

## President's Corner



Well, it's that time of the year again—the chance to renew old friendships and memories and to get that important update from the AIA commander on what is in store for the command in the future months. Yes, it's the 25th annual FTVA reunion that celebrates the establishment and development of a great organization, one we're all proud to be a part of. Thanks to Major General Doyle Larson, FTVA was started in July 1981. When you see him at the reunion let him know how much his efforts have meant to you.

Your board of directors is fully engaged with an action group from Security Hill to do the detailed planning for the September 28-30 events. As I've participated in this planning over the past several years, I'm always struck with just how much has to get done to make our reunion a success. Based on our most recent discussions with the active duty folks, everything is on track for the fall. If the summer is any indication, plan on very warm weather. If you're attending this year, keep an eye out for our newest FTVA memento; FTVA baseball caps commemorating our 25th anniversary.

This will bring a close to my first year as your president. It has been a pleasure to lead the monthly sessions we hold to review how our association is doing, and I want to thank and praise your directors for their time and effort in guiding the association's course. Your association is strong both financially and in terms of commitment to preserving and strengthening our heritage, and supporting important people recognition programs for today's active duty force.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two long time members of the FTVA board Col (Ret) Bill Ballard and Col (Ret) Grover McMakin. They both left some very big shoes to fill.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your president. Keep in touch,

*Bob Crabtree*

### 2006 Hall of Honor Nominees

The following named individuals have been selected for induction into the Hall of Honor at the Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony scheduled for 30 September 2006:

**Colonel William P. Fife, USAF (Ret)**  
**Colonel James W. McLendon, USAF (Ret)**  
**CMSgt James C. Swindell, USAF (Ret) (Deceased)**  
**MSgt Delano R. Jolly, USAF (Ret)**

*Bob Sherwood*  
*Chairman (HOH)*

**Calendars for 2007**

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Our 2007 calendar is in work. Based on the 2006 calendar results we will have only 100 copies printed. The 2007 calendars will be provided on a "first come - first served" basis. We expect to have copies available for the 2006 Reunion, however "first - come first served" still applies. To order, drop me a line at:

**Douglas R. Holden**  
**9227 Fallworth**  
**San Antonio, TX 78254**  
**E-mail: drhconsult @wireweb.net**

*Doug Holden*

**Notes from the Membership Chairman**

**---DUES---**

Not sure if you owe? Check the mailing label on this newsletter. If the number after your name is a "6", you are paid through December of this year.

It is not too early to pay your 2007 dues. Don't wait to the last minute and forget. Mail your \$15.00 for one year or \$30.00 for two years to:

**FTVA**  
**PO Box 691616**  
**San Antonio, TX 78269-1616**

**--- Bill Payer Services ---**

Also, those of you who use an internet bill payer service, the services have to mail us a check. Please make sure the address they have on record for us is the above address, not my home address. I received several of them forwarded from my old address to my new address last year. That forwarding order has expired and any checks sent to my old home address will probably be returned to the sender.

*Bob Baert*

**Membership Chairman**

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**Subject: Membership**

I would like to become as member of the FTVA. I was in the USAFSS for 13 years and served at the 6985th, 6988th, 6990th and at the Factory in Greenville. Please advise. I would like to attend the upcoming reunion in San Antonio.



**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.*

Dorothy "Dottie" L Burns, Wife of Maj Gen Kenneth D. Burns USAF-Ret  
FTVA Lifetime member

James Samuel Granger, USAFSS/ESC 6910th Vet FTVA Lifetime Member

Antonio "Tony" Halais, USAFSS Vet 6937<sup>th</sup> RSM, Pak.

William Merwin Hamilton Col, USAF-Ret

Georgia Marie Kelley, GS-Civ/Ret

Madeline C. Debold Klemcke wife of Leslie S. Klemcke Sr. (Deceased)

Raymond J. Longhany, USAFSS/2<sup>nd</sup> RSM Vet,

Moira Lynch, Wife of Col (Ret) John P. Lynch, FTVA Member (HOH)

Laddie Marin, Col., USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member

Thomas Walter" Tom" Moran, USAFSS Vet/GS-Civ (Ret)

Robert E. Morris, Col., USAF-Ret

Charles Patrick O'Hara, USAFSS Vet

Leo Greer Rahmgren, USAFSS Vet/GS-Civ (Ret), FTVA Member

Jose Rodriguez, USAF-Ret

Jean F. Spencer, GS-Civ/Ret, FTVA Member

Catherine J. Swearingen, Wife of Gene E. Swearingen, FTVA Member

Bernard F. Velie, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member

James Wells, USAFSS COMSEC Vet



**William Merwin Hamilton (Bill)** died gently on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at Air Force Village in San Antonio, where he had lived the past few years with his beloved companion, Ebba J. Adkins. Bill was born on February 22, 1918, in Moorefield, Nebraska. He and Julie Proudfit Hamilton enjoyed 54 good years of marriage before her death ten years ago. Together they took great pleasure in traveling with the Air Force, socializing with a wealth of friends, playing golf and bridge, and raising their three children. Bill had a long and distinguished career with the Air Force, retiring as a colonel in 1970. He was trained as a meteorologist and was involved in the weather predictions leading to the selection of the date for D-Day and in monitoring of atom bomb tests in the South Pacific. His later career was in intelligence services, where he was recognized as an exceptional manager and leader. Throughout his life, he retained his scientific bent and was always interested in how things worked. //Obit// Dan, Bill Hamilton was stationed at HQ USAFSS in the early 1960ss, then at Darmstadt & later back here as commander of AFSCC. He was a great guy. // **Jim Eaton** //

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Dear Mr. Dapolito, It is with sadness that I must inform you that my mother, **Mrs. Jean F. Spencer**, passed away on 9 June 2006 at Methodist Hospital here in San Antonio. She was a member of your Association, having been employed at USAFSS for a number of years. She always enjoyed keeping up with old

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friends and acquaintances through your newsletter. We, her family, and all her friends will miss her greatly. Sincerely, //Jim Spencer//

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I received the following e-mail from Don Scheelk and am passing it on for your information. I had been exchanging e-mails with **Col. Morris (MOE)** this past month and he was going to come to the reunion in Nashville. He also contributed the article about Det A, Alaska, to the 136th CSS COMSEC Website. Check it out if you haven't done so already. //Tony Lemons // *Hi Tony, Col. Robert E. Morris died on June 21, 2006. Barb Morris called me*

*on the 22nd to give me the bad news. The Morris's were planning to be in Nashville in Sept. Bob went in for some heart repair and died in surgery. Lois & I have had the good fortune of spending some time with Bob & Barb the past 12 years in San Antonio each winter. I talked to Bob three weeks ago & he was really looking forward to seeing everyone in September. He mentioned the upcoming surgery but didn't anticipate any problem. //Don Scheelk // Robert Eugene Morris, born February 25, 1923, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was attending the University of Iowa in 1942 when he enlisted in the aviation cadet program and was called to active duty 3 January 1943. He trained with the Class of 44-C graduating and being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas, 12 March 1944. His initial assignment was to the First Air Force, Fighter Command, via Camp Springs, Maryland with gunnery training at Millville Army Air Field, New Jersey, where he remained as a P-47 gunnery instructor until December 1944. Assigned overseas, he joined the 371st Fighter Group, 405th Fighter Squadron in February 1945 and flew sixty-four combat missions (dive-bombing, strafing, escort, armed recce, and fighter sweeps) before being returned to the ZI, via England. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in August 1945 and separated from the service in November of that year. In 1948, he returned to active duty at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois and the Communications Officers Course. In this new field he joined the newly formed United States Air Force Security Service, Brooks AFB, Texas; a tour in Alaska, 1949-50, a special activities assignment near Indian Springs, Nevada, 1952; a North-African experience in Libya, 1953-56; coupled with flying a B-25 and a C-47 in one's spare-time was a real pleasure. In 1956, a return to full-time flying was scheduled at Mather AFB, California, the T-29 navigation trainer was a comfortable aircraft to fly and the Squadron Adjutants desk was included. Instrument Pilot Instructor school was completed and it also had a desk attached; however, Command-Pilot was achieved in 1959. Duty at Hdqtrs, Air Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas followed in 1960 as a Missile Operations Staff Officer of Advanced Planning in the DCS/Technical Training. Various projects of Weapon Systems Development and Training were participated in to insure all aspects of training were identified to an appropriate level for successful mission completion. In 1964, a move to overseas in the 498th Tactical Missile Group, Kadena AB, Okinawa, resulted in operational-readiness training and management development with PACAF and other integrated forces of SAC. The next move was to the 90th Strategic Missile Wing, Cheyenne, Wyoming, as part of the Strategic Air Command. During this period he received the Master Missileman Badge and was selected to Command, 90th*

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Communications/Electronics Squadron in support of missile operations and the Base Communications. In 1968, 15th Air Force Headquarters requested he take the job of Deputy Director for Communications/Electronics at March AFB, California where he served until his retirement in 1970. While at 15th AF Hdqtrs, he was the C/E representative on the IG team, was promoted to Colonel (USAFR) in 1969, and worked on numerous communications/electronics projects associated with telecommunications developments. Subsequently, the 15th AF established a Communications/Electronics Maintenance Award, in his name, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to management and developmental programs associated with the field. Release from active duty allowed him to pursue an interest in Freemasonry and he is a member in good standing with his Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies - 32¼ Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, York Rite Bodies - a Knight in the York Rite College, a Shriner, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. In his community, he has served as secretary and vice-president of Water District #10 for twelve (12) years. He's a life-member in the Order of Daedalians, TROA, ROA, DAV, and Eagle Scout Association. Also a member of the P47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association. He is a resident of San Antonio, Texas. // *Obit* //

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**CMSGT Bernard F. Velie**, USAF Ret., born May 17, 1930, has joined his beloved wife Elizabeth C. Velie who passed away on May 30, 2006. Chief Velie went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at the age of 76. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York and lived in San Antonio since 1967. He retired from the US Air Force after proudly serving his country for 27 years and was also a Security Service Alumni. // *Obit* //

Bernie made CMSgt in the first 680 E9's that the Air Force promoted. He spent most of his 27 years in the Security Service and was stationed in Germany, Turkey, Crete, and Pakistan. He retired in 1967 and lived in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and had been married for 55 years. Bernie and I were stationed together at Darmstadt in 1952 to 1956 and we have been good friends since then. // *Lowell Smiley* // Bernie had a second career with Security Service FCU, working for many years in branch operations. He was a wonderful guy with a great sense of humor. R.I.P. // *Grover Jackson* // It was my honor to have Bernie with me when we were organizing the "50+Club," an organization related to the SSFCU. Bernie had lots of "savvy" and a great organizer, as well as being a great person. // *Doug Holden* //

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**Thomas Walter "Tom" Moran**, 76, a resident of Annapolis for 15 years and formerly of New Carrollton, died of emphysema June 16 at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a four-year illness. Born Nov. 21, 1929, in Englewood, N.J., Mr. Moran graduated from Union High School in New Jersey in 1947 and Russian Language School in Oberammergau in Germany in 1950. He attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. from 1953 to 1955. Mr. Moran served in the Air Force from 1948 to 1952 as a staff sergeant. He was awarded both an Occupation and Good Conduct medal, and for attending Europe Communications Signal School. He worked for the National Security Agency from 1952 to 1985 as a senior operating officer and as a tax accountant for 20

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years, volunteering his time to assist the elderly with their tax preparations. His interests included skiing and crossword puzzles. He was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Cheverly, where he was a church officer, and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis. //Obit – Annapolis Capital // Tom was a Voice operator in the 2nd RSM 1949-1952 // *Steve Elkins* //

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Hi Dap, I am sorry to report that my good friend and colleague, **Leo Rahmgren** died this past Sunday, July 9, 2006, of lung cancer. You may recall that Leo was one of the early computer people with USAFSS as an airman, then in the Hq Ops (ODC) as a civilian GS-XX. Leo was a great guy to work with, and a good friend. He will be missed by a lot of us who had the privilege to have been associated with him. Obit attached. // *Ray Park sends.* // **Leo Greer Rahmgren**, born on June 9, 1929 in Prescott, Arizona to Alma Greer and Fridolph

Rahmgren, passed away Sunday, July 9, 2006 at age 77. He attended Riverbank Elementary School in California and graduated from Oakdale High School in 1947. In 1948, Leo enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving in the Security Branch in Japan, Germany and England and later returned to the United States where he served at Kelly AFB until his retirement. His desire to serve others led him to join many civic organizations and participate in many communal activities. He was deeply involved with the Southside Chamber of Commerce, the Southside Neighborhood Association and the Lions Club. He served as Assistant Scout Master for Troop 360 and was actively involved in the programs Cellular on Patrol and Volunteers in Policing. For many years, Leo was a photographer for the Southside Reporter newspaper documenting various city events and celebrations. He took a special interest in all activities involving Holy Name Parish and was the one who installed the first computers at Holy Name Catholic School. He served on the Building Board of the parish and also was a loyal money counter for several years. // *Obit* //



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**Georgia Marie Kelley** was welcomed into Heaven by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 29, 2006 at the age of 90. She was a devout Christian who was a member of First Assembly of God Church for over 50 years. Marie had a passion for music and she served as pianist and organist at First Assembly of God Church for many years. She retired from Kelly Air Force Base working in the Security Services area. // *Obit* //

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Dan- This lady's husband worked in the Depot in the 60s as a civilian. // **Jim Youngson** // Longtime San Antonio resident **Madeline C. Debold Klemcke**, 93, went to be with her husband, Leslie S. Klemcke, Sr., on July 14, 2006. Maddie was born in Salina, KS in 1913 and moved to San Antonio in 1939. She was preceded in death by her husband Leslie S. Klemcke, Sr. She had a great sense of humor and extended her love to all she got to know over her enriching life. She was very involved with CASA Helotes and loved her friends she made there over the years dearly. Madeline will always be remembered as a spunky, loving, caring mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will be severely missed by family and friends. In lieu of flowers, you may donate to the charity of your choice, CASA Helotes Senior Citizen Center, 12070 Leslie Road, San Antonio, TX 78023 or National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, Englewood, CO 80112. //Obit//

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Dap, am enclosing a few words and a photo of Catherine for your next issue of the FTVA Newsletter; edit as needed **Catherine Joan Swearingen**, wife of Gene E. Swearingen, SMSgt, USAFSS (Ret), passed away on July 5, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. Catherine was born on October 20, 1932 in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland to the late Joseph F. Kenny and Aileen (Kelly) Kenny. Catherine, a Newfoundlander by birth . . . an American by choice, was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia; and, an accountant with Scrivener's Department Store for many years. Catherine and Gene were married in Oklahoma City on December 17, 1971; she

accompanied him on his last overseas assignment to San Vito AS, Italy, afterwards returning to San Antonio where they made their home upon retirement from USAF. Catherine is survived by her loving husband of 35 years Gene; daughters Janet Kilbourne, Lisa Hernandez, and Ann Youngstrom. For more on the life of Catherine J. Swearingen, log on to [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com) //Gene E. Swearingen//

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We just had a call from John Lynch (Col., Ret.) that his wife, **Moir**a, passed away this afternoon after a long battle with Cancer. John was DO at Iraklion & HQ & also was Commander of whatever ESR became in the 1980s at Ramstein. I think he had a long history with USAFSS & he was a FTVA member. Details to follow--watch for the obit. // **Jim Youngson** // **Moir**a Hay Lynch, age 71, lost her courageous battle with cancer on Saturday, July 22, 2006. She was born in

Edinburgh, Scotland to James and Janet Allan. Moira was survived by her beloved husband of 51 years, Col. John P. Lynch. For 21 years, Moira accompanied her husband on overseas duty, and was active in support of our

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POW's. She was proud to be an Air Force wife, she was proud to be an American, and she was proud of her Scottish heritage. // *Obit* //

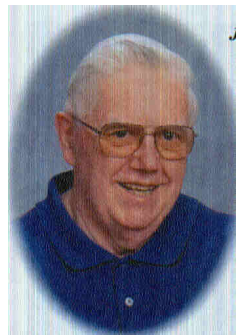
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Last Name - Halais First Name - Roberto e-mail - roberto.halais@gmail.com  
Comments - Please e-mail Bill Pennewell (sign in date 5/3/2006) Bill: I am **Tony Halais'** brother. I regret to inform you guys that he died on 5 Jan 2006 of a heart attack. It was a sudden attack since he had not had any symptoms of heart disease. He was 60 years old. He had a very fond memory of all his air force buddies. He had a high regard for you all. May God bless you all. Kind regards, // **Roberto Halais** // ((Ed Note: Review of FTVA Signs indicate he was assigned to 6937<sup>th</sup>, Peshwar Pakistan in 68/69 time frame/Dap))

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Received a note from Herma Wells telling me that her husband **James Wells** had died on Dec 20, 2005. That's over 7 months ago, so if anyone wants to send a card, the address is Herma Wells 8500 Bayland Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89134 e-mail - [hwells@ix.netcom.com](mailto:hwells@ix.netcom.com) // **Tony Lemons** //

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**James Samuel Granger**, born 12 April 1938 in Seattle to Mary Helen “Dee” (Tisher) and Gordon Clifford Granger, passed into the hands of the Lord on 10 July 2006. Jim was married to his loving wife Nancy-Jo (Nelson) from 11 February 1967 until her passing on 6 November 1995. In 1999, Jim moved to Milwaukee. His mid west family and friends were as dear to him as those in Seattle. A man of deep faith, Jim was baptized at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in Seattle, was a charter member of St. Matthew’s Parish in Seattle, and was confirmed at Ramstein Air Base Chapel in Germany. Jim started his long career in the public sector on the summer

fire crew of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. He worked for the US. Forest Service on Rock Mountain Lookout, worked with communications equipment for the US. Air Force 6910th RGM, was a credit supervisor with the Seattle Municipal Court, and was in facilities management with Seattle City Light. Jim had a passion for photojournalism, family history research, volunteer service and ministry work. He was also a member of many groups and was a Life Member of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, US. Air Force Intelligence. Through his church in Milwaukee, he provided relief aid and sponsorship to families affected by the terrorist attack on School No. 1 in Beslan, Russia. He was equally generous and caring with the people in his day-to-day life, taking it upon himself to provide help and support where needed. // *Obit submitted by Ann-Marie Granger Spiers* //

**Charles Patrick O'Hara**, age 65, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2006. Charles was born April 11, 1941 in Chillicothe, Missouri. He graduated from St. Mary's University. Charles proudly served in the United States Air Force. He was particularly proud of his work at Flavorite Labs, especially the NASA Space Program. Charles retired with Central Soya Company. Charles was a member and officer of the International Food Technologist organization and supported the FFA. He was an avid gardener, golfer and San Antonio Spurs fan.

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//*Obit* // Dap--He spent one tour in USAFSS...Was given a short course in Russian and spent a year on Shemya, came back to San Antonio and they sent him across the base at Kelly out of USAFSS, so he got out Thanks-- //**Bob Cope**//

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Dan, **Col. Laddie Marin** died May 13, 2006 at his home in Blacksburg, Va. He died from Alzheimer's disease and was in real bad shape. I was the NCO of Operations at Chicksands from 1964 to 1968 and Col. Marin was my operations officer. He came back to the states in 1969 and retired as a full Col. He left behind a wife, Barbara A. Marin, one daughter and six sons. One of his sons died several years ago. Laddie was born on December 19, 1921 and will be buried in Arlington Cemetery on July 14, 2006 at 11:00 AM. Dan this is about all I can give you that you could put in print. Marin and I used to pull some pranks together but don't think you would want to print them. This information was furnished to me by his wife, Barbara Marin. Regards.// **Jim Brunson, CMS, USAF, Ret** //This was in the most current NSA newsletter. "**Col Laddie Marin, ret. USAF Security Service and stationed at NSA from 1962-1965, died May 13 at age 84 from cancer**" Laddie was my first boss in the USAF, serving as Ops Officer at Chicksands, me as a flight commander. He was a terror, I can tell you, especially for a new butter bar. Merle Vernone kept us all out of jail. But years later, when I saw him on the AF/INY staff, he treated me like a long lost son (I met with him several times while TDY from CINCPAC). One helluva guy. //**Edward S. Marek** // Laddie Marin was a colorful guy and a strong leader. I was privileged to work for him as a lieutenant at Chix. He later ran the cryptologic branch on the Air Staff. // **Grover Jackson** //



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**Dorothy 'Dottie' L. Burns**, beloved 'Gammi', mother, and wife peacefully passed away at home, surrounded by her loving family on June 14, 2006. She was 74. Dottie was born on August 16, 1931 to Royal and Louise Lyne in Trucksville, PA. She was the youngest of seven children. During the 31 years her husband Skip was in the Air Force, Dottie dedicated herself to his military career and to the raising of her family. Later, after Skip's retirement, Dottie's time and energy were spent caring for, spoiling, loving, and helping to raise her five grandchildren, who idolized her. Dottie will be missed by her husband of 52 years, Major General Ken 'Skip' Burns. // **Obit** //

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Hello - My name is Janet Fox, My father, **Raymond J. Longhany** was a member of the 2nd Radio Squadron in Darmstadt. Our family wanted to let you know that sadly, our beloved father passed away on July 29th 2005. He had suffered for quite some time with Emphysema and then a massive stroke. He

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was quite proud of his country and the time that he served in the Air Force - (and if not for that he never would have met my Mom in England and none of us would be here!) We thought you may want this information to keep your list updated. God Bless, // *Janet (Longhany) Fox* // *((Submitted by Bill Campbell))*  
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Alle, it is with deep sorrow that I pass along information regarding the death of **Jose Rodriguez**. For those who may not have known or served with Jose, he was a Russian/Spanish linguist in Berlin, at Key West during the Cuban Missile Crisis, at Rhein-Main and Offutt, et al. during the 1950s, '60' and '70s. Always the upbeat optimist although he has suffered with heart problems and artery blockages for years, he kept hanging in there and brightening the lives of those he met until the very end. Jose passed away in his sleep Wednesday night, 9 Aug 2007. To quote Widow, Genie, he went to sleep in good spirits and happy, and did not wake up! // *Lonnie Henderson* //

**A TRIBUTE TO DOTTIE BURNS**

If you were ever the recipient of a Dottie Burns smile or heard the music of her chipper yet sincere "Hello, how are you today?" I think you will appreciate the following written in her memory. She was a First Lady of Security Service to be proud of during the years when General Skip Burns was our commander during a previous era. For those who knew her, however casually or however well, this is written on behalf of us all.

**A Tribute to Dottie Burns**

Dottie Burns, "the General's wife," how well she fulfilled her role.  
No matter what the occasion, she was involved with heart and soul.  
Sometimes like a kid in Skip's sports car,  
Sometimes the Queen of the Ball,  
With a spring in her step and a smile on her face,  
She was like a friend to us all.

Dottie's warm friendly ways brightened the days  
Of friends to whom she meant so much;  
She gave new meaning to an old familiar phrase,  
She truly took time to "reach out and touch."

We'll always remember that bright smiling face;  
She created an image that time can't erase.  
So we honor the memory of her too-short life;  
Dottie was more - so much more -  
Than just "the General's wife."

*CMSgt Pat Pasley Retired 1979*

**Velie was among the first to gain chief master sergeant's stripes**

***Ron Wilson - San Antonio Express-News***

Bernard F. Velie was a devoted family man, avid hunter and proud veteran who handled classified information as a radio intercept operator for the Air Force.

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"There was a lot he couldn't talk about (because it was classified). He was very tight-lipped," said his daughter Jeanne Jenks.

"He served in Japan, Germany, Turkey, Crete, Pakistan - all over the world," said Carlo Ienna, longtime friend and hunting partner. "He was in one of the first groups to be promoted to E-9 (chief master sergeant)," Ienna said, "and everybody called him 'Chief,' even his family. People in the military know what it means (to attain E-9), and they called him 'Chief' out of respect."

After retiring from the military, Velie worked 20 years for Security Savings, retiring as vice president for cash operations at the U.S. 90 West location, Ienna said.

Velie, who died Saturday at age 76, was a perfect example of a lifelong learner, his daughter said. "He was studying business and real estate in his 50s. And he got his college degree," she said.

What stands out in Ienna's mind is that, Velie "was a real outdoorsman." "Hunting was his second passion, after his family," Ienna said.

Jenks said her father kept his deer lease until he was 75 and even taught hunting and gun safety classes.

One hunting incident he'll never forget, Ienna said, was near the close of the day when a wild boar appeared. Velie shot it, but it went back into the woods. Though it was getting dark, Velie followed the hunter's ethic of not abandoning a wounded animal and started into the woods. "That boar came charging at him," Ienna said. "He was carrying his rifle hip high and he shot it right between the eyes. It dropped just three feet in front of him."

He also was a religious man and attended St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Later in life, he and his wife would watch Sunday Mass on Catholic TV. "If you called during Mass," Ienna said, "he would tell you, 'Mass is on now. Call back later.' They were serious about that."

His wife, Elizabeth, was his lifelong love, Ienna said. When he first brought her home to meet his family, he told his brothers to act right because she was somebody special. They were married 55 years. "That says a lot," Ienna said.

When his wife died May 30, Velie became ill and had an emergency heart operation.

## **Wounded Eagle – Larry Childs**

6911th members

**Larry Childs** has been suffering from throat cancer for more than a year now, and has had several surgeries on his throat for cancer of his esophagus. Larry & his wife, Sandy attended the reunion in Arlington, Va. this year and Larry was extremely weak, and down to appx. 145 lbs.

Upon returning home from the reunion, he was hospitalized for 6 weeks for a problem with his lungs. His oxygen level is good & the doctors are unable to determine what is making him so weak, and to not gain weight.

Please keep Larry & Sandy in your prayers. I tried sending them an e-mail today, but it was returned as "undeliverable", but Larry called Richard on Thurs. & spoke with him. You may reach him by telephone, or a card.

**Larry Childs  
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*Pat for Rich (Merrill)*

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**DD-214's are NOW Online.**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: (<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>)

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

*((Submitted by Al Gray & Ray M. Thompson))*

**AIA Spokesman**

AIA August Spokesman is now on line at:

<http://aia.lackland.af.mil/homepages/pa/spokesman/>

*((Following note from Capt Shelley Lai to Chris Cook))*

Just to let you know, we are currently working to redefine the magazine to cover more operational stories and cover more of our units worldwide versus just Security Hill. Expect to see additional changes over the coming months.

***Shelley Lai, Capt, USAF***

Director, Public Affairs

Air Intelligence Agency

**70th Intelligence Wing Realigns under the Air Intelligence Agency**

***By Master Sgt. David Donato, 70th IW Public Affairs***

More than 200 70th Intelligence Wing Airmen got to witness history repeat itself July 5 when the wing was officially transferred from 8th Air Force to the Air Intelligence Agency during a realignment ceremony at the National Security Agency.

The transition marks the second time since its inception that the Air Force's premier cryptologic intelligence wing has aligned under the Air Force's

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Service Cryptologic Element. The wing was first aligned under the agency when it was activated on Aug. 16, 2000.

Col. Jim Keffer, 70th IW commander, said “the wing will always cherish our proud heritage as one of the Mighty Eighth’s warfighting wings.” He also added that the wing looks forward to continue making significant advances for warfighting under AIA.

“Under the leadership of 8th Air Force, the wing thrived and evolved into what it is today,” he commented. “As we transition from the Mighty Eighth, we are very proud to once again be joining AIA, the Air Force’s primary intelligence organization focused on getting all intelligence disciplines integrated and in the fight. We look forward to being a part of this team as we further integrate with other intelligence disciplines and bring those powerful capabilities to bear on warfighting.”

AIA’s vice commander, Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, who accepted the 70th IW flag during the ceremony, echoed Colonel Keffer’s comments. He said the move will help AIA better partner with the national community and more specifically, the National Security Agency.

“Our national and tactical requirements have changed,” said General Jouas. “Aligning the 70th Intelligence Wing under AIA gives the Air Force an enhanced and seamless cryptologic enterprise that is optimally postured to support national and tactical intelligence requirements and operations.”

In addition to realigning the wing, the ceremony served to recognize the transfer of the 544th Information Operations Group along with CONUS and European-based units from the 67th Net Warfare Wing at Lackland AFB, Texas, to the 70th. The transfer resulted in the addition of more than 1,100 cryptologic Airmen to the wing. They will join the more than 5,500 men and women of the 70th who conduct and execute signals intelligence missions around the world.

The consolidation has resulted in the merger of virtually all of the Air Force’s cryptologic missions under AIA, putting into action Air Force leadership’s vision to best optimize support to the national cryptologic enterprise and operational and tactical warfighters.

“Our Air Force leaders have strengthened our global cryptologic combat power because almost all of the Air Forces ground-based cryptologic missions, units and personnel throughout the continental United States, in the Pacific and in Europe, are now consolidated into the wing,” said Colonel Keffer. “The integration of the many global units will allow us to obtain unprecedented horizontal integration of multiple cryptologic mission sets across all theaters, improving our support to national leaders, combatant commanders and importantly our operational and tactical forces in harm’s way as well as protecting Americans from those who would do us harm.”

As the 70th transitioned to AIA, Brig. Gen. Kimber McKenzie, 8th Air Force vice commander, extended her appreciation to the men and women of the wing and wished them well in their new endeavor.

“In just over 5 years with Eighth Air Force, you have accomplished some amazing achievements,” she told them. “From day one you have continually provided actionable intelligence in support of the global war on terrorism. Your innovative approach and ability to cut through bureaucracy allowed the sharing of the right information with the right people in the right

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places. I know that you will continue to lead the way in innovation as you transition to AIA.”

“This transition is a natural evolution, and I am confident that the leadership, expertise, dedication, teamwork and warfighting spirit of 70th Intelligence Wing Airmen will continue to be the keys to our current and future successes,” Colonel Keffer concluded.



.....Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, Air Intelligence Agency vice commander, accepts the 70th Intelligence Wing flag from Brig. Gen. Kimber McKenzie, 8th Air Force vice commander, while Col. Jim Keffer, 70th IW commander and Chief Master Sgt. David Doiron, 70th IW command chief, look on during a realignment ceremony July 5 at the National Security Agency. The wing was officially realigned under the Air Intelligence Agency at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, after spending more than five years with 8th AF. With this realignment, the wing gained an additional 1,100 billets. (Photo by Ron Pratt)

### **Menwith Hill Airmen honor fallen WW II air crew**

*By Staff Sgt. Scott McNabb 421st Air Base Squadron Public Affairs*

*Members of the 421st Air Base Squadron, along with five members of the 451st Information Operations Squadron participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at RAF Menwith Hill to honor the crew of the US Army Air Forces B-17 Flying*



Eight airmen and NCOs recently joined Col. Charles Gill, Jr., RAF Menwith Hill commander, and members of the Royal Air Force Association of Sheffield to honor the crew of the US Army Air Forces B-17 Flying Fortress, Mi Amigo, for steering their crash away from a soccer pitch just before impact Feb. 12, 1944.

Boys from rival elementary schools were locked in battle to settle their differences on the field. 1st Lt. John Krieghauser and his crew broke through the clouds looking for a safe place to crash due to being hit in air combat and ending up off course.

The crew reportedly tried to wave the players out of the way, but they failed to recognize the signal as more than a greeting wave. The B-17 pulled up at the last minute and overshot the field, but came to a final, fatal stop in the tree line of Endcliffe Park.

Members from the 421st Air Base Squadron, as well as five members of the 451st Information Operations Squadron, participated in the wreath laying ceremony.

"The wonderful thing about the service dress uniform is that you cannot differentiate between one AF unit and another," explained Tech. Sgt. Andrew Smith, 451st IOS commander's support staff. It is crucial to our success as a service to occasionally look beyond our unit 'patch pride' and enjoy 'service pride.' That being said, it is crucial to stand with fellow Airmen and pay respect to those who sacrificed their lives to save others."

Second year Mi Amigo participant Tech. Sgt. Wendy McNabb, 421st Air Base Squadron, volunteered to take part in the ceremony again because she was impressed by how much the local community honored the military. "It was a privilege to be able to be a part of it," she said.

After the ceremony, the Airmen took part in a worship service at a local church. Although serving a role in the events was the forefront of the Airmen's duties, taking a moment to reflect on the fallen Airmen and the meaning of their sacrifice was inevitable for most.

"I learned that the scars of World War II still run deep for many of the citizens of the United Kingdom," said Master Sgt. William Serenbetz, 451st IOS. "This ceremony shows that they are still very grateful for the sacrifices that both our countries made in order to preserve freedom."

Tech. Sgt. Marty Markos, 451st IOS agreed saying, "There is a sense of pride that comes with being associated with such great heroes. That is what is nice about ceremonies like this. It makes you realize what kind of tradition we carry on."

To Sergeant Markos, the actions of the Mi Amigo crew go hand-in-hand with the core values Airmen try to embody on a daily basis.

"In all honesty, what the crew of the Mi Amigo did is not surprise me in the least bit," he said. "That is what we do as Airmen... we look out for the interest of others."

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Sergeant Smith said meeting those who were there made the ceremony that much more special. "There is a sense of pride that comes with being associated with such great heroes," he said. "That is what is nice about ceremonies like this. It makes you realize what kind of tradition we carry on."

**The Airborne SIGINT Enterprise (ASE):**

**Charting the future of airborne SIGINT**

*By Maj. Ross O. Felker Air Intelligence Agency Detachment 2*



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*U-2 flies over an air base. The U-2 is one of many planes that is used for high-altitude ISR, which provides SIGINT to warfighters. (Courtesy photo)*

The Air Intelligence Agency has accepted the challenge to ensure warfighters have the best possible technology to find and deal with the enemy.

AIA's Detachment 2, Langley Air Force Base, Va., is helping to chart the future of signals intelligence by monitoring and overseeing the Air Staff program funding the Airborne Signals intelligence Enterprise program (ASE).

This program is helping to answer important questions regarding Air Force SIGINT. These questions include such issues as, 'What will the Global Hawk high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft require?', 'What is needed for Rivet Joint RC-135, MQ-1 and MQ-9 Predator?', and 'Can, or should, we improve the U-2's collection ability?'

The Air Force provides capabilities to meet the needs of warfighters, by knowing what is relevant to the Global War on Terrorism. One of the keys to warfighters needs is Signals intelligence, and those capabilities are embodied in the Airborne SIGINT Enterprise (ASE) program, and the Air Force SIGINT Capabilities Working Group (SCWG).

The ASE program is working to produce a SIGINT investment strategy for the Air Force. The collection, exploitation and distribution, called end-to-end SIGINT capability, is a crucial ASE objective. Currently 59 specific projects are rank-ordered in the ASE program.

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In addition to an investment strategy, cross-cutting capabilities are in high operational demand. Line replaceable units which can be used on multiple aircraft and eliminating stovepipe barriers are two examples of these capabilities.

The ASE also provides the framework to update all USAF airborne SIGINT collection platforms and their appropriate interfaces to be compatible with the AF Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS), which is a key intelligence node for the Air Force warfighter.

Although the ASE consists solely of Research, Development, Technology, and Engineering funds, production dollars remain with the various airborne platforms such as the RC-135, RQ-4, MQ-1/MQ-9, and U-2. In order to spend the right dollar at the right time on the right thing, AIA and Det. 2 play a central role in the ASE's SIGINT prioritization process.

The SCWG Analytical and Technical Element (A&TE), chaired by Headquarters AIA, develops modernization concepts and priorities as well as provides technical advice to senior decision makers. Det. 2 is an integral player within the A&TE, and a vital advisor to the A&TE Chair. Det. 2 personnel continue to bring operational and technical clarity to difficult signals intelligence issues.

The A&TE consists of SIGINT subject matter experts from around the Air Force, involving systems expertise from program offices within Air Force Material Command's Airborne Systems Center Reconnaissance Systems Wing (ASC/RSW), Electronic Systems Center, and Warner-Robbins Systems Center. Through collaboration and integration, Det. 2 and the A&TE assess the SIGINT mission areas to identify needed capabilities, and supports research and development by prioritizing capability needs, and developing recommended solutions.

In support of A&TE SCWG and AIA Plans and Programs at Lackland Air Force Base, Det. 2 contributes to the SIGINT modernization process by partnering with Air Combat Command Directorate of Requirements (A8) High-Altitude ISR Division (RQ-4 Global Hawk and U-2), the MQ-1, MQ-9 Predator Division, and the RC-135 Airborne Reconnaissance Division. Det. 2 also works closely with ACC Directorate of Intelligence to ensure intelligence capabilities are 'fit for duty' in the war on terrorism.

The other main contributor to the ASE is AIA's Detachment 1, The Air Force Cryptologic Office (AFCO), located at the National Security Agency on Fort George G. Meade, Md. AFCO is charged with developing the Air Force Cryptologic Architecture (AFCA). The AFCA is central to ASE planning and supports the intelligence community's Unified Cryptologic Architecture.

The ASE consists of many governmental, commercial, industrial, academic, and laboratory developmental SIGINT initiatives, however, the largest developmental effort is the Airborne Signals Intelligence Payload (ASIP) Program.

ASIP collects, processes and exploits electronic intelligence and communications intelligence signals. It is scheduled to begin flight testing on the U-2 this calendar year, and will be ready for Global Hawk flight testing in calendar year 2007. Once ASIP is fielded, its architecture will support advancements in technology to meet the evolving threat. ASIP maximizes the use

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of Commercial Off-the Shelf (COTS) technology and will be integrated fully into DCGS.

The SCWG Executive Element provides senior-level direction for Air Force SIGINT programs. This council of senior leaders validates recommendations from the A&TE to create spiral development plans for delivering initial capabilities to warfighters more quickly and for providing additional capabilities in future spirals.

Ultimately, the SCWG Executive Element validates prioritized capability needs originating from the planning process, an investment strategy, and development paths for applicable platforms and systems.

It's been said that nothing provides better insight into enemies' capabilities and intentions than Signals Intelligence. The Air Intelligence Agency is central to bringing future SIGINT concepts to reality. AIA Det. 2 will continue to create success by supporting the SCWG and contributing to the prioritization of capabilities within the Airborne SIGINT Enterprise program. The goal of the SCWG is to provide the best capability in the shortest time, and is working to meet the Air Force's and Combatant Commanders' SIGINT capability needs.

### **Warfighter integration improves processes, reduces delays**

*By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez - Air Force Print News*

*The MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle is one example of warfighting integration*

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN) - Over the next decade, the Air Force will continue to use information technology to leverage the capability of its people and weapons systems.

During a conference here June 13, Lt. Gen. Michael W. Peterson, Air Force chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer, told members of the civilian information technology industry about the Air Force's success in employment of IT and its plans for the future.

General Peterson said the Air Force already had stealthy, precise weapons systems and the best Airmen in the world, but by adding IT to that mix, the service was able to make its assets more efficient and powerful. The concept of using IT to reap greater benefits from Air Force weapons and people is warfighting integration.

One example of warfighting integration is the link between ground troops and airborne intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms such as the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle.

"Today, (a) Soldier, Marine or an Airman on the ground can look at a terminal and watch what a Predator is observing from overhead," General Peterson said. "(They) can also talk to an AC-130 gunship. The gunship can see what is happening on the Predator. Before it even arrives on scene, the gunship has situational awareness. This has changed things dramatically."



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In the past, information did not move seamlessly between sensor and operator, or computer to computer. Data had to be moved on paper or by telephone, and then keyed back into a new system -- a process informally referred to as "thumping." That made for inefficiencies and inaccuracies, the general said.

The Air Force needed to find ways to move that data machine to machine, and take the human element out of the picture wherever possible. The general said the Air Force cannot afford to wait for data to be "thumped" into a system any longer.

"It takes too long to do that," he said. "The moment a signals intelligence unit or sensor picks up information that something is operating in the area, it needs to be passed to the next step in the process. You have to take it to the next level."

An example of the next level is linking ground crews to Predator aircraft and then taking the same information and linking it to warplanning and targeting systems.

"We may ask a Predator to go look at hide sites. Perhaps, we have identified potential hide sites so we know where to look," he said.

"When we find it, it's not somebody on the ground that has found the target, it's somebody back at Langley Air Force Base (Va.) or at Beale AFB (Calif.) that actually found it. With the data processing capability we have, we know where that is on a map with enough accuracy to hand it off to an air crew to start the targeting process."

General Peterson said this kind of technology was able to help the Air Force to locate and kill al-Qaeda terrorist leader Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi on June 7.

"That is exactly what happened when we went after (Zarqawi)," he said. "We knew he was in the area. Because we knew to expect that kind of target to pop up, we placed a continuous string of aircraft in motion."

We could have picked any of them to go prosecute the target. That's what warfighting integration is all about, moving from a manual, step-by-step approach with seams and gaps, to a continuous flow seamlessly moving from sensing, to acquiring, to finishing the target."

Warfighting integration is also about improving processes to reduce the number of people and the amount of time needed to do a job. During the 2006 Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment, or JEFX, at Nellis AFB, Nev., the Air Force was able to use an integrated database to plan air-tasking orders. Combat planners were able to complete in four and a half hours what in the past took longer than 10. These kinds of efficiencies will ultimately reduce the number of people needed to do combat support, and represent a real cost savings to the Air Force, General Peterson said. Also at JEFX, the general said war planners were able to use network connectivity to reduce the amount of time it took to correct inaccuracies.

"In the middle of the JEFX, we (got) a chat note from somebody at Hill AFB, (Utah). He says you 'fat fingered' the fuel load for the F-16 -- we'd missed a zero. At that stage in the past, it would have been too bad. We would've had to fix it on the fly."

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The error would have required a series of phone calls and messages to stop the chain of events once operational decisions are made and sent out to the force.

It could take days to complete the paper to correct such a mistake. And if the error had been significant, it might have meant canceling a flight. At JEFX, the use of an integrated database meant an incorrect number could be changed immediately and the changes would cascade down through the system to all affected parties.

Part of warfighting integration is the creation of an enterprise-wide services bus, a kind of central connecting point for all the computer-based applications the Air Force uses.

By using common services - keeping shared data in the same location, or using the same name for the same piece of data in different applications -- all software will be able to share information seamlessly, eliminating the need for Airmen to manually move data from one system to the next.

By integrating software solutions, the Air Force expects to reduce the number of applications it uses from 19,000 to less than 10,000 over the next seven years.

### **FTVA Sign In – B45 Book**

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Comment - Hi, I have finished the first draft of my B-45 book. Still time for some input from any soul, who flew RB-45Cs with 6091st Flight at Yokota, 1954-1956. Your input and suggestions appreciated!

### **AFIWC Technical Director receives Presidential Award**

*By 2nd Lt. Malinda Singleton - Air Intelligence Agency Public Affairs*



*Michael Kretzer, AFIWC technical director, receives the Meritorious Service Professional Presidential Rank Award in Washington, D.C., from Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen John D.W. Corley. (Courtesy photo)*

An Air Force Information Warfare Center civilian recently received one of the highest awards available for civilian performance.

Michael Kretzer, technical director for AFIWC, received the Meritorious Senior Professional Presidential Rank Award in Washington, D.C. at a ceremony April 20.

Each year, the President recognizes and honors a small group of career Senior Executives with the President's Rank Award for exceptional long-term accomplishments.

The award was presented to Mr. Kretzer at the Women In the Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington Cemetery, by Secretary of the Air Force, Michael W. Wynne and Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John D.W. Corley.

Mr. Kretzer was one of 15 Air Force personnel to receive a presidential award. He was notified in December after being nominated in April 2005.

"It is a great honor," he said. "To be recognized by the president as one of his top senior civilian leaders is a nice thing. It's humbling, as well as it makes you proud."

Nominees have their package go before a peer review, and civilian boards outside of the government, after their package is approved by their commander.

The review boards make the recommendations to the president, Kretzer said. "I did not know that I was up for this award at first," he said.

Mr. Kretzer was nominated for his work as AFIWC's technical director from 2000-2005, a position he took over in 1999 after working within the Air Intelligence Agency and AFIWC for 27 years.

He was recognized for his efforts as the driving force behind two major AFIWC reorganizations. The first occurred in 2000, when the 318<sup>th</sup> Information Operations Group was created.

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During the transition into the 318th IOG, he helped guide the creation of Volume 36, an IO manual for tactics and techniques, which is part of Air Force Tactics, Techniques and Procedures 3-1.

Also during this reorganization the IO Red Team, or the 92nd Information Warfare Aggressor Squadron was created, and has now evolved to an aggressor squadron that deploys worldwide, assesses system, network, and OPSEC vulnerabilities, and helps commanders correct problems.

The second reorganization occurred in 2005 with the reconstruction of the Information Operations Directorate. The key element of this was the creation of a Division that assists Air Combat Command in defining the Air Force requirements for IO capabilities.

Mr. Kretzer also played an important role in forging alliances with other organizations.

He developed a partnership with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to provide the Air Force early knowledge of leading edge IO technology. AFIWC has also created three industry partnerships, set up shared projects with the Army, Navy, three joint organizations, as well as two other government agencies.

He was also personally selected by the Chief Scientist of the Air Force to be on a four-member team for a special IO project.

The information gathered by this team was used to support the Commander of Air Combat Command's new vision for IO within the Air Force, and led to the current IO Doctrine.

While he has been recognized for his achievements bringing AFIWC and IO to where it is today, Mr. Kretzer does realize there is a lot more to be done in order to bring the IO community together.

"The thing I am most proud of is the accomplishments of the AFIWC through the people that are here," he said. "The work we are doing to be more aligned with the other diverse IO units; in order to become the IO community is a great personal satisfaction for me."

## **Veterans Memorial Museum**

Freedom Through Vigilance Association Newsletter  
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July 12, 2006

Dan:

A friend and ex AFSS member gave me a copy of your Freedom Through Vigilance Association Newsletter. As Cold War & Korea ASA veteran I found it to be very interesting.

I would like to make you and your readers aware of the Veterans Memorial Museum located just off Interstate 5 at Exit 79 in Chehalis, WA. This 20,500 sq. ft. facility contains more than 85 large displays of artifacts from every era of U.S. conflict. There is also a large military history library with more than 3,000 volumes all cataloged on computer by topic, title, and author.

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Our mission, however, is not to promote war or to simply display artifacts. Our mission is to honor, commemorate and perpetuate the memory of the service and sacrifice those who have served our country's military throughout its history. Thus our motto-- "*They shall not be forgotten.*" To this end the "**Wall of Honor**" displays tiles commemorating individual veterans. Currently there are more than 1300 tiles on the wall with many others in process for placement.

Of particular interest to you and your readers is that this is the only bone-fide military museum in the world with a large display dedicated exclusively to Military Intelligence and most specifically to the Radio Intelligence aspect of MI. There are artifacts, photos, rare badges, patches and souvenirs from ASA, AFSS, NSG and MI units as well as their various bases worldwide. We have hosted several ASA reunions and are planning more in the future. Contact info:

Veterans Memorial Museum; 100 SW Veterans Way;  
Chehalis, WA 98532.

Phone: 360-740-8577

Website -- [www.veteransmuseum.org](http://www.veteransmuseum.org)

E-mail: [vmm@quik.com](mailto:vmm@quik.com)

Summer hours: Mon.-Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

**Wayne Galvin** -- ASA 1948-1952; AHS, TRS, FEC; MOS: 0799, 3239, 1801  
P.S. Several photos of the ASA/AFSS/NSG/MI display are attached. AFSS\_NSG is a few of the AFSS items and an NSG Mil (upper case typewriter).  
Museum2 is a view of the Museum building -- it is visible from I-5.



## REUNION INFO

FTVA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Thursday, 28 September

1200-1700

Best Ball Golf Tourney Alsatian Golf Club Castroville TX

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1700-1900 Awards & refreshments – Clubhouse Patio Alsatian Golf Club

**Friday, 29 September**

1130-1200 Memorial Rededication & Remembrance Ceremony  
HQ AIA – Bldg 2000(EC-47 Area)

1200-1500 Agency Picnic, Stapleton Park

**Saturday, 30 September**

0900 Coffee & Doughnuts, Larger Auditorium Ardisana Hall

0930 - 1030 Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony

1030 - 1100 AIA Briefing

1100 - 1200 FTVA annual Membership Meeting

1730 - 1830 Cocktails, Fiesta Room, Gateway Club Lackland AFB Bldg 2490

1830 - 2300 Banquet and Guest Speaker Major General Craig Koziol,  
Commander, Air Intelligence Agency (AIA)

Dance – Air Force Band of the West Dress – Coat & Tie after 5

**USAFSS MISAWA ALUMNI SOCIAL**

A SOCIAL GATHERING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEP 27, 2006, 6 PM, AT THE PEPPER PATCH LOUNGE, 2402 PINN RD, SAN ANTONIO TX. THIS IS OUR NINTH ANUAL EVENT. NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. EVERYONE IS INVITED. JUST COME OUT FOR THE CAMARADERIE WITH OLD FRIENDS. GROUP PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN AT 8 PM. PHONE (210) 260-3062.

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**Hof Reunion**

Not sure how we missed listing our annual reunion on your Reunion page but this year's Hof Reunion Association reunion will again be held in Hof/Saale, Germany, Sept 17-23, 2006 (site of the 6910th, Det 5, 6912th Det 2 and the 6915th Security Squadron and Security Group). Some 240 members are already planning to attend this year's events.

Association membership is open to anyone, civilian or military, Army, Air Force or civilian, German or American, who had a relationship with Kingsley Kaserne, also known as Camp Hof, Hof Air Station and Huettner Kaserne in Northern Bavaria during the Cold War.

Our 2007 Reunion will be held in Reno, Nevada and further information will be released as those details are firmed up.

Full details are available at [www.hofreunion.com](http://www.hofreunion.com) or by e-writing to [hofreunion@aol.com](mailto:hofreunion@aol.com) or [hofreunion@dejazzd.com](mailto:hofreunion@dejazzd.com) . Thank you!

*Jerry Mangas* - Secretary - Hof Reunion Association

**History & Memories**

***Then & Now: Credit union flies high***

**Scott Huddleston -Express-News Staff Writer**

Out of concern for U.S. airmen and military air intelligence personnel in the Cold War era, eight men pitched in \$25 each to create a credit union to serve U.S. service members.

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A half-century later, Security Service Federal Credit Union now projects it will reach \$4billion in assets and have 600,000 members by Dec. 31.

But it's kept a focus on the military, dispatching mobile banking units to bases in hurricane-ravaged regions, providing emergency loans to military families and helping them work their way out of debt.

The idea of a credit union began at Kelly AFB's "Security Hill," site of U.S. Air Force Security Service Headquarters. Col. Robert H. Augustinus, deputy chief of staff for personnel, was worried about airmen being targeted by ruthless lenders, or "loan sharks."

Consumer debt, mostly from car loans, was on the rise, surpassing \$42 billion by the end of 1956, according to U.S. Department of Commerce records. Young airmen with modest pay were vulnerable prey to high interest, short-term loans.

Augustinus, concerned about intelligence officers and trained airmen losing security clearance, getting stressed or facing a discharge or court-martial for running up debt, studied the idea of creating a financial institution to help U.S. troops.

In May 1956, eight military and civilian men formed the United States Air Force Security Service Federal Credit Union at Kelly AFB. Another 43 members who each paid 25 cents to start an account were added as members five months later, according to the company's archives.

The credit union hired two airmen at \$7 per month in February 1957 to do clerical work. The company began with a used Burroughs E101, a desk-sized electronic accounting machine that it bought for \$1,250.

Since Security Hill airmen all had extensive background checks, their loans were routinely approved. After its first year, the credit union reported about \$20,000 in assets and \$142.77 in reserves.

Of the \$2 million in loans issued by the credit union in its first four years, only one, in the amount of \$175 for an Air Force sergeant wanting to start a trucking business, defaulted.

The credit union opened overseas offices in the early 1960s, and by 1962 had given 159 foreign loans. It adopted its current, shorter name in 1968. When Libya was overthrown by Moammar Gadhafi in 1969, many of the Americans there at Wheelus AFB had to evacuate. Several airmen were not allowed by car dealers to take their cars out of Libya until loans were paid off. Security Service provided emergency loans to those officers, even though they weren't members.

In 1970 the company began using a commercial answering machine to take messages. A record long-distance call from the Vietnamese capital of Saigon was recorded in December.

The Federal Credit Union Act provided federal insurance of credit union accounts, as with bank accounts, in 1971. By the time Security Service moved into its 26,000-square-foot facility on U.S. 90 West in 1973, it had more than \$46 million in assets and 49,000 members.

After a long, arduous fight in Congress, 1977 legislation authorized credit unions to issue home loans. Security Service began helping military families buy homes in Bexar County the following year.

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Security Service has acquired or merged with nine other credit unions since, widening membership beyond the military.

In response to banking industry lobbying attempts to limit credit unions' power, Security Service formed a political action committee in 2001. Also that year, it opened a new 130,000-square-foot headquarters at 16211 La Cantera Parkway.

Since 2003, when the credit union created "Operation Homefront" to assist U.S. troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and other foreign countries, it has issued 1,100 emergency low-interest loans totaling more than \$700,000, and lowered interest rates on another 826 loans under the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act, company officials said last week.

Security Service was approved as a lender for the Small Business Administration in 2004, and has since given more than \$1.3 million in business loans. About 75 percent of its members live in Texas, while 18 percent reside in Colorado and 7 percent in other states and foreign countries.

*((Editor Comments: The reason this article has been placed in the History & memories section is that the SSFCU originally was part of our History. When it began it was limited only to individuals assigned to USAFSS. Its first offices were in Building 2000. Field units had reps to process loans. Until at least 1968, its name was USAFSS Federal Credit Union. Although its doors have been open to various customers and now considered "big business" we must remember its "roots" began at USAFSS in building 2000 on "Security hill." Kelly AFB, TX. /Dap))*

## **New Book on Intelligence during the Vietnam war**

Just published: A Shadowy Passage - Part II, Cambodia: The Subversion Autobiographical Fiction by Dr. Paul L. Baker

The author served as the Navy's Cambodian Analyst in Saigon from May 1969 to May 1970. During his tour of duty, the US established diplomatic relations with Cambodia, Ho Chi Minh died, Prince Norodom Sihanouk was overthrown and the US Army invaded the Cambodian border areas leading to the Kent State massacre. The events of this novel are based on the author's reflection of his experience in Vietnam.

Synopsis: Because of a shortage of Naval Intelligence officers during the Vietnam War, in 1969 an ordinary line officer is assigned as the Cambodian Analyst to the Commander of US Naval Forces in Vietnam (Admiral Zumwalt). Responsible for targeting Naval agent networks into Cambodia, LT Becker is caught in rivalries between various US intelligence agencies. He is soon disillusioned to discover that he can trust the head of North Vietnamese Intelligence more than the CIA. Circumstances of war thrust the junior officer onto the high-level diplomatic stage where he is torn between the expectations of US diplomats, the intrigue of Cambodian officials, his respect for Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk and his sense of morality. Rogue US spies who resort to blackmail and murder complicate the lieutenant's struggle to thwart a coup attempt engineered by the CIA.

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The book is available at [1]www.catawbapublishing.com

Contact the author at [2]pbaker@catawba.edu

### Letters & Bytes

#### Kudos

Dan:

Since rejoining the FTV association, I've received two editions of the newsletter and think it's an excellent piece of work with lots of good information and history. I've been able to reestablish contact with several long time friends I hadn't heard from in well over 30 years, and we email often. Of particular interest was the note to you from Whitey Carstensen who was concerned that CMSgt Jim Swindell (deceased) had not been inducted into the HOH! **(June N/L, pgs 29/30)** I share Whitey's views and totally agree, Jim was one of a kind, and dedicated his entire life to USAFSS. It's hard for me to understand how he was over looked all these years, but hopefully Whitey's nomination will sail right through. Jim was an inspiration to many of us communicators, and some of us owe our successful career to his leadership and tutoring. He was one the few enlisted I know who was awarded the Legion of Merit upon retirement, and he continued on in high fashion in civil service status until his death.

I enjoyed my 23 years in USAFSS, and made 5 of my 8 stripes in the command. Since the name has changed many times, I think most of us old timers will always remember how it was in the early days when we were called RSM's or RGM's. My first tour was at Ashiya, Japan in late 1953, followed by a transfer to a newly created detachment one at Osan which at the time was off base. I served two other extended tours in Korea, and the mission was perhaps the most sensitive and time critical in the command. I haven't talked to anyone since the command was abolished and put under the command being supported but know full well the troops are carrying on with class and style.

Thanks to you too Dan for giving freely of your time and effort to write and publish the newsletter.

**Bill Strickland** (CMSgt Ret.)

#### March Copy of the Newsletter

Hello Dan,

I noted in the June 2006 newsletter the note from Whitey Carstensen about the Swindell Award and Jim Swindell. I evidently have misplaced my copy of the March 2006 issue of the Newsletter, so could not read the info about the Swindell Award on pages 23 & 24. I was stationed at Chicksands ('53-'55) and worked for M/SGT Jim Swindell who was a outstanding NCO and a fine person. I knew that Jim had died and several years ago I communicated with his son, Clay, who sent me some of copies of letters of commendation that Jim has received. At that time Clay's address was: 14019 Fairoak Xing, San Antonio, TX 78231-1915.

Also, George Montague and I e-mail form time to time. I believe he contacted you about Max Hawke's death. Max also served at Chicksands while I was there. I may have missed the listing of his death in the Newsletter, but George had mentioned he thought it would appear in this last issue.



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Hal

Notice of your dad's death was initially submitted by one of our members Guy Murray and excerpts of his obit was published in our Dec 2005 Newsletter. He is also listed on our Fallen Eagle listing on our FTVA web site ([www.ftva.org](http://www.ftva.org)). I will publish your email in our next newsletter which will go out in Sept which will result in some comments. If you furnish me a mailing address other than your e-mail, I include it in the article Regards

***Daniel Dapolito***

FTVA Newsletter Editor

***((Ed Note: Hal's address is: Hal Perry, 1630 Gardenia Drive, Houston, TX 77018 /Dap))***

**Philip D. Carlson**

Doug (Holden)

Thank you for sending the article about Phil to F.T.V.A. I would also like to thank all our friends for the support our family has received during this time. Phil loved the USAF and was honored to have served in this command. He was a wonderful husband and father. We both felt blessed to have all the great family of friends in (SS) / F.T.V.A . May God Bless & keep each of you.

***Joyce Carlson***

Wife of Philip D. Carlson

***((ED Note: Phil Carlson was listed IN June 2006 Newsletter, pg 12/13// Dap))***  
**FTVA Sign-in – Looking for Father**

Last Name - Rauschuber

First Name - Angelika

E-mail - angelikar109@yahoo.com

Comment - I am looking for my biological father. I am 47 born October 1958. My mother meet my dad in Augsburg Germany who was stationed at Reese Kaserne around 1957-1958. His name as I know it is Big Joe and had tattooed my mothers name Francis on his chest. If anyone can help please contact me.

***((Ed Note: above passed to Bobby Edwards Augsburg Webmaster resulting in following response./ Dap))***

Dan,

An Interesting Story. We have some Dependents who come to our site from time, and I think that we are fortunate that they do so. They are the ones most likely to carry on our Memories and History.

One of the Dependents Father was my Relief in Darmstadt, and when we both received orders for Vietnam about the same time - I lost track of him. A

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few years ago, I discovered that TSgt. Louis Clever was KIA in Southeast Asia. I had volunteered for the EC-47 Program, and I would have gladly gone in his assignment - not knowing any outcome. Recently I had heard that in Misawa, one of the Headquarters Buildings for AIA had been named after our Friend Louis.

He's one of our Heroes, and recently his daughter mentioned that Lou's Wife had also passed, and she is now buried at the Jefferson Barracks, Missouri - Grave Site where Lou is buried. Legacies are always important to our history - And the Children are the Greatest Protectors.

THANKS for Sharing - I may Post on the Site, to put more eyes on the plea for information. Sincerely,

***Bobby Edwards***

**Crete Visit**

Last Name - Blair

First Name - Jeffrey

E-mail - [jdblair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdblair@sbcglobal.net) - (Wharton, Texas )

Last Unit - NSA 1974-1996 (AIA Reserve)

Comment - Am reading the June 2006 issue of Remain in Touch. I read Bob Armistead's comments about Crete. My wife & I just returned from an 8-day visit to Crete in early June 2006. Many wonderful memories! It certainly was the highlight of my AF active & reserve career. Harris Parkell (IAS 1964-66) has a website with loads of photos past and present. Take a look at: <http://iraklion-able.com/> another website for potential visitors to Crete is [www.explorecrete.com](http://www.explorecrete.com) Finally, Col Louie Miller, Jr., 6931st commander from 1969-1971 is retired and living in Victoria, Texas. I visited him recently.

**6900 Security Wing - June Newsletter Pg 34**

This email is in reference to comments from Bob Fortin in the latest issue FTVA re the 6900th Security Wing. Also his reference to a forthcoming book on the Wing by Larry Tart. If anyone is interested I have a copy of our orders assigning the first contingent to the Wing dated 2 October 1953. We were initially assigned to the 6910th in Landsberg before forming the Wing; there were 15 Officers and 27 enlisted. Our acting Commander was Col Philip G Evans and later he became Chief Exec when Col Charles A. Clark became our permanent Commander. One of our assignments included the site surveys in Spain, Turkey, and Pakistan including the recommendation to then General Bassett of a site in Peshawar, Pakistan. I would be glad to furnish any information at my disposal for anyone who has an interest.

***Gordon Wicklund***, former S/Sgt 6900th Security Wing.

My home address is 1150 N Shore Drive, Marinette, WI 54143, or email [twospartans2@hotmail.com](mailto:twospartans2@hotmail.com)

**Looking for an Old Buddy**

Hi Dan,

I enjoy the FTVA Newsletter, and thanks for all the hard work you and all the others do for us.





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Last Unit - 6993rd Security Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas AFSC 29251 (ditty bopper)

Comment - I'm looking for anyone that remembers Lefty's Bar in Hersonosis (Sp.?) just beyond the 6931st on Crete. I was stationed there from 1967-1969. He had a juke box that we all contributed 45's to so that we had decent state side music to listen to. Who's out there that remembers?

### 8 Good Years

Last Name - Edwards

First Name - Steve

E-mail - sedwards48@verizon.net

Last Unit - NSA @ Ft Meade Md (NSOC)

Comment - 1967 basic at Amarillo AFRB, then to Goodfellow for 202 class followed by another assignment in Texas to Kelly AFB, SPECCON. While requesting to go to Thailand found out I had order to Shemya, so off to the Black pearl. There I extended to go to Shu Link Kou at the 6987 (1969-1973) for some tough duty. Then to NSA and NSOC till discharge in 75 where I went back to Shemya as a civilian contractor (Bendix Field Eng) from 1975 to 1976. Good times were had by all, proud to have spent my 8 service years with the USAFSS.

### Response to Info request for Lifetime members

Still correct. , Tks.

**Steve Feit.** >tr414cc@verizon.net<

PS: Attached is a pic of me taken in May of this year.



The picture was taken in front of Tiananmen in Beijing-- probably the most well known site in China. That red building behind me is the actual gate. It is where all of the Chinese bigwigs review the parades and stuff in the square.



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Last Name - Morris

First Name - Jerry

E-mail - parker1 @ AOL.com

Last Unit - 6985th SS, Eielson AFB, 1963-1967 Comment - Great site, am blown away at the number of sites that record the history of the Security Service. To all of those who are responsible, kak sdarovia.....or to your health.

## **Looking For James Cox**

Last Name - Scott

First Name - Windell

E-mail - windy917@hotmail.com

Comments - Sir, I am looking for a person named James Cox who was stationed in At Yokota AFB JAPAN in 1962-64, Hometown Dothan Ala. A very good friend. He signed in 2-8-2006 on this web site. Thank you

## ***Windell Scott***

### **Col Woodrow w. Gentry Question**

Understand Woody Gentry is deceased. However, in the 6912th RSM history while it was located at Bingen Am Rhein (Dromersheim the site) everyone seems to have forgotten that Woody replace Col. Ed C. Allen as the Commander sometime in the summer of 1968(58?). Do you have any information? Thanks,

***Jim Kimmet*** >jfkimme@aol.com< my first assignment in USAFSS after tech school at March AFB was the 6912th RSM.

***((ED Note: Advised Jim we had no further info/Dap))***

Dan thanks for your prompt reply. I was at the 12th until it closed and the 6912th designator moved to Berlin. I then was reassigned to the 6910th RGM at Sembach/Gruenstadt. Woody re-enlisted me on a short discharge in Dec 1958. I have a photo of that, and have also provided it to Gayle Stelter who watches over the 6912th web site. Regards,

***Jim Kimmet***

## **Ed E. Finucan (Deceased)**

Last Name - Talbott

First Name - Paul

E-mail - gafarman@peoplepc.com

Last Unit - 6924th Scty Sqdn - DaNang AB, RVN

Comment - Looking for anyone who knew or served with the late Ed E. Finucan who was a 203 Russian type in Germany in the 1953-56 time period. His son is my chiropractor, and would like to get in touch with anyone who served with his father.

## **Charlie Rice**

Last Name - Gronlund

First Name - Sherm

E-mail - 3rdrsm@amerytel.net

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Last Unit - 3rdRSM at Naknek/King Salmon AFS, AK---1953-54

Comment - Spent 15 months at Naknek/King Salmon, Alaska, then back to Keesler AFB as instructor in radio op till discharge in 1956---anyone know where old buddy Charles R. (C. R.) (Charlie) Rice from Peoria is or has been over the past 50 years?

**FTVA Sign In - FTVA Member's Book site**

Last Name - Kivett

First Name - Phil

E-mail - popkivett2@aol.com

Last Unit - Joint Sobe Processing Center, Okinawa

Comment - I invite everyone's attention to :

<http://www.authorhouse.com/Bookstore/ItemDetail~bookid~34801.aspx>

*((Ed Note: Info on Phil's new book contained in June Newsletter, pg 18/Dap))*

**29<sup>th</sup> RSM/6922<sup>nd</sup>**

Dan

Can you give me a contact for the 6922<sup>nd</sup> RSM? The 29<sup>th</sup> RSM changed to the 6922<sup>nd</sup> in May 1955 and one of my guys would like to find a copy of the "READY TO RESPOND" patch. Thanks Dan

Bob Rennick, 29<sup>th</sup> RSM 1952-1954

*((Ed Note: Provided Bob with Helen Henderson's info Picture of patch below))*



**FTVA Sign In – 6900 Support sq.**

Last Name - Gustafson

First Name - Dennis

E-mail - dennygus@alltel.net

Last Unit - 6900 Spt. Squadron, Frankfurt Germany

Comment - Stationed with 6900 Spt. Squadron, Frankfurt Germany 1968 - 1971. Worked in com center in I.G. Farben Building. Lived across from the PX near the com center. Would like to know if anyone with the 6900th during 1968 - 1971 time period is out there. In 2003 retired from the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

**FTVA Sign In – Iraklion Air Station, Crete**

Last Name - Solar

First Name - Steve

E-mail - stevesolar@hotmail.com

Last Unit - Iraklion Crete

Comment - I was stationed at IAS from April 62 thru October 63. I worked on dawg trick and was a Morse intercept operator. I was on the island during the Cuban crisis. Dawg trick was well known at that time for good work in the compound and also for having excellent sports teams. Crete was a wonderful experience. I have never forgotten the men I served proudly with especially my roommates Mike Gardner and Al Dial.

**6911<sup>th</sup> FTVA Sign In**

Dan,

I just received an e-mail of an FTVA sign in:

Bob Andrews looking for Ed Stacy.....wanted you to know that I just found him and his wife, Marilyn. I have spoken with Ed & Bob Andrews, and given them the information also...this e-mail is being sent to both parties, Bob & Ed.

Ed Stacy (Marilyn)]  
213 Oberreich St  
LaPorte, In 46850-2639  
ph 219-325-9189  
mmstacy@verizon.net

Bob Andrews  
822 Brentview Dr.  
Nashville, Tn 37220  
Ph 615-831-0809  
RANDP615@netscape.net

Thanks Dan! Makes you feel so great when you have "connected" old friends after 45 years! What was really great---there were only 5 Ed Stacy's in Indiana, and he was still in his home state....so the first call I made....I reached "our" Ed from the Darmstadt group. Keep in Touch!

**Pat for Rich (Merrill)** 6911th RGM, 11021 West Oregon Place, Lakewood, Co. 80232 303-985-3575 - Rich1Pat2@aol.com

**Looking For Adak Personnel**

Last Name - Greene

First Name - Roy

E-mail - volfan@chartertn.net

Last Unit - Suitland Hall, Arl, Va. / Sr. Cryptographer USAFSS/NSA

Comment - Lackland AFB March 1951// F.E.Warren AFB for teletype school May-Jun 1951? // Back to Brooks AFB in July 1951// Scott AFB Oct-Nov 1951// Back to dear old Brooks for assignment.// Jan. 1952 Great Falls AFB Mont.// McChord AFB, WA// Elmendorf AFB Anchorage AK.// March 1952 to 3rd RSM Adak Alaska// March 1953 to 6969th and assignment to Suitland Hall, Suitland MD and work station at Arlington Hall Station til I was discharged in March of 1953. Would like to communicate with any old Adak Rats, or any crypto operators that I may have worked with. God Bless all of you, you've spent your time in hell.

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**6987<sup>th</sup> RSM Shu Linkou**

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Last Name - Fewell  
First Name - Richard  
E-mail - rfew89a@yahoo.com  
Last Unit - USAFSS ShuLinkou 6987th RSM 1958 Comment - I was a cryptographer at Shu Linkou 6987th Air Force Security Service when it was red bricks, mud, and Quonset huts. I am writing a "*Love Story*" novel that involves that experience. I did not speak Mandarin, but was pretty good with Taiwanese. Most memorable experience of my life!

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