

**President's Corner**

Dear FTVA Members,



Our association enjoyed another annual reunion weekend of events in September. The weather was beautiful, allowing us to complete a set of activities that combined remembrance, recognition, recreation and camaraderie.

The reunion golf tournament took place on the Alsatian Golf course in Castroville. The tournament was a great success with 144 golfers and outstanding support from the course management and a lot of hard work by Joe Hurst.

Everyone enjoyed the golf and the barbeque at the club house after the tournament. Joe has started working with the Alsatian Course management to plan next year's tournament over the next several months.

The Remembrance Ceremony held at the EC-47 memorial in front of AIA headquarters provided everyone who attended a chance to reflect on past events and associations with colleagues present and absent. The AIA Commander, Major General Craig Koziol, delivered a moving address on the importance of the command's mission, the dedication of its people, and the need to preserve a sense of heritage that connects our past with current operations. The ceremony included a great performance by the Alzafar Shrine Highlander Bagpipe Band and an F-16 flyover. The RC-135 that was scheduled to take part in the ceremony had to be cancelled at the last moment due to mechanical problems. As has become the custom, FTVA members assisted by Joe Hurst and Command Chief MSgt Ted Colquhoun called out the names of fallen eagles who died during the past year, followed by a 21-gun salute fired by the AIA Honor Guard. The association very much appreciates the cooperation and efforts by the command staff and Major (Ret) John Doherty to make this and all anniversary events a success.

The picnic that followed the remembrance ceremony was a fun event for the several hundred who attended. A.J Harrison, assisted by MSgt Jacqueline Lerma was the driving force behind making the afternoon so enjoyable. Turn out was great. Everyone enjoyed the food, drinks and entertainment. Grover McMakin stopped by to make sure that all was going well. The membership table headed by Bob Baert did a brisk business of signing up members for another year and selling command-related mementos.

Saturday's events began with the Hall of Honor induction ceremony that added four distinguished members Col (Ret) William P. Fife, Col (Ret) James W. McLendon, CMSgt (Ret) James C. Swindell, MSgt (Ret) Delano R. Jolly, to its roll. Next at the State of the Agency presentation, Major General Koziol provided an update on the command's organization and operation.

These annual updates provide an outstanding link between how things worked in the past and the evolving command mission and tools in use today. We are deeply indebted to Major General Koziol and his staff for the time and care that are expended in preparing these presentations. Following the command

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presentation, a brief FTVA business meeting announced the re-election of Bob Cope as Treasurer for two years and Loran (Phred) Sevening as Secretary for two years and concluded with reports from several association officers.

The AIA anniversary banquet held on Saturday evening at the Lackland Gateway Club was enjoyed by the nearly 300 people who attended. In his after-dinner speech, Major General Craig Koziol, Commander of the Air Intelligence Agency addressed the important role that AIA is playing in ongoing operations against global terrorism. He congratulated our newly inducted HoH members and the entire FTVA membership on their contributions -- past and present. At the conclusion of the dinner, the Air Force Band of the West once again provided outstanding dance music for many who stayed, well into the night.

The association owes a large debt of gratitude to Ken Williams and Major Bernard Cruz (and many others) for orchestrating a mountain of details associated with a large dinner. Well done, Ken and Major Cruz!!

Over the next year, I will continue work to make FTVA an even stronger organization than it is today. My hope is to bring the organization into even closer relationship with AIA. I want to get the word to the current members of AIA that they are welcome to become members of FTVA. Current and past members of USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, and AIA can join the FTVA. I urge every FTVA member to join in this endeavor.

The Freedom Through Vigilance Association Board has selected 27-29 September 2007 for the next Reunion. This will give you all plenty of time to make plans to attend. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

As we approach the holiday season, best wishes to you and your families. As the war on terrorism rolls on, let us join in thoughts and prayers for the safety of all Americans, particularly those wearing our country's uniform. Remain in touch,

***Robert Crabtree***

**FTVA Membership web Address Change**

Due to massive amounts of spam I changed the [membership@ftva.org](mailto:membership@ftva.org) address to [membersupport@ftva.org](mailto:membersupport@ftva.org). The new address is on the web site, but I embedded it using \_java script, hopefully that will stop it from being found by the spam search bots. / ***Bob Baert***

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**FTVA 2007 Calendars Still Available**

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Although sales were brisk during our reunion we still have FTVA 2007 calendars available. Get one for yourself and others to use as holiday gifts. We are still asking for a \$17 donation, which includes postage. A check or money order made out to "FTVA" and sent to me will get them to you we can accept cash, but don't recommend sending cash through the mails. Contact me, **Douglas (Doug) Holden at 9227 Fallworth, San Antonio TX, 78254 or at drhconsult@wireweb.net**

**Doug Holden**

### Hats and Calendars!

At this year's reunion we had 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA crested ball caps and 2007 calendars available. We ordered enough so we would have some to offer to those who could not attend the reunion.

The hats are available in **blue** or **tan** with blue bill. (*See below*) They have the four Command/Agency shields on the front. One side has "25th Anniversary" and the back has "Remain in Touch". We are asking for a \$17.00 donation for one hat (\$15.00 for a hat plus \$2.00 shipping) or \$27.00 donation for two hats (\$25.00 for hats plus \$2.00 shipping). If you are interested, please send a check or money order made out to FTVA along with note stating which hat(s) you want to **FTVA, 11727 Deer Oak Run, San Antonio, TX 78254.**



### From the Membership Corner:

It's Membership Renewal time again. FTVA annual memberships run from January to December. *So, if the label on this newsletter has the number "6" after your name it is time to send in your dues.* Please send us a \$15.00 check or your 2007 membership dues, or a \$30.00 check for your 2007 and 2008 dues. Mail it to:

**FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION**

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**C/O Bob Baert, 11727 Deer Oak Run, San Antonio, TX 78254-2700**

**Bob Baert** – Membership (info@ftva.org)

**2006 HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES**

**Colonel William P. Fife, USAF (Ret)**



Colonel Fife was a genuine USAFSS pioneer!!! He had an extraordinary military career beginning with his commissioning as a second lieutenant in 1939, followed by heroic combat operations as a paratrooper in the Southwest Pacific during World War II, amassing 35 assault jumps before an injury ended his paratrooper career. He then entered Military Intelligence with an assignment to US Army Far East Hqs/G2 and air traffic combat control team commando operations in New Guinea, the

Philippines, and Corregidor. Transferring to the Air Force in 1947, he attended Russian language school and was initially assigned to the 1st RSM in March 1949 - one month following the unit's transfer from Army Security Agency to USAFSS. During the Russian build-up, he conceived and proposed airborne collections missions, jury-rigged receivers on a RB49 from Kadena AB, and proved the viability of airborne collection missions. During the Korean War he was the 1st RSM's liaison to HQ 5AF and relocated to 5AF (Advanced) at Taegu AB - paving the way for the USAFSS SSO program. While in Korea, he activated Det C, 1st RSM now the 303<sup>rd</sup> IS at Osan AB. A combat veteran who blazed the trail for USAFSS in the Pacific, Colonel Fife is the real deal!!!

***Colonel James W. McLendon, USAF (Ret)***



With a career spanning nearly four decades, Colonel Jim McLendon is a member of that elite body of Silent Warriors who form the bedrock of the Command. From an enlisted analyst dodging rockets and mortars at Da Nang AS, Vietnam, to commanding a Regional Security Operations Center (MRSOC) at Medina; with 38 years of duty, including seven overseas assignments and four commands; from under enemy fire in Vietnam through the Cold War and Operations DESERT

SHIELD/DESERT STORM; to the formation and development of emerging missions and partnerships, such as Intelligence Support to Special Operations and the MRSOC, Jim McLendon's career reads like the roadmap of the Command's profound evolution from USAFSS to today's AIA. A widely recognized operations expert and highly respected leader, Colonel McLendon epitomizes Theodore Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena" who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy manner. When the shooting starts, Jim McLendon is the wingman of choice.

***Chief Master Sergeant James C. Swindell, (Ret/Deceased)***



Chief Swindell blazed the trail for generations of communicators who followed him. He was instrumental in

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obtaining the first secure, long-haul circuits for USAFSS in the 1950s, permitting rapid transmission of intelligence data to worldwide consumers. While at HQ USAFSS, he served as the prime architect in planning the trunking for the eventual merger of the CRITICOMM and AUTODIN Networks - a major milestone in providing the current secure communications capability between USAFSS and other intelligence agencies. A widely recognized expert in secure communications, he was frequently called upon to present interservice and national-level briefings at HQ USAFSS, HQ USAF, the Defense Communications Agency, and the National Security Agency. Further, he served with the USAFSS IG Team and conducted inspections at USAFSS units and AF Communications Service units worldwide. The CMSGT JAMES C. SWINDELL Award, originated in 1974 and presented annually to the unit that is recognized as providing the best communications and information operations in the Air Intelligence Agency, is named after him -- an everlasting tribute to this extraordinary communicator.

***Master Sergeant Delano R. Jolly, USAF (Ret)***



Master Sergeant Jolly was USAFSS' original Airborne Maintenance Technician!!! He was the principal logistics maintainer who planned and installed the initial Airborne Operation Training Simulator at Goodfellow AFB and provided critical OJT for Airborne Maintenance Technicians enroute to worldwide deployment prior to the introduction of formal training courses. He modified the first C-47 for special Vietnam missions, flew with the aircraft to Vietnam, and flew combat missions under the project name "SOUR GRAPES." Later at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, he reconfigured a C-130BII for 7AF/MACV/PACAF/CINCPAC directed special missions. When the QU-22 proved to be too unstable to perform remoted collection missions, he provided on-site assistance at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, coordinating the design, installation and testing of mating the QU-22 pallet with the C-130 airframe, followed by inflight testing under combat conditions - a process that would have required millions of dollars and months of work for Class I modifications under normal conditions. COMFY GATOR was an instant success and flew highly successful missions' for the remainder of the war. He was credited with 217 combat missions and 1,716 flying hours in Vietnam. In later years, his knowledge of field maintenance and instructional principles provided the backbone for major revision of airborne maintenance training courses. Del Jolly was a resourceful pioneer in conceptualizing innovative modifications that materially enhanced the effectiveness of airborne reconnaissance. His contributions continue onboard every RC-135 and C-130 flying missions supporting the Global War on Terror.

**Caroline Fife Thank You**

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Dear General Kozoil, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Cook, and the FTVA Hall of Honor Selection Committee,

Words fail to express how much we appreciated the events of this past weekend. The ceremony on Saturday morning was masterfully planned and executed and was a deeply moving experience for our family. We were incredibly impressed with Dr. Kozoil's staff, particularly the protocol staff. All of the soldiers we met were professional, gracious, efficient, and serious about their jobs. The dinner party was lovely. It was an honor to meet the other recipients and their families and to be included in such a company. I deeply regret that Daddy was not able to be there, but we were incredibly proud to represent him.

It is typical of children that we accept our parents unquestioningly. I did not think it odd that Daddy had a collection of miniature cameras and kept his own darkroom that he had a MacGyverish talent for making explosives out of kitchen condiments, that he was an electronics wizard who spoke Russian in his sleep, or that he had a talent for lock picking. After all, grownups are odd in so many ways. When he was in his 80's, we were watching the news together and he commented rather absently, "It sure is strange to get the news from television. I used to know it first." At the time, I was 44 years old, and it was not until that moment that that I finally began to put the pieces together.

If Daddy had been able to give his own acceptance speech, he would have recognized another hero - my Mother. My Mother spent most of her marriage changing the subject someone asked what her husband did. Sometimes he brought people home to dinner and told her not to ask them what they did either. When he disappeared for days on end, she had the confidence that wherever he was, he was doing his duty. Whenever he reappeared, she did not ask him where he had been. Daddy always said that whatever he accomplished

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in his lifetime he owed to her. I think we will not see that breed of woman again. Mother said she felt an imposter substituting for him this weekend, but I think it was only fitting that for once, she should wear the medals.

Of course, Daddy has always been a hero to us. He was a loving husband, a wonderful Father, a faithful friend, a dedicated teacher, and a committed scientist. Although he can say only a few words now, if you ask him a question that for whatever reason, he doesn't want to answer, he will say very distinctly, "That's classified."

We will never know who most of the silent heroes of the Intelligence service are, or what they have done for us. We are grateful to the FTV organization for recognizing a few of them, and tremendously honored that Daddy was chosen from among so many worthy individuals. You are training the next generation of soldiers to whom we entrust our continued freedom. Thank you, General, for your inspiring comments this weekend which enlightened us about so many critical issues. It was a great encouragement to meet you and the fine young men and women who serve under you. It is clear that the future Of our country is in good hands.

Warmest Regards,

***Caroline E. Fife***, MD

**Ann Fife Thank You**

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Dear colonel Cook

I want to thank you and all members of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association who helped make possible the honor to my husband.

The ceremony was unforgettable and I have tried to relate to Bill all the events. It is emotionally difficult because he is very touched by the honor.

It was a privilege to be a stand in for Bill, and to meet you, and the other inductees.

Sincerely

***Ann Fife***

**FTVA Chapter News**

**Heritage Chapter  
GOODFELLOW MEMORIALIZES TSGT FRED SEBERS**

In 1967, TSgt Fred Sebers, a SIGINT analyst (202) who served in Nha Trang, Republic of Vietnam, was mortally wounded when a sapper detonated a Claymore mine inside the NCO club where he was dining. On 22 September 2006, a ceremony at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, dedicated a state-of-the-art training facility to the memory of TSgt Sebers.

Building 519 has housed SIGINT analysis training since 1974. The building was named Fred Sebers Hall in a highly emotional ceremony emceed by Heritage Chapter President CMSgt (Ret) JJ Graham. Col. Scott Bethel, 17 TRW Commander, senior military leaders, Air Force students, analysis course instructors, community representatives, Heritage Chapter members, and close friends of the late TSgt Sebers were in attendance.



The Heritage Chapter's own CMSgt (Ret) Ed Bendinelli gave a brief history of the intelligence effort in Vietnam and Goodfellow's role in training SIGINT analysts. CMSgt (Ret) Dick Cheney, a dear friend and co-worker of Fred's, served as the keynote speaker. His speech emphasized Fred's dedication to the mission and his country by pointing out that Fred could have easily retired and avoided serving in

Vietnam; but, instead, Fred chose to "do the right thing." Chief Cheney encouraged the analysis students in attendance to remember the sacrifices made by TSgt Sebers, and others like him, as they start out on their own Air Force careers. The dedication concluded with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony (see inset). Special thanks go to Chief Bendinelli and Dr. John Garrett, Goodfellow Historian, whose combined efforts reflected many months of research, coordination, and sheer determination to make this dream a reality.

### **National Capital Chapter Update**

Update for all members: I attended the FTVA Capital Chapter meeting on 14 Sep at the Bolling AFB O Club. Gary W. O'Shaughnessy (Maj Gen, USAF, ret., former AIA/CC) gave opening remarks and urged more participation, more members. He introduced Lt Gen Kenneth Minihan (USAF Ret.) who is currently serving as the Director of the National Cryptologic Museum adjacent to NSA. Lt Gen Minihan announced the formation of a not-for-profit organization to head up an immediate \$50M (est) fund drive to modernize the facility and its structures.

The goal is to turn it into a "world class" cryptologic museum that would attract tourists both up from DC & down from Baltimore to view the history of US cryptology, its artifacts, and its accomplishments with the goal of becoming a self-sustaining museum complex. I believe you can expect more

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public announcements soon to the FTVA at-large. Meantime, suggest we get the word out. Cheers, **- Bob D-**

//signed//

**Robert J. De Mayo, GG-15, DAFC**  
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### **AIA names 'Best of the Best' during Sensor Olympics**

by Staff Sgt. Kristine Dreyer - Air Intelligence Agency Public Affairs

**Maj.**  
**Craig**



**Gen.**

*Koziol, Air Intelligence Agency commander, congratulates Tech. Sgt. George McFarland, gold medal recipient for the 2S0X1 Supply Management career field. Sergeant McFarland is from the 373rd Support Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan. Silver medalist for the career field is Tech. Sgt. Paul Reeves, 488th Intelligence Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, England. Bronze medalist is Tech. Sgt. Anthony Bussey, Air Force Information Operations Center, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the top three enlisted specialists in each of 23 career fields within AIA on Oct. 19, at the 27th Annual Sensor Olympics Banquet at the Lackland AFB Gateway Club. (U.S. Air Force photo/Ted Koniare)*

**SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** -- The Air Intelligence Agency's 27<sup>th</sup> annual Sensor Olympics was held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, Oct. 19, 2006.

During the banquet, the top three enlisted technicians from each of the 23 career fields within AIA were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals.

"Each year, we come together as an organization to recognize the enlisted population within AIA," said Chief Master Sgt. Ted Colquhoun, AIA command chief and Sensor Olympics Council chairman. "Typically our ability to recognize our Intelligence Airmen's achievements is limited due to security, but this program gives us a chance to openly recognize and reward our enlisted technicians for their hard work and the technical expertise they display throughout the year."

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The program, originally called COMFY OLYMPICS, began in 1979 by Maj. Gen. Doyle Larson, former Electronic Security Command commander. While the program's name has changed over the years to reflect mission and organizational changes, the selection process has remained the same.

The competition begins at the unit level with more than 8,000 Airmen. After completing comprehensive exams written by subject matter experts from each career field, 69 finalists from AIA units all over the world, three from each specialty, are chosen to compete for gold.

"This multi-layered testing is intended to challenge technicians down to the unit level and increase their drive to improve their technical skills," said Master Sgt. John Knotts, Sensor Olympics Council president.

During Sensor Olympic week at Lackland, the finalists interface with AIA leaders including their career field functional managers, command chief master sergeants and AIA superintendents. They also attend AIA mission briefs, tour San Antonio and visit Lackland's training facilities.

"This gives each participant an inside look into how (he or she) contribute(s) to the AIA mission and where (his or her) career field is headed operationally," said Master Sgt. Ann Schulhofer, Sensor Olympics Council vice president.

Although the mission of AIA may emphasize intelligence operations, this competition also spotlights the mission partner career fields that also play an important role in AIA.

"As a material manager, being included in the competition really makes me feel a part of the AIA family," said Tech. Sgt. George McFarland, material management gold medalist from the 373rd Support Squadron, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

Each year, more than 300 AIA members attend the banquet, so in addition to recognizing their job knowledge, Sensor Olympics also motivates participants to continue to excel in their career field by witnessing first-hand the support by leaders they may not meet face-to-face everyday because of their geographically separate locations.

"It's satisfying to know that I am proficient in my job," said Staff Sgt. Jason Fosse, operations intelligence silver medalist from the 36th Intelligence Squadron at Langley AFB, Va. "Being supported by my leadership during this event reinforces how necessary it is for me to continue to increase my job knowledge and expertise." *(Source: AF Print News)*

### **New AIA Web Address**

***AIA has a new web address which is: [www.aia.af.mil](http://www.aia.af.mil)***

### **Center Enhances Air Force Linguist' Skills**

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



*Jonas Shimon, Defense Language Institute instructor, teaches a group of language analysts at the language learning center at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. (U.S. Air Force photo)*

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. (AFPN) -- As Air Force operations continue around the globe, the need for linguists dedicated to Air Force and joint missions has never been greater or more important. Air Force linguists operating on the ground and in the air make up a critical component of the nation's intelligence mission.

The success of Air Force operations can hinge on their ability to determine not merely what was said, but what was meant. That kind of language ability only comes from training and practice and had been missing from the linguist tool kit until the creation of the first dedicated Air Force language learning center in January 2005 at Offutt Air Force Base.

Before the LLC opened, airborne linguists did not have a centralized training area for language classes or the multimedia resources necessary to maintain their skill-level. The LLC brings all that and more to help them maintain and enhance their skills.

"This facility is great because we, as airborne linguists under the new career field education and training plan, have a lot more requirements for language training that tie into advancements and skill levels, which means promotions," said Master Sgt. Mark Hoskins, Air Intelligence Agency Command Language Office at Lackland AFB, Texas. "For a lot of folks, they need to be able to maintain their skill level in order to remain in this career field, and even the Air Force."

The center currently is holding classes in 10 different languages: Chinese Mandarin, Korean, Arabic, Persian Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Hebrew, Serbo-Croatian, Pashto, and Dari. The classes are four weeks long and are taught by Defense Language Institute Mobile Training Team instructors from Monterey, Calif.

The LLC houses a resource center with hardcopy and multimedia learning materials in 57 languages, along with a variety of self-paced learning programs. The library also has 22 computer workstations that students can use to access foreign language or language-related Web sites, and participate in interactive on-line classes.

Sergeant Hoskins said that, "with current missions and operations at such a high tempo, many linguists were finding it hard to stay up to date with their training. As soon as they returned from a deployment, they were sent TDY to the Defense Language Institute for refresher courses in their language specialty. With the creation of this center, they are able to remain at home with their families."

Another advantage to the center is the instructors' ability to provide tailored language training to focus on an individual Airman's needs. Since it opened its doors, the LLC has trained more than 200 airborne and ground linguists, along with linguists from other services, and civilians. With five classrooms already operational and more planned, the opportunities for them to enhance their proficiency and mission readiness will continue to improve.

Units with airborne linguists, such as those at Kadena Air Base, Japan, and Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, are able to tap into the resources the

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LLC offers. Instead of sending several linguists to Offutt for a class, a single instructor from the LLC can be sent to each location to teach a class on site.

Language labs, which have similar equipment to the LLC, are currently being installed at Kadena and Mildenhall to give them the tools to maintain and improve their language skills. The labs also can be used to host classes when enough linguists are available for training. With these two labs operational, eight other language labs are slated to be built in locations that need this capability.

The Air Intelligence Agency and 55th Wing at Offutt worked together to build the LLC and share responsibility for LLC funding and operations.

"Linguists' language skills are their weapon system and like all weapon systems, maintenance and improvement are key components of combat mission readiness," said Chip von Heiland, HQ AIA senior language authority.

"It is so important, in fact, a linguist who does not complete required weekly language maintenance is not considered combat mission ready and can't fly a mission," Mr. von Heiland said. "We ask these young troops to make life and death decisions every day, either for force protection or offensive operations. Countless troops on the ground have been saved from ambush by the work of these young warriors and we owe them the best training available."

Recently, the LLC had a visit from members of the House Intelligence Committee. Reps. Lee Terry (R-Neb.) and Pete Hoekstra (R-Mich.) received a tour of the facilities. They liked what they saw. "I think they're hearing the message that Congress is sending that we need more, better, faster when it comes to language skills," Rep. Hoekstra said. Rep. Terry saw the progress, but also the need for further growth. "They've gone from a couple of years ago when Congress first said 'make this a priority' from 300 trainees to about 500 now," he said. "It's a mission that still requires a great deal of expansion."

In the coming year, a DLI language training detachment will be established at Offutt. This detachment will consist of eight DLI native-speaking civilian language instructors, four DLI-trained military instructors and a DLI scheduler. An additional two classrooms, language testing area and a staff room also are being built.

Mr. von Heiland, who has been the driving force for language and culture training at AIA, is excited about what the LLC represents. "The Offutt LLC has a bright and busy future. Linguists are a critical combat capability in the long war and GWOT. The 55th Wing and AIA commanders are committed to providing the best training available to these mission essential troops.



*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.*

Reagon H. Andrews Jr, FTVA Member

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- W.C.Arnett, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member
- Arthur Ashley, USAFSS COMSEC Vet
- Jack Bartels, USAFSS Vet
- Katherine (Peggy) Byargeon, Wife of Frederick G. Byargeon, FTVA Member
- Hershell Cathay, USAFSS COMSEC Vet
- Ellen Hoist Coira, Wife of M/Gen (Ret) Louis E Coira, FTVA L/Member
- Horace A. Crowe, Jr., USAFSS Vet
- Raymond Davenport, USAFSS COMSEC Vet
- Desire L. "Dutch" D'Orange, CMSgt, USAF-Ret
- Robert J. "Bob" Donovan, USAFSS-2<sup>nd</sup> RSM Vet
- Loras E. Franklin, Maj, USAF-Ret
- Annie Haenchen, Mother of Michael Haenchen, FTVA lifetime member
- William Hallowell, Lifetime FTVA Member
- Mary Teresa Hayes, wife of CMSgt (Ret) Eugene C. Hayes, FTVA Member
- John Kearney, USAF-Ret
- Jerome G. Kelly, USAFSS, 2<sup>nd</sup> RSM Vet
- Frederick A Kloepffel, Lt Col, USAF-Ret
- Patricia Tice Larzelere, AIA GS-Civ/Ret
- Marvin Lippsett, Lifetime FTVA Member
- Nona McCoy, Wife of Tim McCoy (USAF-Ret)
- Vaughn R. Nelson, USAFSS COMSEC
- David J. Nohovig, SSgt, USAFSS Vet
- Gary D. Raymond, MSgt, USAF-Ret
- Joshua H. Ruderman, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member
- Bernard Rupp, USAFSS COMSEC Vet
- Benjamin Harold. Snowden, Lt. Col., USAF-Ret
- Robert H. Stapleton, Maj., USAF-Ret

Kirk, I recently sent a request for address updates to all of our life members. The form I sent to **Marvin Lippsett**, 50 Carleton Rd, Orangeburg, NY 10962 was returned with "Deceased" written across it. No other information was provided and I do not have an e-mail address for him. // **Bob Baert** //

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**LTC Frederick A. Kloepffel**, USAF, (Ret.), age 77, passed away September 11, 2006. He was born June 7, 1929, in Malabar, Florida, to Herman and Elizabeth Lewis Kloepffel. Upon graduating with an Agricultural Engineering degree from the University of Florida in 1951, he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force. His tours included assignments in the United States, England, Germany, and Vietnam as a supply and logistics officer. In 1979, he retired at Kelly AFB assigned to Security Service. After retirement, he graduated from Trinity University with a Homebuilding degree and worked in the home/apartment business. Not only was Fred a loving husband, but he was also a devoted father and grandfather. //Obit //

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\*\*\* Just wanted to inform anyone that might know him. **John (Jack, Jumbo) Kearney** passed away about the 24th of August, 2006, in St Louis, Mo. He was married to Helga Winkler of Hof, Germany in 1961. They were divorced in 1989. She is my wife now. John became an officer in Oct 1979, retiring in 1984 after 28 years in the military, in Colorado Springs, CO. He became a chiropractor and was living in Eureka, MO. with his third wife, Nanita of the Philippines. // James (Jim) Shepp //

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Please disseminate by request of Tim McCoy. **Nona McCoy**, loving wife of Tim McCoy, passed away last Saturday (16/09/06) after a short illness in Corpus Christi, Texas. She had requested no heroic measures. Tim retired from HQ AIA about 9 years ago. The family had a private service (19/09/06) in Corpus Christi with cremation to follow. Please send no flowers, but a donation to a charity of choice would be greatly appreciated. // **TOM EVANS** //

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\*\*\* **D'ORANGE Jr, Desire L. "Dutch"** aged 60 (CMSgt USAF RET.), passed away on Tuesday September the 12th, 2006 under the caring Nurses in the 'Blue Cottage' at the Hospice of Atlanta. Des came from a long line of military family members and was very proud to follow in their footsteps. After becoming the youngest Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, he also achieved his Masters Degree in Technical Engineering and, having given 26+ years in the defense of his country, he and his devoted wife, Lynne, retired to Marietta, Georgia. Des wasted no time in jumping into the civilian work force and progressed rapidly through the ranks with several Third Party Logistics firms. His most recent employment has been with Amware Logistics Services as the Leader of the Systems and Solutions team and in his unofficial role as mentor to many of his younger fellow associates. We will all miss him greatly. A cherished husband, father, grandfather, and uncle, he will be greatly missed and always loved. // **Obit** // All---Des was a 202 for life. He was at Headquarters in the 80's and helped with the installation and success of TADIL on the Rivet Joint. He was associated with Guy Thomas and the Block III test team in the early '80s and later on worked on SENIOR TROUPE .His last assignment was the Chief of EESD directly preceding Chief Ken Maynard there in the late 80's. He had assignments in Crete and at the 6911th at Metro Tango/Augsburg. // **Bob Cope** //

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\*\*\* FYI: Just received word that **ARTHUR ASHLEY** passed away on 8-13-2006.He was a member of the 10th RSS in the early days. Wife is ANNE, 129 E. Clinton St., New Bedford, MA 02740 last phone number 508-994-5773 // **Tony Lemons** //

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FYI: Once more I received bad news this morning. Kate Moran, daughter of **RAYMOND DAVENPORT**, informed me that RAY passed away this

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morning, 9-9-06. I remember serving with Ray in Detachment 5, Hickam AFB, Hawaii and he was a real nice guy. I'm sure you guys from that Detachment will remember him well. // **Tony Lemons** //

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\*\*\* Dap, I'm not sure if **Loras Franklin** was a member of our association or not, but in either case, Loras was well known throughout the Command for his many years of service as an enlisted member, an officer and as a civilian contractor. Loras will remain with us in memory as a great friend and colleague. Please list him among our Fallen Eagles. Obit: **Major (Ret) Loras E. Franklin passed away September 17, 2006. Loras was a career long member of USAFSS & ESC from 1965 through 1988, initially as a Non-Morse Systems Operator and Schoolhouse instructor at Goodfellow AFB. After completing his degree at San Angelo State University and commissioning in 1972, Loras was assigned to USAFSS/ESC units as a Flight Commander, Operations Officer, Mission Planner, and Headquarters IG Team member with assignments most noticeably at the 6950th, 6912th, 6922nd, and the 6906th. After his retirement, Loras supported ESC, AFIC, and AIA Plans and Programs Directorate as an employee of Larson Lectronics (dba Centurion Enterprises), and subsequently bd Systems, Inc., until his retirement in 2005. Thanx for the consideration.//Ken Gendolfe - Site Manage - bd Systems, Inc. //**

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Dan Just received that dreaded night-time phone call from Gail Raymond that her husband of 47 years, Gary, had passed away, on September 22, 2006 following a long battle with heart and lung disease. **MSgt Gary D. Raymond**, USAF (Ret) was a USAFSS ex diddy bopper who had served in ShuLinKaou (sp?) Taiwan, Misawa, Japan, HQ USAFSS, NaTrang, RVN (airborne), Darmstadt, W Germany, and Ft Meade, MD. He then served with the OSI at Clark AB, PI and Ft Walton Beach, FL. retiring in 1982. He then worked for AAFES, in the US and overseas, until 2002 when he and Gail retired to Hudson, FL. A long time friend and we will miss him. Decorations include the DFC for his flight activities in Vietnam, 66-67 // **Gary Hess** //

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**Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Snowden, Jr.**, (USAF retired), 62, went to be with our Lord in heaven Sept. 25, 2006. Harold was born in Frederick, OK, on Aug. 29, 1944 to the late Helen and Benjamin Harold Snowden, Sr. during his father's last tour in World War II, where he flew B-29 combat missions. Harold grew up in Lubbock, TX where he graduated from Monterey High School in 1962. Harold then earned his bachelors degree in Business Administration Marketing Management from Texas Tech University in 1966. At that time he also earned his commission into the U.S. Air Force through the

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Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Harold began his career at Luke AFB, AZ where he was a weapons controller. This is also where he met and married Margie Wright, of Phoenix, on Sept. 30, 1967. He then attended Undergraduate Navigator Training, Electronic Warfare Training and B-52 Combat Crew Training at Mather AFB, CA. His first daughter Lori Ann, was born during this assignment, in Rancho Cordova on Oct. 31, 1968. Following training he was transferred to Loring AFB, ME as an Electronic Warfare Officer, where he flew nuclear alert missions. During his assignment there, Harold served two six-month tours in the Vietnam War as a B-52 Electronic Warfare Officer. He flew 76 combat missions out of Guam and Thailand. His first son, David Wesley, was born during this assignment, in Limestone on Dec. 14, 1971. Harold and family then returned to their home state of Texas where he served in the 433rd Military Airlift Wing as a C-130 navigator for the Air Force Reserves. During his time in the reserves, he also managed two of his father's paint stores, one in Austin and one in San Antonio. His third child, Teresa Lynn, was born during this time in Austin on May 2, 1977. In 1979, Harold was re-activated from the reserves and took an assignment at the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlbert Field in Florida. During this assignment he was involved in many historical missions including the Iranian hostage rescue, among others. The Air Force then sent Harold and family to Ramstein AB, Germany, where he worked in Plans, Psychological Operations, Military Deception and Reconnaissance Programs. During this assignment he was involved in historical missions such as Operation El Dorado Canyon and others. He was then promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and transferred to Kelly AFB, TX where he served at the Electronic Security Command, Air Force Intelligence Command and the Air Force Cryptology Support Center. He also participated in home front operations during Operation Desert Storm. His last assignment was as the commander of the Cryptologic Service Group working as a liaison to the National Security Agency at Scott AFB, Ill. Harold retired on May 4, 2001 with senior navigator wings, 2,200 flight hours in B-52, C-130 and AC-130 aircraft, a beautiful wife, three children and two grandchildren (more to come). His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Serve Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal. During his career he was an extensive operational and technical expert in his field, an acknowledged Information Operations expert. He spearheaded a ground-breaking field initiative to use Naval Reserve Security Group cryptologists to augment active workforce and to provide supplemental analytical support to a regional signals intelligence support center in St. Louis, MO. After retirement, he and his wife Margie moved to San Antonio. Harold took a job at the Syracuse Research Center, served as the Precinct Chairman for the Republican Party, served as a volunteer at the Medina County fire department and was active in the Association of Old Crows. Harold spent many years as a Sunday School teacher, a deacon and filled numerous leadership roles in the church. He was a devout Christian, a wonderful husband, father and

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friend. He loved horses, military history, old westerns, country music, playing the violin and his family. Harold spent his life as a servant, a servant of God, a servant of his country and a servant to his family and friends. Memorials may be made to the New Fountain United Methodist Church Building Fund or the charity of your choice. // **Obit submitted by Joe Hurst** //

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**Patricia Tice Larzelere** was born in Buffalo, New York on January 5, 1939. She entered into rest on September 22, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. She battled three types of cancer, but the last one took her life. She is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, Robert Larzelere. She grew up in Buffalo, New York and received both her Bachelor's and Master's of Education Degree from the University of Buffalo. She joined the trek of the world in February 1963 when her husband joined the Air Force (21 years). She taught school and later went on to Civil Service where she retired in January 2004 from the Air Intelligence Agency as a contracting officer. After retirement, she enjoyed traveling with her husband, being active on the Alamo Breast Cancer Help Line, knitting many items for Threads of Love, San Antonio. She cherished spending time with her grandkids. // **Obit** //

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\*\* FYI: THE GRIM REAPER HAS BEEN BUSY LATELY. JUST RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM THE SON OF **BERNARD RUPP** TELLING ME THAT BERNIE DIED ON JULY 29, 2006. THE SON WAS GOING THRU HIS PAPERS AND FOUND A FOLDER FOR COMSEC. BERNARD WAS A MEMBER OF THE 136TH RSD OF THE 20TH RADIO SECURITY SQUADRON. HE WAS A HAM RADIO OPERATOR, USING THE CALL LETTERS W3DLA. // **Tony Lemons** //

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\*\*\* I have been notified by his wife Janet that **Jack Bartels** passed away on September 2d at his home in Rice Lake, WI. Jack served with the 6902d Spec Comm Gp at Shiroi AB, Japan, and Kadena AB, Okinawa from about 1957 until 1960 // **Al Kirchner** //

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\*\*\* Kirk, Dap, & Bob, I received a note from Kay Hallowell that **William Hallowell** (Life Member) passed away on 4/14/06. No other information. // **Bob Baert** //

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\*\*\* FYI: I received a phone call from Betty Cathey this afternoon. Her husband, **Hershell Cathey** passed away on August 14th. She said he had been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. The men of Moriyama will remember Thad Cathey well. I spent many a shift with him in Korea inside a truck mounted TC-9 Unit. He and Betty were at the Biloxi reunion and if you recall, they won the 50-50 draw. // **Tony Lemons** /

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**Mary Teresa (Maureen) Hayes** passed into the hands of the Lord on 21 September 2006. She was born in Tipperary Town, Tipperary County, Ireland. She was proud to be an Air Force Wife, and to have acquired United States citizenship. Her fervent wish was that the land of her birth be a united, peaceful, all Ireland. She was preceded in death by her daughter Margaret Ann Hayes. She is survived by her loving husband of almost 55 years, CMS (Ret.)

Eugene C. Hayes, USAF. //Obit //

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**Robert J. (Bob) Donovan**, 74, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. Bob was married to Marjorie (Doherty) Donovan for 46 years and has resided in the City of Woburn (MA) since their marriage. He pursued his studies at Northeastern University, Newbury Junior College and the Catholic Labor Guild. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Bob spent three years in Europe during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile (RSM) Unit, U.S. Air Force Security Service and was involved in highly sensitive

and classified activity during that tour of duty. Upon his discharge in 1955, he used his wartime communications experience to become employed at New England Telephone. During his almost forty years of employment, his leadership skills enabled him to perform numerous managerial functions, including supervising switching systems from conventional to electronic. Well respected by his colleagues, Bob served as President of the International Brotherhood of Telephone Workers Union Boston Local for three years in the 1960's and also served as an international officer in 1967 and 68. //Obit submitted by *Bill Campbell* //

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\*\*\* I would like to submit the following information for publication in the Fallen Eagles listing and if appropriate, the FTVA Newsletter. **Robert H. Stapleton**, Major (Reg. AF), Retired, Passed away on 12 March 2006 in Ventura, CA Major Stapleton served as a Captain, at 6952nd Security Squadron , RAF Kirknewton, Scotland, 1959-1962; NSA 1962-1966; and at 6922<sup>nd</sup> Security Wing, Clark AFB, Philippines until his retirement on November 29,1967. // *Roger Oleson - Anchorage, Alaska* //

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\*\*\* **Annie Tondera Haenchen**, age 81, a resident of San Antonio, Texas, passed



away on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 in San Antonio. She was a native of Bellmead, Texas. She married Lt. Colonel Otto E. 'Joe' Haenchen, a 2nd Lt. Fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps in

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1944. She was preceded in death by her loving husband and best friend of 61 years in December 2005. Before he retired, she had accompanied him to many air bases in the continental United States and abroad, culminating at the National Security Agency in Washington, D.C. She was active in many Air Force organizations, civic clubs, as well as churches and schools in numerous positions. She was a member of First Baptist Church in San Antonio. Her family was foremost in her life, but other interests included music, needlework, Bible study, cooking and quilting. She discovered a talent for genealogy which required many years of collecting pictures, certificates, memorabilia and documents for each of the Tondera families. A much beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, she leaves a great heritage. Her influence will continue to inhabit many lives. Her Christian faith, patriotism, and character are expressed especially through the lives of her two devoted sons, Colonel Michael Haenchen, USAF Retired, an electrical engineer residing in San Antonio, Texas and Major M.S. 'Frost' Haenchen, USA, an attorney residing in Houston, Texas. //Obit //

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\*\*\* Following information was sent to me by Harold Donta about the passing of **Jerome (Jerry) G Kelly** on March 28, 2005. Jerry was at the 2nd RSM in Darmstadt, Germany from 1953 to 1955 and worked in the electronic intercept section. // **Bill Campbell** // Jerome G Kelly died of Alzheimer's disease at Stella Mails Hospice in Timonium, MD. He was 74. Kelly spent his early reporting years at Indiana's Fort Wayne Journal Gazette and the Eastern Shore's Salisbury Times before joining The Evening Sun of Baltimore as a police reporter in 1959. At The Evening Sun, Kelly covered maritime affairs, the arts, and the civil rights movement, including the 1963 March on Washington and visits to Baltimore by Martin Luther King, Jr.. He worked at The Evening Sun's rewrite desk and became a political reporter in 1965. Following his Nieman year, Kelly became an editorial writer for The (Baltimore) Sun. After retiring from the newspaper in 1991, Kelly continued working as spokesman for the Baltimore County sheriff. Of Kelly's reporting days, long-time colleague Carl Schoettler said: "**Jerry Kelly knew more about Maryland politics than any other reporter of his generation—and maybe ever. As a rewrite man, he could turn a phrase that would snap you out of your socks when you read it. He was simply the consummate newspaper reporter and writer, held in awe by his friends and colleagues.**" //Obit //

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\*\*\* **Chief Master Sergeant Joshua H. Ruderman** USAF (Ret) was born in 1924

and raised in New Haven, Connecticut passed away October 14, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Grace of 54 years. Chief Ruderman entered the service in 1943. He attended and graduated from Radio



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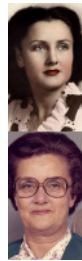
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Operator Mechanic School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He then attended and graduated from Gunnery School in Yuma, Arizona. He joined a B-17 Bomber Crew in Gulfport, Mississippi. He and the crew flew 28 combat missions out of England over Europe with the 384th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force. When World War II ended he was discharged but stayed in the inactive reserve. Chief Ruderman attended and graduated from the University of Connecticut in May 1950. He was recalled to active duty in August 1950 after the Korean War broke out. He stayed in the Air Force. The last 15 years of his service, he spent with the United States Security Service Command (USAFSS) now the Air Intelligence Agency. He was NCOIC of the Headquarters Communication's Center. He then was assigned to the Headquarters Communications Operations Sections at the headquarters in San Antonio, Texas and the Pacific Security Region, ending his career in the plans and programs section. He spent overseas tours in England, New Foundland, Japan and Hawaii. Joshua Ruderman was among the first to be promoted to Senior Master sergeant in 1958, and in early 1959 he was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant among the first airmen promoted to the rank. Chief Ruderman was selected Outstanding Airman of the year for the USAFSS command in 1963. Chief Ruderman retired from the military in 1970. He entered the teaching profession with the Northside Independent School District (NISD) in San Antonio, Texas. He was head of the Science Department at Anson Jones Middle School in San Antonio for 17 years. In 1983 he was selected one of the ten outstanding Teachers in the NISD, the third largest district in Texas. In 1989, **Chief Ruderman was inducted into the prestigious USAFSS Hall of Honor. //Obit//**

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Bob received a call from Mrs. Connie Andrews advising me that her husband **Reagon H Andrews Jr.** passed away on July 2, 2006 and to take him off the list. Apparently he may have been in the process of renewing as she said no need to send a refund. Anyway they live at 6402 Vanderbuilt, Dallas TX 75214, Ph 214-828-1466. //Dap //

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**Katherine (Peggy) I. Byargeon** entered heaven on August 8, 2006. She was born July 19, 1926, in Lake Providence, LA. to Doc Nelson Smith and Lula Mae Jones. Peggy married Frederick E. Byargeon August 26, 1946, and raised a family of 5 children making happy and loving homes in various cities in Louisiana, Alaska, New York, Oklahoma and Turkey. She became a resident of San Antonio with her family in 1961. She is survived by her loving husband Frederick E. Byargeon. Peggy will be remembered and missed for her loving and friendly nature, her ready smile and twinkling eyes. //Obit //

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FYI: Received the following from Jay Roskam today. **Vaughn R. Nelson** passed away on May 13, 2006. Spouse is ANN. //Tony Lemons//

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**Ellen Holst Coira** loving wife of 64 years, mother, grandmother and friend, died at home and went to be with our Lord on October 20, 2006 - four days short of her 90th birthday. She was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador in 1916 the daughter of a Danish businessman/consul general, Peter Holst, and a Scottish mother, Bella Dunn. She was educated in Denmark and spoke three languages. She married an American Army Air Corps squadron commander stationed in Salinas Ecuador, shortly after the outbreak of WWII. She is survived by her beloved husband, General Louis Coira and four children, Christine, Peter, Paul and Mark and their spouses. She will be greatly missed by her family including seven grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. For the past 35 years, she has made her home in Windcrest and was a faithful and active member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Ellen loved golf in her earlier years, reading and helping others as a Red Cross volunteer. She will be remembered for her genuine appreciation of people and life, her wish for all people to "just get along" and her constant selfless devotion to her family. //Obit/

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\*\*\* Hi All, I received the following email this morning from **Horace Crowe's** daughter about the passing of Horace Crowe. His assignment was at Kirknewton, during 53-56, as an A1C. Please add Horace to the Fallen Eagles lists. //Roger Oleson // Hi Roger, I got your email from my Dad's email and just wanted to let



your clan know he had passed on Oct 3, 2006. He had been sick and suffering for over 2 years now so he is at peace now. I know how much he enjoyed the get together he attended in San Antonio and was hoping to get well enough to attend another one. I also know those days in Kirknewton were some of his best memories. I forwarded the pictures from his funeral and military send off. He would

have been very proud. He told me what he was entitled to when my Mom passed and I always remembered. I still well up with tears and pride when I think of his send off and the air-woman handing me the flag on behalf of a grateful nation and saluting me and me saluting her back on behalf of my Daddy. Sincerely, //Lorraine Crowe// Hot Springs, Arkansas – **Mr. Horace A.**

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**Crowe, Jr.**, of Waltham, died Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs. He was 71. Born in Wynne, Arkansas, a son of the late Horace A. and Henrietta (Donner) Crowe, Sr., he was a banking analyst for various companies. During the Korean War he served with the United States Air Force. // **Obit** //

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**David J. Nohovig** Veteran of USAF, 61, of Bridge St., Union City, Pa. died Sunday, November 5, 2006 at his residence. He was born March 7, 1945 in Erie, Pa., the son of the late Norbert and Mildred Haise Nohovig. He had been employed by and retired from Pinnacle Foods. He had served with the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant. He had attended Gannon College and was a graduate of Academy High School. He had been a member of the Union City Moose Lodge 882 and American Legion LeBaron Post 237. // **obit Published in the Erie Times-News on 11/8/2006.** // **Dave** served as 292x1 with the 6913th Bremerhaven, Germany (64-65) and the 6937th at Peshawar, Pakistan (66-67). // **Milton Fulghum** //

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FYI, I got a note included with a Life Member verification from Ollie Arnett. She said that **W.C. Arnett**, 1190 Ute Pass, San Angelo, TX passed away last year. It is a very nice letter; // **Bob Baert** // ((**Letter printed below**))

August 24, 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

Just wanted to let you know my husband, W.C. Arnett passed away last year. Sorry I haven't contacted you sooner, I'm sorry about that !

I've always enjoyed the magazine, as I considered myself part of the air Force too. As I spent 20+ years right beside him when & if I could.

But just cancel the (his) membership if you must. It's OK.

**Ollie F. Arnett**

Widow of W.C. Arnett

1190 Ute Pass

San Angelo, TX, 76901

**Just for the record..... We were divorced the year after he retired- & 31 years later we remarried. I had 2 wonderful years together, before I lost him in 2005. Thanks - Just wanted to pass this along, as that doesn't happen too often in other people's lives.**

**FTVA MEMBERS SPOT-LITES**

*Bugler Louis Rocha (FTVA Lifetime Member) waits to sound taps at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery funeral for homeless veteran Jeffrey Ybanez. (Picture by Nicole Frugé/Express-News)*

Veterans of Major conflicts from World War II to Gulf War I have been buried under the Dignity Memorial Homeless Veterans Burial Program. The Veterans Affairs



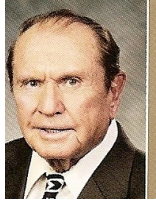
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Department provides a gravesite, graveside ceremony, burial and headstone or Marker *((SA Express News 11/12/06.))*

### **Volunteer's efforts help make credit union a success**

Josh Baugh - Express-News Staff Writer



Over the past 50 years, retired Air Force Maj. **Cliff Turner** has watched — and helped — Security Service Federal Credit Union grow from an eight-member agency to one of the largest credit unions in the country. And he's done it all as a volunteer.

The 86-year-old San Antonio resident first volunteered with the burgeoning credit union in 1956, the same year it was established with eight members depositing \$25 apiece. In the ensuing five decades, Turner kept up his volunteerism within Security Service. During the 1960s and '70s, he traveled the world promoting credit-union memberships. Turner established military branches for Security Service FCU in Korea, Japan, England, Germany and Greece. He also sat on the all-volunteer board of directors from 1959 to 2005.

He's won several awards, most recently being named Volunteer of the Year by the Texas Credit Union League, which represents nearly 600 nonprofit credit unions in Texas. Turner humbly jokes about the awards. ***"I think that I've received more recognitions and awards recently than I deserve,"*** he said. ***"I think I just outlived everyone else."***

One of his proudest moments, though, came in 1972 through another of his pursuits. He was made an honorary member of the unofficial Women in the Air Force organization after lobbying Air Force leaders at the Pentagon to allow women to fly some aircraft.

When Turner decided it was time for him to step down from the board of directors in 2005, he was asked to stay on as the credit union's first director emeritus. Senior Vice President John Worthington said Security Service didn't want to lose Turner's expertise, so he still attends board meetings in his new position. Worthington said Turner has always been dedicated to helping those who need it the most. ***"His guiding concern throughout the years has been taking care of our members and making sure they're getting a good deal,"*** Worthington said.

Turner says he's proud of Security Service's \$23 million headquarters at La Cantera. ***"It looks like a spaceship,"*** he says.) And it's a long, long way from the credit union's meager beginnings. When Turner agreed to help with advertisements to find new members, the credit union's office was nothing more than a briefcase. ***"It started with nothing. No office, no employees,"*** he said.

But there was a distinct need for an agency that could offer help to those who were borrowing money from disreputable lenders, Turner said.

***"I came here as a young Air Force officer in 1956 from a tour in Canada, and one of the first things I noticed was a lot of the young airmen were getting ripped off by the loan sharks just outside the base,"*** he said. ***"They were paying 300 percent interest."***

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So he began volunteering to help spread the credit-union movement and has been advocating for it ever since. Though he hasn't worked in 29 years, Turner says he's busier now than ever been before. He plays *"tennis every morning and bridge every afternoon."* But he still finds time to volunteer at his church and at the credit union.

**(jbaugh@express-news.net Web posted 10/17/2006 02:29 PM CDT**

**Subject: Help Please – Hungarian Linguists**

Can you put out a message to our membership requesting some help from a Hungarian linguist? My Dad's cousin was a B-24 pilot in WW II. His aircraft was damaged on a raid on Linz, Austria so they headed east to get to allied (Soviet) territory and crash landed in a field in Hungary. The web site [http://www.terrasoft.hu/~repulos/repulos1/18\\_454bg.htm](http://www.terrasoft.hu/~repulos/repulos1/18_454bg.htm) has information about the aircraft, but most of it is in Hungarian. If there's someone out there who still remembers enough from his Hungarian language class and can translate this web site, I'd really appreciate it.

**Chuck Purkiss - ctpurkiss@earthlink.net**

**Vigilant Partner's Contributions**

**(1) BERLIN ISLAND ASSOCIATION**

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Jim Hilliard,

On behalf of the Berlin Island Association, I wish to send the FTVA a check for \$100 in support of the Vigilant Partner program. Please advise any details I need to know to make that happen.

I also need to know if these funds are used only for AIA Recognition Programs or are they also used for FTVA Operating Costs? Please understand that your answer has no bearing on our plan in this regard. The question is for clarity only.

Lastly, for what time period would the Berlin Island Association be included in your publicity related to this program?

**Phil Adams**

**((ED Note: answers provided by Jim Hilliard /Dap))**

**(2) Syracuse Research Corporation**

Turned my morph gut loose on the photo. Would appreciate if this one goes into the FTVA Newsletter. Jimbo – "James Sickich" <sickich@syres.com>



**Jim Sickich "Jimbo" presenting Grover Jackson a Contribution to FTVA for Syracuse Research center as a Gold Partner**

### Life Member Verification

We have been trying to verify the addresses of Life Members we have not received any correspondence from since the end of 2005. Letters sent to the below members were returned as undeliverable. If anyone has any information on any of the below, we would appreciate hearing from you either by mail or e-mail (info@ftva.org).

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<b>REUNION INFO</b>
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FTVA

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion Activities 28 – 30 September 2006**Golf Tournament – 28 Sept****First Person—How the Annual Reunion Golf Tournament Started**

"It all started one day in 1978 when a bunch of retirees were sitting in the Kelly clubhouse after their weekly tournament. To entertain ourselves, we were making "pyramids" out of empty beer cans, and believe me, there were plenty of empties. I guess you could say that it resembled Egypt when we finished!

Someone mentioned that General Larson was initiating plans for an annual reunion of Security Service members, and we surmised that it would be a good idea to hold an annual Florida Scramble golf tournament along with it to attract even more former members of the command. Earl Carlile, Steve Mrak and I volunteered to set it up and get the ball rolling.

Communications back then was not as easy as it is now, so we had to scramble to fill the field in order to have a competitive tournament. Consequently we had to invite many locals who were not affiliated with the command to participate. We filled up the field, and wouldn't you know that one of the invitees (Bob Stewart) would ace the 11th hole during the tournament!

Everything went off quite well, and we continued to handle the event each year and naturally, each year the field got larger. Then, alas, in the early 1980s we were deluged with rain on the day of the tournament. Needless to say it resulted in a mess, and as I recall we made it up the following day, but some of the players couldn't participate because of other plans, and it conflicted with the picnic.

So, we voluntarily ended our tenure as tournament directors, and it was subsequently turned over to Jesse Coultrap, who did an outstanding job for the many years until Joe Hurst took over the reins a few years ago and has likewise done a super job.

Anyway, that's how it all got started and speaking for Steve, myself, and the now departed Earl Carlile, we're glad that we did it, and elated that it has become such a resounding success in conjunction with the reunion each year. Here's hoping that it continues."

***Harold "Whitey" Carstensen - September 2006***



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**Tournament**

For the second year, the reunion week golf tournament was held at the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville, this year on September 28<sup>th</sup>. We had a full field of 144 players. The AIA Commander and Vice Commander, along with the Directors of Operations and Logistics also played this year and managed to turn in the winning score. After watching them score an eagle on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, there is no question they had a great team.

The staff of the Alsatian once again did a superb job hosting the tournament and the BBQ afterward (there will likely be a different caterer next year for the BBQ).

A special thanks to John Anderson and Bubba Freeman of the AIA/XP staff for their great efforts in support of the tournament. As our liaison to the headquarters they worked with Public Affairs to generate interest and also recruited a hardworking set of volunteers to man the beverage carts and assist with preparing the goody bags and conducting check in.

Here is a list of those who took home prizes for their play:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b>	Maj Gen	Koziol	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>	Bob	Willhite
	Brig Gen	Jouas		Cinda	Tapia
	Jim	Whidden		Reggie	Harwell
	Rick	Bennett		Sam	Sustaita
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b>			<b>7<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>		
	Rick	LaFosse		Tom	Kirker
	Adolfo	Garcia		Ted	Manwaring
	Greg	Bellrichard		Harold	Carstensen
	Charlie	Combs		Terry	Powell
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place:</b>			<b>8<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>		
	Don	McAuslan		Grover	Jackson
	Richard	Yanagimoto		John	Bienko
	Mark	Whitten		Joe	Turney
	Lowell	Cornelius		Ken	Maynard
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>			<b>9<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>		
	Ron	Moyer		Ron	Weaver
	Earl	McDonald		Samuel	Thompson
	Greg	Skeckowski		David	Owens
	Ernie	Lazard			Dagile
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>			<b>10<sup>th</sup> Place:</b>		
	Ron	Haygood		Greg	Mahoney
	John	Kotch		Vern	Lightell
	Dave	Madonia		Terry	Almeter
	Jim	McLendon		Mark	Swentkofske

Closest to the Pin Hole 5:

Jim Whidden

Closest to the Pin Hole 11:

Floyd Harrison

Longest Drive:

Rick Lafosse

Additionally we gave away several door prizes, sponsored by the FTVA, Security Service Federal Credit Union, and Computer Sciences Corporation. See you at next year's tournament.

**Joe Hurst**

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FTVA, AIA Remembrance Ceremony & Picnic 29 Sept 06**

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*Left pic - Alzafar Highlanders John Dunn & Stuart Simms play at the Remembrance Ceremony. Right Pic - FTVA President Bob Crabtree welcomes crowd with AIA Color Guard.*



*Members of the Air Intelligence Agency Honor Guard present Arms while a bugler plays "Taps during Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 29 (U.S. Air Force photos/Ted Koniares*

*(L-R) Joe Gibney & Jim Kaus - Me and my great old friend from my days at the 6993<sup>rd</sup>/ Picture from USAFSS Roll Call Site*



*((Left Pic - Our Pepper Patch Daddy - Walt Ritter and his guest...Jim Stephens, Ray B. Ivey, John Pitzeruse, Dicky Debosh, and me Jim Willis. Right Pic - Gisela Bullard, Kathy and Jim Rogers enjoying the annual FTVA picnic.)) (Pics from USAFSS Roll Call Web site)*



**FTVA & AIA Hall of Honor Ceremony & Banquet -30 Sept 2006**

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*Maj. Gen. Craig Koziol stands with this year's Hall of Honor inductees; Mrs. Ann Fife who accepted the honor for her husband Col. William P. Fife (ret.), Col. James W. McLendon (ret.), Mr. Clay Swindell who accepted the honor on behalf of his family and his late father Chief Master Sgt. James C. Swindell (ret.), Master*

*Sgt. Delano R. Jolly (ret.), and Chris Cook, FTVA vice president. (U.S. Air Force photo/Ted Koniares)*



*FTVA Members pledge allegiance to the flag at the banquet (Pic from FTVA web Site)*



*Perry and Gisela Bullard chat with Larry Tart author of "The Price of Vigilance" at the annual dinner dance. (Pic from USAFSS Roll Call Web site)*

## COMBAT APPLE REUNION

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A COMBAT APPLE reunion is planned for 11-12 Sep 07 at the Holiday Inn & Suites adjoining the Ameristar Hotel and Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The banquet date will coincide with the 40th anniversary of the first COMBAT APPLE mission, flown 12 Sep 67 on RC-135M #24135. All personnel who served in the 6990th SS or the 82d SRS (SAC) during the period of CA operations in support of the Vietnam conflict Aug 67 - Apr 75 are invited to attend.

*For further information, contact Tom Tennant ([\\_AMStht@aol.com](mailto:_AMStht@aol.com) (mailto:[AMStht@aol.com](mailto:_AMStht@aol.com)), Ph: (402) 291-3045) or Pete Ogaard ([OgaardPete@aol.com](mailto:OgaardPete@aol.com) (mailto:[OgaardPete@aol.com](mailto:OgaardPete@aol.com)), Ph: (402) 291-6878).*

**6911thReunion2007 - September12-17, 2007**

I signed a contract for the 2007 Reunion. It will be Sept. 12th (check-in) to Sept. 17th (check-out). 2007. Location is Colorado Springs, Colorado, Academy Hotel (close to the Air Force Academy).

We are in the process of setting up the tours:

*(A.)* Air Force Academy with lunch in Officer's Club (if arrangements can be made).

*Will request assistance from Col. Chuck Ulmer for the lunch engagement.*

*(B.)* Norad

*(C.)* Pikes Peak Cog Rail Train to top of Pikes Peak Royal Gorge

*(D.)* Seven Falls/Cave of the Winds Peterson Field/ possibly Ft. Carson

Other sites etc will be scheduled within the time frame if time permits.

**Pat for Rich 6911th RGM**

**6910<sup>th</sup> Darmstadt/Augsburg 2007 Reunion**

Please post the following for me:

The 6910th will hold it's 3rd annual reunion the 9th thru the 11th of October 2007 in Asheville, NC. Anyone who served at Sembach/Grunstadt in the 85th RSM, 6914th RSM or the 6910th RGM; in the 2nd RSM 6911<sup>th</sup> RSM/RGM or any 6910th unit at Darmstadt or Augsburg is invited. For more information, contact:

Red Barthel [marritt@bellsouth.net](mailto:marritt@bellsouth.net) or [redbarthel@yahoo.com](mailto:redbarthel@yahoo.com) or write/call to Red at:

112 Sweet Oak Dr  
Columbia, SC 29223  
Phone (803)736-1103

Thanks

**Red Barthel**

USAFSS 55-75

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28 Diggs Dr.  
Hampton, Va.23666  
5 October 2006

Dear Mr. Dapolito,

I recently read a book "CODENAME BRIGHT LIGHT." The untold story of U. S. POW rescue efforts during the Vietnam War by George J. Vieth, copyright 1998, Dell Publishing.

In chapter two there is a reference to a C-47 operating out of Vientiane Laos, conducting photo and electronic surveillance of the plain of jars. The aircraft was referred to as "Rose Bowl".

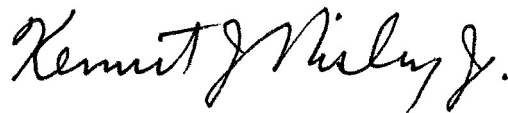
On 23 March 1961 Rose Bowl departed Vientiane enroute to Saigon carrying a crew of six and two passengers. The passengers were two Army majors assigned to the military attaché Vientiane. Near the Lao town of Xieng Khouang, AAA fire hit the plane's wing and it began to spiral toward the ground. Major Lawrence Bailey, Army attaché, was wearing a parachute and successfully bailed out. Apparently no one else survived. Bailey was captured by the Pathet Lao and was released and returned to Vientiane after the signing of the Geneva Accords on Laos in August 1962.

In 1991 the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center exhumed graves at the crash site and found only four bodies of the expected seven.

According to my knowledge, Rose Bowl aircraft were first employed during the Korean War. In the mid sixties, I was Commander of Det.1, 6947 Scty Sqdn, McDill AFB; FL. Headquarters assigned two updated Rose Bowl aircraft to my unit to get them ready for deployment to Southeast Asia. They became "Combat Cougar", operating near the DMZ.

My question is who was the crew on board Rose Bowl on 23 March 1961? Were they AF Scty Svs members or some "sheep dipped" version attached to another agency?

If they are our Fallen Eagles, I would hope they receive some recognition. Can anyone in the FTVA shed any light on this question?



**Kermit J. Nisley, Jr.**  
Lt.Col.USAF (Ret) Life Mbr  
FTV A

***((Ed Note: above letter passed to FTVA Board et al., resulting in following response. If anyone has further knowledge of subject shoot down. Please share your thoughts with us. /Dap))***

Dap,

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I was not aware of the C-47 mission that Col Nisley mentions on 23 March 1961 until I received your message, and to my knowledge, it is not credited to any USAFSS-associated activities in SEA. Based on a message that I found on the internet (see attachment), the involved C-47 may have been one of the "Rose Bowl" configured C-47s that the USAF & USAFSS operated in Korea during the late 1950s and early 1960s, but it appears to have been on an "Air America" CIA mission in Laos.

<http://www.taskforceomegainc.org/g355.htm>

Rose Bowl (aka Blue Sky) was the nickname of USAFSS C-47 Sigint missions from Osan, Korea through 1962. The Rose Bowl missions over Korea were phased out in 1962 as USAFSS activities ramped up in Vietnam. Some of those same Korean-based C-47 later became EC-47 ARDF aircraft in Vietnam.

<http://aia.lackland.af.mil/homepages/ho/50s-2.cfm>

USAFSS (6994th SS) EC-47 ARDF missions commenced in Vietnam in April 1966. <http://aia.lackland.af.mil/homepages/ho/60s-2.cfm>

I do not believe that USAFSS had Lao or Vietnamese linguists or airborne intercept operators in SEA in 1961. Had we lost USAFSS intercept operators on that mission, details most likely would have leaked out over the years if not officially announced. The three enlisted crew members included: SSgt Alfons A. Bankowski (flight engineer), SSgt Frederick T. Garside (aircraft engineer) and SSgt Leslie V. Sampson (radio operator). AIA and/or AF Personnel at Randolph AFB should be able to validate the names and jobs of those EM.

The officer crew members included: 1st Lt Ralph W. Magee (pilot), 1st Lt Oscar B. Weston (pilot), and 2nd Lt Glenn Matteson (navigator), plus Maj Lawrence R. Bailey and WO1 Edgar W. Weltkamp (both listed as passengers who were assigned to the Army Attaché office in Vientiane, Laos. The AF crew was assigned to the 315th Air Division, Osan AB, Korea--on TDY in SEA. The attached message elaborates on the AF mission.

*"Interestingly, the Air Force personnel's responsibilities apparently included CIA-sponsored Air America missions - a covert project that provided military aid and intelligence information on communist rebels to pro-Western governments which were locked in a bitter civil war in Indochina. They were officially assigned to the Air Attaché for the US embassies in Saigon and Vientiane."*

*"This C47 was a specially modified intelligence-gathering "SC-47."*

After departing Vientiane, the pilots turned north toward Xieng Khouangville, a

Communist Pathet Lao stronghold on the eastern edge of the Plain of Jars. Flying at an altitude of 6,000 feet, they were to use their radio-direction equipment to determine the frequencies using by Soviet pilots to locate the Xieng Khoang Airfield through the dense fog that frequently blanketed this region. Enemy anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) fire struck the Skytrain in the right wing shearing it off and causing the aircraft to plunge toward the jungle floor approximately 4 kilometers north of Xieng Khoang Airfield, Xiengkhoang Province, Laos."

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A joint US/Lao recovery team excavated graves at the crash site in 1991, resulting in the recovery/ID of four lost crew members--three remain MIA. The attached message that I cite appears to be the source of Lt Col Nisley's query. I too am interested in learning more about this mission, especially with regards to whether some of the crew members may have been USAFSS personnel and the fate of the three MIAs.

*Larry Tart*

### **RB-50G Crash Remembered**

The following reminder USAFSS losses was sent over the Prop wash Gang (PWG) network on 09 Sept 06:

*Tomorrow, September 10th, it will be 50 years since we lost the first RB-50G model on its first flight over the Sea of Japan. It was tail number 47-133. The plane was flying a mission during a typhoon in that area. Sixteen flyers perished on that day. Seven of them were from 6920 Security Wing, Detachment 1. They were:*

**Maj. Lorin Disbrow  
S/Sgt Ted Trias  
S/Sgt Paul Swinehart  
S/Sgt Ray Johnson  
A/IC Leo Sloan  
A/IC Harry Maxwell  
A/IC Bill Ellis**

*Everyone should take a few moments tomorrow to remember these flyers who were some of the early ones to carry out our mission during the Cold War.*

*Phil Fling*

Kennett Square, PA



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PMB 13-73  
Laredo TX 78045-7926

Dear Dan:

While this letter is being mailed to you, it is actually being “addressed” to all the wonderful people who helped put on the Recent FTVA Reunion.

I had a wonderful time! While I didn’t meet any people that I remember from the 6937<sup>th</sup> or 6986<sup>th</sup>, I did make a number of new friends. Having been reassigned out of security Service in 1964, I was amazed by the changes that had taken place since that time!

Finally –should anyone be thinking of a visit to Guadalajara in the future, I invite them to email me at [mikomend@yahoo.com](mailto:mikomend@yahoo.com)

Yours truly  
*Donald H. Mencl*

#### **Reunion Picnic Thank You**

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the people who came to my aid at the 2006 annual FTVA picnic at Stapleton Park on Security Hill. Based on my experience, I recommend that if you are going to fall on your face, pass out first: it eliminates a significant amount of the pain. I did manage to get a real close look at the brick pavement in the picnic table area. I am in debt to at least three nurses who came to my aid, and I'm sure others expressed concern (but I wouldn't know who, as I was kinda out of it at the time). One of the nurses, a guy, was a former 202 like me! Go figure. Again, I sincerely thank everyone involved in getting me in the ambulance in more or less one piece. By the way: cause of this mishap was a problematic interaction of medications. I'm almost at 100% again, minus the scuffed-up knees, abraded and broken nose, and a bump on my chin. All of this improves my looks, as anyone who knows me will attest.

*- Bill Sims, Capt, USAF (ret.)*

(210) 690-4934 - 6342 Regency Lane - San Antonio, TX 78249

#### **Another Thank You**

Dan Thanks for the info.

It was great to meet you at the picnic and talk for a few moments. I have a huge favor to ask. I brought the last three issues of "Remain in Touch" to display in our hospitality suite as promotion of FTVA membership. Well, the June 2006 issue seemed to be very popular and disappeared a couple of times and then re-appeared. Well, it finally stayed gone. Could you be so kind as to send me another copy of that issue? I would appreciate it very much.

***Milt Fulghum – [milton.fulghum@flightsafety.com](mailto:milton.fulghum@flightsafety.com) ((Ed Note: Done/Dap))***  
**FTVA Calendar Suggestion**

I don't often visit the FTVA web site but did go to the July Board meeting option and noted that there was an item about calendars, with only 100 being ordered. My guess is that most of us are inundated with wall calendars



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Just finished looking over the September 2006 FTVA Newsletter which I received in the mail today and read your comments wondering if anyone with the 6900th Support , Frankfurt Germany during 1968-1971 was still out there. The answer is yes.....Many of us are here in San Antonio, TX.

I worked in the comm center in the IG Farben building from mid 1970 through its closure in 1972. I was a MSgt at the time and the NCOIC of Crypto Maintenance.

I too lived in the facility across from the PX a few months in 1970 prior to the arrival of my family. I remember fondly eating at Franks across the street. Great Schnitzels. It was sure convenient location to get on the U Bahn also. Just outside our quarters.

I don't recall you being in maintenance so I am guessing you were in ops. Hard to remember the names of all the people who worked there.

I was reassigned to Munich in 1972 and was at the Olympic Games the day the terrorists seized the members of the Israel Olympic team members. I saw the events first hand.

I returned to headquarters in 1974 and remained there until I retired on 1 January 1980. I then taught with the Texas A & M University System for 13 years until taking a medical retirement in 1993. I reside in San Antonio with my wife of 52 years, Darlene.

I have a computer home network set up and I am on line daily. Here is a recent web cam photo. Aged a bit since Frankfurt.



Hope all is well with you. It is nice to remember old times.

**CHUCKDUFFY**

#### **Looking for Info (B-17 Crewmembers)**

Last Name - Brown

First Name - Ann.

E-mail - quinfran@bellsouth.net

Comment - I am looking for info about my father, S/Sgt. Quinten A. Brown 549th Bomb sq. 385th Bomb GP. He was the radio tech. on the B 17 BOMBER RUBY'S RAIDER'S. He was stationed in England for much of WWII. Army Air Corp. I think his group was the 2nd to use this plane. I have pictures of him, the plane, and his crew. My DAD was from Chattanooga, Tenn. I have names. J Hamen, Mich. LT. Phillips of Chicago, Gubics of Ohio and many more. I hope to hear from someone.

#### **Member Update**

Update for your records: I'm currently still serving (for the past 16 years) as an SIGINT Staff officer, now to the new HQ USAF A2, Lt Gen Deptula. After 9/11 at the Pentagon, they moved my office and staff to the Skyline #4 building

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complex one mile south of Pentagon on Leesburg Pike. We are one of 4 divisions within the Functional Intelligence Directorate (HAF/A2Z), within the Deputate of Intelligence (HAF/A2) which, in total, has about 170 personnel (mix of civilian & military).

As for community work, I'm a sworn Fairfax County Deputy Sheriff which keeps me busy on weekends and some holidays doing what I can to clean up the dirtbags of the world. I also need to find the time to hook up on e-mail with the PWG and, finally, treat myself to an annual FTVA reunion in San Antonio to visit both old comrades in the 6990th (E-5 Viet Linguist) and 6916th (O-4/Maj, DO 1985-87). I missed it this year due to family health problems. Finally, my 10 grandkids (ages 3-16) in the local area keep me pretty busy attending ballgames, plays and concerts.

//signed//

**Robert J. De Mayo, GG-15, DAFC**  
**Dep Chief, National Programs Division**  
**& Chief, National SIGINT Branch (AF/A2ZN)**  
**(703) 681-4061 DSN: 761**

**((Part 2 of Robert D. Email printed in National Chapter News))**

**HEARING Loss Information Request**

Dap,

It was good to see you at the FTVA picnic a couple of weeks ago. As you might recall I asked you about information concerning hearing loss attributed to headset use. You said that you had copies of a couple of related documents and suggested that I e-mail you a reminder and you would forward me copies. Obviously, the reminder slipped my mind for awhile; so, if you have any info on age related forgetfulness you might include that as well! I don't know whether you can send the info as an e-mail attachment. If not, I have a toll-free fax number (877-919-1831).

Many thanks for your help, Dap and for the many, many hours that you have devoted to the Newsletter and to the FTVA membership over the years.

**Kin Kincaid (SMSgt, USAF, Ret) – hkincaid@ssatx.rr.com**

**FTVA Sign In - Wakannai**

Last Name - Deal

First Name - Jerry

E-mail - godeal@aol.com

Last Unit - 6986th USAFSS Wakannai Japan 65-66

Comment - Lackland AFB Aug-Oct 63 Ft Lee Va.64 Wakkani Japan 65-66 Kelly AFB 67.Does anyone know where Robert Stoutt May be? Worked with Sgt Longoria/Capt Barrows in Ops Maint.

**2<sup>ND</sup> RSM Hats/Logos Available.**

Gentlemen,

I finally have some denim caps with the USAFSS logo on them in addition to the denim caps with the 2nd



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RSM logo. I also have a few patches of the 2nd RSM logo remaining that you could use to sew on whatever you would like to such as a t-shirt, golf shirt, hat, etc. Here's a picture of the denim cap with the USAFSS logo. Here's a picture of the denim cap with the 2nd RSM logo:



Both of these caps have an adjustable band in the rear that you can adjust to alter the fit. Here's a picture of the patch:

The width of the patch is 3 3/4 inches and the height is 2 3/4 inches, consists of the squadron logo on a white background. If you're interested in obtaining either of the hats or the patch their cost is; Caps are \$16.00 each



Patches are \$10.00 each

If you would like to order any or all of these please send me a note telling me how many you want of each along with your check for the proper amount and I'll get them in the mail to you. Here's my address information:  
Bill Campbell, 3620 Marion Court, Independence, MO 64055

And remember that winter is on the way and you're going to need something to keep your head warm.

**Bill Campbell –Bcamel01@aol.com**

#### **Book About Landsberg**

Last Name - Hipkiss

First Name - William

E-mail - w.hipkiss@insightbb.com

Last Unit - 6910th Security Group, Landsberg - Jan 1954 thru Aug 1956

Comment - I'm having a book about Landsberg published next month (November '06) The title is "**Fasching**". It's historical fiction that mentions our old chums and activities. More about how you can get a copy in November.

#### **FTVA Sign-in – Pakistan greetings**

Last Name - Hannan

First Name - Abdul

E-mail - destined\_hannan@yahoo.com

Last Unit - USAFSS





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everyone ever in Security Service. I hope you'll join me there, and invite all your Security Service friends, too. Go to **[www.usafssrollcall.com](http://www.usafssrollcall.com)** to sign on.

***Jim Kaus***

**VA Web Site**

All-

Perry Keeton passed this on to me and I sure agree with him! "It would be worthwhile to pass the following link on to everyone." It is the home page for everything you ever wanted to know about veteran's benefits and were afraid to ask: **<https://vip.vba.va.gov/portal/VBAH/Home>**

When the page opens you will see that there are search criteria which can be selected in the upper right hand part of the page. For example: From the pull-down menu, if one selects "***Compensation and Pension***" and further enters "**Agent Orange**" he/she will be directed to a page with links to just about every imaginable aspect of compensation associated with exposure to herbicides, including the "***presumptive***" conditions.

The "**Facts Sheet**" page will get you started on just about any subject. This is a page that you will want to bookmark for sure....and you might want to run through it with your wife while she's still your wife...and not your widow. Remain In Touch.....

***Bob Cope***

**St. Lawrence Island Web Site**

Hello St. Lawrence Islanders,

You will recall that the 712th AC&W Squadron was at Northeast Cape with us. You can learn what they are saying about the Island by going to **[www.radomes.org/museum](http://www.radomes.org/museum)** and inserting Find AC&W Radar Squadron in the Navigate block. Then add 712 and their site # F-9.

They have a personnel list and also info on the memorabilia they developed, a 1963 picture postcard of the base from Mt. Seevookhan (the one we used to climb for entertainment), a cig lighter and a stein. (Now why didn't we think of that?)

***Daniel Grimsley***

**6924<sup>th</sup> Web Link change**

Last Name - Kreusel

First Name - Ron

E-mail - [rkreusel@endicott.edu](mailto:rkreusel@endicott.edu)

Comments - Can you change the link for the 6924SS DaNang to the following?

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**www.6924th.org**

We recently changed our domain name and hosting site. Am in the process of building up our new site and would like to add yours as a link when we get to that point. Is that ok??

Thanks **Ron** (6924th.org webmaster)

#### **The Most Secret War**

Last Name - Tamalavich

First Name - George

E-mail - tam@oldspooksandspies.org

Last Unit - DODSPECREP VN

Comment - Looking for members who I served with at DODSPECREP VN in the time frame of June 66 Feb 68. Looking for Richard E Cooney, Col Richard Greenlaw and any others. See **oldspooksandspies.org** on what we were and did. The GPO gpo.gov has a book out about some of what we did and it is called *The Most Secret War by James Gilbert*.

#### **Looking For Buddies – 3 RSM**

Last Name - Grimsley

First Name - Daniel

E-mail - danielgrimsley@hotmail.com

Last Unit - 26th/6983rd RSM, March AFB, CA

Comment - Served in 3rd RSM on St. Lawrence Island, AK in 1953-54. Looking for buddies, Robert E. Foster, Ken Hansen, and "Red" Murphy who served with me

#### **Mystery Patch**

Last Name - Taney

First Name - Richard

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Comments - I'm looking for information on a "mystery Patch". Between 1962 and 1965, I was stationed in Frankfurt/Main West Germany. I was ASA. Friends who had been assigned to Turkey came up to Germany to take flight physicals. They wore a patch (perhaps unauthorized) which I remember as a blue square with a white dragon. The name of the unit was the <some number> air Force. I have been searching for some time. If I could just find Heyduk I'd just ask him. Probably associated with Navy not Air Force. Beginning to suspect it is still an ongoing op. Any pointers?

**Dick Taney** - Old ASA Guy

#### **Query on 6922 RSM –Sept 06 Newsletter**

Dap, just finished going through the Sep 06 FTVA newsletter and the query on the 6922nd RSM caught my eye. The 6922nd RSM originated from the 15th RSM at Ashiya in 1955. The patch shown on page 38 "Ready To Respond" was never the motto of the 6922nd RSM (as far as I know). I believe it was the motto of the 6922nd Electronic Security Sq based at Clark AB, P.I. in the mid

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70's until the units closure in the 80's The 6922nd RGM(successor to the 6922nd RSM) at Ashiya moved to Kadena AB, Okinawa in 1958 and subsequently to Clark AB(succeeding the 6925th RSM) in the mid-60's. I don't have a clue where the 29th RSM was located except to say if it was in the Far East it might have been at Clark.

Dave Naab

**FTVA Sign In – Fort Meade to Misawa**

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Last Unit - Misawa USAF-SG Japan 1970-71; Elmendorf 6981 SG 1968-70

Comment - I was an X2 at 6981 SG "on the Hill" Oct. 1968 to Sept.1970. I went from there thru Fort Meade to Misawa, Japan on one of those super secret missions with a special team. The AF had left so we had the whole town to ourselves! Contact me if we served together.

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John,

I have a patch from the 6981st Radio Group Mobile which I am pretty sure is a reunion patch but should you want one you might keep your eye open for one on eBay as that is where I acquired this one and I've seen others there.

This is a rather larger than normal patch, 5" in diameter with the USAFSS shield (full color - approx. 2½") in the center with "6981st" in white above it, this within a center ring broken by a star on either side. The white stars have the number "49" in black in them. Between the inner narrow ring and the outer wider rim ring (both rings in gold/yellow) is "RADIO GROUP MOBILE" at the top and "ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA" at the bottom, both in white. The background of the entire patch is black.

If you'd like me to scan this for you please give me your mailing address and I'll be glad to pass it on. Take care.

*P. W. Elliott* - Daytona Beach

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If you have not done so you may want to check out the Air Force Link at

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*Daniel Grimsley*

**FTVA Sign In – Looking Back**

Last Name - Ledoux

First Name - Mike

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Last Unit - 6937th PAS Peshawar, Pakistan

Comment - Was known as Frenchy from Louisiana. Looking back I had the time of my life and would do it again in a heartbeat. That was something I was and am very proud of. Met lots of swell guys and made wonderful friends for



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USAFSS passed away quietly after a long battle with a particularly virulent cancer--USAF.

USAFSS was born in Texas in the late 1940's to Vigilance N. Freedom (mother) and Strategic Needz (father). Arthur E.T. Dirnsa was the Godfather. There was no Godmother because fairies were just not permitted back then.

USAFSS spent his early years learning about life. He was a solid B student. B 29, B-50, etc. One of USAFSS' greatest accomplishments was for the US Navy which was suffering from a dearth of female enlistees. USAFSS put his resources to work and did serious studies about WAVE propagation that are still talked about today.

As USAFSS grew up, he left his B student days behind him, and began the Herculean task of being a highly trained lookout. Whenever USAFSS went downtown, the word was. "LOOK OUT!"

As USAFSS became older, he fell in with a bad crowd, one that liked to SAC everything it could. USAFSS gave into temptation and rejected the teachings of his father, Strategy, and became involved with tacky ties that bugged him no end. Soon he was an addict, dependent upon the rivet joints that gave him eighteen to twenty hour highs. Compared to his previous life, USAFSS was smoking.

Soon it became evident that a dangerous disease was overcoming USAFSS. In order to stave off the inevitable, USAFSS changed his name. Several times, as a matter of fact. Through these changes, USAFSS worked very hard to maintain his health, but it was very difficult. The long term prognoses were disappearing fast, and newer, shorter ones were dominating his life. No longer could USAFSS look to a rosy and productive future. Soon he was deeply involved with the lowest levels of humanity, mostly living like a nomadic beggar out in a field someplace.

Time moved quickly and the cancer spread until it had devoured USAFSS as it had its sisters, ASA and NSG. Pretty soon USAFSS was living only in the minds of those old men who knew him way back when USAFSS was a functioning being in a world not dependent upon so many life-prolonging electronic devices. The doctors all agreed that USAFSS would have to change its lifestyle and take one day at a time and not be interested in anything beyond a day or two at the most.

USAFSS put up a gallant fight, but eventually the fighter people could no longer protect him and took USAFSS to their bosom. USAFSS struggled to adapt and had some successes in providing for its body, but it was a losing battle. Eventually USAFSS died.

USAFSS is survived by 700 relatives on the PWG side of the family and many thousands more on the FTVA side. One child, born out of wedlock, PWG, also survives. Donations can be made at brown paper bag receiving centers located in the Center of the known universe.

Services are scheduled for next Monday at the Kelly Chapel in San Antonio. Reverend Williard will perform the religious ceremony in his native Khvastuli. MSNBC will do a panorama of USAFSS' life, and USAFSS will be

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laid to rest in Trinity Church in New York where many old Americans are buried and theirs should be.

The family of USAFSS thanks you for your long term caring and support and for taking notice today of USAFSS passing



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