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President's Corner

Dear FTVA Members,

February 2005

Your association's board of directors continues its efforts to strengthen support to AIA people recognition programs and promote activities which highlight the organization's rich heritage of military service. I'm pleased to report that both individual membership and Vigilant Partner program participation are in solid shape, and the association's financial condition is strong. In particular, I want to recognize the outstanding job **Okey Warden** has done in strengthening our Partner program. He has now passed the baton for Partner recruitment and retention to **Jim Hilliard**, and I'm confident Jim will keep the program in good shape.



As this newsletter gets ready to go to press, we congratulate one of our association lifetime members and past AIA commanders, Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden, on his selection to serve as the Deputy Director of National Intelligence. General Hayden has served a record-setting six years as Director, National Security Agency, and brings an incredibly strong set of credentials to assist the new DNI, Ambassador John Negroponte in guiding the nation's intelligence effort. We wish him all the best.

In March, your association will lend its financial support to the AIA Annual Awards Week activities, and we'll make a presentation on FTVA's mission and activities to participants from all parts of the AIA family. This event recognizes outstanding people from the ranks of AIA's officers, enlisted, and civilians. They'll participate in a series of briefings and panels that provide the "big picture" on AIA, and our presentation will describe the linkage between the agency and our association.

We're in the initial stages of planning and coordination for this year's reunion, which will be conducted October 20-22 in conjunction with AIA Commanders Conference events. One change you'll see in this year's reunion events is the location of the golf tournament. This year we'll be playing at the Alsatian Country Club in Castroville, a few miles west of San Antonio. Full details on the reunion will be in the mail to you as soon as possible.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find an article soliciting Hall of Honor recommendations and the form used for submitting nominees. I strongly encourage each of you to consider all of the professionals you served with, what their contributions to the command mission were, and to nominate one or more of them whose performance meets the standards established for Hall of Honor membership.

One of the more enjoyable features in our association newsletters is the "war stories" and other remembrances our members have of significant events in our command's history. Our editor, Dan D'Apolito, is always on the lookout for items like this, and he's delighted to put your submissions into print. I'm sure virtually every one of us has a favorite recollection that others would enjoy reading, so send your "cards and letters" to Dap for future newsletters.

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For our many members in Central and South Texas, you'll be getting an invitation to our spring social, which will probably occur in late March or April.

Remain in touch,
Grover Jackson

HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

Fellow Members, The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction into the Freedom Through Vigilance Association's Hall of Honor. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association's reunion activities and is scheduled for Saturday morning, 22 October 2005, at Headquarters, Air Intelligence Agency.

Since the creation of USAFSS as a major air command in 1948, members of USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA, hereinafter referred to as *the command*, have been at war 24/7 as anonymous sentinels, engaged in combat with foreign enemies of the United States and its allies while conducting operations in the air as aircrew members, on the seas aboard U.S. naval ships, on the land masses of six of the earth's continents and, with the assistance of technology, from deep space. In no small measure, their contributions toward the preservation of our freedoms, though largely unheralded, have been vital to the continuance of our national security and our way of life. *The command* has been blessed with an abundance of talented members who possessed the skill sets and intellectual capacity, coupled with unselfish dedication and commitment, to conquer whatever challenges they encountered – often while confronting significant adversity and at great personal sacrifice.

The founders of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association created the Hall of Honor in 1983 to honor those individuals who served *the command* with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. To date, 141 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Honor. They include former officer, enlisted and civilian personnel whose contributions as technicians, supervisors, planners, managers, and leaders extend from World War II through Desert Storm. The Hall of Honor preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the nation.

We have all had the privilege of serving with individuals who are viable candidates for induction into the Hall of Honor. This is an opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in an attempt to ensure they receive the recognition and lasting tribute they have earned. The Selection Committee will review all eligible nominations and select individuals for induction into the Hall of Honor using eligibility criteria and procedures pursuant to the Hall of Honor Charter. A copy of the charter is available on the web page at <http://www.ftva.org/HoHCharter2004.pdf>.

Nominations must be received not later than 6 June 2005 and may be submitted either by mail or e-mail. Nominations submitted by mail should be addressed to FTVA, Attn: HOH Committee, P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio TX 78269-1616. E-mail nominations should be addressed to myself at fly99rls@sbcglobal.net or to Bob Cope at rcope6@earthlink.net. When

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submitting nominations, please limit to one page, front and back, using the HOH Nomination Form in this newsletter or the form available on the website. Thank you and **remain in touch**.

Bob Sherwood, Chairman – Hall of Honor Program

ITC EXHIBIT PUT ON HOLD

Reference the December 2004 newsletter (PG5). The proposed Institute of Texan Cultures (ITC) exhibit, "**Duty, Honor, Country**," has been put on indefinite hold. All research and artifact selection has been suspended. Thanks to all of you who responded.

Doug Holden

Correction to Rivet Ball – Rivet Amber site on page 40, Dec 2004 N/L

Correct address should be:

<http://community2.webtv.net/@HH!B2!E8!1FD8DDA69D60/KingdonAviation/RivetBallAmberShemya/>

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FTVA Chapter News

Aloha Chapter Meeting Notes - Hickam AFB, Hawaii October Meeting

The regular meeting of the FTVA Aloha Chapter was conducted at 1730 on October 21, 2004 at the Hickam Officer's Club Lanai. The following officers were present: President Ken Een, Secretary Dennis Rassmussen and Treasurer John Toillion (Vice President Ken Hopkins had another commitment). Two members from the 324th IS at Kunia, attended as our special guests: SMSgt Stephan Masi, president of the unit's Senior NCO

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(SENCO) Council and SSgt Danielle Harmon, member of the unit Middle Enlisted Association. President Een brought his better half, Hiroko and their son Ken. Also in attendance were Lowell and Nancy Cornelius (civil employees at Security Hill) who were visiting Hawaii from San Antonio, TX.

In addition to reviewing the current status of the Aloha Chapter, the members addressed future initiatives to stimulate local chapter activity. President Een requested the status of our effort to encourage participation in the Aloha Chapter by active duty and retired members of the 324 IS. Treasurer Toillion said he had followed-up our last meeting by presenting a briefing on FTVA to 324th SENCO members within Kunia tunnel earlier in the month. Initial reaction from the folks who attended the briefing were very supportive of this idea. The unit commander, Lt. Col Holdaway, has already offered his support. SMSgt Masi echoed this attitude and indicated he could continue to coordinate the initiative with Treasurer Toillion who works in the tunnel. They mutually proposed to work the issue together and keep us informed of their progress with the intention of getting together with chapter officers in the tunnel at the end of November 2004. In discussing the potential of involving FTVA in activities of the 324th IS, all agreed that the Alumni Association can help set a productive tone for those involved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 18:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Rasmussen, Secretary

Gold Country Chapter News

(1) The Gold Country Chapter (GCC) of FTVA would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Col. YuLin G. Bingle, the Commander of the 548th IG at Beale AFB in northern California, for inviting its President (me) and Vice President (Steve Carney) to the 548th Intelligence Group Anniversary Celebration "Dining Out" on November 9, 2004.

The "Dining Out" was a celebration in honor of: the 1st Anniversary of the 548th Intelligence Group's Reactivation; the activation of the 234th Intelligence Squadron of the California Air National Guard (CA ANG), the 3rd year of active federal service of the 152nd Intelligence Squadron Nevada Air National Guard (NV ANG), the 10th Year of the 13th and 48th Intelligence Squadrons' Distributed Ground Station-2 (DGS2) and the 40th anniversary of the 9th intelligence squadron. The guest speaker for the evening was Colonel Larry Grundhauser, the 480 IW/CC. Great times were had by all. Thank you **RJS**

(2) On Tuesday January 11, 2005 at the GCC monthly meeting, held at Beerman's Restaurant on 5th St. in Lincoln, Ca; members of the GCC were welcomed with a visit from James "Stan" Stanfield and PhD. Tim Jacobs of Stanfield Systems, Inc. Stanfield Systems, Inc. is a PATRON PARTNER of FTVA. An interesting meeting, with some great "war stories" told by all. The GCC thanks Stan and Tim for attending the GCC meeting and hope it won't be their last. Also attending this meeting was a potential new member for the

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GCC, Mr. Dale Herrington, a USAFSS Morse intercept operator. Thank you

RJS

(3) On a personal note: I am in the recruiting process by SAIC, a GOLD PARTNER of FTVA, as an Instructor of Police with deployment to Iraq sometime soon, if this "old guy" can make the cut. I volunteered my service, as this is something I felt I had to do.

Thank you - *RJS/Pres/GCC (Richard Sacchetti)*

AIA announces selection of ambassadors

BY MARY LOSLEBEN

AIR INTELLIGENCE AGENCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Air Intelligence Agency Commander, Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, introduced AIA's new ambassadors, Tech. Sgt. Heather Ransom and Senior Airman Simon K. Mace, at a reception attended by friends and co-workers Dec. 14.

The two will represent AIA's 13,000 people worldwide during Fiesta events and numerous other community events throughout the year as they strive to promote the Air Force and the military way of life.

Sergeant Ransom is a primary information and workgroup manager for the 690th Information Operations Group staff. Her reaction upon hearing that she had been selected was complete surprise.

"Unbelievable, I'm at a loss for words, I can't believe my ears," she said. "If it hadn't been for the prompting of my supervisor, I wouldn't have submitted my package. It was his words of encouragement, the support of my office and my husband that really motivated me to compete. The more I learned about the program the more nervous but excited I got. Everyone had so much confidence in me; I really wanted to make them proud."

A native of Swanton, Ohio, Sergeant Ransom has been in the Air Force for 14 years. She lists her family and outdoor activities as her hobbies, and is a Daisy Girl Scout leader.

Airman Mace, a command briefer with AIA's Command Presentations office, hails from Copperas Cove, Texas. His responsibilities include formatting and revising intelligence briefings, helping command briefers provide stellar presentations to distinguished visitors and general officers and maintaining media equipment in both the commander's conference room and the Bernard A. Larger Auditorium.

"As a command briefer, talking about AIA and the Air Force to the San Antonio community will be both challenging and memorable," he said. In his spare time, Airman Mace enjoys music, singing, sightseeing in San Antonio and the surrounding Hill Country areas, and spending time with his family. His social activities include supervising and mentoring youths from the Valley Hi Assembly of God Church and being an active participant in the Air Force

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Sergeants' Association.

"I was shocked, honored and humbled, all at the same time," he said. "Being an AIA Ambassador has been one of my personal goals ever since I heard about the program."

((Source: Lackland Tailspinner))

Banquet honors AIA's top technicians

*By Senior Master Sgt. Roberto Benitez Jr.
23rd IOS Lackland AFB,*

Texas Commanders, supervisors, co-workers and family gathered at the Gateway Club to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Sensor Olympics with an annual banquet Nov. 3. This "Celebration of Excellence" recognized the best of the best of the Air Intelligence Agency and its supported units - 69 enlisted technicians across 23 career fields.

The banquet featured several guest speakers including Brig. Gen. Neal T. Robinson, Air Intelligence Agency vice commander, who reflected on his past experiences with the program formerly called Comfy Olympics. He also told this year's competitors, "... Future battles would be won by the very men and women we honor tonight."

Following General Robinson's remarks, Maj. Gen. Paul J. Lebras, Air Intelligence Agency commander, introduced the founder of this annual competition, retired Maj. Gen. Doyle E. Larson.

General Larson became commander of U.S. Air Force Security Service in 1979. He owns the distinction of having served as the last USAFSS commander. He was also the first commander of the Electronic Security Command as USAFSS was redesignated ESC on Aug. 1, 1979.

An Order of the Sword recipient, General Larson recalled how he came up with the idea of recognizing the top technicians in ESC. He shared a story with the audience about a visit to the 6931st Electronic Security Squadron on the island of Crete, Greece, where he'd been introduced to a female staff sergeant, a linguist who was working an important mission.

He was informed that she was expecting a child and that she was having difficulty in her first trimester but refused to take the time off to recuperate. "I was impressed with her dedication and professionalism and wondered if she was one of the better linguists in the command or could she be the best of the best," the general remarked.

Upon his return trip, General Larson announced he wanted to start an awards program to recognize the best technicians in the command. Twenty-five years have since passed. The program has seen three names -- from Comfy Olympics, to Prism Olympics and now the Sensor Olympics and has expanded the number of eligible Air Force specialties.

"General Larson could have never anticipated the evolution of the program 25 years ago, but for the enlisted Airmen of all specialties across AIA, we're thankful he recognized the Silent Warriors, the Best of the Best," said Chief Master Sgt. Edward W. Colquhoun, AIA command chief.

((Source: AIA Website))

Airmen, mission focus of New Year

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*By Col. Kathryn Gauthier
67th Information Operations Wing commander*



I've got the best job in the Air Force. After completing my orientation visits to 67th Information Operations Wing units in the Pacific, Europe, and here in the states, I have one overriding observation - the talent and professionalism of our Airmen-of every rank, military and civilian, in every unit - is overwhelming. Our people are challenged as never before, tackling constantly evolving missions, handling an ever-increasing deployment tempo, and getting the job done superbly through teamwork, dedication, and sheer talent. I could not be prouder - or more humbled--to be the commander of the men and women of the 67th IOW. They truly reflect America's best.

We recently had the privilege of hosting the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John P. Jumper. As I explained to General Jumper, the 67th IOW is the only information operations wing in the Air Force.

However, it is not the only place where information operations is done; in fact, the wing also conducts traditional intelligence operations. What really sets our wing apart are the multiple mission areas that are performed by wing members and nowhere else. These include:

- Direct Support to Special Operations by our 25th Information Operations Squadron
- Global Defense of AF networks by the 33rd Information Operations Squadron
- Mobile/deployable intelligence support to space, by the 18th Intelligence Squadron
- Electronic Systems Security Assessments, globally covered by the 426th, 68th, and 352nd Information Operations Squadrons
- Secure engineering and installations by our 690th units
- Adversary tactics analysis, primarily in the 67th IOG
- Multidiscipline Information Warfare Flights, embedded in the AOGs across our Air Force

We are very proud of the unique contributions the 67th IOW provides our Air Force and the nation!

Philosophy of command

Our mission in the 67th IOW is to operationalize information operations and to provide timely, relevant, and predictive intelligence for combatant commanders and decisionmakers. Our ultimate goal is to compress the Find, Fix, Track, Target, Engage, Assess (F2T2EA) and decision cycles.

I am a firm believer that every Air Force specialty is vital to our mission success.

People are our most critical asset. From that recognition flows the requirement to know, train and mentor them. Our goal is to develop leaders at every level. A key component of taking care of our people is ensuring every Airman is treated with respect and lives/works in an environment free from

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discrimination, harassment, and sexual assault. It also means taking suicide prevention personally - and ensuring no Airman ever feels he or she doesn't have a "wingman" to turn to when times get tough.

As an expeditionary Air Force, we must be ready to deploy and ready to fight when we are deployed. Air Force readiness begins with personal readiness, including both fitness and a focus on safety and risk management.

Teamwork is a force multiplier. We cannot "go it alone" and we certainly can't be mission effective without partnering across the broader intelligence and operations communities.

We must embrace change! The pace of technological and informational advances is greater than ever before, so we need a "continuous education" mindset to remain innovative and adaptive. Education and training are lifelong pursuits, especially in our profession.

Progress on multiple fronts

Our talented Airmen across the wing - with the exceptional support of our 8th Air Force and Air Intelligence Agency leadership-have made great progress in many of the important challenges we face. These include:

- The transfer of "heavy lift" cryptologic units to the 70th Intelligence Wing, and consolidation of the information operations functions in the 67th IOW, on Oct. 1, 2005.
- The transfer of 18th Intelligence Squadron mission functions from Colorado Springs to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., is underway. This squadron's collocation with 14th Air Force will improve Intel support to the space warfighter, one of our top priorities at the 67th IOW.
- We continue to make progress toward our goal of Electronic Systems Security Assessments becoming a 24/7 operation, with consent to monitor every unit in the Air Force.
- The transition of the information warfare flights from the 67th IOW to their respective AOGs is progressing toward the proposed Oct. 1, 2005 effective date.

As we begin 2005, we have much to celebrate. The caliber of our Airmen is the best it has ever been. We're part of the most professional and mighty air and space force the planet has ever known. We live in the greatest nation on earth, and we're engaged in the highest calling a human being can accept: service.

On behalf of my husband, Al; Col. Robert Marlin, 67th IOW vice commander; Chief Master Sgt. William Gurney, 67th IOW command chief and all the men and women of the 67th Information Operations Wing, we wish all of our fellow Airmen and joint partners peace and happiness in the coming year.

((Source- Spokesman On Line January 2005))

Last small-motor Rivet Joint parts Offutt

By 1st Lt. Jon Izsworski

55th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

The sun never sets on the Fightin' 55th, but the sun has set on an era of RC-135V/Ws. The 38th Aircraft Maintenance Unit launched aircraft 62-4139 to Greenville, Texas Monday, for its "Valentines Day" makeover.

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Aircraft 62-4139 was the last Rivet Joint equipped with TF-33 "small motors." While at the Greenville depot it will be upgraded with an all-glass cockpit and F-108 series engines.

The new fleet is expected to be easier for both maintenance personnel and flyers due to a greater level of aircraft congruity. The new engines are only one of several modifications that 62-4139 will go through during this upcoming programmed depot maintenance. PDM is an extensive inspection and upgrade program all RC-135s undergo approximately every four years and is one of the main factors in keeping the 43-year-old airframes functional.

The departing aircraft has amassed over 47,600 hours of flight time since it entered service and currently has the highest total hours in the entire RC-135 fleet, according to Senior Airman Floyd Scotland, 38th AMU maintenance scheduler. During its stay the aircraft will be stripped of its internal electronics and then sent to Wichita, Kan., for the installation of the F-108 engines, stronger landing gear, engine strut retrofits and new wiring. It will then be flown back to Greenville where every aspect of the airframe will be scrutinized for hidden damage and corroded areas will be cleaned up or replaced. In addition to the new engines, the aircraft will also receive its new glass cockpit and major improvements in the back-end mission equipment.



((Staff Sgt. David Fowler, 38th AMU crew chief, plugs in his headset during pre-flight of the last of the RC-135 Rivet Joint "small motor" equipped aircraft from Offutt.))

The entire upgrade process is expected to last approximately two years.

While it will be some time before aircraft 62-4139 is back at Offutt, the upgrades for the rest of the RJ fleet have made "a tremendous difference for both maintenance and operations [personnel]," according to Larry Meade, Rivet Joint field team manager. The equipment upgrades provide a necessary expansion of capabilities, enabling more receivers to access increasingly important frequency bands, he said. The new back-ends, coupled with the greater reliability and efficiency of the new engines, put Offutt on track to have the most lethal ISR platforms the 55th Wing has ever seen, he added.

((Source: Offutt Air Pulse: www.offuttairpulse.com))

55th MXS unveils wing flagship

By Capt. Omar Ebarb

55th Maintenance Squadron

The 55th Wing unveiled its newest flagship, an RC-135V "Rivet Joint" assigned to the 38th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, aircraft tail number 64-4846 Monday.

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Over the course of one week, personnel assigned to the 55th Maintenance Squadron repainted the nose and tail sections of the aircraft with unique art and markings denoting the aircraft's new role as the wing's flagship.

"Finally, after five years, it's a reality," said Bob Dean, 55th Maintenance Squadron fabrications chief. "This has been an ongoing idea since I was a GI in 1999."

One of the Air Force's most enduring traditions is that of unit flagships. Air Force flying wings typically select one aircraft from their fleet to serve as the wing's airborne color bearer, commonly called the "wing commander's jet." The honor is rotated among different aircraft as they leave and return to home station from programmed depot maintenance.

The aircraft's transformation began with the application of the Air Force's "Let's Roll!" logo to the left side of the aircraft's nose. The words "let's roll," said by Todd Beamer as he and other passengers on United Flight 93 prepared to storm the cockpit to wrestle control of the aircraft away from terrorists, became the Air Force's official rallying cry in the Global War on Terror. The Air Force authorized every one of its flying wings to display the logo as nose art on one aircraft of their choice. The logo depicts an eagle soaring in front of the US flag, with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "Let's Roll!" on the bottom.

The transformation continued as the name of the 55th Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Craig Koziol, was written underneath the pilot's window, to mark the aircraft as "the commander's own." Further down the left side of the aircraft and beneath a full color version of the wing patch, a color outline of the state of Nebraska was applied.

The names of the 55th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron aircraft-dedicated crew chiefs, charged with the responsibility of maintaining the wing's flagship, were written within the state's outline. The outline also encases an eagle's head on the background of an American flag, symbolizing Nebraska's strength and significance as the heartland of the nation. At the base of the eagle's head, representing the geographical area of Bellevue and the surrounding communities, rests a smaller version of the 55th Wing patch, signifying the great support Offutt troops and families receive from the local community.

The patch is set against the background of a bright gold star signifying the wing's motto, "**The Sun Never Sets on the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth!**" To the left of the crew chief name block and immediately over the aircrew entry door are ribbons representing the wing's 12 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and its recent Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.

The aircraft also bears unique markings on its tail. All Air Force tail flashes must include at least three markings. The first is a two-letter base code. In this case the letters "OF" denote that this aircraft is stationed at Offutt. The second is the organizational marking, "55th WG," reflecting the aircraft's unit of assignment. Finally, the tail flash must bear the aircraft's tail number. In addition to these standard markings, all wing flagships are authorized to have the two letter base code and the organizational marking in a shadow font and locally designed unique tail stripes to identify the unit.

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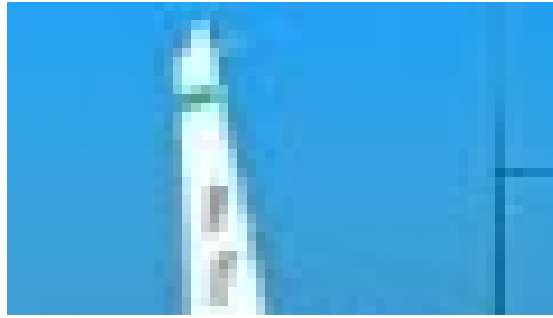
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In place of the green tail stripe, which denoted the aircraft belonged to the 38th AMU, the aircraft now bears a jagged red stripe outlined in gold upon a blue background. The new tail stripe is a stylized representation of the 55th Wing's patch. Finally, the aircraft bears the word "Fightin'" in red cursive lettering over the organizational marking.

"This was the first base I'd been to that didn't have a dedicated commander's aircraft," Mr. Dean said. "This is the first time we've gone all out."

Civilian employees assigned to the 55th Maintenance Squadron created and applied the new wing flagship markings. Like the others that have come before it, aircraft 64-4846 will display the colors of the 55th Wing around the world and represent the dedicated efforts of 55th Wing personnel at home and abroad.

((Source: Offutt Air Pulse: www.offuttairpulse.com))



((Ed Note: RC-135 Photo from FTVA Files and is not the same aircraft in above article. /Dap))

FALLEN EAGLES

The Association has learned of the following losses from caring relatives/friends and/or obituaries. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their loved ones.

Howard Adams, USAF/COMSEC Group Member
Alan F. Crites, Lt. Col, USAF-Ret
Walter R. "Ray" Danner, SMSgt (?), USAF-Ret
Lloyd E. Deuel, MSgt, USAF/GS-Civ-Ret
Melville "Bo" Eaton, Col., USAF-Ret
Jim Hebert, MSgt, USAF-Ret
James Gordon Henry, Lt. Col., USAF-Ret
Lionel Frederick "Fred" Hudgins, MSgt, USAF-Ret
Edward Milton Jacquet, Col., USAF-Ret
Thomas E. Kennison, SMSgt, USAF- Ret
Keith Klein, 3rd RSM Vet, USAFSS
Edith "Edie" C. Lamoureux, Wife of M/Sgt (Ret) AL Lamoureux
Millard B. McConnell, CMSgt, USAF-Ret
Jerry Mohr, AIA, GS-Civ
Verla Mynier, wife of Cecil H, Mynier, GS/Civ (Deceased)

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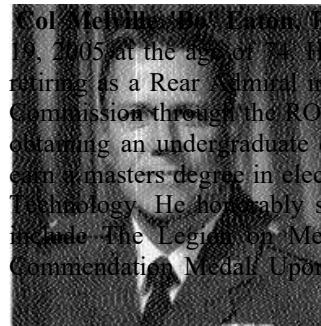
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- Aurelia Saenz Nagle, Wife of Maj James F. Nagle USAF-Ret
- Larry Nilles, MSgt, USAF-Ret
- Hoyt B. Pittman, MSgt, USAF-Ret
- Thomas William Porter, Jr., GS-Civ/Ret
- Edward F Rush CMSgt, USAF-Ret
- Eric Tyler Schofield, Lt., USN-Ret
- Arthur Harold Wertz, GS-Civ, Ret

Art Wertz's obituary was in the San Antonio Express-News on the 27th. Art was a civilian member of the USAFSS/ESC/AFIC communications directorate for many, many years //JD Delancy // **Arthur Harold Wertz**, age 74, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away Tuesday, January 25, 2005. He was born December 26, 1930 in Portage, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Johnstown (PA) High School in 1948. Though he received no degrees in higher education, his drive for self-education never ended. At various stages of his life, he was among the vanguard of those learning new technologies, from television to satellite radio to secure encryption to computers. Art served proudly in the United States Marines from 1952 to 1960. Even after he quit smoking, he retained his Zippo lighter, which played the Marine Corps Hymn. He then moved into Civil Service, working for Security Service and later the National Security Agency. Art was a passionate Cold Warrior, and did his part to help defeat Soviet Communism. After his retirement, he returned to his early enthusiasm for radio, as Ham Radio operator N5AEN and Army MARS AAR6SX. // Obit //

I just received an e-mail this morning that **Larry Nilles** passed away on Jan 23, 05. He had been battling lung cancer for over a year, let's hope he is at peace and free from pain. Larry was a superb Elinter and one of my best buddies in the AF. He served in Germany, Japan, Shemya NSA, and Korea. // **Jim McDaniel, jimsmsgt@msn.com** // Dear Mr. Daniel -- this is Bruce Nilles - Larry's son writing this message. I am very sorry to inform you that Dad (Larry) passed away on Sunday. After a multi-year struggle with first a stroke and then lung cancer, both of which he battled courageously, he died peacefully at his Las Cruces home on Sunday morning. We (had) a memorial service in Las Cruces, New Mexico and then the final wake/funeral (was held) in Dubuque, Iowa before he (was) buried at the Mt. Calvery Cemetery next to his mother and brother. I would really appreciate it if you could pass this message along to others of his friends that you both knew. Sincerely // **Bruce Nilles, 319 Riverside Drive Madison, WI 53704 - 608.712.9725** //

Col Melvin Bo Eaton, Retired USAF, passed away Wednesday January 19, 2005, at the age of 74. He was raised in a military family with his father retiring as a Rear Admiral in the US Navy. Bo Eaton received his Air Force Commission through the ROTC program at the University of Maryland while obtaining an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering. He went on to earn a masters degree in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He honorably served 24 years for his country. His decorations include The Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal. Upon retirement from the Air Force, he obtained his



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teaching certification from Our Lady of the Lake University. He proudly taught 17 years at Hobby Middle School in Northside Independent School District. Although retired for the second time, he continued to substitute teach while enjoying spending time with his family and friends. His passions included fishing, golfing, and gardening. //Obit // Dan – “Bo” Eaton was a captain at HQ USAFSS in the early 1960s // Jim Youngson // Bo had a colorful tour with USAFSS in the airborne engineering field, as Project Officer of "Tall Tom" which was an automatic direction finding and collection platform, which was tested; however, it was converted to a Sun Valley type vehicle to be used out of Florida during the fast and furious years of 1960 onward. Bo retired to teaching Career Awareness to middle schoolers in NSISD, for which he can be greatly admired, since after 24 years of active duty it takes the wind from one's sails to work with 7th graders who have just discovered everything on earth. I know, because I went thru similar attitude adjustments as a School Counselor in EISD, same time period. Bo was a very patient and understanding person all the time I knew him and he will be long remembered for his airborne-engineering facilitating connections. Bo worked during the period of Fred Smith, Ace Harker, and (the little General-like/Warrant Officer) can't recall his name, but he later went to work with TEMCO as did Ace. Sent with great admiration. // Lu Tarbox //

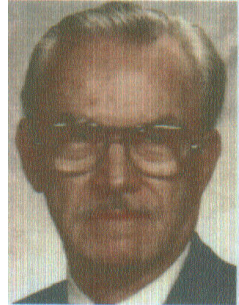
Received the following e-mail from Jim Rogers stating that **HOWARD ADAMS HAD PASSED AWAY.** // Tony Lemons // JUST THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW OF THE PASSING OF HOWARD ADAMS. HOWARD WAS THE OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR & FIRST SGT FOR DETACHMENT 7, 136TH CSS AT NAHA AFB, OKINAWA WHILE OUR GROUP WAS THERE. WE HAVE HAD REUNIONS EACH YEAR, AND THIS PAST FALL IT WAS IN TULSA, OK. THIS WAS OUR GROUP THAT WAS STATIONED ON OKINAWA TOGETHER. I'M PRETTY SURE HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF THE COMM. SEC. GROUP. HE HAS HAD SOME HEART RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS FOR THE PAST YEARS, BUT HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE. HE AND HIS WIFE PAT WERE AT THE BRANSON REUNION OF THE COMM. SEC. GROUP. CONDOLENCES CAN BE SENT TO: MRS PAT ADAMS & FAMILY, 821 WATTS DRIVE S.E., HUNTSVILLE. AL 35801. //JIM ROGERS//

Lionel Frederick “Fred” Hudgins, Jr., born August 5, 1930, joined the Lord on January 10, 2005, at the age of 74. Fred, born and raised in Virginia, joined the United States Air Force on November 13, 1947. He was proud to serve his nation and traveled to several countries, such as Korea, Japan, Turkey and Germany while on active duty. Fred was also stationed in the United States, at Langley AFB Virginia and here at Security Hill in San Antonio. He retired from active duty as a Master Sergeant on February 1, 1973, after 24 years of faithful service. Fred’s family thanks everyone for their prayers and support as Fred battled liver cancer, especially Sally and Jack Webb, long-time friends of the family. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. //Obit //

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Dap would like to add that Fred and Lucius owned/operated "King's Lounge a few years back. //BJ cook //



Thomas William Porter, Jr., died Sunday, January 9, 2005, at the age of 97 while in residence at the Heartland Health Care Center in Austin, Texas. Tom was born July 24, 1907, in Franklin, North Carolina. He attended school in Franklin, and graduated from Bingham Military School in Asheville, North Carolina. After attending Duke University, he worked as a surveyor with the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. After seeing action with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific

theater, Tom moved to Texas in 1946 to being work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, serving as a project engineer at Dam 'B' near Jasper, Texas, and later at Bryan Air Force Base in Bryan, Texas. He left Texas in 1960 to become Chief of Engineering and Construction at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, Nevada. **His final assignment as a civil servant was with the U.S. Air Force Security Service (now the Air Intelligence Agency) with assignments in San Antonio, Texas, and Frankfurt, Germany.** He retired from Civil Service in 1968, and continued for 21 years as an engineering consultant in Franklin, North Carolina and later in San Antonio. Tom was from a strong Methodist family. He was a gifted jazz pianist, a great lover of classical and big band music, a collector of art, brass, knives and swords, and interesting pieces of furniture from around the planet. Tom was a devoted Rotarian, and loved his volunteer work with United Way and various symphony orchestras.

Team AIA, It is with great sadness that I must announce one of our own, **Mr. Jerry Mohr**, passed away on Sunday, Jan 9 at 8:26 pm as a result of complications relating to a stroke. Mr. Mohr, assigned to the 690th Computer Systems Squadron's Engineering Flight, was a proud servant of the government for over 33 years and went peacefully surrounded by family and friends. Specific details on funeral arrangements and other pertinent information will be provided as it becomes available. //ANN K. LEE, Lt Col, USAF Commander, 690 IOG// Jerry was a FTVA member. They found him passed out in a restroom at AIA on Friday. //Bob Baert //

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Alan F. Crites, Lt. Col, USAF (retired) 80 years of age passed away peacefully on January 11. Al was born and raised in Lane, Kansas. A handsome young man, Al was known as an outstanding student and excellent athlete. He enjoyed a distinguished military career that spanned years of service to his country. He was an extraordinary pilot whose assignments took him to all corners of the world. He had many interesting adventures but he especially enjoyed sharing two of them; playing baseball against Joe DiMaggio, hitting the winning run and receiving the autographed ball and many decades' later meeting and having his picture taken with President George W. Bush. Al was a simple, kind, generous and humble man and was viewed as a larger-than-life character with a wide circle of friends from all walks of life, who were drawn to him by his warm and witty personality. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donation to be made to Lane United Methodist church, Lane, Kansas or to the charity of your choice. //Obit // Al was the C-54 pilot for ESR back in my flying days (1960's) and was a staff pilot for the Command Flight Section also. He was IP on the C-45 "bug smasher" and checked me out in the "tail dragger" and I never have forgiven him for that!! Al was a good heart... God rest his soul.//Grover & Betty McMakin // Al was the 6900th SECWG Staff Pilot responsible for the Wing C-54 at Rhein Main AB when I knew him. The 6916th SS was responsible for the C-54 and crew support, and it was my honor to have written his OER once before I rotated 1960. Al was well known from Frankfurt to Peshawar and countries in-between with many flying hours and air miles spent hauling personnel and supplies to AFSS installations. Al's exploits included accident, incident-free flying hours. His crew was hand picked and they loyally supported Al in many ways to ensure the C-54 was in as good shape and flyable as they could make it. There wasn't anything they would not do for Al. Al's smile and witty humor were notorious for all who knew him. Al was also a member of the USAFSS/AIA FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION where we would meet periodically to renew old memories and wild stories. Al was Number One in my book of old Fly Guys. He kept flying to the end I am sure. // Lu Tarbox // On the Middle East airports, Al would get to the plane about one or two hours before takeoff time and Bar-B-Q steaks on a small portable grill he carried along in the plane (plus raw steaks from the commissary) The first time he did that and surprised us passengers with a steak dinner in the middle of nowhere - we thought Al was a magician to pop up with deliciously steaks from who and where. That and arriving in Naples for layovers for the night where we would go to town and sit at an outdoor, waterfront, café and have a couple of beers while we enjoyed the scene, our friends and a great evening. As they say "Life does not get any better than that". // **Jim Eaton** //

 I just had a call from Al Lamoureux (MSgt, USAF, Ret.). Al's wife, Edie, died yesterday. Al worked in Data Automation at HQ USAFSS. // **Jim Youngson** // Our loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, **Mrs. Edith 'Edie' C. Lamoureux**, passed away on January 8, 2005. She was an active member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church for over 20 years. Edith also

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loved dancing, especially with her husband of 54 years, Al Lamoureux. //Obit
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Received this msg from Steve Moubray. I concur with his comments about **Jim Hebert**, he was a 'character' and could be considered to be one of the original 'Screaming MI-MIs.' He was a good guy.//**Pete Siegel** // **Jim Hebert, MSgt, USAF, Retired** died in his easy chair at his home o/a 19 Dec. Body was found by his long-time live-in girl friend Maria De Leon late evening on 12-22. Services were in Sacramento, CA. Attended by Art Hawkins, Myself, and Larry Thornley (HUMINT type we knew in early 60's). Jim was cremated and his ashes are to be spread on his parents gravesites in Seattle area by his son Tom. Cause of death unknown at this time. He was on some very powerful med's for headaches. Suspect accidental overdose as he had done so before. He was a 12 year member of USAFSS, and a popular 'character' to say the least. The best Korean linguist any of us ever met. Best regards, //Steve **Moubray**//

On December 8, 2004, **Keith Klein** passed away in Bloomington, Illinois. Keith was a Morse intercept operator on my shift from 1952-1954 at the 3rd RSM in Naknek, Alaska. //**Chuck Etheridge** //



M/Sgt Lloyd E Deuel, USAF ret, went to the Lord on December 16, 2004 at the age of 86. Born in Bakersfield California on October 17th, 1918 to JJ and Mary Deuel, he joined the Army Air Corp in June of 1941 to earn extra money to further his education. Pearl Harbor changed his plans and after being extended "for the duration". He decided to make it a career. He was the First Sergeant for several thousand soldiers in the Pacific theater serving at Eniwetok and Kwajalien in island hopping march to Japan. **After the war he joined the Air Force and**

helped establish the Cryptographic service with the Security Service in San Antonio. He was a pioneer in using computers for code making and breaking. After retiring from active duty in 1961 he worked for the Headquarters, USAF Security Service for 27 years in the Civil Service. //Obit
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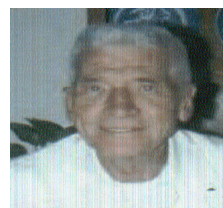
Hoyt B. Pittman, age 73, MSgt, United States Air Force Retired, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, February 11, 2005. He was born on November 6, 1931 in Lumberton, NC to John and Pearl Britt Pittman. He was

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a Past Commander of VFW Post 6012, member of the Alzafar Shrine and Scottish Rite Bodies and The Freedom Through Vigilance Association. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Marilyn Pittman. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association or to the charity of your choice. *//Obit //*

Millard B. McConnell, 76, of 194 Setser Branch Road, Franklin, passed away Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, after an extended illness. He was born on Aug. 22, 1928, in Franklin. Millard attended and was actively involved with Prentiss Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the following organizations: VFW Post 7339 of Franklin, DAV at large, American Military Association, Air Force Sergeants Association and Air Force Aid Society. He was also an active member with American Legion Post 108 of Franklin and Valley-Hi Masonic Lodge 1407 in San Antonio, Texas. Millard retired as a chief master sergeant (E-9) from the United State Air Force after serving his country for 29 years. His assignments included: 1947 Pope AFB NC and Lackland AFB TX, 1948 Lowry AFB Colorado, 1949 South Pacific (Guam), 1950-1951 Shaw AFB SC, 1951-1954 Munich and Landstuhl Germany, 1954-1956 Selfridge AFB MI, 1956-1960 Air Force Reserve Center Columbia, S.C., 1960-1963 Donaldson AFB SC, 1963-1966 Chicksands AB, United Kingdom, 1966-1970 HQ Security Service, Kelly AFB TX, 1970-1973 (6)981st Security Group, Elmendorf AFB AK, 1973-1974 HQ Security Service, Kelly AFB TX, 1974-1975 (6)1981st Security Group, Elmendorf AFB AK. Chief Master McConnell retired from the USAF on Aug. 1, 1975. His military decorations and awards include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with two Silver Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Occupation Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Medal with one silver and two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon with three Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Small Arms Expert Ribbon with Bronze Star and the Air Force Training Ribbon. After retiring from the Air Force Millard served as the Macon County Veterans Service Officer. He spent countless hours assisting military veterans and their families. Woodrow Shope summed up his time as the Veterans Service Officer the best when he stated, "Mac McConnell did more for our veterans and their families than any other person ever has or ever will! *//Obit submitted by Don Burns //*



CMSgt. Edward F. Rush, USAF Ret., passed away November 23, 2004 at the age of 83. He was born on June 6, 1921 in Lafayette, IN to Arthur and Helen Rush. He served in the Air Force for 26-1/2 years; the last 13 years were with the USAF Security Service at Kelly Air Force Base.

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James Gordon Henry died peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 23rd in San Antonio. He was 80 years old. Born January 6th, 1924 in Denver, Colorado, Jim moved to New Mexico as a young boy. His widowed mother, Hazel Henry, met and married John Naranjo, a governor of the Santa Clara Pueblo, and Jim spent the 1930s and part of the 40s exploring the beautiful mountains and valleys of northern New Mexico. Jim, known for always having his head in a book, was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Our Lady of the Lake University. An avid traveler, Jim

undertook many eventful journeys including a WWII crossing of the Atlantic aboard the Queen Elizabeth. The swimming pools of the luxury liner, converted to a troop ship, were drained and stacked with six-man-high bunk beds. Soldiers slept in shifts. The ship, crammed with 15,000 soldiers, zigzagged unescorted across the ocean, dogging submarines, to Scotland. Jim also fondly recalled another sea voyage, many years later, from Europe to the US aboard a freighter. The six-week journey was alleviated by several cases of Spanish wine and multiple boxes of books. Jim met his wife, Norma Knowlton, a flight nurse in the Army Air Corps, in Casablanca. She outranked him; a fact she chose to not let him forget. During his 20+ years in the military, **Jim served with the US Air Force Security Service as an intelligence officer and had particularly fond memories of the 357th Fighter Squadron.** He served in, among other places, Morocco, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and multiple posts in the US. He retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Air Force in 1971 and settled in San Antonio with Norma and their four children. During his 'retirement,' Jim devoted much of his time and energy to volunteering. For many years he worked with Norma at the St. Vincent de Paul dining room at the SAMM Shelter. The last 15 years, however, he spent most of his time at the Institute of Texan Cultures where he averaged 550 volunteer hours each year. He traveled for the Outreach Program, manned the Chuckwagon, and taught the Spies and Secrets class at the Institute's Academy of Learning in Retirement. *//Obit -Jim Youngson //Dap: We buried LTC (Ret) James G Henry on 29 Nov at Fort Sam Houston. I met Jim Henry in 1962 when he was SSO at 13th AF sub-Hq on Taipei Air Station, Taiwan. Wondrous intellect, penetrating knowledge, an insatiable thirst to read were his best assets. He always had a quote for any occasion. His friends from Defense language Institute and the Institute of Texas Cultures will miss him sorely. Remain in touch //Hank Connors //*

Verla Mynier of San Antonio, TX age 83 passed away Sunday, December 05, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil H. Mynier *// Obit //* I remember Cecil Mynier – he was a civilian in HQ USAFSS in the 60s. *//Jim Youngson //*



Dap, I saw this Obituary in today's (Dec 12, 2004), San Antonio, Express News. Major James F. Nagle was the Operations Officer (6921 Security Wing/DO) at Misawa, April 1976 to April 1979. He was also the Chief, HF

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Modernization Branch, 6940 Security Wing at Fort Meade, Maryland, 1979 to 1982. I am certain a lot of USAFSS / ESC people remember Major Nagle and his wife Aurelia. // **Ed Benningfield** // **Aurelia Saenz Nagle**, born February 28, 1936 to Luis and Ana Saenz in Rio Grande City, TX, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2004, surrounded by her family. She graduated from R.G.C.H.S. in 1954 with many honors. She was president of her senior class as well as Valedictorian and also band sweetheart. She then attended UT college of Pharmacy in Austin and graduated with honors in 1958. She went on to practice pharmacy in Harlingen, MD and San Antonio until her retirement from Albertsons Pharmacy in 2001. She is survived by her husband, James F. Nagle whom she married in 1967. They traveled to England, Japan and Maryland while he was in the U.S. Air Force. She was active in the Officers Wives Club and enjoyed bowling, the art of brass rubbing, learning Japanese, flower arranging and also became an avid golfer. Mrs. Nagle lost her 4-year battle to colon cancer. // **Obit** //

Hi Bob and Debbie, Got word this morning from Bert Skeckowski that **Eric Schofield** passed away. Eric was stationed with Greg S. and I at Mildenhall



in the mid-late 70's. He was a German linguist and worked in Scheduling. His last years were spent in an assisted care home in SA. His wife Cory is a teacher in SA and lives on Crested Quail. Don't believe he was a member of the FTVA or the PWG but would be nice if something were put in the "Remain in Touch". // **Jimmy and Molly Mayer** // After a long and valiant battle with Multiple Sclerosis, **Lt. Eric Tyler Schofield, USN**, at the age of 53, completed his earthly journey and went home to

the Lord on February 16, 2005. His military journey began June 19, 1951 at Balboa Medical Center, San Diego, CA. He entered the Air Force at 19 and met his life's traveling companion while stationed in San Angelo, TX. With their daughters they spent five years in Mildenhall, England and various stops along the way. In 1982 after attaining the rank of SSgt, he left the Air Force for an officer's commission with the Navy where he found his home on the sea. // **Obit** //



Col. Edward Milton Jacquet, USAF (Ret), died on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 after a courageous battle with multiple medical problems. He was 86

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years old. He was born to the late Edward Magnus Jacquet and Berth Christina Olson on August 29, 1918 in Racine, Wisconsin. After graduating from pilot training (Class of 40-F) in October 1940 at Kelly Air Force Base (AFB), Lieutenant Jacquet was assigned to the 19th Bombardment Group, 93rd Squadron as a copilot on the early Boeing B-17B heavy bombers. He accompanied the 19th Group when it was sent in October 1941 to Clark AFB in the Philippines prior to the attack at Pearl Harbor in WW II. After 47 combat missions, he returned to the United States in 1942 and taught combat maneuvers to B-17 and B-24 crews at various bases, and participated in the B-29 Transition Program in 1945. He then assumed command of the 'Silver Plate Project', part of the 'Manhattan Program' for the testing of the atomic bomb. After this project, he was assigned as Director of Operations, 92nd Bomb Wing (B-29), and participated in the Korean War as Airborne Commander and the Berlin Airlift. In 1958 he was selected as the Director of Operations, 672nd Technical Training Squadron to establish the Thor Intermediate Range Ballistic Missiles Systems for the Royal Air Force in England. Col. Jacquet returned to the United States for assignments as Commander of Atlas and Titan Missile Programs. In 1964 he, was assigned to the Air Staff in the Pentagon as Chief, Operations Division in the Directorate of Production and Programming. **In 1967, he was assigned Deputy Commander of Security Services at Kelly AFB in San Antonio.** After 30 years of military service he joined Northrop Worldwide Aircraft Services as Supervisor of Instruction for the Royal Saudi Air Force Maintenance Assistance Program at Lackland AFB. Col. Jacquet was rated as a Command Pilot credited with more than 5000 flying hours. Also he was awarded the Master Missilery Badge in 1958. His decorations include: Silver Star plus Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Distinguished Flying Cross plus OLC, Air Medal plus OLC, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal plus OLC, Commendation Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation plus five OLCs and eleven other various medals. Col. Jacquet also received his Masters Degree from St Mary's University in San Antonio. In 1996, Ernest K. Jacquet honored Col. Jacquet and the Officers and Airmen of the Gypsy 93rd Bomb Squadron with an endowment of The Edward Milton Jacquet Memorial Fellowship for Leadership and Character at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a charity of your choice.

//Obit //

Per our conversation, here is a reminder of the passing of **Walter R. "Ray" Danner**. I believe he died Jan 12th in Greenville TX. Ray was a super Elinter, as well as a all around fine person. *// Lou Rocha //*

A funeral Mass was said this morning (21 Feb) at St. Mary's Catholic Church for retired Air Force **Senior Master Sgt. Thomas E. Kennison**, 72, of Fredericksburg, Va., and formerly of Virginia Beach, Va., and Severna Park, who died of complications from cancer Feb. 17 at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg. Master Sgt. Kennison, served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and later retired from the National Security Agency in Fort

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Email: paul.wade@elmendorf.af.mil

Comments: Colleagues in vigilance:

As the relatively new commander of the 381st here at Elmendorf, I am humbled by its history. We are in the early stages of planning for what I hope will be an interesting reunion of former commanders/chiefs and friends of the 381st family, hopefully in the late Apr/early May time frame. As we continue down this road, I would be interested to find out if you have any active FTVA members in the Anchorage area, or if there are any 381st/6981st alums among your members. Appreciate any help, suggestions or info you might have. Very respectfully,

Lt Col Paul Wade

Commander, 381st IS

Alaska Mission Operations Center (AMOC) First anniversary

Grover/Bob: As you can imagine, holidays and bureaucracies have conspired against me. However, I am happy to say that today; FINALLY, the official message went out announcing the AMOC Anniversary/81st Reunion. I look forward to working with your organization to help spread the word...and have already received some feedback from both local (Roger Oleson) and distant (Frank Budelman, in NH) members. I've added the message text below in case you can put into your newsletters. Thanks again for your help.

V/r ***Lt Col Wade*****Alaska Mission Operations Center (AMOC) First Anniversary Event**

1. On behalf of the Commander of the 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort Meade, Maryland, and the 381st Intelligence Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, it is my honor to invite you to an event marking the first anniversary of the AMOC. Since its designation by the Director of NSA in April 2004, the AMOC has experienced tremendous change and now consists of nearly 380 Air Force members assigned to the 381st Intelligence Squadron and 3 NSA civilians. This growth of nearly 100 personnel combined with over \$3M worth of new systems is revolutionizing intelligence in Alaska. This event will be an opportunity to showcase both site capabilities and the AMOC's dedicated personnel.

2. The anniversary also offers a chance to celebrate the long tradition of the 81st. The 381st Intelligence Squadron traces its lineage to the 951st Signal Radio Intelligence Company, Aviation, which was activated on July 23, 1942. After active participation in the European Theater of World War II and several name changes, the unit finally settled at Elmendorf AFB in 1950 and took residence in its current facilities by 1954. In May of 1955 the unit was

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redesignated the 6981st Radio Group, Mobile, and has retained a connection to the 81st title ever since. The unit became the 381st Intelligence Squadron in October 1993. We anticipate returning alumni from all phases of the 81st legacy, including the 1950s.

3. The AMOC Anniversary Celebration will take place from 12-15 May, with the marquee event being a formal dinner celebrating the past, present, and future of the AMOC. There will be many opportunities during the celebration to explore the AMOC, Elmendorf AFB, and the local Anchorage area. Additional information will be available in upcoming weeks.

4. We look forward to joining you at Elmendorf AFB in May. For initial questions, **please contact the 381 IS Commander, Lt Col Paul Wade at: E-mail paul.wade@elmendorf.af.mil or (907) 552-3536; or the 381 IS Operations Officer, Major Brian Ray, at e-mail brian.ray@elmendorf.af.mil or (907) 552-3536. DSN: 317-552-3536.**

Lt Col Paul E. Wade

Commander, 381st Intelligence Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506,

6911TH RADIO GROUP MOBILE REUNION ORLANDO, FLORIDA REUNION: May 5-7th, 2005

LOCATION: Travelodge Main Gate East Kissimmee, Florida (Orlando area)

ROOM RATES: \$49.00 singles/doubles/triples/quads...same rate, plus 13% Tax Hotel resort fee is \$2.95 plus tax per room, per night. This fee Includes use of room safe, local telephone calls & newspaper Delivered to the room. We have been given this same rate from May 2nd through May 11th, 2005.

PHONE: 1-800-327-1128 CODE: G / ANR5 / 0505 GIVE THIS CODE TO RESERVATIONS WHEN YOU CALL IN SO YOU WILL RECEIVE GROUP RATE & RESERVATIONS WILL KNOW YOU ARE WITH 6911TH RADIO GROUP REUNION.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Call hotel and make your own reservations by credit card. All reservations must be made by **April 1, 2005** After this date room reservations are on a space available only.

BANQUET: Banquet will be on May 6th. Meal/prices have not been determined at this time.

SPEAKER: We have asked Ed Gottsponer of the 6911th to be our speaker. Ed is currently working for a contractor in Iraq moving our troops and supplies in and out of Iraq from Kuwait.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE: Shuttle is not complimentary, but there is a shuttle to and from airport to hotel.

Rich & Pat Merrill

6911th RGM Reunion Planning - 303-985-3575 e-mail Rich1Pat2@aol.com

USAF Viet Linguists Reunion, 29 Apr - 01 May 2005

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Bob. would like to get the word out to all who served in support of the Vietnam effort that ex-203/208 MDs (Doggers) are having a reunion at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas on the above dates in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. All former Doggers and their coworkers in support of that mission are invited. For more info, visit our website at:

<http://www.j2diving.com/fosp/> or contact me direct via e-mail or telephone (512) 402-1919. Thanks! *Joe Turney – Parrotjet@aol.com*

Misawa Reunion

Time to get information to all the FTVA members about our upcoming Misawa Reunion. We would appreciate having this put on www.ftva.org and in the next newsletter. When Wayne Babb stood up at our 2004 reunion in Las Vegas and made a pitch for us to have our next reunion in his home town, AND said he would take care of all the details, we chose Chattanooga in a heart beat!

The third annual Misawa reunion will be in Chattanooga, TN, June 2-5, 2005. There will be a hospitality room filled with friends, refreshments, stories and memorabilia to kick-start your memories of Misawa. Friday night raffle reception and "Roll Call" picture. Our Saturday night banquet will be aboard the Southern Belle riverboat and we hope to fill an entire deck (140 people!) For details of the activities and information about making your reservations, go to www.usafssmisawa.com and click on the reunion logo.

Never in Misawa? If you are in the area, stop by the Hospitality Room and introduce yourself anyway. Because of the nature of the Security Service command, chances are good you might know someone who was stationed with you somewhere else in the world! **Thanks!**

Helen Henderson, 203 in Misawa 1973-75

6994th ARDF Reunion

All members of the 6994th Security Squadron associated with the EC-47 ARDF program in SEA are invited to the 5th reunion of the EC-47 Association. The reunion will be held from May 19-22, 2005 at the Ramada Inn, in Hanover, MD. Planned activities include a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in honor of the crewmembers lost, a professional guided tour of Washington, DC, a golf outing, a crab feast, and the reunion banquet. For additional information concerning hotel and reunion activities, please visit the **website at www.ec47.com**. Squadron members wishing to be kept informed of future reunion activities are asked to contact **Rick Yeh at blk67cougar@comcast.net**.

Det 2 6910th Reunion in Philadelphia

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Comments: I was stationed at Goodfellow AFB from Sept. 64-July 65 in the Transec 202 School. I was stationed at Camp Pieri, Wiesbaden, Germany with Det 2, 6910th Security Wing. We have a reunion every two years. This year we are going to meet in Philadelphia in June. Contact me if you have been missing from our roster.

Mike Baye - MJBaye@new.rr.com

History & Memories

SIGINT Heritage Challenge

Dan,

I have a challenge for our FTVA members. In doing research on our SIGINT heritage, I may have identified the very first genealogical association with our command. In Feb 1942, 2nd LT FELIX M MARSHALL was hand-picked to be the commander of the 138th Signal Radio Intelligence Company at Fort George Wright, Washington State. There is a direct and continuing legacy between the 138th SRIC and the 303rd Intel Sq at Misawa, Japan today inasmuch as the 138th SRIC became the 1st Radio Squadron Mobile, which later became the 6920th RSM/RGM/WG/ESG at Misawa over the years.

Lt Marshall was **THE** charter member of the 138th SRIC. As the unit history excerpts below indicate, Felix Marshall was a "mustang" who had served as an enlisted troop for about 13 years in the Army before commissioning. In other words, Felix Marshall would have been the very first person assigned to an Army Air Corps squadron involved in SIGINT work in 1942. He started it for all of us!!!!

Your genealogical mission, should you accept it, is to help us determine FELIX M Marshall's roots and where his family resides today. The last information that I have shows CAPT FELIX M MARSHALL leading the 1st Radio Squadron Mobile in direct support operations to the Fifth Air Force in the Southwest Pacific (New Guinea and the Philippines) during 1943-1944. The 1st RSM was intercepting Japanese Morse and voice comms and locating enemy targets through its outlying DF stations.

Our Prop Wash Gang genealogical guru, JOE BISSETT is now tracking Felix's roots but so far has not found the correct family tree. Your challenge is to beat JOE (LBJ) BISSETT to the punch in finding Felix. Please contact Joe regarding your FELIX MARSHALL genealogical finds at: jbissett@txdirect.net Thanks Dan for all you do for our FTVA.

Larry Tart – LarryTart@aol.com

-----Unit history excerpts follow-----

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The 138th Signal Radio Intelligence Company was activated in February 1942. By War Department letter, radio intelligence companies for the Air Force were established at Bolling Field, Washington, D.C.; Mitchell Field, New York; Spokane, Washington; MacDill Field, Florida, and March Field, California.

Fort George Wright, a small army post which had grown little from its picturesque, pre-war status, was the home of Second Air Force, to which the 138th was assigned for training and preparation for combat service. Out of the void which preceded the order to activate the company came the initial manifestations that there was a new establishment growing. From an existing signal company was selected an officer to command the new unit; from several existing organizations at Wright and at near-by Geiger Field were selected six enlisted men as its charter members.

To command the newly-formed company, the Second Air Force selected Felix M. Marshall, who was a 2nd Lt. assigned to the 404th Signal Company, Aviation. However, since the date of his promotion was retroactive to 1 February 1942, Lt. Marshall was actually a First Lieutenant at the time he took command in late February.

The task facing the new commanding officer was not an easy one. Reduced to an absolute minimum, it required getting the necessary personnel, the necessary equipment, and training for combat. Looking at the vacant walls of the company new barracks in those early days, the fulfillment of the essentials seemed quite remote. But what probably was the most complicated factor to which Lt. Marshall had to be reconciled was the relative novelty of a radio intelligence company. It soon became apparent that there was not a great deal of background material to assist the novice commanding officer in setting up his company. There was a paucity of literature on the subject, a dearth of standard procedures, and a minimum of guidance.

Nevertheless, Lt. Marshall was particularly well-suited for the new and tenuous task. He knew army methods; he knew the problems of both the Signal Corps and the Air Corps, and he had trained rigorously under combat conditions. A regular army soldier of some thirteen years experience, Marshall had served with the engineers in Panama for three years; he had received intensive training in communications in the Coast Artillery Corps, and had for years been a radio operator in fixed stations and as a member of combat crews of the Air Corps. At Langley Field, Virginia, Marshall gained his experience as the Air Corps grew out of its short trousers. After he received his commission in the Signal Corps Reserve in 1941, Marshall went through the Louisiana Maneuvers, and thereafter was assigned to the 404th Signal Company, Aviation at Fort George Wright.

USAFSS UNIT AWARDS 1955 - 1978

Due to numerous questions and interest by our members, Bob Cope has rescanned three pages of USAFSS Unit awards from 1955 – 1978 for publication in the Newsletter. Attempts to transpose scan to word format has been unsuccessful. I have expanded each photo of the scan to

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fit our newsletter page. Hopefully, the list will be legible, useful and of interest to our membership. // Dap//

Unit Awards

UNIT	AWARD	PERIOD	ORDER NR./DATE
TUSLOG DET. 94	AFOUA*	1 APR 71 - 31 MAR 72	GB-39/1973
TUSLOG DET. 204	AFOUA	1 AUG 71 - 30 JUN 73	GB-819/1973
AFBCC	AFOUA	1 NOV 65 - 1 NOV 67	GB-81/1968
	NMUC**	2 NOV 67 - 1 NOV 68	DN LTR G-25/1970
AFCD	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 30 JUN 70	GB-848/1970
(INCLUDES DETS. 1,2,3,4,5)			
AFEWC	AFOUA	1 DEC 75 - 25 OCT 77	GR-121/1979
	AFOEA***	1 JAN 74 - 1 JAN 76	GB-992/1976
	AFOEA***	1 JAN 76 - 1 JAN 79	GB-375/1979
AFCOMSECEN	AFOUA	1 JUL 76 - 30 JUN 79	GB-121/1979
USAFBS NCOA	AFOEA***	15 NOV 71 - 31 DEC 74	GB-360/1975
AAFJCG	AFOUA	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 74	GB-1290/1973
1ST RSM	AFOUA	28 NOV 60 - 18 JUL 67	GO-81/1966
15TH RSM	AFOUA	1 DEC 52 - 27 JUL 53	GO-35/1954
6003RD SCTYS	AFOUA	1 MAY 70 - 1 APR 71	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA	2 APR 71 - 1 APR 72	GB-39/1973
	ROK-PUC****	19 AUG 72 - 20 AUG 72	GB-154 & GB-846/1973
	AFOUA	1 JAN 76 - 30 JUN 77	GB-106/1976
6008TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 71 - 30 JUN 72	GB-39/1973
	AFOUA	1 JUL 73 - 30 JUN 75	GB-423/1976
6010TH SCTYG	AFOUA	1 FEB 70 - 1 MAR 71	GB-43/1972
6012TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 75 - 30 JUN 77	GB-109/1978
	AFOUA	1 JUL 77 - 30 JUN 78	GB-121/1979
6013TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 65 - 31 DEC 66	GB-81/1968
	AFOUA	1 JUN 69 - 31 MAY 70	GB-850/1970
	AFOUA	1 JUN 70 - 31 MAR 71	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA	1 APR 71 - 31 MAR 72	GB-491/1973
	AFOUA	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 74	GB-1290/1973
	AFOUA	1 JUL 75 - 30 JUN 77	GB-109/1978
	AFOUA	1 JUL 77 - 30 JUN 78	GB-121/1979
6016TH SCTYS (DET. 1)	AFOUA	1 JUN 69 - 31 MAY 70	GB-850/1970
6017R SCTYG	AFOUA	1 JAN 66 - 31 MAY 67	GB-81/1968
	AFOUA	1 JUN 67 - 31 MAY 68	GB-86/1968
	AFOUA	1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 69	GB-43/1971
	AFOUA	1 JAN 70 - 31 DEC 70	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA	1 JUL 78 - 30 JUN 78	GB-122/1979
6018TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 APR 69 - 31 MAR 71	GB-43/1972
6020TH ABGP	AFOUA	1 JUL 75 - 30 JUN 76	GB-233/1977
6020TH SCTYW	AFOUA	1 JUL 78 - 31 DEC 77	GB-122/1979
6021ST SCTYW	AFOUA	15 APR 69 - 10 OCT 69	GB-86/1969
	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 30 SEP 69	GB-144/1970
	AFOUA	1 JUL 73 - 30 JUN 75	GB-426/1976
60213T SCTYW (DET. 1)	AFOUA	15 APR 69 - 10 OCT 69	GB-144/1970
6021ST SPTSQ	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 30 SEP 69	GB-144/1970
6022ND SCTYW	AFOUA	1 JUL 65 - 30 JUN 67	GB-86/1969
	AFOUA	1 NOV 69 - 31 OCT 70	GB-43/1972
	HP-PUC*****	21 JUL 72 - 15 AUG 72	GB-24/1973
6022ND SCTYW (DET. 1)	AFOUA	1 OCT 64 - 30 SEP 66	GB-81/1968
6022ND SCTYW (DET. 2)	AFOUA	23 JAN 68 - 13 SEP 68	GB-468/1968
	AFOUA	1 JUL 65 - 30 SEP 65	GB-26/1966

6681ST SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 74 - 31 DEC 75	GB-281/1977
	AFOUA	1 JAN 76 - 31 DEC 77	GB-121/1979
6684TH RSM	AFOUA	15 FEB 59 - 31 DEC 80	G-143/1961
6684TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 30 JUN 70	GB-73/1971
	AFOUA	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 74	GB-1290/1973
6685TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JAN 63 - 31 DEC 64	GB-82/1966
	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 30 JUN 70	GB-44/1971
	AFOUA	1 JUL 70 - 30 APR 72	GB-39/1973
	AFOUA	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 74	GB-1290/1973
	AFOUA	1 JUL 74 - 30 JUN 76	GB-201/1977
6686TH SCTYS (DET. 1)	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 30 JUN 70	GB-44/1971
6686TH COMM SCTY DEPOT SQ	AFOUA	1 MAR 61 - 28 FEB 63	GB-67/1964
6686TH RSM/RGM	AFOUA	1 DEC 58 - 1 SEP 61	G-3/1962
6687TH SCTYG	AFOUA	1 OCT 64 - 30 SEP 66	GB-81/1968
	AFOUA	1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 70	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA	1 JAN 72 - 30 JUN 73	GB-819/1973
	AFOUA	1 JAN 74 - 31 DEC 75	GB-281/1977
6688RSM	AFOUA w/V	1 JAN 59 - 30 DEC 61	GB-147/1964
6688TH SCTYS	AFOUA w/V	1 APR 65 - 15 JUL 66	GB-89/1966
	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 66 - 1 SEP 67	GB-468/1969
	AFOJA	23 JAN 66 - 30 AUG 68	GB-250/1970
	AFOJA	1 SEP 69 - 30 JUN 70	GB-44/1971
6689TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 67 - 30 JUN 68	GB-96/1969
6690TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JAN 68 - 31 DEC 68	GB-144/1970
	AFOUA w/V	1 JAN 69 - 31 DEC 69	GB-43/1971
	AFOUA w/V	1 JAN 70 - 31 DEC 70	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA w/V	1 JAN 71 - 31 DEC 71	GB-39/1973
	AFOUA w/V	1 JAN 72 - 30 JUN 73	GB-1094/1974
	AFOUA	23 APR 75 - 30 APR 75	GB-1010/1976
	AFOUA	17 MAR 76 - 17 MAR 76	GB-121/1979
6690TH SCTYS (DET. 1)	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 70 - 31 DEC 70	GB-43/1972
6693RD SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JUL 75 - 30 JUN 77	GB-102/1978
6694TH SCTYS	AFOUA w/V	15 APR 66 - 31 MAY 67	GB-81/1968
	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 69 - 30 JUN 70	GB-850/1970
	PUC*****	1 SEP 67 - 10 JUL 68	GB-124/1970
	PUC	11 JUL 68 - 31 AUG 68	GB-804/1970
	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 70 - 30 JUN 71	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 71 - 30 JUN 72	GB-39/1973
	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 73	GB-819/1973
6694TH SCTYS (DETS. 1,2,3)	AFOUA w/V	1 JUL 69 - 30 JUN 70	GB-850/1970

**Outstanding in ESC
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Outstanding Airman

SrA. Ronald J. Fontanez - 6990th

Outstanding NCO

TSGt Steven F. Allen - 6922nd

Outstanding Senior NCO

SrMSgt. John Reserai, Jr. - 6931st

*Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

**Navy Meritorious Unit Citation

***Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

****Republic of the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation

*****Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

*****Presidential Unit Citation

8922ND SCTYG	AFOUA	1 NOV 69 - 31 OCT 70	GB 43/1970
	RP-PUC*****	21 JUL 72 - 15 AUG 72	GB-241/1973
8922ND SPTSQ	AFOUA	1 JUL 65 - 30 JUN 67	GB-96/1969
	AFOJA	1 NOV 69 - 31 MAR 70	GB-43/1972
8922ND SCTYS	AFOJA	1 JAN 76 - 30 JUN 77	GB-109/1978
8923RD SCTYS	AFOJA	1 OCT 62 - 15 AUG 63	GB 40/1965
8924TH SCTYS	AFOJA	1 OCT 65 - 1 DEC 65	GB-28/1966
(ALL AWARDS	AFOJA	1 DEC 65 - 30 SEP 66	GB-81/1968
WITH "V"	AFOUA	15 JUL 67 - 16 JUL 67	GB-93/1968
DEVICE)	AFOUA	1 JAN 68 - 31 DEC 68	GB-43/1971
	AFOUA	1 JAN 70 - 31 MAR 71	GB-43/1972
	AFOUA	1 APR 71 - 31 MAR 72	GB-39/1973
	AFOUA	1 APR 72 - 30 JUN 73	GB-1394/1974
8925TH SCTYG	AFOUA	1 OCT 62 - 30 SEP 64	GB 40/1965
(DET. 2)	AFOUA	2 NOV 64 - 30 JUN 65	GB-28/1965
8926TH SCTYG	RP-PUC*****	21 JUL 72 - 15 AUG 72	GB-241/1973
8926TH RSM	AFOJA	1 APR 56 - 28 MAR 56	GO-32/1956
8926TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 SEP 63 - 30 SEP 64	GB-40/1965
	AFOUA	23 JAN 68 - 30 SEP 68	GB-486/1968
	RP-PUC*****	21 JUL 72 - 15 AUG 72	GB-241/1973
8931ST COMM SCTY	AFOUA	1 MAR 61 - 28 FEB 63	GB-67/1964
DEPOT SQ			
8931ST SCTYG	AFOUA	1 JUL 63 - 30 JUN 64	GB-40/1965
	AFOUA	1 JUL 68 - 31 MAR 69	GB-144/1970
	AFOUA	1 APR 69 - 31 MAR 71	GB-42/1972
	AFOJA	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 74	GB-1290/1973
	AFOJA	1 JUL 74 - 30 JUN 75	GB-027/1976
	AFOUA	1 JUL 75 - 30 JUN 76	GB-281/1977
	AFOUA	1 JUL 76 - 30 JUN 77	GB-109/1978
	AFOUA	1 JUL 77 - 30 JUN 78	GB-121/1979
8936TH COMM SCTYS	AFOUA	1 MAR 61 - 28 FEB 63	GB 35/1964
8937TH COMM SQ	AFOUA	1 JUN 63 - 31 MAY 65	GB-82/1965
	AFOUA w/v	1 JUL 68 - 31 DEC 69	GB-408/1970
8940TH SCTYW	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
8940TH ABGP	AFOUA	1 JAN 75 - 31 DEC 76	GB-110/1978
8940TH SPTGP	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB 102/1968
8940TH TTGP	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
8941ST SCHSQ	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
8942ND SCHSQ	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
8943RD SCHSQ	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
8944TH SCHSQ	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
8947TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JAN 64 - 31 DEC 65	GB-83/1967
(DET. 1)			
8947TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 JAN 77 - 31 DEC 77	GB-121/1979
8948TH SCTYS	AFOUA	1 OCT 65 - 30 SEP 67	GB-102/1968
	AFOUA	3 FEB 68 - 13 OCT 68	GB 92/1969
	AFOUA	1 JUL 74 - 30 JUN 76	GB-281/1977
	AFOUA	1 JUL 76 - 30 JUN 77	GB-109/1978
8950TH SCTYG	AFOUA	21 JAN 67 - 1 JUN 69	GB-115/1969
	AFOUA	1 JUN 66 - 1 JUN 70	GB-856/1970
	AFOUA	1 JUN 70 - 1 JUN 72	GB-30/1973
	AFOUA	1 APR 64 - 31 MAR 66	GB-88/1967
8950TH SCTYW	AFOUA	1 JUN 66 - 20 JAN 67	GB-115/1969
	AFOUA	1 JUL 69 - 30 JUN 71	GB-43/1972
8960TH SPTGP	AFOUA	17 SEP 57 - 31 AUG 58	GO-51/1958
8960TH SPTGP	AFOUA		
(DET. 1)			
8960TH ABGP	AFOUA	1 JUL 76 - 30 JUN 78	GB-121/1979
8970TH ABGP	AFOUA	1 JUN 75 - 30 JUN 77	GB-109/1978
8981ST SCTYG	AFOJA	27 MAR 64 - 30 MAR 64	GB-100/1965
	AFOUA	1 JUL 64 - 30 JUN 66	GB-84/1967
	AFOUA	1 JUL 72 - 30 JUN 74	GB-290/1973

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Letters & Bytes

Jack Caldwell Request

27 August 2004

Dan,

I recently sent you the obit of Maxey Herd who passed away in April 2004. My wife located a photo of Maxey and his wife, Wanda, which we took of them in their restaurant when we passed through their home town of Wheeler, TX a few years ago.

Would appreciate you inserting the photo in the newsletter, if you are able to do so. Thank you for the good job you are doing.

Warm Regards
Jack Caldwell



Hearing Loss

A few years back apparently there was an article in a command or FTVA publication about the link between hearing loss and prolonged wearing of headsets. Are you aware of this article, and if so, can you give me a source? Thanks much in advance.

Lonnie Henderson - Life Member

Lonnie Henderson (chief@netride.net) sending from the cultural center of the entire Southwest, if not the known universe.

((Ed Note: Provided Lonnie with info. article originally published in June, 2000 N/L pg.30. Article submitted By FTVA member Bill Grayson//Dap))

FTVA Sign In - Amateur radio net for FTVA

Last Name: Laster

First Name: Clay

Email: w5zpv@stic.net

Comments: Anyone interested in participating in an amateur radio net for FTVA and all persons associated with USAFSS and succeeding commands, either retired or active duty "hams"? Suggestions for operating frequencies, time-of-day and day-of-week welcome. *Clay, W5ZPV*

Tony Cook Comments/Request

Dear Dan

12-20-04

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My name is Tony Cook, an FTVA Member.

On page 48 of the 12-04 newsletter, you have too many digits in the zip code in the FTVA address. It says there 782269. If anyone uses that zip code, it'll reject and wait days in a bin awaiting correction or, less likely, go to Tejedra Station on Barlite Blvd. to be sent back to the plant on Perrin -Beitel to go in a bin, etc, as 78228 is handled by them UNLESS an alert person see the P.O.Box # and knows 69XXXX boxes go to Cedar Elm which owns those boxes and receives FTVA mail to put up. Worse case - it's marked NSA (No Such address) and is returned to sender. I know the correct address is on the back cover.

Do you have any extra copies of the 6-04 newsletter and directory? My copies were damaged and destroyed by flooding when my hot water heater split open. Please use the enclosed postcard to reply and, if available, I'll reimburse you or the FTVA for postage.

You do a terrific job on the newsletter and I enjoy it except for the Fallen Eagles part. It's sad to read of people you respect and admire passing away, May they all rest in Peace.

Wishing you and yours Merry Christmas, I remain Sincerely

Tony cook

((Ed Note: Correction made to Vigilant Partners' List and Copies of Directory/Newsletter sent. Thanks Tony for the Kudos/Dap))

Interesting Membership Application

All, I received an interesting application today. It was from H.E. Geisberg, Walsenburg, CO with the following note:

Please NOTE: I am submitting membership application for my grandson, Airman Basic James Flahert, who is attending a two-year linguist school at Monterey (the Presidio). I encouraged him to choose intelligence for his career path. Jim is a very bright and studious young man. Just thought I would pass that on, I guess that is one way to get the younger airmen as members.

Bob Baert - (Membership Chairman)

FTVA Guestbook Message

From: **Robert Dunbar Jr**

Email: e8retaf@aol.com

Anyone know the whereabouts of **John Vetre** 20270. Last ran across him at 6922nd in the P.I. in the late 80's. Was an inveterate shell collector.

Looking for "C.H." Muzyka

Hello there, my name is Kim Muzyka. My father was enlisted in the USAFSS 6910th Security Group from 1951 to 1955. His name was Charles

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Herman Muzyka, "C.H.". I believe he was a Key Punch Machine Operator. I am looking for any information and this looked like the right place. If you can give me any suggestions or information I would be absolutely thrilled. I have numerous pictures and post cards he has collected and would love to share them with those interested. I would also enjoy hearing some of the "adventures" endured. Thank you so much for your time.

-- *Kim Muzyka*

((Ed Note: above sent to USAFSS 6910th 50s group. Ray Thompson response printed below/Dap))

Hi, Kim!

Delighted to hear from you! We are always anxious to help someone "hook up" with old buddies, or those of their relatives. It's a little hard, since there are several groups on the internet that include the 6910th Security Group. We are divided to some degree by the period of service, and also by the jobs that we held.

SO! I'm forwarding your Dad's name and info to some in these groups that might remember him, or, they will post to their larger groups in hopes of finding those that remember him.

Hope you hear from someone, and if so, please let all of us know that we were able to help!

RAY M. THOMPSON: Host USAFSS 6910th-50's Mail List

HOME PAGE: <http://www.usafss6910th.org>

FTVA Sign In – Onna Point

Last Name: Worley

First Name: Boyd

Email: olddude@aptalaska.net

Comments: It's now 010905 and I'm trying to help a lady named Bonnie Quisenberry who says she and her sister, Susi, were the children of missionaries stationed near Onna Point, Okinawa in the early 60's and she's trying to find a dude named David Bunton who was an airman stationed at Onna Point.

FTVA Sign In - Hof

Last Name: POPE

First Name: JOHN

Email: CHIEFJPOPED1@AOL.COM

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Comments: I WAS STATIONED WITH THE 6915TH SECURITY GROUP AT HOF AIR STATION GERMANY 1968-1970. I WAS IN CE AND MANAGED ALL HEATING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON THE SITE AND STATION. INSURED THE CENTRAL HEAT PLANT IN THE SCHOOL BASEMENT KEPT THINGS WARM. I WAS ALSO THE GUY THAT INSURED SOMEONE WAS BURNING THE CLASIFIED INFO AT THE SITE. CHIEF CHURCHILL HAD TOP WATCH AT THE SITE. I DID THE SAME IN 1972-974 WITH THE 6920TH SECURITY GROUP AT MISAWA JAPAN. ANY CE SUPORT TROOPS OUT THERE..DROP ME A LINE.

FTVA Sign In – Looking for Dad

Last Name: Stewart
First Name: john William
Email: redtori69@yahoo.com

Comments: I'm looking for any men who served with my father at Lackland AFB in 1955-FLT700. Then deployed to Okinawa or Korea. I have a picture of my dad and Gary Mathis in front of an oriental shop. I also have several pictures of men in the barracks, either in Lackland or Okinawa or Korea.
Thanks

FTVA Sign In – Looking for Dad's Buddies

Last Name: Stephens
First Name: Billy
Email: jeephoto@earthlink.net

Comments: Looking for buddies of my father, Billy J. Stephens. In Germany, Landsberg (I think), around 1953. He drove trucks for the "Red Ball Express" and worked in maintenance. If anything "rings a bell" give me a shout (email).
Thanks.

(USAFSS6910th50s) 6910th RGM – Request for info

Ray,

I don't know if you'll remember me or not, but a couple years ago I was in contact with you about trying to locate information about my dad's service with the 6910th RGM. I got so many kind responses and was able to finally find two gentlemen who knew my father, one of whom knew him well. But the one who really knew him only knew him while at Monterey CA, and did not actually serve with him in Berlin. So I have decided to renew my search for people who might have actually served with him in Berlin. It helps that now I am armed with copies of my dad's discharge papers, which show that he was with the 6910th RGM, Det 1, Berlin, from about 4 Dec. '56 when he reported to 8 Jan '59 when he was discharged. His specialty is listed as "20351 Voice Intcp Proc Spcl," and security clearances BI (Top Secret)

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went from his language training (Polish) at Monterey CA to the 6910th, orders to report 4 Dec. '56 and was discharged 8 Jan. '59 from the same unit.

He was trained as a Polish linguist and a radio operator (specialty 20351, Voice IntcpProcSpcl). His name was Raymond (Ray) Kenneth Wolfe.

Did you know him or know of him? And even if you didn't, can you tell me a little bit about what the unit did? Thank you so much in advance for your kindness from a girl who's proud of her dad.

Kathy Wolfe

New Book on 6903rd RSM

Helen Henderson of the Misawa site has run across a book "Skivvy Nine" by a CMSGT. Wyman Beal, who says he was an Ops Supe at the 03rd. It's for real and the Skivvy Nine site is betting that the author is T. Wayne Babb....and I concur....There is a four page excerpt available -free PDF download. A few of you can find yourselves in it. <http://www.booklocker.com/books/1710.html>

Bob (Cope)

Comment - Peshawar

Last Name: Deane

First Name: Shirley

Email: libra108@bellsouth.net

Comments: Email TO: JACK D. KARP, JOSEPH SOBOUL, AND VIRGINIA SCHINKEL-ROYALS (FOR SOMEONE WHO REMEMBERS HER FATHER): **Friends from Peshawar Air Base, 1962**

In late 1962 I arrived at the USAFB in Peshawar in my Land Rover which I had driven alone from London. As a professional accordionist from New York City, I was working my way around the world, performing mostly for the US Air Force. I was booked immediately. I played for the Officers, NCO and EM clubs. I am writing my memoirs, and would be grateful for help with details. About the Base at that time, the clubs, the people, and myself. **DOES ANYONE REMEMBER ME? PLEASE WRITE! WITH BEST WISHES, SHIRLEY DEANE** (my current and previous name)

((Ed Note: Message forwarded to Milt Fulghum Peshawar Rep who made contact/Dap))

Subject: Contact for Lt. Col. Ronald D. Strong

I served on Shemya with the ASA 79th SOU. I have some questions about Air Force ribbons awarded to Airmen who served on Shemya. I would greatly appreciate it if Lt. Col. Ronald D. Strong could contact me. His account is so precise, I think he can cut through questions I've had since my discharge in 1967. Sincerely,

Dennis L. Edinger, Ph.D.

dle@chisp.net

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((ED Note: Lt Col Strong is a member of 55th Strat Recon wing Assoc and is a contributor on the Rivet Ball – Rivet Amber web Page listed on Pg 40 of Dec 2004 Newsletter/Dap))

Memories of Turkey

Hi Grover,

I'm Jan Claire, of **www.merhabaturkey.com** and we are always looking for people who served in the military in Turkey to help increase the size of our "online museum" to the experiences of The American Military in Turkey.

If you have members who served in Turkey, would you mind contacting them and letting them know we would like to carry their memories of their time in Turkey - the sights and experiences in both pictures and text.

With our website now having been discovered by the general public, we are hosting up to 100,000 viewers per week and I'm feeling the need to expand the site to include more military (active or retired) stories about their life in Turkey. In many instances, long-time-ago relationships with Turks and other military friends have resulted in great reunions after up to 50 years apart. Last week, Larry Jaffe, formerly stationed in Trabzon established contact with a minister from Italy he hasn't seen since he left Turkey in 1968! He said it made the intervening 37 years fade away. Pictures of his adventures in Trabzon are found on his page at:
<http://www.merhabaturkey.com/1JAFFEindex.html>

I had noticed you have several members who served in Karamursel, Incirlik/Adana and other bases in Turkey which prompted me to write you and ask if you could help us find more people with memories of Turkey. Regards,

Jan Claire –
www.merhabaturkey.com

6910th Web Site

Last Name: Edwards
First Name: Bobby
Email: **Carolina_Bob@yahoo.com**
Comments: Hi Bob,

Just noticed that our 6910th Darmstadt to Augsburg Web Link is missing. I just checked our Site Statistics out on My Family the other night, and we have: over 33,000 postings, over 3,000 photos, a Member Listing of over 1,000. As you can see it's one of the more active USAFSS Sites on the

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Web, although sometimes confused with the, 6911th at Darmstadt that moved to Rhein Mein, 6910th 50's group from Landsberg, or the 6910th RGM down at Gruenstadt / Sembach. Those from the 2nd RSM, Landsberg, 6910th from Gruenstadt, and the 6911th have found their way to our site - Visit it often and Post much in the form of commentary. We possess some of the best research material in our file cabinets and for those looking to reconnect with any of these groups - We offer a Unique Opportunity to Interact with a Swell Group of Fellows. We also have a Gateway on a Brave Net Link, however that is just a Portal, and I would rather have interested members from these Units fill in the E! Entry Field and one of our four administrators can generate the needed User Name and Password.

Thank You Very Much for allowing our Web Link to be posted: **www.6910th.net** this will be a big help in finding those who would like to view and participate in the abundant amount of material we have posted. By the Way, our site is over three years on the Web, and I believe from the success of other My Family USAFSS Sites, this is the best way to go for any other Security Service Unit wanting to get a site started. Looking Forward to Meeting You at One of the Reunions.

Bobby Edwards**292 CW Operator****6910th @ Darmstadt Germany - June of 66 to August of 68****6924th @ Da Nang, Vietnam - October 68 - October 69****NOTICE****NOTICE****NOTICE*****ON INSIDE COVER, EDITOR'S e-MAIL ADDRESS IS CHANGED TO:*****dapodan@sbcglobal.net & FAX NUMBER NO LONGER VALID.****OUR LOT IS CAST**

At the 6924th annual reunion in San Antonio, MSgt Ed Simmons (Ret) presented our group with this brilliant piece of prose. With his permission I am forwarding it with hopes that it may be included in a future newsletter.

Clyde P. Orr**Our Lot Is Cast**

When we cast our lot with the Uniformed, as so many have done before, and I pray, so many will don that mantle of freedom long after we are gone, we were bound by duty to "defend our nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Did we then sign on but for that single glorious moment of our

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youth? And did we naively imagine, after our active duty was done, even done well, that we had finished our course?

Was that all that was asked of us?-That `single glorious moment?'

No, we rather were destined by our oath, be our commitment true, to not take summary leave of our duty once without the Uniform. We, upon our oath, would then and there have our hearts and souls imbued by the Almighty to then and there be assigned the permanent duty of "Defender of Freedom"...defenders of that which God so graciously and generously bestowed.

Our lot is cast and there is no mustering or opting out of duty to God and Country. Our destiny is to toll the bells of freedom...an assignment from which we must never tire or seek to be relieved of.

Freedom will indeed ring. It will ring because those of our Uniformed lot are duty-bound to abide with our assigned mission.

God bless America – and God bless those of the Uniform who served, serve, and will serve in the Freedom Brigade.

Penned by:

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