HoH.

HoH Nominations will be solicited throughout the year through the association newsletter and by letter. Nominations may be submitted at any time during the year; however, they must be received not later than the first Monday of June to be considered in that year.

Nominations may be submitted by mail, preferably by email, addressed as indicated in the newsletter and on the association's web site. If submitted by mail, the address should include "Attn: HoH Committee."

Nominations must be completed using the format specified on the attached example and on the association's web site. Nominations are limited to only one single page, front and back, using Times New Roman, 12 Font. Nomination not meeting criteria will be returned to the submitter.

If not selected earlier, nominations will be considered for a total of 3 consecutive years.

Individuals may be nominated twice. Third and subsequent nominations for an individual will not be considered unless the committee determines that previous nominations did not contain a true characterization of the individual's contributions; and therefore, the previous nominations should not be considered valid.

To be eligible for consideration, a member of the association or of the Headquarters 16 AF Command section must make a nomination. Self-nominations or immediate family nominations are not eligible for consideration.

Selection Process:

Each year, the HoH Program Chairman will appoint a Selection Committee consisting of six to nine members (including the chairman), each of whom must be a HoH member. The chairman may choose to solicit the input of other HoH members via e-mail to be used by the committee in their final selection process. The chairman may also choose to solicit committee members locally or from outside of the local San Antonio area; however, any travel required by any committee member will be at their own expense. Every effort will be made to ensure committee members possess backgrounds representative of those nominated.

The Selection Committee will determine the eligibility of all nominations and evaluate the eligible nominations, including those carried over from the previous year. Normally, the committee will select six candidates, ranked in priority order, from which a maximum of four will be selected for induction with the additional two identified as alternates. There may be fewer selected, depending on the quality of the submissions.

Exceptions to the preceding would include those years when selecting HoH members for a decade (e.g. the "Decade of the Eighties"), in which case a maximum of eight could be selected for that year only. Other exceptions may include unusual circumstances such as courageous and extraordinary actions during combat or natural disasters.

There could also be a year that fewer, or no, submissions are selected for induction due to the quality of the submissions not satisfying the criteria for membership.

The HoH Program Chairman will maintain the rank order listing of the selected candidates. Should one or more of the selected individuals decline induction or be determined to be otherwise ineligible, the HoH Program Chairman will submit the next ranked nominee(s) for induction with the coordination of the Selection Committee.

The HoH Program Chairman will inform the association Board of Directors of the individuals selected for induction into the HoH. Board approval is assumed unless a "for cause" issue is presented. A "for cause" issue is defined as derogatory information unknown by the Selection Committee during the evaluation which would result in the individual being ineligible for induction into the HoH. "For cause" issues will be resolved by the Board of Directors and the HoH Program Chairman.

Following Board review, the HoH Program Chairman will send a letter of notification to the 16 AF Commander listing the names of selectees with biographical information for each nominee.

Notification of Candidates for Induction:

HoH Program Chairman will send a congratulatory letter to each candidate to notify them of their selection for induction into the HoH.

The letter(s) will contain information and instructions regarding the date and time of the induction ceremony, agenda and sequence of events, requirements for photographs, and requests for information regarding guests attending the induction ceremony and the dinner/dance event.

Presentation of Awards:

The HoH Induction Ceremony is a major component of the association's sponsored 16 AF Annual Reunion which is usually conducted during the last weekend of September.

The HoH Induction Ceremony and attendant activities will be coordinated with the 16 AF's liaison officer attached to the association's Board of Directors. The liaison officer will conduct detailed coordination with the 16 AF and the 16 AF Commander, who normally participates in the Induction Ceremony.

Each inductee will be presented a personal plaque during the Induction Ceremony. A master plaque recognizing all inductees will be displayed in the Hall of Honor at the 16 AF headquarters.

The association will provide each inductee with a distinctive name badge, identifying the individual as a HoH member.

Inductees will be honored during the Induction Ceremony and will be recognized during the Annual Meeting and the banquet. The association will host each inductee and one guest at the banquet. Inductees may invite additional guests to the banquet on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Alfred J. Harrison, Chairman Hall of Honor Program

Attachment:

HOH Nomination Form



16TH AIR FORCE NEWS

Compiled by Ken Maynard,
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12N12 TO STREAMLINE CYBER WEAPON SYSTEMS TOOLS

Adapted from an article by Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann, 16AF (Air Forces Cyber) Public Affairs / Published October 25, 2019



U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 33rd Network Warfare Squadron conduct cyber operations at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, Aug. 27, 2019. The 33rd NWS utilizes a cyber weapon system that employs more than 40 tools and applications. The “12N12” initiative aims to reduce this number to 12 in 12 months. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann)

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) leaders recently launched an initiative to streamline its cyber weapon systems tools.

“12N12,” which launched July 1, aims to replace, reduce and consolidate the tools, systems and applications operators and analysts employ within the cyberspace security and defense mission area to approximately 12 by July 1, 2020.

“The goal is to reduce the number of applications in our cyber weapon systems, which in some cases are as many as 70, to about a dozen, and do so in 12 months or less,” said Col. Sean Kern, 26th Cyberspace Operations Group commander.

“But this is absolutely not just a technology initiative,” Kern continued.

“It is about our Airmen and our ability to produce a highly trained and ready cyber force that possesses the appropriate tactics, techniques, procedures and tools, to gain and maintain operational access for core missions, and generate desired effects in and through cyberspace.”

According to Steve Barker, Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) director of requirements, “12N12” aligns with strategic initiatives focused on simplifying and improving full-spectrum weapon systems using agile methodologies to best prepare for future peer-adversary threats.

“‘12N12’ will reduce the complexity of our systems, allowing Airmen to gain deeper expertise in the tools they use as well as posture our enterprise for future change,” he said.

The end state calls for replacing aged, single-purpose tools with newer, multi-purpose ones.

One antiquated tool among many is the Security Information and Event Management tool.

“The SIEM scrubs through all the data we receive and presents it to the operator in a way that is easier to view,” said Staff Sgt. Trevor Daher, 33rd Network Warfare Squadron cyber operator. “It only allows us to manage the stream of information, and it was put in place in 1999. Of course it has been updated, but it is still a 20-year-old product.”

Some newer tools both manage information and respond to alerts.

“There is a tool called a SOAR, a Security Orchestration and Automated Response tool,” said Daher. “This tool reviews data and can be programmed to respond or react to individual alerts in different ways. You tell it what to do – it sees an alert and executes a checklist for you.”

The prospect of having to master fewer weapon systems tools is an encouraging future for Daher.

“Replacing our old tools with new ones would be amazing,” he said. “These tools have capabilities we don’t currently have. Many of them can automate a decent portion of what we do, allowing us to spend more time investigating more malicious activities.”

Within the cybersecurity arena, time is one factor that separates winners from losers.

“In 18 minutes, 49 seconds a foreign nation-state actor can gain initial access into a victim’s computer before moving laterally throughout its network,” said Kern. “That is our operational urgency, and if we don’t get cybersecurity and defense right, we will lose.”

“We look at an insane amount of data from across the Air Force to determine if something is malicious or not,” said Daher. “We have seen what cyber attacks can do, and the goal is to stop those types of things from happening. To do that, we have to monitor our entire network. These new tools could change everything. Being able to better see data enables other Air Force missions to do what they need to do without cyber interruption.”

“The status quo will not work,” said Kern. “Air Combat Command’s efforts to implement agile methods will be critical to achieving our desired July 1, 2020 end state. “By next year, you can expect to see an Airman sitting at a single console, conducting cybersecurity and defense, and not having to move from system to system to do their job,” said Kern.

AIR FORCE INFORMATION WARFARE’S NEW WARFIGHTING UNIT ACTIVATES

Adapted from an article by Sharon Singleton, Sixteenth Air Force / Published March 18, 2020

Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland, Texas — The 616th Operations Center was activated here during a ceremony Monday.

The new OC integrates the 625th OC, including Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance operations with the 624th OC, including cyber operations.

Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) commander, shared his vision for the new center.

“Today we stand up a warfighting unit that will be responsible for the convergence of the Air Force Information Warfare enterprise to create new outcomes for the nation,” said Haugh. “The Airmen of the 616th OC are charged with developing the new operational art that will ultimately change the way our service fights.”



U.S. Air Force Col. James F. Weaver (right) assumes command of the 616th Operations Center from Lt. Gen. Timothy Haugh, Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sharon Singleton

Col. James F. Weaver, the new 616th OC commander eagerly accepted the charge ahead.

“As we move forward into the 616th we bring two great cultures together,” said Weaver. “One that is the gold standard for command and control and the conduct of full-spectrum cyber space operations and one that’s a culture focused on filling gaps and seams to optimize ISR operations worldwide, resulting in increased effectiveness and Air Domain Awareness for Combatant Commanders worldwide.”

The activation concluded with the unfurling of the 616th OC flag and activation of the newly formed 616th OC.

The success in forging the way ahead for the 616th OC will be revolutionary not only for Sixteenth Air Force but for redefining Air Force contributions to joint

operations.

THE SUN SETS FOR EAGLE VISION ONE

Adapted from an article by Tech. Sgt. Darnell T. Cannady, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing / Published February 04, 2020

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. -- On Jan. 28, 2020, the 24th Intelligence Squadron held a sunset ceremony for the Eagle Vision One operation at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Eagle Vision was the Department of Defense’s only deployable commercial satellite imagery downlink station centrally located in Europe. It used commercial software to provide aerial electro-optical or radar imagery. It produced fast, unclassified imagery useful for a variety of military and humanitarian operations.

This ceremony was one of many throughout the Air Force as units relinquish the use of Eagle Vision One.



A wooden plaque, memorializing Eagle Vision One in Ghana, lays on a table during a sunset ceremony at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Jan. 28, 2020. Eagle Vision One used satellite imagery to support operations as well as aiding allies during natural disasters. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Manuel Zamora)

ACC OFFICIALLY DECLARES FULL OPERATING CAPABILITY FOR SIXTEENTH AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES CYBER)

(Adapted from an article by Sharon Singleton and Jennifer Spires, Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) / Published July 17, 2020)



JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO -

LACKLAND, Texas -- Gen. Mike Holmes, Air Combat Command commander and Lt. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh, Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) commander declared Full Operating Capability for Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) during a virtual ceremony held here, Tuesday.

The declaration of FOC signifies that the Air Force’s Information Warfare organization met a rigorous set of criteria, including an approved concept of operations and

demonstrated performance of mission under stress in simulated and real-world conditions.

“Today’s declaration of FOC demonstrates the Air Force’s trust and confidence in the Airmen of Sixteenth Air Force to deliver information warfare outcomes for the nation,” said Haugh.

Haugh highlighted the IW Numbered Air Force’s readiness through the approach of convergence in response to our adversaries.

“We have adopted an approach of convergence that enables a clear focus on these hard problems,” said Haugh. “Convergence takes a global viewpoint and uses access to data across each functional area to generate insights and...integrates IW capabilities to produce timely effects in the information environment.”

As the Sixteenth Air Force looks towards the future it will realize convergence by leveraging the inherent strengths of all the Sixteenth Air Force units.

“Convergence has brought previously segmented elements in our enterprise together...to synchronize on common operational priorities that cross combatant command boundaries,” said Haugh. “As we scale and build upon convergence in the information environment and implement material solutions that automate data awareness and sharing...we will begin to generate global outcomes at the speed of the information war.”

Holmes’ shared Haugh’s sentiments: “Listening to everything the units are doing filled me with certainty that pulling this Numbered Air Force together was the right thing to do,” said Holmes. “You’ve worked relentlessly to optimize the readiness, employment, and presentation of not just [intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance] resources but cyberspace, electromagnetic spectrum, and other information operation assets. It’s a great day for our United States and our combatant commanders as you have now presented new ways to use our assets to maintain our global superiority in this ever-evolving fight.”

Holmes concluded the ceremony by extending his thanks to the entire Sixteenth Air Force team and signing the FOC declaration.

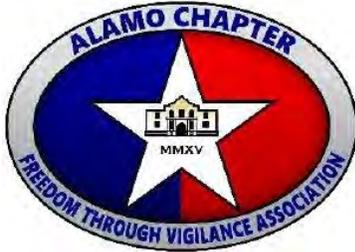
“As you go forward I believe that it’s going to be crucial for you to continually develop the United States multi-domain warfighting capabilities and to ensure that our methods are the most effective, most lethal, and that they remain on the cutting edge. I believe that the establishment of the Sixteenth Air Force will help us to modernize the way information flows from Airmen to 4-star generals.” said Holmes.

The Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) is the first-of-its-kind NAF. Also known as the Air Force’s IW NAF, the Sixteenth Air Force integrates multisource ISR, cyber warfare, electronic warfare, information operations, and weather operations capabilities across the conflict continuum to ensure that our Air Force is fast, lethal and fully integrated in both competition and in war. Sixteenth Air Force provides mission integration of IW at operational and tactical levels... recognizing the role of information in creating dilemmas for adversaries in competition and, if necessary, future conflicts. Sixteenth Air Force is empowered Airmen delivering outcomes for the nation.



FTVA CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

(Note: These FTVA Chapter News articles are condensed with minimal pictures. For the full articles and more photos, see the *Remain in Touch Newsletters* for the past twelve months.)



Alamo Chapter San Antonio, TX

Barnie Gavin, President
Ken Maynard, Secretary/Treasurer

4th Quarter 2019

October 2019 Meeting. Barnie Gavin reminded all that there will not be an October meeting as the annual reunion activities will be in lieu of the need to meet next month.

November 2019 Meeting. After enjoying the festivities during the October FTVA reunion, the Alamo Chapter got back to normal business by meeting on 21 November at the Saltgrass Restaurant. The following folks attended: Barnie and Judy Gavin, Vince and Else Colacicco, Ken Maynard, Ken Williams, Dan Martin, Dan and Maria Hagy' Dennis Rassmussen, Bob and Donna Crabtree, Alan Daugherty, Leroy and Hilda Rogers, Joe Ojeda, Homer and Anne Waring, and Darby Stacey.

After calling the meeting to order President Gavin led off by thanking Aaron, our waiter, for his hard work. He then introduced a new member, Joe Ojeda, who Barnie ran into at a local retail store. Joe was wearing a cap with a USAFSS emblem on it. As they talked about "the good old days." they learned that they had been stationed at Brady AS at the same time! Welcome, Joe.

Dennis Rassmussen told that group that Dave Nabb, a member who had attended past meetings, would not be attending any more meetings as he is now in-home hospice. Dan Hagy mentioned that Sam Watson, a PWGer, is also in home hospice. We send both Dave and Sam our prayers.

The group decided that there would not be a December meeting.

December 2019 Meeting. Not held.

1st Quarter 2020

January 2020 Meeting. The San Antonio Chapter of the FTVA held their monthly meeting at the Saltgrass Restaurant on 16 January 2020. Fellowship and dinner were enjoyed by the 20 members, spouses and guests present. Those attending included: Barnie Gavin, Ken Maynard + 4, Ken Williams + 1, Dan Hagy + 1, Bob Crabtree + 1' Dennis Rassmussen, Leroy Rogers + 1, Jesse Greene, John Lopes, and David Martin + 2.

President Bernie Gavin called the meeting to order at 1830 and entertained discussion about whether or not monthly meetings were too frequent. After some debate, Ken Maynard moved to keep the current meeting schedule. Ken Williams seconded, and the motion passed.

Ken Williams briefed that the annual FTVA Spring Social is set for 1730, 21 March 2020, at the Sea World Marriott. We plan to have either 16 AF/CC or 16 AF/CMS as the guest speaker.

The transition to 16 AF, the largest Numbered Air Force, is complete. The commander, Lt Gen Timothy Haugh, pinned on his third star concurrent with the standup of the new organization.

February 2020 Meeting. The San Antonio Chapter of the FTVA held their monthly meeting at the Saltgrass Restaurant on 20 February 2020. Fellowship and dinner were enjoyed by the 15 members and spouses present. Those attending included: Bernie Gavin, Vince Colaccio +1, Ken Williams + 1, Dan Martin, Grady Robinson +1, Homer Waring, Bob Crabtree +1, Mike Shields, Mark Hess +1, and Alan Daugherty.

President Bernie Gavin called the meeting to order at 1800 and discussed the upcoming annual Spring Social activities set for 21 March 2020 at 1730 at the SeaWorld Marriott, Hwy 151. It was decided the Spring Social would suffice for the Alamo Chapter's March meeting and the next get together of the Alamo Chapter would be on 16 April. Grady Robinson discussed the recent passing of a Tuskegee Airman in San Antonio, leaving only two remaining San Antonio resident Tuskegee Airmen.

March 2020 Meeting. It was decided at the February meeting the 21 March Spring Social would suffice for the Alamo Chapter's March meeting and the next get together of the Alamo Chapter would be on 16 April. The Spring Social was, however, cancelled due to the viral pandemic.

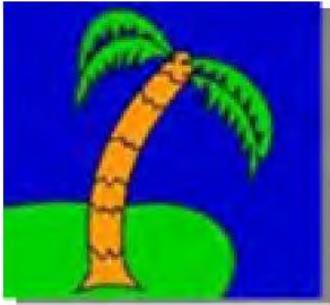
2nd Quarter 2020

April thru June 2020 Meetings. The Alamo Chapter monthly meets and greets were in hiatus for the past few months because of COVID-19.

3rd Quarter 2020

July thru September 2020 Meetings. The Alamo Chapter monthly meets and greets were in hiatus for the past few months because of COVID-19.





Aloha Chapter Honolulu, HI

John “Tilly” Toillion, President

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4th Quarter 2019

October 25th Meeting. The Aloha Chapter held its final 2019 quarterly get together on October 25 at Mililani Ruby Tuesdays, our favorite watering hole.

Attendees were Dickie Hites and grandson Phoenix, Dave Jones, Ken Een, and John Toillion. Unfortunately, Fred Collins couldn't make it as he was in the ICU at Tripler. Thoughts and prayers for Fred.

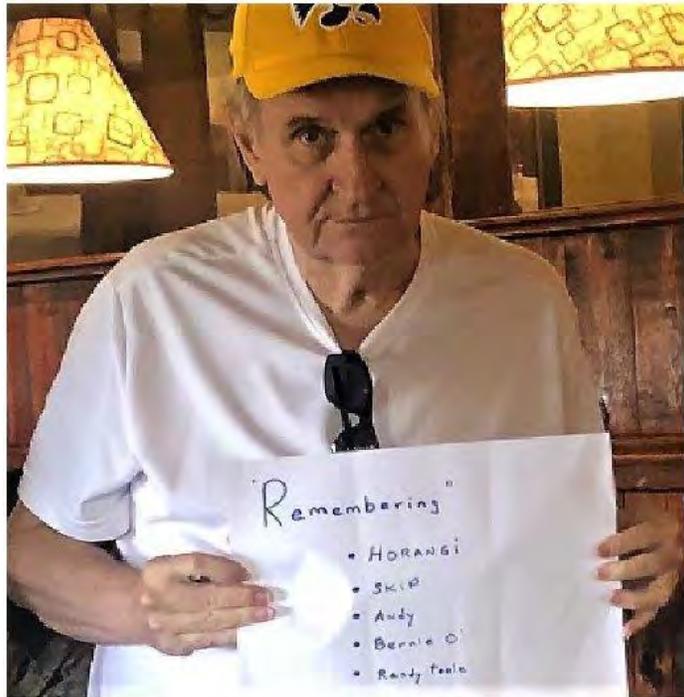
The main topic of discussion was hoping Fred could attend to provide us feedback of his trip to this year's FTVA Reunion. Fred did pass along that the main topics of discussion were the 24/25AF designation (to 16th AF) and concern for declining membership. We also shared war stories and provided individual health updates – we're all glad to have spent this day “above ground vice below.”

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!!



Back Row: John Toillion, Dickie Hites and grandson Phoenix; Seated (l-r) Ken Een and Dave Jones



Dickie Hites posting in memory of FTVA and Skivvy Nine legends Terry "Horangi" Tillman, Henry "Skip" Clinton, Robert "Andy" Anderson, Bernard "Bernie" O'Reilly and Randy "Random" Poole. They are missed indeed Dickie, and not forgotten.

1st Quarter 2020

March 6th Meeting. The Aloha Chapter held its first quarterly get together on March 6 at Mililani Ruby Tuesdays, our favorite watering hole. Attendees were Dickie Hites, Ken Een, and John Toillion. Unfortunately, Fred Collins couldn't make it as he was not feeling well.

Main topics of discussion included: Hawaii's first COVID-19 positive case; war stories; DAV, and a wee bit of politics (e.g., the fact that Hawaii's Rep Tulsi Gabbard continues in the POTUS race with one delegate. Also, we were happy to hear that FTVA heritage continues to live along with the 25th AF under the 16th AF.

While we've had lots of winds and rain lately, the palm trees continue swaying and the surf's a pounding for anyone headed this way. That be it from the coconut wireless. A-looooo-ha!!

2nd Quarter 2020

The Aloha Chapter luaus were cancelled because of the Corona Virus.

3rd Quarter 2020 Meetings.

NOTES FROM TILLY

Due to an out of control spike in COVID-19 positive tests and infections we have been unable to meet and are once again in Lock Down. Recently Hawaii went from #1 in the

country with the lowest positive/infection numbers per capita in the nation to #1 in the nation in positive tests/infections per capita.

Since tourism provides 60 percent of our gross income, we are stretched significantly and especially the small businesses. Just today Hawaiian Airlines is giving pink slips to hundreds of employees. Many Mom & Pop stores are closing for good after 50-75 years.

As an example of how out of control we are, the Surgeon General spent last week here in Hawaii coordinating increased testing for up to 60,000, Today (9/1) and this Thursday the state is shutting down the entire H3 freeway in both directions between Aloha Stadium to Kaneohe to do testing. Their goal is 10,000 per day.

Meanwhile Aloha Chapter members Dickie Hites, Ken Een, Fred Collins, Steve Crain, Dave Jones, and John Harmon continue trying to remain in touch and we can hardly wait to be able to lunch together sooner than later.

Wish I had more positive news to share but will plan on it next time.

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

P.s. The Aloha Chapter luaus were cancelled because of the Corona Virus.





Gold Country Chapter Yuba City, CA



Stewart Harris, President

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1st Quarter 2020 Meeting

Hello FTVA Community!

The Gold Country Chapter has appointed Stewart Harris as the new president taking over for John Aurelius. In chapter news, we moved the monthly meeting from the Coyote Pub to the Vault (Heritage Room) at the DGS-2 campus in order to recruit and appeal to more active duty members.

Our first meeting was a success with four new prospects for membership. I plan on reaching out to a prior U-2 and SR-71 pilot to join us for the next meeting as a guest speaker to further encourage and appeal to the population at DGS-2 to come out and support the association.

The chapter is also interested in learning if there any awards offered at the association level that we could send on a quarterly or yearly basis? Many packages I submit for my Airmen are for various associations across the nation and serve as a good advertisement for their programs but was unaware of a similar program through FTVA but thought it would be worthwhile to ask.

Additionally, if there any speakers at the Board of Directors in San Antonio that enjoy traveling or frequent Northern California that would be interested in coming to talk to our chapter to further drum up interest in the association, they would be most welcome. Members of other chapters (Aloha, Heritage, Mid-Atlantic, Alamo, Rocky Mountain, etc.), are always welcome.

Finally, if you could put me in contact with someone who could get me a roster of all the Gold Country chapter members HQ is tracking, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you and looking forward to working with you in the future.

2nd Quarter 2020 Meeting

The Gold Country Chapter's howdy-dos were held in abeyance during this evil pandemic.

3rd Quarter 2020 Meeting

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Heritage Chapter San Angelo, TX

Ronald 'JJ' Graham, Chapter President
Larry Ross, Secretary/Treasurer

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4th Quarter 2019

October 2019 Meeting. During the last quarter, the Heritage Chapter usual business meetings were well attended and in addition to the usual items, major upcoming projects include preparing for Veterans Day events, Vietnam Veterans Day pinning ceremonies, and the announcement of an ARDF memorial paver project on Goodfellow.

Social Event. A highlight of the October to December 2019 period was we took time out for some R and R at our quarterly social event on 12 September with 24 members and guests enjoying the evening.



Master of ceremonies JJ Graham, Heritage Chapter president, guiding the discussion.

At the FTVA Reunion 3-5 October. In San Antonio the Heritage Chapter was well represented at the annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony, the Remembrance Ceremony for fallen comrades, and the picnic by JJ Graham, Ed Bendinelli, Larry Ross, Larry Miller, and Marc Kirner. Since no photographic items were permitted inside headquarters, my camera remained in the car and I neglected to retrieve it. Ergo no photos are available.

Graham, Bendinelli, and Ross attended the annual FTVA meeting, during which JJ gave his annual “state of the chapter” report. He did us proud. I didn’t realize just how active we are in base and community and how much we accomplished. Some notable items the chapter has supported follow:

- **Vietnam War 50th Anniversary committee.** This program continues to honor those who served during the Vietnam War, as well as their family members. We participated in another huge event with the 2nd annual Vietnam Veterans Day pinning ceremony held at Angelo State University. Close to 350 people attended the ceremony, which seems to be outgrowing the spacious accommodations at ASU.
- **Dogger Representation.** Larry Miller continues to work with the Doggers in presenting bricks from the Hanoi Hilton to various organizations and dignitaries.
- **ROTC Involvement.** In August. JJ was invited by Angelo State University ROTC commander Lt Col Dan Ressler, a career intel officer, to speak with the cadets. He covered numerous topics but did advise them how to get along with enlisted personnel and the importance of supporting organizations like ours.
- **Ray Leftwich Scholarship Foundation.** We continue to support the Ray Leftwich scholarship foundation, founded by Ray Jr and his wife, Kitty. This fund targets high school JROTC students. This is the 3rd year we’ve facilitated a donation to the fund from the good people of the 6994th Security Squadron association.
- **Veterans Council.** We play an active role in the Tom Green County all-veterans council. This has been a good forum to get the word out on the Vietnam War commemoration activities and has allowed us an opportunity to contribute to numerous veterans and community events: Memorial Day ceremony at the county courthouse, Veterans Day parade.

1st Quarter 2020

January 2020 Meeting.

Heritage Chapter Social, Submitted by and photos by Larry Ross, Chapter Secretary.

With 43 members and guests attending, the Heritage Chapter on 9 January held its annual winter social. This was the largest gathering in memory. There was no business meeting - just fellowship and having a good time. Special guests were CMSgt Laver Kirkpatrick, 17th TRW Command Chief, his son Laver Jr., Dr. Joe Ryan, 17th TRW Historian, Ray and Kitty Leftwich, and my daughter Laura Ross, who traveled from Austin. Below are some photos commemorating this historic occasion. On the next couple of pages, we have some highlights of the festive occasion.



One of the two fully occupied tables depicting about half of the 43 members and guests who attended the 9 January Heritage Chapter Social.



Heritage Chapter President JJ Graham presents Ray Leftwich with a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Heritage Chapter.



Chief Kirkpatrick (right) congratulates Ray Leftwich on his award as Larry Miller and JJ Graham look on approvingly.



Tom Nurre, JJ Graham and Ed Bendinelli each received a coaster depicting a Trans Texas Airways C-47 aircraft. Records show that the EC-47 replica aircraft on display in front of the 17th Training Wing headquarters building on Goodfellow AFB was once operated by Pioneer Airlines. It's almost certain that it was used on a route that included San Angelo.

Hanoi Hilton Brick, Presented to National Vietnam War Museum. Written by Larry Miller, photos by Larry Ross.

Last December 7th, the two Larrys – Ross and Miller – traveled to Mineral Wells, Texas to visit the National Vietnam War Museum and present them with one of the “Hanoi Hilton” bricks on behalf of Heritage Chapter and the Doggers.

The trip coincided with the Museum’s annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony near their display of a Huey helicopter on the Museum’s grounds. Following a number of introductions and approaching sunset, the local family of a deceased Vietnam vet was called forward to turn on the switch to the brightly decorated Christmas tree on the Museum grounds adjacent to the static displayed Huey helicopter.

Mr. Jim Messinger, the Museum’s treasurer, then called Larry Miller and SSgt Candace Weiss forward to present the brick. SSgt Weiss, assigned to the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, FL., created an extraordinary painting depicting an F-4 flying over the Hanoi Hilton entitled “Waiting For Your Return” which will be displayed along with the brick in the Museum.

Larry passed on a few words about the brick’s origin and its symbolism for veterans of the War. Following this, SSgt Weiss and Larry Miller presented the two items in a beautiful teakwood case to Mr. Messinger and the Museum.



SSgt Weiss and Larry Miller present a brick to Jim Messinger, Museum treasurer.

2nd Quarter 2020

May 2020 Meeting.

Zoom. Zoom. On 7 May, the Heritage Chapter boldly went where no chapter had gone before (*editor: except of course for the Wasatch Chapter that went there 24 April 2020*) and conducted what we believe was the first virtual chapter meeting in the entire history of FTVA. Evidence of the event is provided in the form of a screen shot of the nine members on the Zoom meeting that were somewhat knowledgeable of the technology. The photo may remind some of the opening picture of the “Brady Bunch.” In attendance were Wayne Bascom, our Zoom host/facilitator; Vice President Ed Bendenelli; Secretary Larry Ross; John Frost; Tom Nurre; Larry Miller; Rick Premo; Harriett Samad; and Ray Thompson, a Heritage Chapter member who lives in faraway Sherman, Texas. Ray was attending his first chapter meeting.



Wayne Bascom, serving as ZMS (Zoom Mission Supervisor) looks over the Heritage Chapter 'crew' seriously wondering if he has a Cat 3 among any of them. :)

Conspicuously absent from the actual Zoom connection was our president “JJ” Graham who was “sort of” notionally in charge attempting to lead the meeting via his flip-phone voice connection relayed into Larry Ross’ Zoom audio.

After Wayne finally brought most of us into the Zoom meeting and after sergeant-at-arms emeritus John Frost conducted a scrupulous pants check (all members were found to be suitably attired and without face masks), the group chatted while we waited as Wayne and Larry attempted to locate our missing-in-action president.

The meeting was finally called to order at 7:04. For the next hour we discussed several chapter business items. The June meeting is also scheduled via Zoom. The Heritage Chapter does not meet in July. Hopefully in August, we can then meet in person.

Goodfellow Memorial Plaza Paver Plaques Update. Submitted by Larry Ross, photos by JJ Graham.

The plaza installation, including an authentic Hanoi Hilton brick, is complete with applied boot sole prints and weather sealant, The bronze engraved plates are next. See the photos below. To view the addition photos please visit the EC-47 Memorial Plaza website (<https://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/index.php>). As the engraved paver plaques arrive, photos are taken and posted. Please check back frequently as new photos are added as they are done.

Due to restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 virus, the plaza dedication and other associated activities scheduled for 27 March 2020 were cancelled. After reviewing several options for a new date, members agreed to reschedule the dedication on 29 March 2021, Vietnam Veterans Day. Updates will be posted at www.ec47.com and www.vietnam50thcpp.com.



Before and After. At the inset, the ground under the EC-47 is prepped for the stones. Once completed, the stones are set and the memorial plaques prominent.

FTVA Sponsors EC-47 Memorial Plaza Paver Project. Submitted by Tom Nurre and Joe Martin.

The San Angelo Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA), supported by a grant from the San Antonio-based association board of directors, sponsored the creation of an EC-47 Memorial Plaza paver project. Goodfellow AFB officials accepted the Heritage Chapter design and gift of nearly 1,000 pavers on June 24, 2019.

Initial plans were to dedicate the EC-47 Memorial Plaza and insert the completed engraved bronze plates during a national Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony scheduled at the aircraft display on March 27, 2020. However, the world-wide COVID-19 pandemic with extensive travel bans and community "lockdown" restrictions caused both the construction of the plaza and the dedication ceremony to be postponed indefinitely.



Dedicated Goodfellow AFB Civil Engineers and San Angelo contractors did complete the plaza construction as shown in the above photo taken by JJ Graham the first week of April 2020.

The Memorial Plaza fund is currently at zero dollars. We do encourage and appreciate your contributions and recommendations for dedicating additional inscriptions for both living and deceased veterans, family members and friends. The DONATE feature on vietnam50thcpp.com has been set up specifically for the Memorial Plaza contributions but donations can also be made on ec47.com/donate.

3rd Quarter 2020

It has been a slow summer for our chapter. Corona virus restrictions in San Angelo and on Goodfellow AFB have limited our ability to do much of anything - including meeting for our quarterly socials. We continue to meet monthly via Zoom with the able assistance of our tech guru, Wayne Bascom. I think it is safe to say we are all looking forward to the day we



Whoever these 3 amigos are it's a definite improvement! :-) – editor *Actually they are the Heritage Chapter's movers and shakers. Left to right, elected as officers for the next 2 years at a 6 August virtual meeting are: Secretary/Treasurer - Larry Ross, Vice President - Ed Bendinelli, and President - Ronald "JJ" Graham.*

can once again meet in person. Good News Department: Goodfellow has a new historian, Mark Howell, and he has hit the ground running. Just two weeks into his new job, Mark has established the Goodfellow AFB Heritage Committee. The goal is to make our heritage more accessible and more relevant to base and community personnel. In doing so, the committee will "foster an environment of professionalism that is team-focused, values-based, and founded on Air Force heritage and the Airman Warrior Ethos." Tom Nurre and myself were invited to be part of the committee and attended its first meeting. Since we both have a long history of involvement with the base, we were asked to brief the committee on our respective accomplishments. I briefed the Heritage Chapter's many contributions to Goodfellow over the years, and Tom put together an interesting presentation on the EC-

47 History Site's involvement on base, to include the EC-47 Memorial Park. Mark already has some future activities planned to bring history to the forefront, to include a visit to a local abandoned Atlas missile site and a Holocaust remembrance ceremony. Formal buy-in from the Wing Commander is expected shortly. Needless to say, we are both excited and honored to be involved in this endeavor. I believe this will be another venue where the Heritage Chapter can continue to enhance our relationship with Goodfellow AFB and the San Angelo community. Even though our much-anticipated EC-47 Paver Dedication Ceremony had to be postponed until 29 March 2021, there is some good news to pass along. I'm happy to report our EC-47 #204 recently received a fresh paint job and looks better than ever! I'm sure you'll notice the difference when you visit next March. Be sure to check out the EC-47 History Site Newsletter #15 for more information on the paint job, updates on the EC-47 paver project, and many other interesting topics.

Until next time, we at the Heritage Chapter hope you and yours stay well and happy!

Heritage Chapter 2020 Annual Report

By Ronald 'JJ' Graham, Chapter President

2020 has proven to be a very challenging year for our small but robust Chapter. With all the COVID-19 restrictions it has proven difficult to even hold a monthly meeting. But we continue to do what we can to further our objective of working with Goodfellow AFB to promote our heritage and educate our military personnel on the importance of the intelligence mission throughout the history of the U.S. Air Force. As always, we sincerely thank the FTVA for their continued support! Here is a recap of the year's events to date:

1. EC-47 Paver Project

- With the support of base leadership, we had planned a "Grand Opening" of the EC-47 Memorial Plaza for 29 March. However, that was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now shooting for 29 March 2021. We had continued to take Paver orders until earlier this month. Our supplier, Leave Your Mark Pavers & Stone, recently suffered a tragic loss of their building and equipment. They are based in Phoenix, Oregon, which was decimated by forest fires. Thankfully, there were no injuries or loss of life. They are currently assessing their situation – to rebuild or not to rebuild. For the present time, we are no longer taking Paver orders. Working with Tom Nurre and the EC-47 history site, we will keep everyone informed as things progress. We anticipate a delay of approximately 3-6 months before we start taking orders.

2. EC-47 History Exhibit

- The EC-47 exhibit remains a highlight on any visit to Goodfellow, but due to restrictions for base access, off-base visitors are few and far between. Many of our students continue to visit the display and are always amazed at the amount of knowledge they take away from their visit.

3. Base Historian

- New Base Historian: We say farewell and thanks to Dr. John Ryan and welcome to Mr. Mark Howell. He has hit the ground running – he has already established a base Heritage Committee, which Tom Nurre and I were both invited to be a part of. He is committed to promoting the history of Goodfellow to both the military and local civilian communities. He has expressed great interest in our Chapter's involvement on base and wants to be involved in any way possible. Should be fun!

4. Vietnam War 50TH Anniversary Committee

- This program continues to honor those who served during the Vietnam War, as well as their family members. We planned to participate in another huge event held at Angelo State University on Vietnam Veterans Day, 29 March. As we did with our Paver ceremony, this was pushed to 29 March 2021. We anticipate a huge crowd at our next pinning ceremony.
- Our committee outreach to local nursing homes and senior living centers has also been put on hold. This had been extremely successful and we're looking forward to

continuing this when the time is right. Tom Nurre has a robust mail-out service going, but we've done few in-person pinnings. At the moment we feel there will be no ceremonies this upcoming Veterans Day, normally a busy day for us.

5. Heath Hall

- Heath Hall remains the cornerstone for international training at Goodfellow. Building upgrades have been completed and the facility looks real good.

6. International Students

- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we've had no interactions with international students this year. We're looking forward to continuing this once things get back to some semblance of normalcy.

7. Traveling Missing Man Table Kit

- Sadly, we have had no instances where we could use our Traveling Missing Man Kit this year. Those who used it prior to this year have found it to be convenient and very user friendly. We are truly looking forward to when we can once again put this to good use.

8. Chapter Events & Issues

- As has become tradition, we hosted a successful "Christmas Hangover" party in January. This time of year seems to work better for everyone and we plan on continuing until membership says otherwise.
- Even though ceremonies and events have pretty much come to a complete stop, Larry Miller continues to work with the Doggers in researching possible recipients for bricks from the Hanoi Hilton.
- Our Chapter takes pride in our inputs to the Newsletter...our noble scribe, Larry Ross, takes great pains to ensure "All the news that's fit to print" (in both words and pictures!) is forwarded for publication.
- Our Chapter plans to continue our activities on Goodfellow as usual once the COVID-19 situation has passed. Those of us who can, speak with students at every opportunity about our history!
- We've had no interaction with Angelo State ROTC this year due to COVID-19, but we look forward to working with Lt Col Dan Ressler, a career intel officer, and his staff whenever the opportunity presents itself.
- Our Chapter continues to support the Ray Leftwich Scholarship Foundation, founded by Ray Jr. and his wife, Kitty. This fund targets high school JROTC students. This is the 4th year we've facilitated a generous donation to the fund from the good people of the 6994th Association.
- Our Chapter continues to play an active role in the Tom Green County All Veterans Council. This has been a good forum to get the word out on the Vietnam War

commemoration activities and has allowed us an opportunity to contribute to numerous veterans and community events, such as the Memorial Day ceremony at the county courthouse and the Veterans Day Parade. The idea now is to have the Veterans Day Parade on 7 Nov, so we'll have to see how that works out.

- As with most veterans' organizations, we continue to struggle to find ways to increase membership. The fact that most of our "targets of opportunity" are non-prior service students creates significant challenges: Limited access to them, and trying to show them how an organization like ours can be both educational and beneficial to them. But we'll keep trying to crack this egg!

QUESTIONS...COMMENTS...CONCERNS? Please feel free to contact me at rggraha@hotmail.com!

AGAIN, THE HERITAGE CHAPTER THANKS EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter Ft Meade, MD

Vacant, Chapter President

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1st Quarter 2020

"The Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter is looking for a few good Airmen willing to serve through December 2020 as President and Vice President.

Both those positions became vacant recently due to the unexpected departures for greener pastures of Dave Doiron and Bill Grayson. Anyone in the Maryland, D.C., Northern Virginia, Southern PA, Delaware, and West Virginia area that would like to volunteer for either of those positions may contact Bob Bastian @ bobbast@comcast.net.

Once we have a new President and Veep installed, the Chapter can move forward in planning activities for Armed Forces Week (May) at Fort Meade, MD, and a potential fall 2020 Mid-Atlantic Region Social. In the meantime, if you are interested in helping plan Armed Forces Week activities and/or a Fall Chapter Social, please contact Bob Bastian.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter's search for volunteers to serve on the BOD continued through the pandemic lockdown.

Submitted By Bob Bastian, Chapter Member

3rd Quarter 2020

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter's search for volunteers to serve on the BOD continued through the pandemic lockdown. In addition, Bob Bastian, Acting President, FTVA-MARC, remarks:

On 18 September 2020, the Air Force's 73rd Birthday, the Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter (formerly the National Capital Region) will hold its first virtual meeting via Zoom. Information on participating in this first "Zoomie" meeting on the World Wide Web can be obtained by emailing Bob Bastian (bobbast@comcast.net). The meeting will be very informal, but we are hoping to have someone participate that is actually 73 years old!

Thanks,

Bob





Rocky Mountain Chapter Colorado Springs, CO

Greg Roman and Stan Cook Co-Presidents

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/229888673742365/>

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2019 Annual Report

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association continues to focus on our shared community of Air Force intelligence experiences and the bonds of fraternal comradery. As the 2019 year comes to an end, the Chapter continues to hold “monthly” meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at Rhinos Sports Bar in Colorado Springs. In addition to our monthly meetings, the RMC agreed to become a sponsoring entity as part of the National Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Association; and as such, we agree to sponsor at least two events a year in recognition of Vietnam Veterans.

4th Quarter 2019

October 16th Meeting

Tonight, Greg Roman gave us a report from the Annual FTVA reunion. We were especially interested in hearing about the Hall of Honor induction ceremony and our own Greg Roman’s inclusion in this year’s honorees. Congratulations Greg, we are proud of your service and proud to have served with you!

Just a reminder that our monthly meetings are changing once again...this time to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

November 20th Meeting

We held our monthly RMC Chapter meeting with five of our regulars in attendance: Mike Click, Stan Cook, Dennis Daniels, Greg Roman and Ike Eichelberger.

- Given the festive mood everyone was in, we agreed that our December meeting would also serve as our Holiday party. The date is set for Dec 18, 2019 at our regular 6pm start and spouses are invited to attend as well.
- We discussed hold chapter elections during the next meeting, but will probably wait until the January meeting.
- Greg discussed supporting the Roll Call Vietnam ceremonial pinning ceremony at the FTVA San Antonio annual reunion in September. We tentatively agreed to support this event and Greg will work more closely with the Roll Call team.

- Talked about the Hall of Honor and remembrance ceremonies and what impact will happen with 16th AF standup. At this point, we believe that the ISR heraldry will remain in some fashion but details are not known at this time.

As 2019 comes to a close, we are mindful of our shared heritage and the importance of the people we have served with, in defense of our great Nation. To all of our Brothers and Sisters who have served in Silence, we salute you.

1st Quarter 2020

The FTVA Rocky Mountain Chapter had new chapter leadership elections during the last monthly meeting. Congratulations to:

- Co-Presidents: Greg Roman and Stan Cook
- Vice President and Secretary: Mike Click
- Treasurer: George Eichelberger

Congratulations to our very own, Greg Roman, as a 2019 Hall of Honor inductee. The ceremony took place in October 2019 and Greg had a large entourage of family in tow for the ceremony. Greg also attended the annual National FTVA meeting and represented the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter made a commitment to conduct a Vietnam Commemoration ceremony for those eligible and attending the Roll Call meetings in San Antonio during the 2020 FTVA events in San Antonio. As the possible future home for the new Space Force, we are proud that Chief Towberman has been announced as the first Command Chief. He has extensive time with our command starting with AIA to today's 16th Air Force. Roll Call leadership asked us to get involved and see if we can invite Chief Towberman to be a guest speaker at the Roll Call dinner.

The annual Rhinos golf tournament is 27 July 2020 and the FTVA Rocky Mountain Chapter is one of the beneficiaries of the fund raiser.

2nd Quarter 2020

The Rocky Mountain Chapter soirees were cancelled because of the Corona Virus.

3rd Quarter 2020

Reliable sources indicated the Rocky Mountain Chapter was planning a using Zoom or at Rhino's on August 19th and September 16th. However, by press time no confirmation was received of meeting activity. In general however, the Rocky Mountain Chapter soirees continued in CANX status because of the Corona Virus.





Wasatch Chapter Salt Lake City, UT

Jacob Scheid, President
Shawn Heckman, Vice President

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4th Quarter 2019

The FTVA Wasatch Chapter met at the Republican Irish Pub in Salt Lake City and the Garage Grill in Draper in September and October, respectively. We're taking a break for the holidays for the rest of the year. Two highlight events this quarter was our support for the Utah Down Syndrome Foundation and the shipping of the last remaining SENIOR SCOUT shelter.



Jen, Shawn, and Markus (on Shawn's shoulders), Nick and Katherine Heckman (holding sign), Dawn Hubert, Nick Batura, Scott, Angela and Audrey Lawson, Eric and Lindsey Rassmussen

We've adopted the annual Utah Down Syndrome Foundation Metro Buddy Walk and "Team Markus" as one of our Chapter activities to support the local community. Markus is the son of one of our own members, Shawn and Jen Heckman. We had a great showing of Wasatch Chapter and family members helping raise over \$1,000 for Team Markus.

In October, 169 IS members bid a final farewell to the last remaining SENIOR SCOUT shelter as it made its way from Roland R. Wright Air National Guard Base, Salt Lake City to the National Cryptologic Museum in Maryland. This is a partial shelter that has been cut in half and stored on the base since the system was decommissioned in 2014. The National Cryptologic Museum will store the shelter in Maryland until their new facility is constructed in the next few years. As part of their new facility, they have plans to build a dedicated display with our shelter to preserve a piece representing this important ISR platform. Special thanks to the FTVA for sponsoring the movement.



COMFY POSITIONS. Former 169 IS members Jeff Kennicott and Shawn Heckman try out their old seats one last time.



Current and former 169 IS members. CMSgt Scott Decker, Maj Jonathan Swinarski, CMSgt (Ret) Jeff Kennicott, Col Troy Drennan, MSgt Greg Allred, MSgt Page McGinnis, CMSgt (Ret) Cody Langille, MSgt Justin Allred, MSgt Jamie Phair, MSgt Travis Williams, TSgt (Ret) Shawn Heckman

Finally, we continue to invite you to connect with us on Slack (slack.com). We've created a workspace for the FTVA organization at large and have all the chapter presidents and officers added, we're just waiting for you to join us. It's very flexible, easy to use and provides a great way to "Remain in Touch" with FTVA members near and far. The more members we can get on the platform, the more active and productive we can all be in promoting our FTVA. Please follow the link in this newsletter and contact Scott Lawson at lawson.scott1@gmail.com or Roy Burnett at rebyells@gmail.com if you need help.

1st Quarter 2020

The FTVA Wasatch Chapter reached an important milestone in January 2020 marking our second anniversary as a Chapter. This also marks the turnover of our founding board members, Scott Lawson (President), Nick Batura (Vice), Melanie Sparr (Treasurer), and Eric Rasmussen (Secretary) to our newly elected officers for the next two years, Jacob Scheid (President), Shawn Heckman (Vice), and Lindsay Rasmussen (Treasurer/Secretary).

We kicked off the new year with a luncheon at the Hacienda Mexican Grill nearby the Air National Guard Base making it convenient for members to attend, great turnout with 16 members (no photos). Later in the month, we held our first official Chapter meeting at the Garage Grill in Draper where we welcomed out of town guest who also became our newest FTVA members, Ted Gambogi, John Holly, and Jon Hummen. We referred them to the Mid-Atlantic Chapter so they can engage from their home location in Maryland. We're off to a very good start for the next term and look forward to the ideas and leadership from our new board.



Above, New and former FTVA Wasatch Chapter officers: Lindsay Rasmussen replacing Eric Rasmussen (Secretary), Nick Batura replaced by Shawn Heckman (Vice), Jake Scheid replacing Scott Lawson (President)

Our new leadership hosted their first meeting on February, 28th 2020 at the Garage Grill in Draper and set goals for the coming year. We continue to focus on increasing membership within the chapter and attendance at future meetings and events. For May, we're sponsoring our first annual FTVA Wasatch Spring Bowling Mixer where we hope to invite some of our British counterparts to attend. In June, FTVA Wasatch Chapter plans to participate in the Huntsman Cancer Walk in June in honor of Rich Marks. Rich is an honored and beloved retired member of the 169 IS as a Hebrew Linguist and AMS, currently battling cancer. August will feature FTVA Wasatch Chapter sponsoring the "Beaner Banner" reunion, details to be announced. See our Facebook page for more information as announcements on our meetings held fourth Fridays at 6:00pm (locations vary). If you're ever in town visiting, we'd love to see you join us. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147113162599404/>)

2nd Quarter 2020

The FTVA Wasatch Chapter slowed down a bit with COVID-19 restrictions, but that didn't stop us from meeting. As with most of the world, we found creative ways to "*Remain in Touch*" by using Zoom video conferencing. We held two meetings during this period on 24 April and 22 May. Given there's no limitations on distance meeting on Zoom, we were honored to have Lee Anthony, FTVA Treasurer, join us to provide updates on the FTVA at large and discuss arrangements for the upcoming Spanish Linguist Reunion in August.



24 April, 2020 Meeting: Top (l-r), Lindsay Rasmussen and Eric Rasmussen, John and Emily Swinarski, Scott, and Angela Lawson; Bottom (l-r), Shawn and Jen Heckman, Nick Batura and Elisha Frey

With COVID-19 restrictions gradually lifting, we continue to make plans to host the Spanish Linguist Reunion in Salt Lake City this summer. Final dates are 19-22 August with events planned to incorporate the retirement of SMSgt Eric Rasmussen, a tour of the 169 IS, and the usual festivities that accompany the reunion. Look for more details from Lee Anthony soon.

22 May, 2020 Meeting

Attendees were: Scott Lawson, Angela Lawson, and Chapter President Jake Scheid, Lee Anthony (FTVA Treasurer), Chapter Vice President Shawn Heckman, and Eric and Lindsay Rasmussen.

This month, the FTVA Wasatch Chapter plans to participate in the Huntsman Cancer Walk in honor of Rich Marks. Rich is an honored and beloved retired member of the 169 IS as a Hebrew Linguist and AMS, currently battling cancer. And hopefully later this year, we'll be able to reschedule our planned bowling mixer to get folks together. See our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/147113162599404/>) for more information and announcements on our meetings, held fourth Fridays at 6:00 pm (locations vary). If you're ever in town visiting, we'd love to see you join us.

3rd Quarter 2020

August 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Welcome again our new leadership! These are:

- President: Jake Scheid (formerly Scott Lawson)
- VP: Shawn Heckman (formerly Nick Batura)
- Secretary: Lindsay Rasmussen (formerly and Co-Secretary: Eric Rasmussen)

Thank you to our former leaders and founders! In accordance with our 2020 Goal to increase membership and attendance we will honor and continue the legacy of our founder. In other meeting notes:

- Scott Lawson will serve as interim Treasurer. We are looking at the best way to recruit a new treasurer; suggestions/recommendations are encouraged.
- Stay tuned for the First Annual FTVA Wasatch Bowling Mixer - TBD!!!
- Next monthly meeting is September 24th.
- Beaner Banner is postponed until August 2021 in SLC!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES

Despite being virtually shut in for half a year, the FTVA Board of Directors has remained busy doing the organization's business. From the annual Reunion, through the merger of 24th and 25th AF into the 16th AF, and headlong into the COVID pandemic, the BOD continued its efforts to keep the organization moving into the new decade, in the face of delayed meetings, cancellation of events, and adjusting to new technologies for meetings.

In the words of our new president, Evan Smith, late last year, "Your FTVA board is busily working to make the needed administrative updates to our Constitution, By-Laws, website, and Facebook page to reflect our affiliation with the new NAF. The FTVA is the heritage organization for 16th AF and we are opening the aperture for membership to everyone who falls under the NAF umbrella."

Following are highlights of some of the Board's efforts toward that goal. Normally, Board meetings are held monthly, except December due to the holiday period, with exceptions for those rare months when members other commitments preclude a quorum, and the month when the Annual Membership meeting is held, usually September.

4th Quarter 2019

FTVA Membership Drive: The board researched what rules would apply if the FTVA became an approved on-base Private Organization, as the rules for such an entity would dictate how we could proceed with a stepped-up FTVA Membership Drive. After the research and some discussion on relative benefits, it was decided not to become an approved on-base Private Organization. Other 'way ahead' paths for an FTVA Membership Drive is yet to be determined. As of now, we are still looking for a government/military representative to assist. As a collateral issue the board debated whether our individual chapters should have flexibility to become on-base organizations, should they desire, and the board agreed that, under our charter, they could if it were a benefit to their unique situation. Item CLOSED.

New Nominating Committee Chair: Ken Maynard volunteered to replace Dennis Rassmussen as the Nominating Committee Chairman. The BOD voted to accept Ken as the new Chairman. Item CLOSED.

Potential for Memorial Plaque in BALA for Maj Ransom: During short discussion on Maj Ransom, motion was made seconded, and approved to form a small committee to establish a formal process for the FTVA to follow to ensure all future considerations are addressed in a consistent and standardized manner. Originally, the item was tabled until after the NAF merger, then due to numerous side issues, was again tabled until after the COVID-19 issue stabilizes, when the Board POCs would have better opportunities to meet face-to-face with their military counterparts. POC: Ted Colquhoun. POC: Ted Colquhoun. Item OPEN.

Status of TSgt Ernie Parrish plaque in BALA: Similarly as the item for Maj Ransom above, this item was tabled until after the NAF merger, then due to side issues, was again tabled until after the COVID-19 issue stabilizes. POC: AJ Harrison. Item OPEN.

Codifying Memorialization Process: During short discussion on Maj Ransom (see item above), motion was made seconded, and approved to form a small committee to establish a formal process for the FTVA to follow to ensure all future considerations are addressed in a consistent and standardized manner. This item was also tabled until after the COVID-19 issue stabilizes. POC: Ted Colquhoun. Item OPEN.

FTVA Charter/Constitution Update: A line in our current charter was recently discovered that states current board members cannot be active employees of the NAF. Correction will be made in conjunction with NAF merger and presented in upcoming meeting for approval vote and implementation. FTVA President and designated Board Members are working on updating the documents, which will be presented at a meeting in the near future for approval and voting. POC: Evan Smith. Item OPEN.

Larson Awards Way-Ahead: Under the new NAF construct, we will have most AFSCs from the Air Force assigned to the new NAF. The future Larson Award competitions may have to be modified to ensure everything meets the spirit and intent of awarding the “best of the best” in each AFSC in the NAF (SIGINTers?). Item OPEN, awaiting decisions to be made by 16 AF/CCC.

FTVA plaque uniformity/criteria (addendum): Discussions are ongoing on how to establish guidelines to ensure award/recognition program is standardized going forward (prompted by changes that may affect location/presentation of awards). The Board decided that it is a 16 AF determination to make, however, we can help guide the process if requested. Dependent of 16 AF/CCC decision. Item TABLED.

2019 FTVA history and guidelines for future editions: The Board engaged Dan Martin, FTVA Historian, in discussions concerning adding more sections to the annual history. Dan recommended adding three new sections, a brief recap of Chapter highlights throughout the year, a recap of Association social events, and an overview of the BOD activities for the year (of which this section is part). The recommendations by Dan and others were discussed/approved for future editions of the annual history document. POC: Dan Martin. Item CLOSED.

1st Quarter 2020

Spring Social – keep or kill: Discussions continued from late 2019 on whether to continue with the Spring Social. Declining/low participation and time of year are influencing factors. It was decided to keep the Spring Social despite declining/low participation. Marketing the event is a consideration. 21 March 2020 at the Sea World Marriott is proposed date/location. Item OPEN, POC: Ken Williams, entire BOD. (Note: the Spring Social was eventually cancelled by our President, Evan Smith, on March 12th due to the growing presence of COVID-19.)

VENMO / PayPal with Security Service Federal Credit Union: Board approved issuance of a debit card for the operating account; Lee Anthony obtained and generated a PayPal account that can be used to renew annual memberships, among other uses. POC: Lee Anthony. Item CLOSED.

FTVA Hats and Coins: Hats/Coins will need updating if/when there are changes to the FTVA logo. Action is pending on logo updates. Ted Colquhoun volunteered to provide

some logo options to allow us to choose what to put on future hat and coin purchases. POC: BOD. Item OPEN, pending direction and way-ahead from 16 AF.

Follow-up on business insurance coverage/quotes: Per a previous request from the board, Bill Brockmiller solicited quotes for FTVA insurance coverage to cover events and activities, and provided them to the board. The question was asked if the policy could be expanded to cover FTVA local charters. When received, updated coverage quote will be provided at future meeting for review/approval. The Board is waiting on Vice President Brockmiller to provide an update. POC: Bill Brockmiller. Item OPEN.

2nd Quarter 2020

Audit committee: Lee Anthony researched tax code/CPA/estimates for audit requirements, and provided details regarding IRS and State of TX requirements for audit. Although an audit is not required due to the level of our financial holdings, it was agreed by the BOD as a “good thing to do periodically.” Lee checked out the cost for a professional CPA to conduct the audit and recommended against going that route, and to use an internal committee instead. Ken Maynard is POC to establish the committee to employ at the discretion of the Board of Directors. POC Ken Maynard. Item OPEN.

FTVA Charter/Constitution Update: The FTVA By-Laws and Constitution were both in need of updating due to change from 25 AF to 16 AF. Additionally there were a couple minor contextual changes to resolve. Both updated documents were approved. Additionally, the new logo, created by Ted Colquhoun, to reflect the merger of 24 AF and 25 AF to become the 16 AF, was approved. CLOSED. **(Note: See below for a copy of the approved FTVA By-Laws and Constitution.)**

New FTVA Membership Cards, Envelopes, and Letterhead: After short discussion motion was made, seconded, and approved to pursue getting new membership cards, envelopes, and letterhead using the new logo. Roy Burnett provided a cost quote before the next meeting for approval to purchase. After short discussion at the next meeting on the need to update, motion was made, seconded, and approved to allocate up to \$2000 to purchase new items. POC: Roy Burnett. Item CLOSED.

New Fallen Eagles POC: Lee resigned the position on January 1, 2020, however, he continued until replacement is found. In our June 2020 meeting, after short discussion, Joseph “Pepito” Figueroa stepped up to assume the role. POC: Joseph Figueroa. Item CLOSED.

Contingency Planning for Anniversary Week: After lengthy discussion, decision was made to scale back the annual Anniversary Week activities for 2020 due to COVID-19. The Golf Tournament and Picnic are cancelled. The Hall of Honor and Memorial Ceremonies, and the banquet will follow guidance by 16 AF leadership but we can expect that if these events do take place they will be scaled back considerably. Evan will lead a virtual Zoom meeting in the near future to discuss with Chapter leaders to get their input and make sure word gets out to their members so they can avoid costly travel plans. POC: Evan Smith. Item OPEN. **(Note: The ZOOM meeting was held on 11 June 2020, see below for more information.)**

FTVA Value Statement: Given the current social climate, many organizations are publishing value statements to clarify positions regarding ongoing issues of concern. Greg

Roman collaborated with Evan Smith to draft an FTVA Value Statement. After short discussion, the draft Value Statement was approved as written, and Roy will publish that on our website. POC: Evan Smith. Item CLOSED. **(Note: See below for a copy of the FTVA Value Statement.)**

3rd Quarter 2020

Addressing future Board of Director Vacancies: We have a tentative volunteer to serve as Secretary, we still need to find somebody willing to serve as Treasurer so both positions can approved by vote in the upcoming elections. Everyone is asked to help find suitable candidates and bring names to the next meeting. POC: Ken Maynard. Item OPEN.

Larson Awards Way-Ahead: It appears 16 AF leadership is leaning towards trying to merge the Larson Awards with the Air Force ISR Awards Program (AFISRAP). Motion was made to cease providing funds 16 AF (later rescinded), which resulted in a good discussion about how best to proceed. Ken Maynard will reach out to Nancy Larson to get Mrs. Larson's perspective and we will proceed from that feedback. POC: Ken Maynard. Item OPEN.

FTVA Membership Directory: The decision was made to distribute a hard copy of the membership directory once per year. POC: Roy Burnett. Item CLOSED.



Full Board of Directors [ZOOM] Meeting

Submitted by Linz Rassmussen, Wasatch Chapter, Salt Lake City, Utah

(Note: the following article is an excerpt of the Wasatch Chapter's input to the June 2020 *Remain in Touch* newsletter.)

On June 11, the FTVA BoD held an impromptu meeting to discuss the impact of COVID-19 upon the chapters and receive input into current discussions ongoing between 16 AF and FTVA regarding any 2020 reunion activities (See Evan's column). While we were 'face-to-face' – using Zoom and the miracle that is the Internet – we also discussed other interests especially the idea of increasing BoD meeting participation with the chapters through this medium. The folks attending below are:



Top Row: Roy Burnett, Membership Chair and Web Master; Scott Lawson, Co-founder and member of the Wasatch Chapter, Salt Lake City, UT; Evan Smith, FTVA President; Greg Roman, Co- President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, Colorado Springs, CO

Middle Row: Joe “Pepito” Figueroa, Fallen Eagles Chair; Dennis Buxton, RIT Editor; John “Tilly” Toillion, Aloha Chapter President, Honolulu, HI; and Ken Williams (in workout garb), Social Activities Co-Chair.

Bottom Row: Ron Haygood, Past FTVA President, and 3 camera shy attendees: AJ Harrison, Hall of Honor Chair, Larry Ross, Secretary/Treasurer of the Heritage Chapter, San Angelo, TX; and “Ike’s iPhone” (AKA Ike Eichelberger) also of the Rocky Mountain Chapter.

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## FTVA Value Statement

Many Air Force senior leaders, including the Chief of Staff, General David Goldfein, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Kaleth Wright, the incoming new Chief of Staff, General Charles Brown, and others have recently released statements that should resonate with every member of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA). They stated, “It is time for every one of us to strive for understanding and a culture of inclusiveness and belonging across our Air Force, and “It is our very own General Benjamin O. Davis, Tuskegee Airman, who said, ‘The privileges of being an American belong to those brave enough to fight for them’.” These sentiments were recently echoed by the Space Force Commander, General Jay Raymond, and Senior Enlisted Adviser, Chief Master Sergeant Roger Towberman (former Airborne Mission Supervisor), who said, “We have an opportunity to get this right from the beginning by making diversity and inclusion ‘one of the bedrock strengths” of the Space Force. And our 16th Air Force Commander, Lt General Timothy Haugh and Command Chief, Summer Leifer, have both implored NAF members to embrace diversity, challenge our own biases, and treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Since the formation of the USAF Security Service (USAFSS) in October 1948, and in its various iterations since then to the present 16th Air Force, we recognize that the one constant and bedrock strength of our organization is the people. Throughout the years, our leaders have understood that if we take care of the people, the people will take care of the mission. Our people are as diverse as the missions we support. Yet, despite these differences, we train and fight as one. We value and understand the importance of respect and dignity for all, regardless of ethnic background, religion, gender, and/or sexual orientation.

The FTVA reaffirms our commitment to our country and the people we serve. Now is the time for reflection and listening to those that may not have had a voice at the table. Those voices need to be heard and be part of this national debate. We, as an organization, understand the sacrifices that have been made so that all Americans can enjoy the benefits of liberty, freedom and justice for all. These benefits must encompass all Americans for we are greater in strength unified than in division. The FTVA thanks all who have served and sacrificed through the years and remains committed to the values we hold dear of dignity and respect for all, duty well performed, honor in all things, and country above self!

Remain in Touch,

Evan V. Smith, President FTVA





# **Freedom Through Vigilance Association Constitution**

*As of 15 May 2020*

**FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 691616  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78269-1616**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization is the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### **ARTICLE II - LOCATION**

The principal location of the Association will be San Antonio, Texas. Other locations to serve as chapter or focal points may be authorized at the discretion of the Association's Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Association are to foster continued awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force, in general, and of the United States Air Force Security Service and its successor organizations, in particular, and to provide Association members a forum for desirable social, educational, and humanitarian services.

#### **ARTICLE IV - GOVERNING BODY**

- a. The governing body of the Association will be the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will consist of four elected executive officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and, normally, nine appointed members. The appointed directors will serve as committee chairpersons and will chair the following standing committees: Membership, History, Social, Newsletter, Golf, Picnic, Vigilant Partners, Hall of Honor and Special Activities. The Board of Directors may increase the number of appointed directors as necessary without vote thereon by the Association membership.
- b. Similarly, Board of Directors membership may be increased to install an additional member if such member is the President of a chapter whose membership exceeds thirty.
- c. Elected executive officers are responsible for carrying out Association policy and overseeing day-to-day operation of the Association. Committee chairpersons are responsible for organizing and operating their respective committees and sub-committees as required.
- d. The Sixteenth Air Force Commander may appoint a liaison officer to enable communication about matters of mutual interest. The Liaison Officer may attend all Board of Directors meetings as a nonvoting member.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

- a. Regular membership will be open to all former military and civilian members of the United States Air Force Security Service, Electronic Security Command, Air Force Intelligence Command, Air Intelligence Agency, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency, Twenty-Fifth Air Force, as well as all past and present military and civilian members of the Sixteenth Air Force.
- b. The Association Board may establish other membership categories. Each Regular and Distinguished Member (defined in Article I of the Association By-Laws) is entitled to one vote on voting matters pertaining to the Association.
- c. All voting by the membership concerning election of executive officers, amendment of the Association Constitution or By-Laws, or other issues determined by the Board of Directors to be fundamental to the association's existence and operation will be by verbal vote by those present at the annual General Membership meeting, or by mail or e-mail ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ADOPTION**

The original Constitution and its attendant By-Laws were approved by a majority of the members present and voting at the scheduled annual membership meeting on 26 September 2009. Because the Association is established in the state of Texas, applicable Texas state, and federal laws may apply. Subsequent changes were approved at appropriate Board of Director's meetings or annual General Membership meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT**

The Association Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended by a majority of the members voting, provided notice of proposed amendment has been provided to the membership at least thirty days in advance of the voting deadline. Minor administrative amendments, such as typographical corrections, grammar changes, updates to Air Force organizational names, may be approved by the Board of Directors and announced in the Association Newsletter and on the Association website.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION**

The Association is organized and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes and no part of its income shall inure to the personal benefit of any member. Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (19) provides exemption from federal income tax and was approved by letter, District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Dallas, Texas, dated 17 February 1984. The Association is exempt from payment of State of Texas franchise tax by letter, Comptroller of Public Accounts, State of Texas, Austin, Texas, dated 16 August 1984. The Association is incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit organization, Charter Number 708041.

#### **ARTICLE IX - LIABILITY**

Pursuant to State of Texas Statute, Article 1302-7.06, no officer or director of the Association shall be personally liable to the Association or its members for monetary damages for any act or omission in the officer or director's capacity as an officer or director occurring after adoption hereof except in the following instances:

- a. for any breach of the officer or director's duty or loyalty to the Association or its members;
- b. for any act or omission not in good faith or which involves intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law;
- c. for any transaction from which the officer or director receives an improper benefit whether or not the benefit resulted from action taken within the scope of the officer or director's office; or,
- d. for any act or omission for which liability of an officer or director is expressly provided by law.





## Freedom Through Vigilance Association

### By-Laws

*As of 15 May 2020*

#### **By Laws Change Register**

**Change 1:** Adds a new category of Associate Members by adding a new sub-paragraph (4) to Article I, Section B. Approved by the Board of Directors during a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on 20 January 2012.

**Change 2:** Changes all reference to current organization from Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency to read Twenty-Fifth Air Force. Approved by the Board of Directors during a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on 20 February 2015.

**Change 3:** Changes all reference to current organization from Twenty-Fifth Air Force to read Sixteenth Air Force. Approved by the Board of Directors during a regularly scheduled Board meeting on 15 May 2020.

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**BY - LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

A. **Regular:** Former military and civilian personnel of the United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS), Electronic Security Command (ESC), Air Force Intelligence Command (AFIC), Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency (AF ISR Agency), Twenty-Fifth Air Force (25 AF), and past or present military and civilian personnel of Sixteenth Air Force (16 AF).

B. **Associate:** Applies to the following categories:

- (1) Surviving spouse of deceased individual who would qualify as a regular member.
- (2) Vigilant Partner organizations that actively support 16th Air Force recognition programs.
- (3) DoD personnel (as individually approved by the Board of Directors) who, because of their close association to USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA, AF ISR Agency, 25 AF, or 16 AF perpetuate the objectives of the Association.
- (4) Air Force personnel assigned or attached to the 16th Air Force, who support and perpetuate the objectives of the Association. The Board of Directors may designate persons eligible for membership in this category as individuals, by Air Force specialty, or may designate organizations whose members are eligible as a group.

C. **Distinguished:** Former commanders of USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA, AF ISR Agency, 25 AF, and 16 AF will be identified as Distinguished Members.

D. **Honorary:** Military or civilian personnel not otherwise eligible, but whose contributions to USAF, USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA, AF ISR Agency, 25 AF, and/or 16th Air Force are, or have been, so significant as to warrant special membership consideration. Prospective Honorary Members will be identified by the Board of Directors and offered Honorary Membership at the discretion of the Board.

E. **Membership Application Procedures:** A membership application must be submitted by each prospective regular or associate member. Upon verification that the applicant satisfies the membership requirements, the applicant becomes a member of the Association effective the date the application and dues are received.

F. **Voting Rights:** Each Regular and Distinguished Member is entitled to one vote on voting matters pertaining to the Association. All voting by the membership concerning election of executive officers, amendment of the Association Constitution or By-Laws, or other issues determined by the Board of Directors to be fundamental to the association's existence and operation will be by mail or e-mail ballot or at meetings of the membership.

G. **Proxy Vote:** No voting member is entitled to exercise a vote for a member not present.

## **ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The executive officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each shall be a member of the Board of Directors and elected by the membership for a two-year term. Two officers will be elected each year, thereby staggering the positions to permit continuity among the executive officer team on matters coming before the board. In the event of resignation or other circumstances preventing an executive officer from completing the term of office, the Board of Directors will make an interim appointment from among board members to fill the balance of the term.

a. President: The President will preside over meetings of Association members and meetings of the Board of Directors and perform those duties customary to the office of President as well as any other matters presented to the Board of Directors for resolution. The President will vote on issues before the Board of Directors only in the event of a tie vote. The President will attend to the day-to-day operation of the Association with the assistance of the other members of the Board of Directors.

b. Vice President: The Vice President will have and exercise all powers, authority and duties of the President in the absence of the President.

c. Secretary: The Secretary will prepare and maintain complete records of all General Membership meetings as well as all Board of Director meetings.

d. Treasurer: The Treasurer will manage all Association funds and control their disbursement, subject to the controls, limitations, and delegations of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE III - DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall normally consist of thirteen members: Four elected executive officers and nine other directors appointed by the executive officers to chair various Association activities. Appointed directors serve at the discretion of the executive officers and their number may be increased or decreased by the executive officers as necessary without vote by the Association membership. The Board's composition will be representative of the officer, enlisted, and civilian populations of the Association.

Past presidents of the Association shall be invited to sit on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity. The number of directors shall be automatically increased if a chapter of the Association attains membership in excess of thirty members. The President of such chapter shall be entitled to represent that chapter by reason of being a member of the Board of Directors. Board of Director meetings require a quorum of seven members, including at least two of the elected officers. Matters before the Board will be decided by majority vote of the members present and voting.

## **ARTICLE IV - SPECIAL OFFICERS**

The Board of Directors may appoint, employ, or designate an individual(s) to perform in any of following capacities: Administrative Assistant, Auditor, Legal Counsel, Chaplain, Parliamentarian, or any other position that may be required. Compensation, if any, and specific responsibilities of special officers will be determined by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

Association membership meetings shall consist of an annual general membership meeting plus special meetings as required. The annual meeting will normally be held in conjunction with the scheduled anniversary events of USAFSS and its successor organizations. Prior to each annual meeting, the Board of Directors will seek nominees for the executive offices to be filled, and a vote will be taken at the annual general membership meeting. Election results will be announced at the annual meeting and promulgated to the membership. Special membership meetings may be called by the President. The President will determine the frequency, date, time, and location of Board of Directors meetings.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUES**

Lifetime and one-year membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors. One-year dues for regular and associate members are payable on a calendar year basis. The Board of Directors may adjust the amount of dues as required. Distinguished and honorary members are exempt from payment of dues.

## **ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS**

A. The Nominating Committee and its Chairman:

- (1) Shall be appointed by the President a minimum of ninety days prior to the annual membership meeting;
- (2) Shall be composed of no more than five members (A quorum will consist of a minimum of three members);
- (3) Will exclude any candidate for an elective officer position;
- (4) May be composed of members of the Board of Directors not seeking reelection as well as non-members of the Board of Directors;
- (5) Shall review the entire membership to identify potential candidates for elective executive officer positions, and will make provision for the membership to submit recommendations for candidates for these positions;
- (6) Will notify the entire membership, not less than thirty days prior to the annual membership meeting, of the names of those individuals nominated for elective executive officer positions by the Nominating Committee.

B. Elections and membership voting on issues identified by the Board of Directors requires a plurality of votes cast for election of an executive officer, and a simple majority of the membership voting is required to decide other issues appearing on the ballot.

C. The newly elected executive officers will assume their responsibilities at the first Board of Directors meeting conducted after the election. Annual replacement of appointed directors is not required; however, appointed positions being vacated will be filled at this time.

## **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

Committees will be established by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

Upon either dissolution or disbandment of the Association, all funds and properties in excess of liabilities and expenses for dissolution or disbandment will be disposed of as recommended by a simple majority of votes by the membership present at a scheduled membership meeting.

## **ARTICLE X - CHAPTERS**

The Board of Directors may authorize formation of Association chapters. These chapters shall elect their own executive officers to administer local activities and they may be represented by their president on the Association Board of Directors. The chapter president's position on the Association Board of Directors will be Chapter Representative. The Chapter Representative will have the same responsibilities, voting privileges, and benefits as other directors. When unable to attend a Board of Directors meeting, the Chapter Representative will be informed of significant issues addressed during the meeting by the Association Vice President. Chapter activities that may require Association funds will be reviewed for approval by the Board of Directors. Chapter-generated funds, in excess of Association dues, may be expended without the approval of the Association Board of Directors.



## ASSOCIATION SOCIAL EVENTS

The following highlights of the FTVA annual social events were compiled from *The Reunion Issue, 3-5 October 2019 (62pgs)*, and the *FTVA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (various months)*. For in-depth information on the events and many more photos, the original documents are available in full on the FTVA Website.

### 2019 FTVA Annual Reunion

*(Note: Of the 95 photographs and captions included in The Reunion Issue, 3-5 October 2019, only about twenty percent are included here in these highlights. See the original issue on the FTVA website for much more.)*

#### Let the Celebration Begin!

#### The Golf

Day 1: Thursday, October 3d

By Bob Benitez  
FTVA Golf Chairman

We had another beautiful day this year with 108 golfers participating. The Golf Club of Texas (GCoT) hosted our event with the typical outstanding support we've come to appreciate. From the cart prep to setting up the putting contest to last minute requests, the GCoT excelled.

The tourney ended with an outstanding BBQ meal served with all the trimmings. There were several raffle prizes including a Callaway Putter, Rangefinder and assortment of Titleist Golf Balls, towels and hats. As for team placement and skills challenge:

1st Place with a score of 54:

Bob Benitez, Corey Maness, Jay Glendenning and Nick Hoppe

2nd Place with a score of 58:

Ken Abel, Brent Grissom, Lones Seiber III and Lones Seiber IV

3rd Place with a score of 60:

Lt Col Cobeaga, Ken Gedolfe, Jim Gonzalez and Ken Maynard

Longest Drive (#2): Lones Seiber IV

Closest to the Pin (#6): Noel Zapata

Closest to the Pin (#12): Rick LaFosse

Putting Contest: Jimmy Ayala

Flop Wall: Bill Brockmiller

I have received some feedback—some very passionate—about a change of venues for next year. I'd be happy to entertain suggestions and welcome your emails or phone calls with recommendations. Many feel the GCoT may not be the best layout for our seniors and

that's ok. Perhaps another venue can offer the same support and accommodate all levels of play.

It was great to see so many of our brothers and sisters enjoying each other's company on a beautiful day on a great golf course. Of course, this event couldn't have been successful without the selfless efforts of some key volunteers. A special thanks to our former president Ted Colquhoun for his support over the last two years. There are several others of course, including Mike and Diana Nielsen (who made saying no to mulligans impossible) and "Ms. Personality", MSgt Anna Prunty.

I look forward to working the tourney again next year and until then, wishing you all a very Blessed Christmas with a Safe and Prosperous New Year for you and yours!

RIT, Bob

The photos that follow are definitive, incontrovertible proof of the good and bad times that were had by all.



**In-Processing.** Before the golfers can launch that first orb, they must first obtain the approval of the in-processing committee. These ladies ensure your papers are in order (name is on the list), you have the opportunity to acquire mulligans as well as a commemorative FTVA chapeau. Pictured left to right are volunteers Diana Nielsen, Gloria Trevino, Anna Prunty, and Eli Seddoh. Thanks, ladies for coming out and making sure the tournament got off to a solid start.



**Flop Wall.** An opportunity for those to demonstrate their Phil Mickelson-esque skill. Here, Scoty Lee (far left) watches as Andy Gossman demonstrates a form which will carry him to the tour; then again, maybe not. The judge at the flop was Mike Nielsen, annual volunteer at the tourney. Thanks Mike, appreciate you taking time out to help us make this tournament a success.



Special Thanks! Hole sponsor participation was especially helpful and appreciated.



SHOW. Ken Gendolfe, CMSgt-ret, gloats to the audience as Emcee FTVA President Ted Colquhoun awards Ken his team's prize for 3d place. Ken accepted on behalf his other cohorts: Cobeaga, Gonzalez and Maynard (not pictured).



PLACE. Accepting on behalf of the 2nd place time, Brent Grissom (right) thanks Ted Colquhoun. Brent's team consisted of himself and Abel and Seiber and Seiber (sounds like a law firm, doesn't it?).



WIN! The winning score was 54 (18 under!) and was shot by the team of Bob Benitez, Nick Hoppe, Jay Glendenning, and Corey Maness. Here we see FTVA President Ted Colquhoun presenting them with their prize.



## Hall of Honor Induction Day 2: Friday Morning, October 4th

In the 25th AF Headquarters building on Security Hill, the reunion featured its annual, solemn ceremony honoring past contributors to the command's legacy. As officials, friends, families and well-wishers gathered, four individuals were inducted in the Hall of Honor as the Class of 2019. These four, who's past accomplishments and contributions directly contributed to the legacy and mission of the command, rose above the competition posed by many other deserving candidates.

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

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

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

**Bissett, Horace (Joe) F., MSgt, USAF (Ret)**



**Class of 2019: Pictured left-to-right, Maj Gen Haugh, 25 AF Commander; honorees Greg Radabaugh, Greg Roman, Dennis "Rass" Rasmussen and Horace "Joe" Bissett. FTVA President Ted Colquhoun on the right. Photo courtesy of 25 AF/PA.**



**Maj Gen Timothy D. Haugh, Commander, 25th AF, presented Mr. Gregory Radabaugh with a wall plaque commemorating his induction as a member of the 2019 Hall of Honor Class. Photo courtesy of 25 AF/PA.**



**Above,(L-R) Maj Gen Timothy D. Haugh, 25 AF Commander, Greg Roman, and Ted Colquhoun. Photo courtesy of 25 AF/PA.**



**As the 25th AF Commander MajGen Timothy Haugh looks approvingly on, "Rass" and Ted exchange words of congratulations and sincere thank yous. Rass is a long-time stalwart of the FTVA and multi-year editor of Remain In Touch, the FTVA's newsletter. Rass has served as a mentor to new FTVA members over the years. Thanks, Rass. Photo courtesy of 25 AF/PA.**



**Ted Colquhoun, FTVA president, hangs the HOH ribbon around Joe's neck. Below, the Bissett Clan has 'gaggled up' on stage to pose for the camera with Maj Gen Timothy Haugh, 25th Air Force Commander, and outgoing FTVA President Ted Colquhoun. Photo courtesy of 25 AF/PA.**

## Remembrance Ceremony Day 2: Friday Morning, October 4th

With the 25th AF Headquarters Building as a backdrop, the second reunion event of Friday was the solemn Remembrance Ceremony in which we paid our deepest respects continually memorializing the contributions of our fellow Silent Warriors who have passed in the past and previous years. Below are some depictions capturing the ceremony.



**FTVA 2019 Reunion attendees listening to Maj Gen Timothy Haugh commemorate the occasion (above) paying their respects to the command's fallen warriors (below).**



## Picnic On The Hill Day 2: Friday Afternoon, October 4th

Following the Remembrance Ceremony in front of the Headquarters Building, the reunion events moved down the street to Stapleton Park for the annual Picnic on the Hill where live music, food booths, libations and war stories abounded all afternoon. The photos below capture a slice of the flavor and good times at the picnic.



Enjoying the Reunion Picnic we have (l-r) Ed Jolly, CMSgt Retired, a Security Hill Legend seen here visiting with Elizabeth and Ernie Lazard, golfer extraordinaire!



Junior Barnes, JJ Pitzeruse and Dicky The Poo DeBosh



Capt Brandon Boggs and 1Lt Maxwell Goeke, volunteer chefs supplying the food booths



What can we add here? The legendary Jessie Green, CMSgt, retired and active FTVA Alamo Chapter Member.

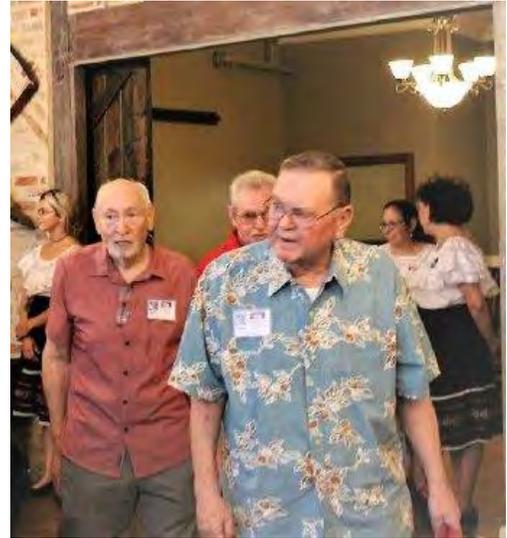


## The Banquet Saturday Evening, October 5th

The FTVA Reunion Banquet, the last official event, was held Saturday evening at the Lackland AFB Gateway Club, it's normal venue. A highlight of the evening was the speech by the 25th AF Commander, Lt. Gen. (sel) Timothy Haugh, in which he discussed the challenges and histories and legacies of the 24th and 25th AF as the transition to 16th AF occurs. Below are selected photos commemorating the event.



Banquet diners mixing and mingling and generally catching up with the doings of the last year.



The legendary Bob Cope leading the procession with Larry Ross as his right wingman into the grand banquet hall.



Happy FTVA Banquet Attendees (l-r) Ken Gendolfe, AJ Maynard, Dennis "Rass" Rassmussen, and Ken Maynard.



Left to right, we have Pete Siegel, Bernie Gavin, Larry Miller, and Dan Scott. Forty years ago, all were Bernie's lieutenants at the 6990th at Kadena.



# Skivvy Nine Mini Reunion More Popularly Known as MiMi Call

Or

(League of Extraordinary Korlings and Other Hangers On)

Thursday Evening, 3 October 2019

Another FTVA reunion, another MiMi Call, once again organized and non-hosted by our own Chris Normal. Thanks again Chris! What began as a few old (and some older) Korlings gathering for a burger and brew has evolved to a great night now where Skivvy Niners of all shred-outs coming from near and far gather to tell war stories and personify the FTVA's motto of "Remain In Touch."



The Gang's All Here (well maybe not all here). This year's "MiMi" Call had a great turnout on 3 October 10, 2019 at Bigz Burger Joint #2 on Highway 151, San Antonio, TX. Some of the attendees are depicted left to right are: Gieyong Lloyd, Red Lloyd, Axel Anaruk, Matt and Lisa Poole, their daughter Sammie Jean Poole, Steve Staycoff, Steven Widmer, Chris Norman (to whom we all thank for organizing this event each year), Scott Lawson, Sandra Nilsen, Bill Sims, Roger Heimann, Dennis Buxton, Gus Toudouze Jr, Howie Kagan, Sherry and Marc Kirner, Chris Callan, Alan Webb, Ralph Mann, and Bob Crabtree.



# The Prop Wash Gang Mini-Reunion and Banquet and Picnic

2-4 October 2019

What follows are selected photos from the many activities held by the very active Prop Wash Gang.



**Tom Davis, Ken Schnarrenberger and Greg Mahoney at the PWG picnic.**



**PWGers Jon Gwinn, Larry Ross and Larry Boyce at Prop Wash Gang Banquet held on the Riverwalk at the Casa Rio.**



**At the PWG Hospitality Suite we have Alan Daugherty, Pat Mower, Bob Dickerson and Stephen Hood.**



**Joe Bissett, Larry Tart and Jerry Ellis in Hospitality Room at Holiday Inn Express**



## **FTVA Board of Directors Get Together**

The FTVA Board held their (mostly) annual get-together at the Outback Steak House at 12511 Interstate-10 West on 25 January 2020. As the saying goes, “a good time was had by all”. Pictures are not available.

## **FTVA 2020 Spring Social**

Originally there was some debate last year as to whether the annual FTVA Spring Social should continue as an association event. At last year’s Annual General Membership Meeting the Social Activities Co-Chair, Ken Williams, pointed out that the previous Spring Social had only 55 people attend, and recommended the Board consider if it’s worth continuing. Discussions continued among board members from late 2019 through January whether to continue with the Spring Social tradition. Among the influencing factors against continuing were declining/low participation and the time of year for the event, often wedged between the Easter holidays, Spring Break for the schools, and most significantly, the two week period of the San Antonio Fiesta activities.

It was finally decided at the January 2020 monthly board meeting to keep the Spring Social despite declining/low participation. There was some discussion that stronger marketing for the event could help boost attendance, and of equal significance, the board had secured as guest speaker our newly-promoted three-star commander of 16AF (Air Forces Cyber), Lt. Gen. Haugh. The planned location was once again the SeaWorld Marriott, and the planned date was 21 March 2020. Reservations were made by Ken Williams for the venue and catering.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began spreading across the continent by late February it became evident that the Spring Social was on shaky ground. The board waited until March 12<sup>th</sup> to confirm the downward trajectory of scheduled events across Texas, at which point our President, Evan Smith, called an audible and cancelled the event. Appropriate notice was sent to the membership, 16 AF Command front office, and posted on Facebook. Our Social Chairman dutifully notified the SeaWorld Marriott and caterer, a mere five days before a cancellation financial penalty would occur.

So, unfortunately, we have no photographs or memories this year to share with the membership. One backhanded consolation was the fact that the next day after we cancelled, March 13<sup>th</sup>, President Trump invoked his national emergency powers, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster, and Mayor Nirenburg declared a new public health emergency in San Antonio. So you might say our board was a trendsetter! Additionally, soon after we cancelled, school Spring Break was indefinitely extended and classes cancelled, and the San Antonio Fiesta was at first postponed, and later cancelled. However, Easter did happen.

One final worthy consolation after all the cancellations flying around was the fact that Gen Haugh wrote a letter to the FTVA two weeks after the Spring Social would have been held, offering his condolence on its cancellation, and hoping he would see us all in the fall. The letter contained many of the topics he would have most likely have been sharing with us at the event. The letter is posted on the FTVA website, and is worth repeating below.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
SIXTEENTH AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES CYBER) (ACC)  
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO – LACKLAND, TEXAS



April 3, 2020

Members of the FTVA,

When we last met, we connected the history of our ISR enterprise to our enduring missions. I'm sorry that our March event was cancelled, but I'd still like to share how the amazing Airmen of 16AF are making history today!

Our Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS) enterprise has revolutionized the way we support air components. With enthusiastic support from air component commanders, DCGS Airmen have organized in problem-centric teams...allowing full spectrum analysis and exploitation to produce intelligence on the most important operational problems. This approach will maximize outcomes that enable commanders to develop plans and adjust force postures to compete with peer adversaries...we are truly leading in new ways as we leverage our globally integrated ISR capabilities to address the National Defense Strategy.

One of our missions is to counter adversary malign influence wielded through disinformation. This is a serious threat, demonstrated by the spread of COVID-19 disinformation. Our Information Warfare Cell is on the front lines, establishing global partnerships to create outcomes that deny adversary plausible deniability. Airmen from our ISR wings are also finding ways to leverage publicly available information to gain insights that expose this activity. As we progress, we're demonstrating the power of a converged enterprise to create national-level outcomes.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, our mission to operate and defend the Air Force networks is essential. As of a few weeks ago, hundreds of thousands of additional users required telework capability. In response, the 688th Cyberspace Wing synchronized the multiple organizations focused on expanding telework capacity. In less than two weeks, user remote access capability was expanded by 600 percent! The Airmen of the 688th are shaping the future of telework in our service...changing the way we think about distributed work while keeping our data secure.

Finally, on 16 March we stood up the 616th Operations Center. In order to maximize the integration of ISR, Cyber, EW, Information Operations, and Weather capabilities, the OC is operationalizing a new concept we call convergence. Convergence flows data across each capability to improve the effects of each individual capability and uses those insights to create new global information warfare outcomes. Converging these unique capabilities in a way that leverages our global vantage point and maximizes lethality will be the measure of effectiveness for 16th Air Force. This is a historic undertaking that will change the way our service fights.

I am so proud of our Airmen and I'm inspired daily as I watch them make history. But we don't achieve this alone. I am incredibly grateful for the support you show our Airmen and their families. It is an uncommon privilege to have such a network of professionals standing behind us. Sherie and I hope that you will remain safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing all of you in the fall as we continue to reflect on the history we make together.

“RISE UP!”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy D. Haugh'.

Timothy D. Haugh  
Lieutenant General,  
USAF Commander





## 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

(Note: for obituaries and photos see previous four issues of the Remain in Touch newsletters.)

**Abernathy**, James, A1C, USAFSS; **Alexis**, Leslie (Lee), SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Allison**, Kenneth R., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Baer**, Richard T. Lt Col (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Ballinger**, Alice Lee, **Spouse of CMSgt (ret) George Ballinger**; **Ballinger**, Alice Lee, Spouse of George Ballinger, CMSgt (ret), **FTVA and Heritage Chapter Lifetime member**; **Barker**, Bill, R. CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Barnes**, Frederick, W., MSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Bayer**, Frank Martin "Ted", USAFSS; **Bingham**, Richard "Corky", SMgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Member**; **Blair**, Craig S., USAFSS; **Blake**, Ronald, G., Sgt, USAFSS; **Bormann**, Danny J., Sgt, USAFSS; **Boutin**, Donald R., Lt Col (ret), USAFSS; **Brown**, John E., USAFSS; **Bruce**, Arvel Gene, MSgt (RET), USAFSS **\*\*\*FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Callow**, Bennett L., USAFSS; **Casciano**, John P., Maj Gen (ret), Former AIA Commander, **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Cassidy**, Michael S., Col (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Member**; **Chamness**, Charles G., A1C, USAFSS; **Cochran**, Richard, Kenneth, SSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Cooley**, Hiram Lindal "L.C.", SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Cresap**, Charles C. "Soppy", MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Cullen**, Richard E., USAFSS; **Daigle**, Joseph George Emile, MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Daniels**, Harry E., USAFSS; **Davis**, John R., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS, **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Delheimer**, James W. "Jim", USAFSS; **Deliganis**, Tom, USAFSS; **Deuson**, Benny, USAFSS; **Dix**, Robert D., MSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Dove**, Andrew, TSgt (ret), USAFSS, **FTVA Member**; **Dumas**, Gerald H., USAFSS; **Elsleger**, James D., USAFSS; **Emmons**, Albert D., TSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Fender**, Johnny C., Col (ret), USAFSS; **French**, Elizabeth Hunter Dawson, Spouse of John F. French **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Gale**, Eric K., SMSgt (ret), USAF; **Gates**, Arthur S., USAFSS; **Gierard**, Donald A., Lt Col, USAFSS; **Giroux**, Terrence E., Maj (ret), USAFSS; **Grabski**, Thomas J., Sgt, USAFSS; **Graham**, William, D., Maj (ret), USAFSS; **Greene**, Michael, MSgt (ret), USAF; **Grisham**, Woodie R., Maj (ret), USAFSS; **Hawley**, Daniel R., TSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Hedges**, Gordon, H., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Hobson**, Elmer Dean, USAFSS; **Jones**, Lee, MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Julien**, Dale R., USAFSS; **Kennon**, Patrick E., USAFSS; **Kinkade**, Robert C., USAFSS; **Kosinski**, Wallace, J., A1C, USAFSS; **Kuckelman**, Karl F., SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Lanty**, Michael, USAFSS; **Larkin**, Duane W., CMSgt, (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Leach**, Janice Ilene Bunfill ("Jan"), **FTVA Member**; **Legenza**, Rudolph J., Sgt, USAFSS; **Lombardi**, Donato A., Lt Col (ret), USAFSS; **Lovern**, Ronald L., A1C, USAFSS; **Mahan**, Lonnie A., SSgt, USAFSS; **McCurdy**, Myrna Samson, Spouse of Darrell McCurdy **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **McGuirt**, James W., USAFSS; **McLane**, Daniel William, USAFSS;

**Meagher**, James P., MSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Mihelcic**, Henry "Hank", Lt Col (ret), USAFSS; **Miller**, John Michael "Mike", CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Monahan**, Joseph Francis, USAFSS; **Naab**, David J., SMSgt (ret), USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Neeley**, Thomas L., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Ortoli**, Neal Charles, USAFSS; **Ostrander**, Gerald A. Jr, USAFSS; **Overton**, William T., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Pauley**, Leo Edward, SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Pechacek**, Harvey B., USAFSS; **Perras**, Alfred J., A1C, USAFSS; **Planinshek**, John T., A1C, USAFSS; **Potempa**, Robert H., USAFSS; **Powell**, Charles E., Col (ret), USAF; **Rainey**, Peter H., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Ray**, Loren, USAFSS; **Rehor**, Michael W., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Reihms**, Connie V., **Spouse of Paul Reihms**; **Rhoades**, Donald E., USAFSS; **Richard**, Francis, W., Sgt., USAFSS; **Riggan**, Warren Wayne, USAFSS; **Ritter**, George William, USAFSS; **Roberts**, Lowell W., SSgt, USAFSS; **Roby**, Randolph W. "Randy", USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Roesler**, Herman, L., TSgt, USAFSS **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Rogers**, Montie P., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS, **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Ross**, Johnny, USAFSS; **Rubel**, George W., MSgt (ret), USAFSS, **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Rushe**, George Marion, Col (ret), USAFSS; **Scarboro**, Richard Gay, USAFSS; **Schick**, Floris Leldon "Sonny", MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **George**, Donald Scott, Brig Gen (ret), USAF; **Scott**, Jon M., MSgt (ret), USAF; **Shelton**, Tommy Joel, Sgt, USAFSS; **Shoffner**, Felix Coleman "F. C." Jr., MSgt (ret), USAFSS, **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Silvia**, William F., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Sites**, Kermit W., SSgt, USAFSS; **Sjolander**, Ardell "Red", CMSgt (ret), USAFSS , **FTVA Member**; **Sloan**, Hugh Johnston III, PhD, USAFSS; **Smith**, Gerald "Jerry" E., USAFSS; **Spice**, Larry "Gah", USAFSS; **Stapchuck**, John F., SMSgt (ret), **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Staples**, Steve O., USAFSS; **Stevens**, Jerry A., SMSgt (ret), USAF; **Swilor**, James, Ethan, SMSgt, 16th Air Force; **Tackett**, Robert Foster, TSgt (ret), USAFSS; **Taus**, Robert, L., Col (ret), **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Taylor**, James Hampton, USAFSS; **Wankowski**, Marilyn Josephine Mullins, Spouse of Alvin Wankowski, **FTVA Lifetime Member**; **Webster**, Alicia Britt, USAF; **Weeks**, Ralph, USAFSS; **Wesner**, Joseph W., CMSgt (ret), USAFSS/ESC; **Wolf**, David B., MSgt (ret), USAFSS



# **FTVA VIGILANT PARTNER PROGRAM**

P.O. BOX 691616  
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September, 2020



## PLATINUM PARTNERS

**Mrs. Doyle E. Larson**  
**(IMO Maj Gen Doyle E. Larson)**  
**Prop Wash Gang**  
**(IMO CMSgt Tom Tennant)**

## GOLD PARTNERS

**Security Service Federal Credit Union**  
**Engrave-Tech & Graphics**  
**Air Force Federal Credit Union**  
**William F. Sheck**  
**Anonymous**  
**(IMO MSgt Robert "Bob" Fenstermacher)**

## SILVER PARTNERS

**Anthony F. Jensen**  
**Grover Jackson**  
**Regis F.A. Urschler**  
**Bob & Debbie Cope**  
**"Picnic Partners"**  
**Greg Radabaugh**

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**Mark and Amy Hess  
Ronald Hentz  
(IHO Col Bob Cope)  
Larry and Alice Boyce  
E.W. Forbess  
Perry Eisenhower**

**PATRON PARTNERS**

**CMSgt Roger Towberman  
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Charles Bishop**

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# FTVA PRIOR YEAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION  
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1. **Oct 5, 2019 FTVA Annual General Membership Meeting:** After determining there was a quorum, President Ted Colquhoun called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Security Service Federal Credit Union, La Cantera Corporate Headquarters Building Board of Directors conference room, San Antonio Texas.

## 2. ATTENDANCE:

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ted Colquhoun – President        | Evan Smith – Vice President    |
| Lee Anthony – Treasurer          | Gerry Goething (Mid Atlantic)  |
| Barnie Gavin (Alamo Chapter)     | BG Grover Jackson              |
| Ken Maynard                      | Ken Williams                   |
| AJ Harrison                      | Bill Scheck                    |
| Fred Collins (Aloha Chapter)     | Joe Hurst                      |
| Scott Lawson (Salt Lake Chapter) | J.J. Graham (Heritage Chapter) |
| Roy Burnett                      | Dennis Rasmussen               |
| Greg Roman (Rocky Mountain)      | Bob Crabtree                   |

3. **MINUTES:** President Ted Colquhoun recapped the Annual Meeting Minutes from 2018, and a motion was made to approve the minutes was made and seconded.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lee Anthony provide an annual report and related that the Association accounts were in the black for the first time in three years, mainly due to the savings from moving from printed to e-editions of the RIT and directory. He provided and reviewed a detailed report, noting that annual contributions to 25 AF would increase some from what was reported once banquet funding was incorporated. Overall, Vigilant partner and membership income remains down. Expressed need to push the Vigilant Partners program. He confirmed that funds for the both the Hall of Honor and the Remembrance Ceremonies came from the Memorial Fund. He also advised that he'd be sending the Chapters a proforma to complete for holdings, needed for tax filing purposes. 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 remain Vigilant Partners was down and recommended we proactively seek new partners.

## 6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

a. **FTVA Historian** – FTVA membership welcomed Dan Martin as the new Historian. All Chapters were reminded to provide their regular reports. Dan provided for the meeting a comprehensive history compiled from RIT submissions, various NAF news updates and a copy of last year’s Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes.

b. **Web & Membership Chairman** – Roy Burnett – Addressed the process for accessing the member directory and addressed the pros and cons of printing and mailing an annual membership directory, which led to general discussion about the need to conduct a one-time address verification survey. Scott Lawson provided an overview of Member Planet and the value it could provide for tracking membership.

c. **Hall of Honor:** AJ Harrison – Thanked the hard work of the selection committee...lots of hard work. Inducted 189th -192nd members this year.

d. **Memorial Ceremony:** Ted & Lee – The event was a success. Again this year there was voluntary participation of several Med Group personnel, which is much needed and appreciated. Make a note to follow-up on the NAF requesting quiet hours during the event for next year.

e. **Social Activities:** Ken Williams – Noted that there were 216 attendees signed up for the banquet that he was aware of, anticipating northward of 250 to hear Lt Gen Hough and he reminded everyone that the club was not making any money off of the event and that the prices has remained static for a very long time...could change in the future. Ken also mentioned that the next Spring Fling would need to be addressed at a later meeting.

f. **Golf:** Ted provide a recap on behalf of Bob Benitez, noting that the tournament was an overall success.

g. **Picnic:** Ted noted that the picnic was an overall success, given the late scrambling with the base by the NAF staff that was required to get approval for the food booths and late planning start this year due to the merger.

h. **Newsletter:** Dennis Buxton – Dennis noted that the on-line newsletter has great color and looks very polished...able to include much more high-quality content over the print version.

## 7. CHAPTER UPDATES:

a. **Aloha Chapter:** Fred Collins attended and passed regards from Chapter President, John Tilly” Toillon. He noted that their membership was seven, but though small, that they regularly got together for social activities.

b. **Rocky Mountain Chapter:** Greg Roman noted that they have about 20 regular members that meet at Rhino's Sports Bar. Other activities include an annual golf tournament. A major activity they conduct is a "Roll Call" where they "pin" veterans. Sadly, we lost Jeff Waldeck this year after a long illness and will be exploring ways to honor his service.

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. He noted that the memorial paver project was going well and that for Veteran's Day they made certificates and handed out pins for local veterans. He also discussed their traveling missing man table that they make available for local organizations. Also, he noted that Larry Millers is working on getting bricks from the Hanoi Hilton.

d. **Wasatch Chapter:** Scott Lawson provided an update; noted they now have about 30 members. He highlighted their shipping of part of SENIOR SCOUT shelter to the National Cryptologic Museum, where it'll eventually have its own display. He thanked the Board for funding the effort. He also highlighted the Chapter's participation in support of the Utah Down's Syndrome annual effort, partnering with the 300 MI Brigade for their annual linguist professional of the year awards. Lastly he noted their Chapter's approach to address the "what's in for me" question of today's Airmen with a slogan of "Belong, Volunteer, Connect" and emphasized that the message was resonating.

e. **Mid-Atlantic Chapter:** Gerry Goething provided an update, noting that Dave Doria is the current President and that Bob Bastian is the VP. He noted that the NCR was a tough area for garnering support for a number of reasons.

f. **Alamo Chapter:** Bernie Gavin provided an update and noted that they regularly meet on the third Thursday of the month except for October and April to accommodate the anniversary events and the Spring Social. They provided \$200 to the 543 ISRG ISO their annual awards this year.

## 8. BUSINESS:

a. **Election of Officers:** Having received no other nominations, Evan Smith and William "Bill" Brockmiller were confirmed as the President and Vice President, respectively.

b. **Schedule of Events for Next Year:** The Anniversary Events are tentatively scheduled for the last weekend of September 2020. Per Ken William, the Gateway Club has already been reserved.

c. Bernie Gavin was the longest serving member present (1958)

d. Fred Collins travelled the farthest to attend (Hawaii).

9. **OPEN FORUM:** General discussion ensued regarding the changes coming related to the NAF merger and the need to update the FTVA Constitution and By-Laws and engagement with the NAF.

10. **ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



# FTVA ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

## Income/Expenditures By Category (1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019)

### FTVA 2019 INCOME

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Banquet Tickets     | 6,000.00           |
| Donations           | 8,135.00           |
| Golf Tourney        | 6,205.00           |
| Interest, Inc.      | 1,032.95           |
| Membership Dues     | 3,746.00           |
| Social Receipts     | 210.00             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>\$25,328.95</b> |

### FTVA 2019 EXPENDITURES

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 25 AF                  | 12,228.33          |
| Administrative Support | 79.42              |
| Bank Charge            | 240.00             |
| Chapter Rebates        | 660.00             |
| Internet               | 68.85              |
| Membership             | 4,020.91           |
| Newsletter             | 3986.75            |
| Social Events          | 1391.50            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>  | <b>\$22,675.76</b> |

**OVERALL TOTAL** **\$2,653.19**

## USAFSS/ESC MEMORIAL FUND

### Income/Expenditures By Category (1/1/2019 – 12/31/2019)

### INCOME

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Gifts Received      | 11,250.00          |
| Interest Inc        | 282.43             |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>\$11,532.43</b> |

### EXPENDITURES

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 25 AF Support             | 6,000.00           |
| Heritage Support          | 10,800.00          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>\$16,800.00</b> |

**OVERALL TOTAL** **-\$5267.57**



September 14, 2020

FTVA Board of Directors % Evan Smith,  
President PO Box 691616  
San Antonio, TX 78269-1616

Dear Evan,

This letter certifies that the Financial Review Committee reviewed the FTVA financial accounts for 2019. The committee found that the accounts are all in order.

The Board owes a debt of gratitude to treasurer Lee Anthony for his time and diligence.

Respectfully, Ken Maynard  
Chair, Financial Review Committee

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THE FTVA IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ESTABLISHED IN 1981. WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE SUPPORT AND PERPETUATION OF SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN SERVICES FOR THE USAF AND 16th AIR FORCE.

ALL FORMER AND CURRENT MILITARY OR CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF THE 16 AF AND ITS PREDECESSOR COMMANDS OR AGENCIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP. SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DECEASED PERSONNEL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS.

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