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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Evan Smith

Hello from San Antonio!

Déjà vu all over again...this time last year I was writing to say how sorry I was that we'd have to wait another year to see one another at our annual anniversary activities here in San Antonio. Once again, we are delayed. The risk of travel and the possibility of losing our banquet venue led the Executive Board to the decision to postpone this year's activities. 16 AF has agreed to a new, tentative date in March 2022 assuming conditions on the ground have improved and travel is once again an acceptable risk. On the bright side, if the March dates hold, we'd also be looking to hold the regular schedule in the Fall as well; so there may just be two opportunities to participate next year. Fingers crossed...

Despite the cancelled in-person events this year, we will be holding our annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 25th, via ZOOM at 1100 Central. As in past years, we'll be seeking to replace two of our Executive Board members whose two-year terms are concluding. This year we'll be looking to name a new President and Vice President as well as to confirm Ken Maynard as our Treasurer since he stepped-up mid-stream to replace Lee Anthony. That said, if anyone in the Greater San Antonio area or beyond (is willing to travel for the occasional meeting with NAF leadership) and would like to volunteer for any of these posts, please throw your name in the ring.

I hope you all enjoy this RIT edition as much as I know I will. I wish each of you happiness and good health. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your Board with any news, questions, or concerns you may have...until next time, Remain in Touch!

Evan V. Smith
President, FTVA

FTVA Value Statement

Many Air Force senior leaders have 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 Chief Master Sergeant Roger Towberman (former Airborne Mission Supervisor), Space Force Senior Enlisted Adviser and U.S. Space Force Senior Enlisted Adviser, 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 prior 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 and the Air Force’s Core Values of *Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do*.

**Remain in Touch,
Evan V. Smith
President, FTVA**

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Hello Again Dear Readers,

Welcome to another issue of *Remain In Touch!* chock full of alumni and active duty happenings and information. Sure wish I was getting psyched up and getting the camera ready for the reunion, which you probably already know is tentatively re-scheduled for March 2022 because of this stuff that continues to plague us.

This issue features an increase in our chapter activities reporting as well as the standard but always interesting fare regarding the latest in 16th Air Force, the President’s Corner, Hall of Honor news, our honored and appreciated Vigilant Partners and the always remembered Fallen Eagles.

Our next issue will be posted in December 2021. Please send your inputs to newsletter@ftva.us by 1 December.

And, as always, we welcome and appreciate all your comments and inputs. Simply send an email to newsletter@ftva.us. Or, if you prefer, send me a handwritten note or typed missive to 8847 Breanna Oaks, San Antonio, TX 78254. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dennis Buxton
Newsletter Editor



FTVA HALL OF HONOR



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

Hall of Honor Class of 2021 Selected

The Hall of Honor selection committee takes great pleasure in announcing this year’s selections for induction into the Hall of Honor. On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for induction into the FTVA Hall of Honor for 2021 and will be formally inducted at the next reunion event. Selectees are:

Col George V. Eichelberger, USAF (Ret)
CMSgt Kenneth Gendolfe, USAF (Ret)
CMSgt Ralph A. Wade, USAF (Ret)
Mr. Barry Steveson, USAF (Ret)

The following Hall of Honor members comprised this year’s selection committee: Lt Col Ken Williams, USAF (Ret); Mr. Gregory Radabaugh, DAF (Ret); CMSgt Bob Crabtree, USAF (Ret); CMSgt Ken Maynard, USAF (Ret); CMSgt Marco Aldaz, USAF (Ret); and SMSgt Lee Anthony, USAF (Ret).

Thank You and Remain In Touch.
A.J. Harrison
Hall of Honor Program Chair

16th AIR FORCE NEWS

Compiled by Ken Maynard
Associate Editor Extraordinaire

U.S. CYBER COMMAND LEADER VISITS 16TH AIR FORCE’S (AFCYBER) CYBER AND INTELLIGENCE FORCES

Adapted from an article by 1Lt. Michael Hardy, 16th AF—Published August 04, 2021

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas -- U.S. Army Gen. Paul Nakasone, commander, U.S. Cyber Command, director of the National Security Agency, and chief of the Central Security



Service visited 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber), Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, August 1-3.

During his visit, Nakasone met with U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Timothy Haugh, commander, 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber), and several 16th Air Force units and mission partners who briefed and answered Nakasone’s questions about current cyber and intelligence efforts spanning the globe.

Air Force Cyber personnel stationed globally provided remote updates and answered questions focusing on partnerships with global allies, alignment of forces and the command’s operational support to U.S. Space Command.

“You have tremendous collaboration with partners,” said Nakasone. “If

Army General Paul Nakasone, Director, National Security Agency, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command coins Senior Airman Estevan Montoya during his visit to 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber), JBSA-Lackland, Texas, Aug 2. Nakasone highlighted the accomplishments of several 16th Air Force Airmen for their contributions to the Information Warfare mission.

anyone can handle the mission’s tasks, 16th Air Force can.”

Concluding the briefings, Nakasone thanked the Air Force Cyber team for their contribution and delivering outcomes supporting our national defense.

Nakasone coined several Airmen and recognized their efforts in mission success.

Airmen have generated outcomes that include algorithm creation to decrease malicious cyber alerts, new developments using artificial intelligence and machine learning to ensure network security, bilateral communication with allies, and maintaining our nation’s edge in information warfare with the creation of the first information operations package.

The 616th Operations Center Commander echoed Nakasone’s sentiments and lauded their remarkable work.

“It was an incredible opportunity to directly receive Gen. Nakasone’s strategic guidance and witness our top information warfare Airmen get recognized for their efforts,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Justin Mokrovich, commander, 616th Operations Center. “The positive engagement of our most senior leaders in 16th Air Force and Cyber Command is testament to the significance of our mission and the trust placed in our exceptional teams to execute.

Sixteenth Air Force (Air Forces Cyber), headquartered at Joint Base San-Antonio-Lackland, Texas, is the first-of-its-kind Numbered Air Force. Also known as the Air Force’s Information Warfare Numbered Air Force, the 16th integrates multisource intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, cyber warfare, electronic warfare, and information operations capabilities across the conflict continuum, to ensure that our Air Force is fast, lethal and fully integrated in both competition and in war. 16th Air Force (Air Forces Cyber) 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.

AFTAC GETS FIRST-EVER SPACE FORCE VICE COMMANDER

Adapted from an article by Susan A. Romano, AFTAC/PA—Published August 30, 2021



Col. Katharine G. Barber (left), commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Space Force Base, Fla., administers the oath of office to Col. Richard R. Beckman to induct him into the U.S. Space Force. Beckman is AFTAC’s first vice commander to serve as a member of the newest branch of the Department of Defense. (U.S. Air Force photo by Matthew S. Jurgens)

PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, Fla. — For the first time in its history, the Air Force Technical Applications Center has a Space Force colonel as the vice commander.

Col. Richard R. Beckman took the oath of office Aug. 20, officially swearing him into the U.S. Space Force at a ceremony held at the nuclear treaty monitoring center here.

The colonel arrived at Patrick SFB in July and waited until August to transfer from one branch to another after

receiving full Senate confirmation to do so.

His decision to become a Space Force Guardian wasn't made in a vacuum. After conferring with his professional mentors and his wife and children, he applied for transfer on the very last day of eligibility.

Beckman received his commission in 1999 through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Tulane University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Immediately after graduation, he was accepted into the Air Force Institute of Technology's Distance Learning Program (also at Tulane) to continue his education. Within two years, he completed his master's and doctorate degrees in Electrical Engineering, with an emphasis on positioning, navigation and timing systems for autonomous underwater surveillance systems.

In 2001, he entered active duty as a Navigation Warfare Technology program manager at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Ohio. For the next several years, he served in multiple assignments spanning the full intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance acquisition life cycle from research and development to sustainment. He has been a research and lead test engineer, branch chief, program manager, element monitor, and materiel leader. This is his first command position.

As the organization's vice commander, Beckman is responsible for supporting the wing commander's vision and priorities, and ensuring the workforce has the training and tools needed to safely and successfully accomplish their global mission. Additionally, the vice assists with leading, managing and developing AFTAC's 1,000+ team of active duty Airmen, civilian personnel and defense contractors.

AFTAC's newest Guardian has made a career of making sure grass doesn't grow under his feet. In addition to being professionally published more than a dozen times, Beckman also holds two U.S. patents – one for an underwater vessel positioning system and another for localizing of submerged tow vehicles.

"I've had an incredible career to date, and this latest chapter allows me to align my future goals with my 22 years of experience so I can help mentor, develop and grow the force as we begin to treat space as a warfighting domain," Beckman said. "I hope I can bring a unique perspective to AFTAC and open the door for new partnerships and opportunities to enhance our mission capabilities for the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Space Force."

GRAND FORKS AFB TO LEAD FUTURE ISR MISSIONS

Adapted from an article by 319th Reconnaissance Wing / Published August 26, 2021

Washington, D.C. (AFNS) --The Department of the Air Force announced today it will conduct infrastructure planning in 2022 for construction and renovation projects at Grand Forks Air Force Base, projected to begin in 2023.

Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall approved the plan, which will provide the construction and renovations necessary to enable the 319th Reconnaissance Wing to develop and train crews in support of future Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance missions.

The announcement comes as the Air Force looks to restructure ISR capabilities to meet national defense priorities and support joint all-domain command and control capabilities.

"We're excited to provide vital strategic capabilities to the Joint force," said Col. Timothy Curry, commander of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing. "Grand Forks AFB will remain central to the Air Force core ISR mission today and in the future."

The Air Force plans to budget for construction and renovation projects to occur during 2023-2026 to support future 319th RW missions.

The plan includes expanding the number of operational units under the command of the 319th RW that are involved in next generation missions, such as E-11 Battlefield Airborne Control Node aircraft mission at Robins AFB, Ga., starting in 2022 and a second geographically separated unit in the future.

The Department of the Air Force's fiscal year 2022 budget request is seeking the divestment of the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System and RQ-4 Block 30 aircraft, to fund modernization and increase capability to counter threats posed by near peer competitors like China and Russia. Divested aircraft can be transferred to other military components or federal agencies if there is a requirement. As these new missions take shape, Grand Forks' 319th RW will continue to operate RQ-4 Block 40 aircraft through the late 2020s.



An EQ-4 Block-20 Global Hawk is parked outside a hangar on Grand Forks Air Force Base after concluding its final flight and landing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., on July 29, 2021. The Block 20 unmanned aircraft was the Global Hawk variant that utilized the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node and was recently retired from use. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jack LeGrand)

FTVA CHAPTER NEWS

Forward your chapter inputs at any time (monthly, weekly or all at once) to William "Bill" Brockmiller, FTVA Board Vice President and current Chapter Liaison WBUSAF@gmail.com.



Heritage Chapter San Angelo, TX

Ronald 'JJ' Graham, Chapter President
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Lt. Mathis Honored in Hometown

Article written and photo by Larry Miller

STERLING CITY, Texas - Heritage Chapter members Tom Nurre and Larry Miller took a 44-mile road trip on Monday, June 21st, 2021, to Sterling City, Texas to present a certificate to its mayor and city council members.

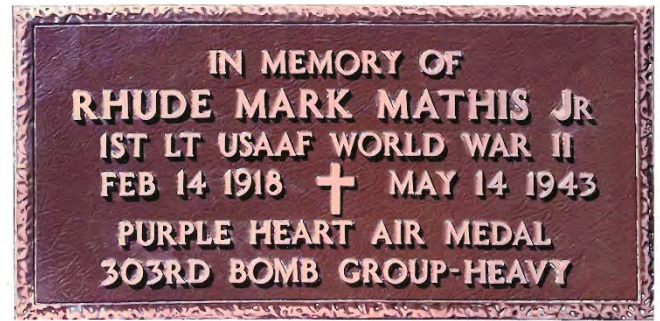
This certificate, sent to the Heritage Chapter by the Veterans Administration and signed by former President Donald Trump, honors the courage and heroism of 1st Lt Mark Mathis, who grew up in Sterling City and perished during World War II when his B-17 was shot down over the North Sea.

After Larry briefly described the significance of Lt. Mathis' service and sacrifice to a grateful nation, Chief Tom presented the certificate to Sterling City Mayor Lane Horwood, who graciously accepted it promising that the city would display it in a place of honor in the city hall. While speaking about the ceremony at Fairmount cemetery



Mayor Horwood (left) of Sterling City, TX with Heritage Chapter's Tom Nurre after presentation of the certificate and memorial plaque honoring hometown hero 1Lt Mark Mathis.

honoring Lt. Mark Mathis, Chief Nurre also related the tradition of placing a coin on the grave or marker of a fallen veteran showing with a penny that someone visited the departed servicemember’s resting place or with a quarter indicating that that visitor had been with them when they perished.



**Dedicated
February 28, 2021
Fairmount Cemetery
San Angelo, Texas**

MSgt Corey Goodfellow Guest of Honor

GOODFELLOW HOLDS 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - On Thursday, July 1, Goodfellow Air Force Base hosted a ceremony celebrating its 80th anniversary, the 90th anniversary of the 17th Pursuit Group and the 28th activation of the 17th Training Wing. The ceremony, held in Goodfellow’s Norma Brown Plaza, featured a speech by Master Sgt. Corey Goodfellow, whose great-grandfather was a cousin of 1st Lt. John J. Goodfellow Jr., the base’s namesake.

The ceremony commemorates the 80th anniversary of Goodfellow Air Field, the 90th anniversary of the 17th Pursuit Group, and the reactivation and re-designation of the 17th Training Wing.



Air Force Master Sgt. Corey Goodfellow and his wife, Nancy, pose for a photo near a Goodfellow mural in San Angelo, Texas, July 1, 2021. Master Sgt. Corey Goodfellow and his wife toured downtown San Angelo, Texas after the heritage ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jermaine Ayers)

The history of Goodfellow dates back officially to August 17, 1940. On May 27, 1941, Goodfellow Air Field was officially renamed Goodfellow to honor 1st Lt. John J. Goodfellow Jr, a local World War I aviator who was killed in combat in 1918.

The 17th Training Wing's history began October 18, 1927, as the 17th Observation Group. After a number of activations and de-activations, as well as transfers and name changes in July 1993, the unit was re-designated as the 17th Training Wing and assigned to Air Education and Training Command. July 1st is celebrated as the 17th Training Wing's anniversary. Mr. Mark Howell, 17th Wing Historian, organized



(Right) Air Force Master Sgt. Corey Goodfellow, speaks during the Goodfellow Heritage Day Ceremony on Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, July 1, 2021. Master Sgt. Goodfellow's great-grandfather was the first cousin of 1st Lt. John J. Goodfellow Jr, whom Good Goodfellow AFB was named after. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jermaine Ayers)

this event. Heritage Chapter President Ronald "JJ" Graham was the Master of Ceremony.

Graham was a key player in arranging for MSgt Corey Goodfellow and his wife, Nancy, to attend. They were both keenly interested in our history lessons. Not shown is the time that Graham and Tom Nurre spent with them at the EC-47 aircraft and ARDF History Exhibit before and following the ceremony. They were both keenly interested in our history lessons. We sent them home with a Visitor's Guide, EC-47 History Site challenge coin and an autographed copy of the Garrett/Nurre Goodfellow AFB book. Also present were Heritage Chapter members Larry Miller and Larry Ross.

To close the ceremony, Col. James Finlayson, 17th Training Wing vice commander, presented Master Sgt. Goodfellow with the 17th Training Wing coin thanking him for his crucial role in the Heritage Day Ceremony.



(Left) U.S. Air Force Col. James Finlayson, 17th Training Wing vice commander, speaks during the Goodfellow Heritage Day Ceremony on Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, July 1, 2021. The ceremony highlighted the history and importance of Goodfellow Air Force Base U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jermaine Ayers). Below, MSgt Goodfellow (left) and Larry Miller.





Saluting the Colors. Heritage Chapter President JJ Graham, second from left, pays his respects. JJ served as the day's Master of Ceremonies.

Text of Speech by MSgt Goodfellow

Good afternoon! I would like to begin by saying thank you to Col James Finlayson for allowing me to be a part of this amazing heritage celebration, it's truly an honor to be here. I would also like to thank Mr. Ronald Graham for the time and effort spent reaching out to me, and ensuring I've felt like a member of the team throughout this whole process, I really do appreciate it more than you know.

I would also like to say thank you to all of you for being here! I believe it's important to learn about, understand, and to celebrate our heritage, and I'm happy to be here doing just that with each of you! As was mentioned, I'm MSgt Corey Goodfellow and I'd like to share a little about my history and my connection to Lt. John J. Goodfellow. My journey in the Air Force began 13 years ago.

From a young age the military always had an allure about it. I grew up in a household with a mom who was proud of her service in the Navy, and I loved looking at her old uniform and listening to the stories she would tell of her time stationed at Pensacola Florida, as a dental technician. I knew that my grandfather had also served in the Navy, and that my mom had a brother who also served in the Army but to my knowledge, that was the extent of my family's military affiliation.

My Aunt on my Father's side reached out to tell me about my great grandfather's first cousin, Lt. John J. Goodfellow who had a base in Texas named in his honor. That information alone all but

solidified my decision on which branch to join! However, after researching more into his history, I was bound and determined to join the intelligence career field and be stationed here at Goodfellow AFB! Well, I'm sure as many of you have experienced, and can relate to, my recruiter worked his magic and I ended up as an AMMO troop stationed at Hill AFB, in Utah. However, all wasn't lost! That same sweet Aunt did manage to order me, my sister, and my dad some t-shirts from here as a memento (or a painful reminder...not quite sure), of the path that wasn't meant to be. With very few AMMO troops stationed here I've all but given up hope of ever making this home, and while I am a little disappointed, I have no complaints. The military has given me many amazing opportunities to see and experience things I wouldn't have had otherwise. I've had the privilege to be a part of and lead more than one time sensitive bomb building operation that had to be conducted under the cover of darkness, as well as getting to experience other cultures and make friends with people I never dreamt I would have had the opportunity to meet; but perhaps one of the coolest experiences, and definitely a highlight of my career, is being here with all of you today! I'm forever grateful, and in the end, I can only hope that I have served honorably enough to live up to the Goodfellow legacy.

“In Memory Of” COMMEMORATIONS

By Tom Nurre

Photos by Carl Bradley, Faith in a Flash Photography
More Photos posted at <http://vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries>

The American Legion Post 572 developed In-Memory-Of (IMO) signs in tribute to deceased military veterans of all wars. These 18 x 24-inch all-weather signs, made from corrugated plastic (campaign yard signs), were placed throughout the Riverside Golf Course during the Memorial Day weekend tournament on Saturday and Sunday. The signs were retrieved from the golf course



Front Row: Celine Poynor, Tyler Gully, Taylor Gully, Bernie Molaschi, Deanna Potter, Edie Potter, Kim Gully, Allison Gully, Barbara Durkay, Kitty Nurre, Mary Lovell, Chuck Lovell, JJ Graham Back row: Dale Potter, Larry Miller, Bob Poynor, Pat Miller, Janine Hasty, Margaret Courville, John Villa, Allen Gully, Kyrie Villa, Brooke Amezcua and Daniel Amezcua, John Durkay and Tom Nurre

and presented to individual surviving spouses or immediate family members in a prearranged convoy from home to home on Monday, Memorial Day 2021.

Tom Nurre did a great job of getting these signs together, especially for former HC board officers, and organizing the outreach program. This was a first in the use of the IMO signs and a first outreach using the "motorcade" idea from home to home. Immediately after presenting the IMO signs, Vietnam War and All Wars surviving spouse lapel pins, Certificates, and Poppy flowers were also presented.

A second outreach with signs and pins was on July 4th. The first In-Memory-Of sign delivered by the EC-47 History Site CPP committee Independence Day motorcade was presented to Mrs. Dee Osteen. The In-Memory-Of sign presented to Mrs. Osteen is a tribute to her deceased husband's 20 years of military service.

A complete gallery of the Memorial Day event photos are at:

<https://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/memorial-day-2021-pins-imo-signs>



At left, Mrs. Ann Kelton and Tom Nurre exchange "war stories" and personal comments after the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

On the same day, depicted below, l-r, are Kitty and Tom Nurre, Amanda Tijerina, JJ Graham, Kathy Kelton, Larry and Pat Miller





After the 4th of July event we have proud posers (L-R) Tom & Kitty Nurre, JJ Graham, Jesse Hasty, Margaret Courville, Jessica & Jaxon Vasquez, Janine Hasty, Larry Miller and Carl Frentz.

More July 4th Event photos at:

<https://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/july-4-certificates-signs-pins-motorcade>

Vietnamese Linguist Honored

by Tom Nurre

Photographs by Carl "Brad" Bradley of Faith in Flash Photography

Robert Washburn, a former Vietnamese linguist earlier this year participated in the 17th Training Wing's Oral History program and was honored for his contributions to USAFSS history during a commemoration ceremony. Wing Historian, Mr. Mark Howell, interviewed both Robert and spouse Marilyn Howell.

Upon graduation from his Linguist training at Goodfellow AFB, then-airman first class Robert Washburn was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron, Tan Son Nhut Air Base, the Republic of Vietnam from January 1971 through January 1972. He served as an aircrew member on EC-47 airborne radio direction finding and communications intelligence collection missions over South Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. He flew 128 tactical combat support missions during his one-year tour. During one such mission, his aircraft and crew experienced an inflight emergency that ended with their unscheduled landing and overnight stay in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Here is an excerpt from a note that Washburn wrote to the EC-47 History Site website manager back on August 17, 1998.

As a Z-1 crew member on 128 missions out of TSN from January 20, 1971, until January 1, 1972, I arrived as an A1C and left a Sgt. We did an emergency landing and an overnight in Cambodia. We lost radar on a late evening flight. There was a storm between us and base, and the pilot

reported low oil pressure for the #2 engine. Phnom Penh airport closes at dusk. We buzzed the dark runway and did a one-engine landing and taxied off the runway and waited. Eventually, someone rode up on a bicycle. One of the Vietnamese trainees on the flight spoke to him in French and he rode off. Half an hour later a truck shows up with a homemade drag bar and pulled us over to the military side. The Air Attaché was not happy to see us. The next day they brought in a recovery plane. Mechanics could not reproduce the low oil pressure condition and we flew back to TSN.

Washburn updated his previous note during his recent visit to Goodfellow.

"I was a Dogger. Colorful career. Language school because Air Force didn't have enough in the pool to fill the contracted for classes and 'I could do better than a K9'. I was longer at Goodfellow because my security clearance wasn't ready so ran the base swim program for a summer. So, I was two years in service before finishing all the required schools. I was assigned to the 6994 Security Squadron, Tan Son Nhut, Republic of South Vietnam, from January 1971 to January 1972. My crew is noted for the diversion to Phnom Penh and overnight there. At the end of my tour, I received orders to Okinawa...a consecutive remote and second consecutive combat tour. My Senator said "No" and my orders were changed to NSA at Ft. Meade. At NSA, I was released from my linguist duties and assigned as a driver. I drove VIP's to the Pentagon and Andrews for the last year."

See also: <https://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/war-veteran-washburn-visits-goodfellow-ardf-history-displays>

Photos of the occasion follow:



Marilyn and Robert Washburn pose in front of the ARDF History Exhibit during their visit on 25 June 2021. This was Washburn's first visit to Goodfellow since graduating from the cryptologic linguist course in 1971.

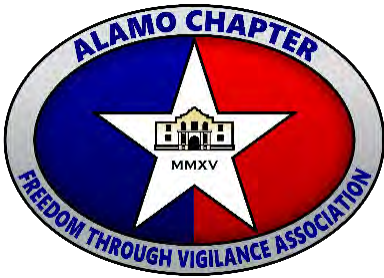


Michael Looney(right) fastens the Commemorative lapel pin to Robert Washburn's shirt collar

Right: Ceremony coordinator, Tom Nurre (left) presents Robert Washburn with the EC-47 History Site challenge coin. This one-of-a-kind coin is presented to EC-47 veterans during special occasions like this pinning ceremony.



L-R: Tom Nurre, Mark Howell, Robert Washburn, Michael Looney, and Walt Koenig.



Alamo Chapter San Antonio, TX

Barnie Gavin, President
Ken Maynard, Secretary/Treasurer



The San Antonio Chapter of the FTVA met at the Saltgrass Restaurant on 17 June 2021. Sixteen members, spouses and daughter enjoyed dinner and fellowship. President Barnie Gavin called the business meeting to order at 1830 and introduced Gene Sloat and Tony LaRusso who were attending their first Chapter meeting.

Jesse Greene identified the 543 ISR Group annual award winners for '20 and '21 and asked approval to present each of the 10 with a complimentary, one-year membership in the FTVA. President Gavin asked for a vote which was unanimous in favor of the proposal.



L to R from top left: Gene Sloat, Jesse Greene, Bob Crabtree, Ken & Shiela Williams, Judy Gavin, Colleen Smith, Barnie Gavin, Vince & Elise Colacicco, Tony LaRusso, Dennis "Rass" Rassmussen, Homer & Anne Waring, and Dan Martin.

Alamo Chapter Meeting, 15 July 2021

The San Antonio Chapter of the FTVA met at the Saltgrass Restaurant on 15 July 2021. Sixteen members and spouses enjoyed dinner and fellowship. President Barnie Gavin called the business meeting to order at 1830. President Gavin and Ken Williams gave us an update on the September reunion (*ed note: the content of the briefing is not included here because of the delay until March*)

2022). President Gavin briefed that we have finalized preparations for presenting FTVA memberships and *They Served in Silence* DVDs to 543 ISR Group annual award winners of the past 2 years. Jesse Greene is making arrangements for the presentations.



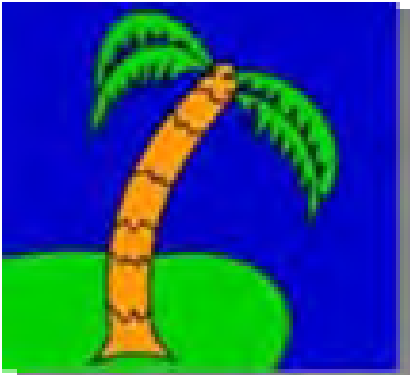
L-R: Ken Williams, Leroy Rogers, Hilda Rogers, Shiela Williams



L-R: Homer Waring, Vince Colacicco, Elise Colacicco, Judy Gavin and Barnie Gavin

Aloha Chapter Honolulu, HI

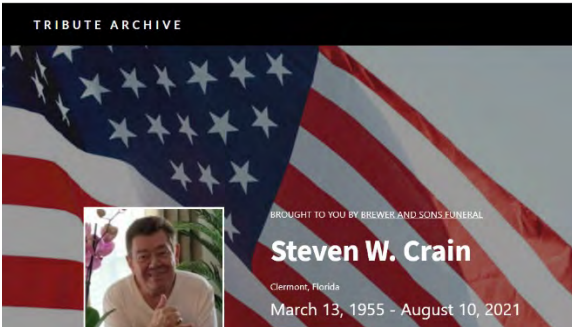
John "Tilly" Toillion, President



ALOHA CHAPTER, HONOLULU, HI

Aloha All -

It is with much sadness our RIT input is devoted to one of our long time Aloha Chapter members, Steve Crain, who passed away on August 10 in Clermont, FL. Steve was a longtime member of the Aloha Chapter and always had something to share at our Chapter get togethers. He and his wife, Marivic, joined us several times at the Hickam Mongolian BBQs. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marivic and the Crain Ohana.



John, Thanks for your note on Steve Crain. I first met Steve when he came for an interview in 1985. He then joined me at CSG PACAF and a friendship was formed that has lasted all these years. I came to know him and Vicki as well as all of their family. Steve and I shared memories over all of those years and he helped me many times. I would like to think that I helped him as well. We were both big fans of the Constitution

and would meet regularly to discuss this over coffee. I admired his intellect and his warmth. He leaves behind a beautiful family and at least one grateful friend. - Dickie Hites

Thanks for sharing. Sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I shared your note with some of the sr civilians in the 692d, and both Dave Smith and Mark Colby served with Steve, and had fond memories. Dave Smith especially had a touching story of how Steve bought him his first Okinawan draft beer (Orion) when he arrived back in 1979. - Dave Smith (via Col Mack)



BR: Ken Eeen, John Toillion, Ken "Hopi" Hopkins
FR: Diana Toillion, Marivic Crain, Steve Crain



Rocky Mountain Chapter Colorado Springs, CO

Greg Roman and Stan Cook Co-Presidents

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So sorry that we have been remiss. These are our last 2 monthly meeting minutes with a pic thrown in, just to prove that the rumors of our wasting away, were definitely false!! Cheers, Ike



Rocky Mountain Chapter Members Posing at a recent meeting. Left to Right are: Stan Cook, Dennis Daniels, Greg Roman, J.C. Caulder, Ike Eichelberger, Mike Click)

May 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Idea floated of Aug meeting being held at Top Golf
- Need to confirm details next few weeks
- George “Ike” Eichelberger, Greg Roman, & Dennis Daniels are planning to travel to San Antonio for Annual Roll Call Reunion. We will hold a Vietnam Veteran Commemoration

Ceremony as part of their gathering. This is also the same weekend as the Annual FTVA picnic, remembrance ceremony, Hall of Honor Induction and banquet.

- No change in finances
- No change in memberships; all dues have been paid and mailed in
- Beers were drunk, stories were told

June 2021 Meeting Minutes

- We will not hold a monthly meeting in Jul
- Aug's meeting may be held at the new Top Golf if it is open by then; details to follow
- Sep's meeting will be held on 15 Sep prior to *Roll Call* in San Antonio
- George "Ike" Eichelberger will order 20 pins and Greg Roman will print the certificates for the next Vietnam Veteran Recognition ceremony
 - Dennis Daniels will check inventory of card stock on hand for the certificates
- Rhino's Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior Foundation, will be held on 30 Jun
 - Some funds from the tournament proceeds should be available to FTVA as well



Gold Country Chapter Yuba City, CA



John Aurelius, President

Late in June we had another change of command ceremony at the 548th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group here at Beale Air Force base. We said goodbye to Colonel Andrew A. Souza who has been commanding the group for the last two years. We welcomed Colonel Shawn Ayers as the new commander.

Colonel Souza has moved on to a position in the newly formed Space Force. We thanked Colonel Souza for his support of the FTVA and role in creating a formal liaison position between us and the base. This role was filled by Lt Stewart Harris who also served as chapter president during my absence. We thanked Lt Harris for working closely with the active-duty personnel and making them aware of our mission.

Colonel Ayers came to us from the position of Deputy Director at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. I expect to be meeting with her again soon to discuss our mutual objectives for the next two-year period.

A significant event during the last month was the departure of chapter founder Richard Sacchetti who started this chapter over twenty years ago. Dick has moved to Texas and will be missed by all of us. Thanks go out to Dick for his vision and execution as a long-term President and member.

I have since resumed the position of chapter President and continue to work on my goal to recruit from the active-duty members of the 548th Group and to rebuild the membership this year.



Col Kayle Stevens (left) passing command to Col Shawn Ayers with departing Col Andrew Souza standing to the right.

One of my long-term goals became reality recently when the plan for hosting heritage speaking events brought a pioneer U2 pilot to the base theater. Our first speaker was Tony Bevaqua, a former pilot who has flown both the U2 and SR-71. As a test pilot for the U2 at Groom Lake, his roommate was Francis Gary Powers. This was a very informative presentation, and we are looking forward to more presentations each quarter.

Remain In Touch!



Wasatch Chapter Salt Lake City, UT

**Jacob Scheid, President
Shawn Heckman, Vice President
Submitted by Linz Rassmussen**

Stay Tuned for Future Inputs!

Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter

Bob Bastian, Acting President, Treasurer

The Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter is alive and well but due to the continuing COVID Pandemic, we have not been able to meet in person or even successfully schedule a Zoom session. However, we plan on at least trying to set something up this month. Stay tuned.

Thanks, Bob



**REUNIONS,
ANNOUNCEMENTS, &
REMINESCENCES**

Annual FTVA/16AF September Reunion Postponed

Due to the surging COVID rates in Texas, all FTVA anniversary events planned for this September are postponed. We hope to be able to reschedule all of the traditional events for the spring of next year if the situation allows. While it's unfortunate that we will not be able once again this year to see each other in person, the health and safety of our members are our number one concern. Please stay safe.

But...2021 Annual General Membership Meeting is On!

Meeting to be Held via Zoom

Please Join Us!

If you can, please join us for our virtual annual general membership meeting to be conducted via Zoom on Saturday, 25 September 2021, at 1100 CDT. Use one of the following options below.

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AGENDA

1. Determine a quorum and call to order
2. President's Opening Remarks
3. Oldest member on-line
4. Member who's the farthest away from San Antonio
5. Determine the employee with the earliest work connection to USAFSS
6. Read and approve minutes of the 2020 General Membership Meeting
 - a. N/A No minutes are available
7. Present Treasurer's Report
8. Vigilant Partner's Update
9. History Update
10. Website and Membership Support Report
11. Hall of Honor Update
12. Social Activities Update
- a. Banquet, HOH, Sports (Golf) Picnic Updates (postponed to 24-26 Mar 2022)
 13. Newsletter Update
 14. Chapter Reports
 15. Election of Officers
- President (Ted Colquhoun); Vice-President (Bill Brockmiller); Treasurer (Ken Maynard)
16. Around the Room (Open Forum)
17. President's Closing Remarks
18. Adjourn

Det 2, 6910 Security Wing Reunion

Submitted by Bill Elliot



Alumni of Detachment 2, 6910 Security Wing got together last August 12-15 in Chesterfield, Maryland. Depicted here are (seated, l-r, Chuck Mansfield, Bill Elliott, Homer Waring, Doug Boyer, Jerry Atkinson. Standing: Tom Hampson, Ray Hall, Mitch Fisher, Leif Gulbrandsen.

Down Memory Lane

Return Road Trip to Goodbuddy

By: John Yeager

After a mere 50 years, two friends and fellow grads of Goodfellow’s ABK 20230-004 course discussed with me a mini-reunion trek. This was in the Fall of 2019, pre-pandemic. We had the time and the idea of a road trip to San Angelo was well in keeping with our Air Force experiences.

Veteran Team Travelers

After Goodfellow, we had been assigned to Karamursel together, and then to Shu Lin Kou together. At Karamursel we had worked on the same flight and on big breaks, had mastered dolmuses, ferries to the ‘Bul, bus travel to Izmir, and train travel to Ankara. Travel in Taiwan, like to Olan Pi and Sun Moon Lake and Taroko Gorge, was a breeze after that first tour in Turkey. So, a (relatively) few miles to San Angelo from our respective homes in Michigan, Ohio, and Missouri, with no currency conversion required, (nor even the need to bring spare TP in case of an emergency landing at a bomb site with only a faucet on the left), left us merely checking maps and for hotel accommodations enroute.



Mike Volk, Earl Murphy and John Yeager, 50 years after Goodfellow Tech School.

Visiting Goodfellow AFB these days is more of a challenge. I called the base and was told that they don’t let just anyone visit, even returning grads with an honorable discharge. A person has to be active duty or be a qualified full retiree, or, have a qualified sponsor (in categories 1 or 2) to get on base. My initial move was to go to my Congressperson’s office and ask her to intercede, thinking that a congressional sponsor would surely suffice. Nope. *Yok, abi. Bu shr.* The Air Force pigeon-hole vetoed that with some line to the effect that they would like to assist but couldn’t commit because they would have to be sure they were adequately staffed on the proposed dates of a visit. When I supplied dates to my congressperson, they never responded. But, my 202 credentials for resourcefulness wouldn’t be worth much if that was the end of the story. I found a way to get a sponsor, a military retiree with base access credentials, who would vouch for us and give us a tour.

On the Road

After connecting with Mike Volk in Ohio, we travelled to St. Louis. Earl Murphy had a medical scheduling issue that stopped him from proceeding further on the trip. However, we visited Murph and Murph’s daughter, who had been born in San Angelo during the summer of 1969. The daughter had lived in Yalova and Taipei with her mom and Murph while we were in the Air Force together. I had first met the daughter that summer of 1969 – she was then an infant Murph affectionately called “the turnip”. In 1969, they were living in off-base rental housing in San Angelo that I think did not have air conditioning and was priced accordingly.



After St. Louis, the next day Mike and I continued on with a frolic and detour through Nashville, to catch up on our pub-crawling skills, at music row. A further night in Texarkana, and soon we were on the roads that took us by fields that looked like covered with a snow mirage, actually cotton crops of Texas, on the road to San Angelo.



San Angelo, Here We Are! But Where Are We?

Arriving in San Angelo, it was soon apparent that they had not had maintained the city exactly as we had experienced it in 1969. There was a freeway ring road around town. My GPS did work and got us to the hotel where we were staying. From there I had to study a map of the city to figure out a tour. Things just didn't seem the same. The one eating place we did find exactly the same was the Wienerschnitzel. We just had to have a couple of krautdogs for old time's sake. Then we found our way to the rec area at Lake Nasworthy. It was out of season, but we drove pretty close and saw what looked like RVs in storage. We couldn't find the spot where we had a keg for our graduation party back in 1969. That graduation party had ended with class members throwing surplus beer at each other after being over served.

Like the town, GAFB had also changed. The next morning our sponsor drove up to it and parked in the area off to the side for those getting a pass. To get the pass, we had to complete paperwork, get fingerprinted, and do a photo op. The pass was for a set time. Instead of the easy check point with merely a "dim your headlights" sign, back in our day, there were now route-changing concrete barriers to slow speed. Also new to me were tire puncturing bumps to be activated for anyone crashing the gate. Once we had our passes, the APs were polite and professional when we explained we had last been there 50 years before and were coming back. But they sure seemed really young. I didn't remember the Air Force allowing middle schoolers to enlist.

The base itself looked nothing like it was when we were last there. No two-story WWII style open-bay barracks. There were a lot of brick buildings without windows. Some airplanes were on display, with a drone or two, and a MIG. It looked like we saw a fire extinguishing training exercise in progress, in addition to the traditional school something like the USAFSS school we had gone through. Our sponsor got us in the BX, which was a modern building instead of the old wooden building. It even sold real music instruments. I noted a cello. Didn't remember that at the "real" BX in 1969. Our sponsor helped us get souvenir shirts, with Goodfellow Air Force Base, est 1947 on them.



On the Road Again

Too soon the tour of our former stomping grounds was over. Our road trip continued for Mike and I after leaving San Angelo with a night in Oklahoma City, then onward with another dinner with Murph in St. Louis, and then back to Ohio and Michigan, respectively. We were both glad we took the trip when we did, especially with trip limiting events of 2020 and 2021.

I think Goodfellow AFB schooling really was to train for attention to detail, dependability, and resourcefulness in figuring stuff out. It had only partially prepared me for getting slammed with a lot of new things to master PDQ when I got to KCDI in the Fall of 1969. Still, GAFB was a significant place in shaping a lot of my life experiences. There was a lot of valuable learning--to get focused, git-r-done, and, keep a confidence when asked. So, I am glad for the return visit to a significant place for me and I suspect a lot of us.

A further point about USAFSS friends. There isn't any group I would rather catch up on my drinking with. Driving a few miles or so is well worth it.

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FALLEN EAGLES

Compiled by Joe Figueroa, Associate Editor



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

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

Arnold, Charles Weldon, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Brick, Ralph L., SSgt, USAFSS
Brown, Thomas L., MSgt (Ret), USAF
Crain, Steven W., MSgt (Ret), USAF *****FTVA Member**
Draiss, Thomas A., A1C, USAFSS
Ferguson, Donald J., SMSgt (Ret), USAF
Foreman, Bruce I., TSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Garrison, Carl H., (Ret), USAFSS *****FTVA Lifetime Member**
George, Douglas E., Lt Col (Ret), USAF
Habersetzer, David Leonard, USAFSS
Holt, Michael R., SMSgt (Ret), USAF
Howell, Charles R., SMSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Hyden, Eugene Boyd, USAFSS
King, Tresse Z., CMSgt (active duty), USAF
McClay, John, USAFSS
Noone, Albert M., USAFSS
Panneton, Ernest W. 'Skeeter', A1C, USAFSS
Sauer, Jerold 'Jerry', CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS
Sutton, Charles, D., USAFSS
Voss, Howard “Steve”, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS *****FTVA Member**
Wilkes, Chester Peyton Jr., USAFSS *****FTVA Member**
Wilson, Robert, Lee, USAF
Wright, John D., USAFSS



Arnold, Charles Weldon, MSgt (Ret), 96, also known as Charlie, Pop, Poppa and Poppa Buddy, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2021. After graduating from high school, Charles enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a B17 aerial gunner for 23 missions over Germany during World War II. After the war, Charles had met his future bride, Mary Ryan at a USO dance in San Antonio, TX. They were married a year later on November 30, 1946 at The Little Flower Basilica in San Antonio. Charles also served in the Berlin Airlift in the Germany Cold War, the Korean War at Clark AFB in the Philippines and as a management analyst for the USAF Security Service in Frankfurt, Germany. Charles finished his military career stateside and served tours of duty at Lackland AFB, Kelly AFB, Bergstrom AFB and Brooks AFB, retiring as a Master Sergeant in December, 1964. Charles is survived by his daughter Mary Dunford and husband Dan Pomereneing, daughter

Jeanne Moursund and husband Bowen, son Jameson Arnold and wife Kimberly. //Obit – Mission Park Funeral Home//



Brink, Ralph L., SSgt, 88, passed away Mar 18, 2021. He served in the US Airforce for four years (1952-1956), as a Cryptographic Operator. He served in the Alaskan Air Command, 3rd Radio Squadron, Adak, Aleutian Islands, and at the USAF Security Service Headquarters, Kelley Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Mary Jo of Gainesville, FL; five children between them, three sons and two daughters, David Brick of Spokane, WA, Barbara Brick of Crystal Lake, IL, Jeffrey Brick of Phoenix, AZ, Candace E. Jamarik, Marshall, TX and J.B. Edwards of Palm Beach, FL. //Obit – Williams Thomas Funeral Home//



Brown, Thomas Levi, MSgt (Ret), 86, passed away on May 23, 2021. at Anne Arundel Medical Center. Thomas served in the Maine National Guard from 1952 to 1955, then went on to the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1977. During his time in the Air Force, he worked for the U.S. Air Force Security Service, the National Security Agency/Central Security Service. He was sent on overseas assignments to Japan, Germany, Indochina, the Philippines, and Vietnam. After 22 years of service, he retired as a Master Sergeant. He is survived by his sons, Paul Brown, of Annapolis, MD and Peter Brown, of Pasadena, MD. //Obit - Barranco Severna Park Funeral Home & Cremation Care//



Crain, Steven Williams, MSgt (Ret) 66, passed away August 10, 2021. Steven is survived by his wife, Maria. //Obit – Brewer and Sons//

Our condolences to the Crain Ohana. We his Hawaii friends are saddened by his passing Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. // John Toillion - President, Aloha FTVA Chapter/



Draiss, Thomas A., A1C, 83, passed away Jun 2, 2021. Thomas served as a Morse intercept operator, intercepting and recording Russian Morse code communications while stationed with the 6913th RSM at Bremerhaven, Germany on 'C' Flight from 1956-59. //Obit – 6913th.org//



Ferguson, Donald J., SMSgt (Ret), 84, passed away Mar 27, 2021. Don joined the Air Force in 1954. After basic training at Lackland AFB, he completed his Security Police training and was stationed at Medina Base in San Antonio where he met and married Shirley Artz. During his 26 years of active duty, he was also stationed in Alaska; Abilene, TX; the Philippines; Minot, ND; and Thailand. He retired from active duty while stationed at USAF Security Service, Kelly AFB in San Antonio. He is survived by his wife, Shirley of 63 years; daughter and son-in-law Sheri and Gordon Howell. //Obit – Sunset Funeral Home//



Foreman, Bruce Ian, TSgt (Ret), 82, passed away September 7, 2021. After high school graduation, he studied engineering at Virginia Tech, before joining the USAF. Bruce was selected to study Mandarin Chinese at the Institute of Far Eastern Languages at Yale University. His military enlistment with the Air Force Security Service took him to numerous locations throughout the United States, as well as foreign assignments including Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Vietnam, and Taiwan. After a distinguished military career, Bruce retired from the USAF in 1978 with twenty years of active-duty military service. While stationed at Goodfellow AFB, Bruce met Marilyn Marshall, a student at Shannon School of Nursing; and they married in San Angelo in 1965. They raised two children and settled in San Angelo after Bruce's retirement from the USAF. Upon retirement, Bruce owned and operated his own photography studio in San Angelo, earning a reputation as an accomplished portrait and wedding photographer. He later returned to civil service at

Goodfellow AFB and served as a staff photographer until his civilian retirement in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Foreman, of San Angelo; daughter, Laura Washington, of San Angelo; son, Jeff Foreman, and wife, Julie, of Round Rock, TX. //Obit – Harper Funeral Home//



Garrison, Carl Howard, Capt (Ret), 82, passed away Jun 1, 2021. After graduating from high school in 1956, Carl enlisted in the Air Force at 17 years old. Upon completing Basic Training, he married Mary Frances Hoover of Mt. Park, OK on April 21, 1957. Together they had 2 sons, Michael Alan and Galen Mark. Following 27 years of service, Carl retired from the Air Force, achieving the rank of Captain. His Air Force experience played an extremely important role in the way he lived his everyday life; while he exemplified the meaning of loyalty to his country and fellow Americans. Carl's tours of duty included Virginia, multiple tours in Germany, Alaska, New York, Maryland, Japan, Vietnam, Okinawa, and lastly Nebraska. Carl is survived by his wife, Mary Frances; sons, Michael (Nan), Mark (Susan); grandchildren, Kristin Reed, Chris Garrison, Grant Garrison, and Sarah Garrison. // **Obit - Turrentine Jackson Morrow Funeral home**//

Carl was one of the finest men with whom I had the pleasure of working. From Offutt AFB to E-Systems in Garland, TX he was widely known for his outstanding service. Our prayers are with Mary Frances and the entire family. Rest In Peace, good friend. // **Bob Cotti**//

Condolences to the Garrison family. Carl and I served together at Offutt and Osan. He was in the first mustang (prior enlisted service officer) and I joined the herd several years later. He was a fine officer. // **Pete Siegel**//



George, Douglas Easton, Lt Col (Ret), 67, passed away May 9, 2021. Doug served honorably in the United States Air Force from 1972 to 1999. After becoming an officer in 1978 and then a Korean linguist and specialist, his last overseas assignment was as Commander of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, a.k.a. "Skivvy Nine", at Osan AB, Korea. His final career assignment was as the Chief of the Korea Division of the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. He also attended the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA, learning several different languages with a specialization in Korean. He received an MA in National Security Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and became a USAF National Defense Fellow and Adjunct Professor at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. Doug is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Ireland George of Easton, MD; children, Benjamin D. George of Walker, WV, Christina M. Kapu (Lee-Jake) of Riverview, FL, Daniel A. George (Coty) of Ewa Beach, HI, Kevin A. Weems (Jessica) and Amanda L. Weems of Easton, MD. // **Obit - Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam**

Funeral Home//



Habersetzer, David Leonard, 90, passed away on Jun 1, 2021. He graduated from Lebam High School in 1949 and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1953. He served as a radio operator, intercepting and recording Russian Morse code communications while stationed with the 6913th RSM at Bremerhaven, Germany from 1954-56. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years: Margaret and survived by his 7 children: Diane (Mike), Mark (Susi), Pam (Doug), Tammy (Mike), Daryl (Janine), Dean (Paulette, Wendy (Adam) and 18 grandchildren. // **Obit - 6913th.org**//



Holt, Michael R., SMSgt (Ret), passed away Apr 29, 2021. Mike retired as a highly decorated Senior Master Sergeant after a 24-year career in the US Air Force. During his career, he served in the Vietnam War, Desert Storm and as a member of the Strategic Air Command. His last posting was in Okinawa, Japan, where he was named 1st Sgt of the Year in the 692nd Intelligence Group. //Obit – The Post and Courier//



Howell, Charles R., SMSgt (Ret), 98, passed away Jul 15, 2021. His military service began in Suffolk with the Virginia Protective Services. Inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943, he became an Airborne Radio Operator on B17G Heavy Bombers based near Foggia, Italy with the 463rd Bomb Group. On August 15, 1944, during his 48th mission, the bomber was shot down over Valence, France. Protected by brave French Maquis, the US Army rescued him two weeks later on the 2nd D-Day. He continued his service in Italy and Stateside until 1945. He enlisted in the USAF Reserves in 1950 at Langley AFB, Hampton, VA as an Aircraft Control Tower Operator and Supervisor then called to active duty. Stationed at Lajes AB, Azores, Portugal he was NCO in charge of remote Voice Air to Ground radio operations. In 1953 he transferred to MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL as Ground Radio Operations Technical Support Supervisor, then returned to civilian life in 1955 as a family man with two little girls. After a year at the Norfolk Naval Shipyards, VA he returned to active duty, assigned to Langley AFB as a Shoran Radar Operations Supervisor. In 1957, Charles was assigned to Osan AFB, South Korea as NCO in charge of Ground Radio Operations then to Myrtle Beach AFB, SC in the Ground Radar Training Squadron to prepare for service at Clark AFB, Philippines as NCO in charge of Specialized Radio Intercept Operations. In 1962 he transferred to Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, AK as NCO in charge of Specialized Intelligence Radio Teletype Operations, then assigned in 1966 to USAF Security Service Headquarters at Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX as NCO in charge of the Intelligence Operations Division. Called to Pleiku AFB, Vietnam, he was an Airborne Radio Intercept Operations Supervisor on the ground and aboard specialized aircraft configured for intelligence operations, flying unprotected missions along the DMZ intercepting enemy communications. He returned to Kelly AFB as an Intelligence Liaison Supervisor until reluctantly retiring in 1969. He continued at Kelly AFB in Civil Service, with a combined 38 years of Federal service. //Obit – Lind Brothers Mortuary//



Hyden, Eugene Boyd, 87, passed away Jun 1, 2021. He was an Air Force Veteran and was stationed in Japan as a Morse code operator. Gene subsequently worked for the United States Postal Service for 34 years. Gene is survived by his wife of 29 years, Pat, stepson James (Angelica). //Obit - Seawinds Funeral Home//



King, Tresse Zanette., CMSgt, 54, passed away Aug 3, 2021. Chief King died in a noncombat-related incident at Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait, according to a DoD news release. The incident is under investigation. King was assigned as squadron superintendent of the 96th Force Support Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, where she had served since October 2019. She arrived in Kuwait in January, according to Eglin spokesperson Ilka Cole. She had served in the Air Force for about 30 years at the time of her death. //Obit – Lawrence Jackson Funeral Home//

Chief King was stationed in a number of our units and finished up on the IG team before moving on. //Ted Colquhoun//

Chief Master Sgt. King had been at Eglin since 2019, part of a military career that began in 1992 at North Carolina's Pope Field. King also served at Osan Air Base and Yongsan Garrison in South Korea; Randolph and Lackland Air Force Bases and Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas; and Yokota Air Base in Japan, in addition to Joint Base

Langley-Eustis. //Northwest Florida Daily News//



McClay, John, 79, passed away Apr 30, 2021. He was a proud member of the USAF and was stationed in Bremerhaven, Germany with the 6913th from 1961-1963. Ken has 3 children that survive him. Lauren (Matt) Stallbaumer; Michael McClay; Erin McClay (Tim Westbrook). //Obit – Kansas City Star//



Noone, Albert Michael, 79, passed away Saturday Jul 24, 2021. He was a member of United States USAFSS and proud of his military service. Surviving are his loving wife, Tamzon Hopper Noone. His son, Albert Michael Noone III (Robin) of Lewisville. His daughter, Katrina Leigh Cockerham of Clemmons. //Obit – Davidson Funeral Home//



Panneton, Ernest W. 'Skeeter', A1C, 79, passed away Jun 9, 2021. Ernie met his wife Helga (Brandes). He served in the U.S. Air Force with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany on "C" Flight from 1961-63. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helga; and son Michael Panneton and his wife Lauri of Salem, MA; John P. Panneton and his wife Patricia of Salem; Jeffrey B. Panneton and his wife Debra of Peabody, MA. //Obit – 6913th.org//



Sauer, Jerold 'Jerry', CMSgt (Ret), 84, passed away on Jun 5, 2021. He was a proud 30+ year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. Jerry served in the U.S. Air Force with the 6913th RSM in Bremerhaven, Germany on 'D' flight from 1959-62, and later on 'C' Flight from 1964-66. He was widowed from his wife, Dorothy (February 2007) and is survived by his 3 children: Dennis A. (Mt. Airy, MD); Kimberly A. and James H. Burton (Manassas, VA; and John C. (Hanover, MD). //Obit – 6913th.org//



Sutton, Charles D., 74, passed away Jun 30, 2021. During the Vietnam Conflict, he served in the United States Air Force Security Service as an Intelligence Officer and worked with the National Security Agency. Chuck is survived by his wife of 53 years, Connie (Evans), son Craig and wife Johanna, daughter Carrie and husband William, all of Indiana. //Obit – **Bowser Minich Funeral Home**//



Voss, Howard "Steve", MSgt (Ret), 78, passed away in San Angelo August 1 after a lengthy illness. Trained as an analyst, Steve retired in 1983 as a MSgt. after 22 years of service in the Air Force. His assignments included: Misawa Japan, Darmstadt Germany, Ramason Thailand, Philippines, Hawaii, Goodfellow AFB, and San Antonio Texas. Steve is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carole Voss; sons Gary and Paul Voss. //Obit – **Submitted by Larry Ross**//



Wilkes, Chester Peyton Jr., 100, passed away Sep 6, 2021. Chester was born July 2, 1921, in Galveston, Texas. In 1939, Chester graduated from Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, Texas. Chester enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and was stationed in Chicago before going to the South Pacific aboard the USS Baltimore. He was stationed in Japan shortly after the war ended. In 1946, he entered the University of Texas at Austin on G.I. bill and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, achieving membership in the Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu honor societies, and later becoming a registered professional engineer. Chester took a position with the US Air Force Electronic Security Command in 1950 and retired in 1985.

Chester became a Southern Baptist deacon at the age of 19 at the First Baptist Church of Algoa. He later became a deacon at First Baptist Church in San Antonio, where he met his beloved wife of 65 years, Mildred Doris Bierschwale. They married on September 17, 1955. Chester was instrumental in creating the television ministry of First Baptist Church, San Antonio.

Chester is survived by his wife Mildred Doris; son Robert (Jean Hackett); daughter Patricia Ann (George Weilbacher); grandchildren Hunter Wilkes, Andrew Wilkes, Annelise Weilbacher and Josh Weilbacher. //Obit – Porter Loring Funeral//



Wilson, Robert Lee, 79, passed away Aug 2, 2021. Robert had a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, and a Master's of Science of Strategic Intelligence degree from the Defense Intelligence College. One of his most profound moments in life was his time spent on the USS Liberty especially June 8th 1967. Robert served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Prior to retiring in the early 2000s, he was a long-tenured employee of the National Security Agency. He is survived by his spouse of over 39 years, My Kieu Wilson; two children, Kevin Wilson and Kelly Gaestel and their respective families. //Obit - Kalas Funeral Home & Crematory//



Wright, John Dean, 79, passed away Jun 22, 2021. John graduated from Jackson High School, Union City, Indiana in 1959. John served in the 6913th RSM of the US Air Force. He spent 3 years in Bremerhaven, Germany where he met the love of his life, Heidi. They were married on August 1, 1964. John and Heidi have one son, Thomas John Wright. //Obit – News Gazette//

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