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President's Corner

Dear FTVA Members,

Your association's board of directors continues its efforts to strengthen support to AIA people recognition programs and promote activities which highlight the organization's rich heritage of military service. I'm pleased to report that both individual membership and Vigilant Partner program participation are in solid shape, and the association's financial condition is strong. Recently the FTVA board of directors agreed to provide support to the AIA Honor Guard.

I want to recognize the outstanding job Major Bernard Cruz did the last two years coordinating the reunion between Headquarters AIA and FTVA. He will be departing PCS this summer. Best wishes Major, we will miss you.

In March, your association will lend its financial support to the AIA Annual Awards Week activities. This event recognizes outstanding people from the ranks of AIA's officers, enlisted, and civilians. They will participate in a series of briefings and panels that provide the "big picture" on AIA.

We are in the initial stages of planning this year's reunion, which will be conducted 27-29 September. This year we will be playing golf at the Alsatian Country Club in Castroville, a few miles west of San Antonio. Joe Hurst will be coordinating the golf tournament again this year. Full details on the reunion will be in the mail to you as soon as possible.

In this newsletter, you'll find an article soliciting Hall of Honor recommendations. Also, the pullout form used for submitting nominees is in the center of the newsletter. I strongly encourage each of you to consider all of the professionals you served with, what their contributions to the command mission were, and to nominate one or more of them whose performance meets the standards established for Hall of Honor membership. One of the more enjoyable features in our association newsletters is the "war stories" and other remembrances our members have of significant events in our command's history. Our editor, Dan D'Apolito, is always on the lookout for items like this, and he's delighted to put your submissions into print. I'm sure virtually every one of us has a favorite recollection that others would enjoy reading, so send your "cards and letters" to Dap for future newsletters. Dan now has some help. Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Dennis Rassmussen has agreed to help Dan with the newsletter. Welcome Rass when you talk to him or see him.

For our many members in Central and South Texas, the spring social will take place on 14 April at the Kelly USA Club. The social will be from 1700-2000 with a \$5 charge for food and a pay as you go bar. The guest speaker will be Brigadier General Jan-Marc Jouas, the AIA Vice Commander, who will provide an update on where AIA is going in the future. More information will be provided later. Hope to see you there.

Remain in touch,
Bob Crabtree

HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

Fellow Members, The Hall of Honor Selection Committee is soliciting nominations of candidates for induction into the Freedom Through Vigilance Association’s Hall of Honor. The induction ceremony is a major element of the association’s reunion activities and is scheduled for Saturday morning, 29 September 2007, at Headquarters, Air Intelligence Agency.

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

The founders of the Freedom through Vigilance Association created the Hall of Honor in 1983 to honor those individuals who served *the command* with great distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. To date, 143 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Honor. They include former officer, enlisted and civilian personnel whose contributions as technicians, supervisors, planners, managers, and leaders extend from World War II through Desert Storm. The Hall of Honor preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the nation.

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

Nominations must be received not later than 4 June 2007 and may be submitted either by mail or e-mail. Nominations submitted by mail should be addressed to FTVA, Attn: HOH Committee, P.O. Box 691616, San Antonio TX 78269-1616. E-mail nominations should be addressed to myself at fly99rls@sbcglobal.net or to Bob Cope at rcope6@earthlink.net. When submitting nominations, please limit to one page, front and back, using the HOH Nomination Form in this newsletter or the form available on the website. Thank you and *remain in touch*.

Bob Sherwood, Chairman - Hall of Honor Program

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From the Membership Corner:

It is membership renewal time again. In December I sent out renewal notices to members who had not paid their 2007 annual dues. Do you still owe? The easiest way to tell is to check the mailing label on this newsletter. If your name is followed by a “6”, you have **not** paid this year’s dues. If your name is followed by a “6” and you recently mailed your dues they probably crossed paths in the mail. It can take up to three weeks for mail to make it to me if it was sent to the FTVA PO Box.

Unfortunately, if your 2007 dues are not paid by May, this will be the last newsletter we can mail you. If you owe 2007 dues, please mail your dues to:

Freedom Through Vigilance Association

P.O. Box 691616

San Antonio, TX 78269-1616 Thank you,

Bob Baert, Membership Chairman

(info@ftva.org or membersupport@ftva.org)

Internet and e-mail news

Unfortunately, due to a very high increase in spam mail I have been forced to change the membership related e-mail address. The new address is **membersupport@ftva.org**. Please use this in place of **membership@ftva.org** which has been disabled.

I get complaints from member’s who do not receive the e-mail list even though they are on the list. There are a couple of reasons people do not receive the e-mails. The majority of the e-mails that are returned to me as “**Undeliverable**” are because the addressee’s mailbox is full or over quota. The second biggest cause is Spam blockers. In addition to home Spam software packages most Internet Service Providers also have Spam software running. In order to receive e-mails from the FTVA, you may need to make sure that our domain (ftva.org) is not blocked by your internet service provider and that it is allowed by your personal Spam software. Please make sure that either the domain “**ftva.org**” or both “**membersupport@ftva.org**” and “**postmaster@ftva.org**” are in your “**white list**” or **Okay to receive list**. Unfortunately I cannot give you instructions on how to do this as each software package uses a different process. Earthlink.net blocks all of our e-mails unless you add us to your “list of approved senders”. The following internet service providers actively block all e-mails from the ftva: stic.net, spokanecounty.org, lackland.af.mil and cumbytel.com.

The third reason is length of the message. The monthly e-mail list is pretty long (normally over 1025 lines) and is too long for some e-mail boxes.

Bob Baert

FTVA Calendar for 2008

Work is already underway on our 2008 calendar. As in previous years, we'd like to include photos from our people and units, past and present. Digital format is preferred, but good quality photos can be accommodated. Send your shots to me, care of our FTVA snail mail address, or by e-mail to; drhconsult@wirweb.net. **Doug Holden**

Air Force Realignment of ISR

The Air Force plans to realign all programs and personnel related to intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) by taking them out of the operations community and consolidating them under one command structure, Federal Computer Week has learned. The move is a first step towards creating a freestanding command for ISR.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley alerted service intelligence personnel to the changes in a memo issued this week. The memo included a draft Program Action Directive that detailed the plan, according to several sources who received the document. According to the document, the intelligence directorate (A2) under Lt. Gen. David Deptula, deputy chief of staff for intelligence at Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C., will control all ISR programs, including many programs that the service's operations directorate (A3) now manages.

"Air force A2 will become the owner and control for all ISR program, platforms, and program elements," said Maj. Shannon Bouvier, chief of the ISR Plans and Force Modernization Branch at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Bouvier spoke Jan. 10 at an industry forum hosted by Langley's command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C2ISR) center.

The Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), based at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas, will be disestablished, and its infrastructure will form the headquarters of a new ISR command, Bouvier said. Consolidating intelligence resources under one command structure is the right move, said Dade Phillips, business systems analyst for BAE Systems. ISR program elements-120 or more -- are now spread across the Air Combat Command, Air Space Command, Special Operations Command, and elsewhere. "We've never been able to manage them as cohesive unit," he said. "With this consolidation, the Air Force intelligence community will be better able to manage acquisitions," Phillips said. The intelligence community will benefit from the advocacy of a three star general, Gen. Deptula, when competing for attention and funding, he said. In a recent war game assessment, the Air Force determined that the investment in ISR was not balanced against other Air Force needs, such as strike capabilities.

"There's an imbalance there, and our toughest challenges right now are in C2 and ISR," Phillips said. However, the consolidation brings some risks, some experts say. A freestanding ISR could lead to the isolation of an intelligence community that is cut off from operational needs. "But that problem is outweighed by the benefits of doing this," Phillips said. An Air Force spokesperson confirmed the substance of Moseley's memo but declined to comment on specifics because it is still in draft form.

In November, the Air Force announced it would create a Cyber Command to consolidate resources for fighting in cyberspace and defending Defense Department networks. Cyber Command headquarters will be formed out of the 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. The command will begin operations sometime in 2007. ***((From Federal Computer Week"- Bob))***

Chinese class 0157

First Name: George

Last Name: Shaw

Email: scotsamish@cplx.net

Unit: Headquarters, USAFSS, Kelly AFB

Comment: I'm trying to locate classmates from IFEL, Class 0157 Chinese. Served on P Y Do and at headquarters as 202 and 203 until discharge in 1960. My class moved from Tempo X to Ft. Meade. Contact me for details of "-2" reunions in Laurel MD.

FTVA Sign In – Looking for Macfarland/Mcfarland

Last Name – Hamilton

First Name - Debra

E-mail - momoko.hamilton@hotmail.com

Comments - Looking for a Macfarland/Mcfarland that would had been stationed @ Ashiya Army/Air Corp '49-51? Am an Ameriasian born in JP March '50. Mother's name was Hajime Maeyama. If Mcfarland is looking for me, please contact me. Please include my sister's name or age to clarify you are the proper Mcfarland. Thank you, Yoshiko/Momoko

Looking For Robert d. Pollock

First Name: Keith (Brian)

Last Name: Beebe

Unit: 6981 Security Group, Anch, AK

Comment: attended Skytop in Syracuse June 63 through Fri, Mar 13, '64 (day I left), went to Goodfellow of course and then to Elmendorf AFB in Anchorage, took my discharge in Anchorage and stayed for another year working for the USPO and the local clubs. Have wanted to locate a buddy, Robert D Pollock, from Fresno CA (would be around 62-65 yrs old now, I'd guess) and always wonder about anyone else that I might have worked with. I was a Russian linguist and have since been in screen printing and photography and computer programming for some 39 years now and live in Wichita KS

Subject: Eddie Williams

From: Annie Strunck AStrunck@comair.com

Hi, my name is Annie Strunck and I am just trying to contact Eddie Williams. After goggling my father Edward Strunck's name, I came across your website where I found Eddie Williams' request to hear from an Edward Strunck. I believe this Edward Strunck is my father. I would love to get in contact with him. My Dad passed in 1999, but his memory still lives on and if it is my father I wouldn't mind hearing a story or two.

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Thomas B. Logsdon

1413 Sheridan Dr
Jacksonville, AR 72076

16 Dec 2006

Dear Dan,

My brother-in-law, CMSgt Arthur E. Dubois, was stationed in Darmstadt with the 2nd RSM in 1949-50. When he died, I helped my sister sort out his belongings.

He had a 2nd RSM Yearbook for 49-50, and a Thanksgiving booklet for 1950. Both are in good condition.

Dan, do you have any suggestion on who might like them? Some names that I recognize: (Thanksgiving Booklet) Captains Bowers, Labbe, & Shean; 1st Lts Benson & Russey; 2d Lt Wesley Harris; TSgt Max Hawkes; SSgt John Curran, Geo Sherman & Stacewitz; Sgt Fred Blount & Floyd Foltz; Corporal Tom Kennison; & PFC Art Dubois.

The yearbook is filled with pictures.

My phone & FAX are 501-985-9390.

Tom

((ED Note: Above info was passed to the 2nd RSM group and received a response from Wayne Arnold advising us that he would call Tom regarding the memorabilia the family found and have him send everything to him. Art Dubois is listed in our Fallen Eagle list as dying in 1990. /Dap))

1ST RSM Misawa/Wakkanai

Last Name - Cork

First Name - Robert

E-mail - rcork1932@cox.net

Last Unit - USAFSS-1st RSM Misawa, Japan-1954/Wakkanai 1st RSM 1952-53

Comment - I now reside in Omaha, NE. I am retired. MY wife of 48 years (Kathy) and I were both in Public Education for 25 years; and then served as House Parents at the Omaha Home for Boys for 11 plus years. The 2007 1st Radio Squadron Mobil reunion is being held in Omaha-September 6-9. This reunion is made up of personnel from Japan and Korea who were members of the 1st RSM.

Would be happy to hear from anyone who might remember me from Wakkanai or Misawa.

Another site to look for "missing" Air Force buddies

From: Daniel Grimsley: Finding Military Veterans Another site to look for "missing" Air Force buddies is: www.veteransalumni.com

Dan

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Information Warfare – Larry Tart Comments

Many of us look at the information warfare that is being fought today--in the press in ways that we do not realize or comprehend fully--and we are our own worst enemy. The U.S. is losing this information war, not because we're not capable of winning, but more so because American society is ignorant of what information operations and information warfare entail. Even individuals who mean well and would not commit acts consciously that harm our country are aiding and abetting our enemies in the information war.

Psychological Warfare--PSYOP--(a major part of information warfare) is the key area where the United States has been weakest for generations, and it is getting worse--thanks in large part to the press and those on both sides of the political isle who are helping America's enemies in the information war. The Russians beat us mercilessly in the PSYOP trenches for seven decades, but thankfully, President Reagan's MasterCard drove the USSR to a Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 1991. We also lost the PSYOP wars in Korea and Vietnam, and now we're losing the same information wars in Iraq and against the Islamic Jihadists in GWOT.

Six months ago, the Air Intelligence Agency's 67th wing became the 67th Network Warfare Wing charged with wining the information war for the Air Force. Hopefully, this is a step in the right direction and not too little, too late. We need one, joint military approach to information warfare, which does not exist at present. We must have a new start--beginning at the top, and I don't mean simply replacing the president and those in power in Washington. If the following persons--President Bush and every politician in Washington, plus everyone in the Pentagon and all press corps members covering the Washington political scene and the military--were required to read "Building Castles on Sand,"

<http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/apj/apj99/sum99/bass.htm>,

I submit that the United States that we all love could get back on track and win the information war, and winning minds is the long term solution to winning the GWOT.

The author of "Building Castles on Sand" is one of our own--Air Force Col. Carla D. Bass, former commander of the Air Intelligence Agency's 694th Intelligence Group at Fort Meade. If you have contact info for Col. Bass, please provide it to me.

This is a lengthy treatise (35 pages) on information warfare, but well worth the read regardless of your political leanings. It may also help you better understand the mission of our active duty Air Intelligence Agency SIGINT brothers and sisters (our USAFSS, ESC and AFIC progeny) in today's information war. In Brotherhood,

Larry Tart

Currently snowbirding in Miramar Beach (Destin), Florida

Phone: (850) 837-4597 (# current through 31 March 2007 only).

Missed Reunion

Once again I had to miss the reunion, but this time I thought I had everything covered. Bought my ticket (unfortunately through Priceline), had the hotel and rental car paid and was all set. The night before I was scheduled to leave, we had to screen the Philadelphia Phillies at RFK Stadium prior to their departure to play the Marlins in Florida (I'm a screener at Dulles Airport). The Phillies were still in the hunt for a playoff spot and their game with the Nationals was critical. It was pouring down rain and when I got my team to RFK we all thought the game would be canceled, we would screen the Phillies, and go home. When we got there at 7 PM there was a notice on the scoreboard that the game would be played when the rain stopped. It finally started at 11:30 and didn't end until 3:30 AM. Missed my 6 AM flight and all the rest. I especially wanted to attend the SOB reunion, as I have been wanting to clarify some things about 9/11. I was screening at Dulles that day when the plane that crashed into the Pentagon was hijacked. Lots of follow-on misinformation was disseminated and we were told not to talk about anything (kinda like when we first joined USAFSS). Anyway, will try again next year. Just like everyone else, I really enjoy the newsletter.

Sparky Rogers**Brize Norton – Looking for Father**

Last Name - Tatro

First Name - Mary

E-mail - tatromary@aol.com

Comments - My friend in England is trying to locate his father named Duester. He was in England at Brize Norton, England in 1953. John was born in Jan. 1954. Wants nothing other to find him, dead or alive. He thinks he was from Michigan. If we can locate someone with the Duester family for him maybe they can help him locate what happened to his father. His mothers name was Peggy Baldwin and worked in the PX. Any help with the family will be appreciated.

Goodfellow - Looking For Dad

Last Name - Gonzales

First Name - Larry

E-mail - strwolf@comcast.net

Comments - I would like to know how to contact somebody that was station at Goodfellow Air Force Base in the late forties early fifties and might have pictures of enlisted men looking for someone that might have known my father

Monico Trejo Thanks

Robert E. Foster (Re: Dec Newsletter pg 43)

Dear 3rd RSMers,

be "moody." "Every jet has its own characteristics.... he said." "Everyone believes their (RC-135) is the best, it's all part of a competition between crew chiefs to have the best flying jet."

"This aircraft platform has so many different entities coming together to make one mission," Sergeant Lantz said. The front and back end maintainers, both military and civilian, the pilots and mission crews collectively keep the RC-135 joint flying....The plane, configured with computer systems stacked floor to ceiling and running the entire length of the plane, intercepts and translates every sound found in the radio frequency spectrum.

Senior Airman Kevin Tarwater, electronic warfare technician, is one of the many specialists in the AMU and ERS who repair the aircraft's sophisticated electronic equipment. "Our system is integral to the RJ's mission," he said. We are right there stopping the enemy..."Sergeant Lantz added all RC-135 maintainers ensure the equipment can "gather Intel to help commanders shape the battlefield and, hopefully, have a positive outcome for the Soldier in the field. Our mission has a direct impact for the troops on the ground."

((Master Sgt. Scott Wagers contributed to this story) (Article submitted by Bob Cope))

Reconnaissance aircraft, team reach milestone: Excerpts

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp -U.S. Central Command Air Forces Public Affairs
1/11/2007 - **SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFNEWS)** -- It may not have the stealthy skin of the B-2 Spirit or be able to hover vertically like the CV-22 Osprey, but the RC-135 Rivet Joint is the only aircraft that Airmen can claim to be deployed continuously for 6,000 days.

This milestone can be touted by Airmen in the 763rd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, the 55th Operations Group and the 55th Aircraft Maintenance Unit at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. The unit designation has changed over the last 16 years, but the mission focus has remained the same.

No matter whether it is called the Junk Yard Dog, Jungle Assassin, Fair Warning or Don't Bet on It, the Rivet Joint aircraft, as it's more commonly known, has maintained a presence in Southwest Asia since Aug. 9, 1990. Many of the RC-135s have been affectionately named during its tenure in the 55th Wing. Nose art, which was once visible from the outside, now can be found on the inside for the aircraft's corresponding tail number.

And while the RC-135 doesn't carry bombs or fly at mach speeds, its aircrews can eavesdrop on the enemy. This allows for other U.S. and coalition aircraft to stop the enemy in its tracks.

"We're getting a lot accomplished and helping with the fight," said Capt. Todd Williams, 763rd ERS tactical coordinator deployed from the 38th Reconnaissance Squadron at Offutt AFB. "I can't think of another platform that has been contributing as long as the Rivet Joint has and is always able to produce something to get to the guys on the ground."

The Airmen call this aircraft their "mile-high office;" and over the years, it has changed in many ways.... Now, the aircraft has larger, more powerful

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engines and new glass TV-like automated avionics on the flight deck, making it on par with some of today's most advanced airliners.

"The mission and the aircraft are both dynamic entities, constantly changing," said Capt. Guy Perrow, 763rd ERS aircraft commander also deployed from the 38th RS. "When I began flying this aircraft, the round-dial system was entirely manual and analog, requiring one to read between the lines and mentally picture the entire flight plan from a God's-eye view using the data presented. With the new glass equipment, we're able to accurately display our position, timing and other information that has aided in our situational awareness.

"The upgraded features of the aircraft allow us to conduct our mission in a safer, more reliable fashion," he said. "We dedicate more of our efforts to fighting the war on terror, knowing our platform is capable of whatever we require of it."

The 44-year-old reconnaissance aircraft began converting to its current configuration in 1964. The retrofitted Boeing 707 weighs nearly 150 tons, carries an extensive inventory of electronics and a crew of 34. The first RC-135V variant went into service Aug. 8, 1973, while the newest RC-135 was added to the Air Force inventory in November 2006, bringing the total to 17. At any given time, a third of the fleet is in theater, a third are at Offutt AFB training aircrews and preparing to deploy, while the remainder are in depot maintenance...

"These guys are rock stars without a mass following; but they do have an avid fan-base ... on the battlefield and at the decision-maker (general officer) level," said Lt. Col. Doug Sachs, 763rd ERS commander, deployed from the 82nd RS at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Squadron Airmen have adapted to an ever-present deployment schedule, since they don't follow the regular Air Expeditionary Force rotation. Aircrew and maintainers alternate into theater on a 60-day on/60-day off cycle. This means anyone assigned to the unit could be deployed three times a year or more. The team deploys from Offutt AFB; Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom; and Kadena AB....

"This platform has so many different entities coming together to make one mission," said Staff Sgt. Steven Lantz, 55th AMU RC-135 crew chief.

Rivet Joint aircrews supported operations around the world until the fall of the Iron Curtain in the late 1980s. Since then, the RC-135 community has been used in every operation in Southwest Asia from operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm to the current operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.... "During Desert Storm and Desert Shield, the jet was primarily a highly sensitive platform," said Master Sgt. Denny Nichols, 763rd ERS airborne mission supervisor deployed from the 97th Intelligence Squadron at Offutt AFB. "A lot of folks didn't even know we existed. Now, we're working with other assets and services. We can actually get out there and give information directly to the folks who need it and they know who we are now."

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I appreciate your offer to publish the photos and my email; however, I just wanted to "give the actual" photographs to someone ~ I just couldn't bring myself to throwing them out. So that problem is solved.

Concerning the Credit Union Mag ~ I received an email from Grover Jackson and he assured me that he would see that the magazine got to the right people/place if I mailed it to him and so, I will do so next week.

All in all, everything fell into place and I want to thank you for your assistance. Take care and all the best for the New Year. Sincerely,
Joe Crary

General Clapper

First Name: Alan

Last Name: Forbes

Email: adforbe@worldnet.att.net

Unit: Homestead Fl. 1977-1979

Comment: Wanted to make sure everyone know that one of our people is being considered for undersecretary for intelligence by Robert Gates (current SECDEF). **Jim Clapper (LtGen Ret)** former commander of our unit at NKP Thailand in the early 70's is being considered for the job. I worked for General Clapper (when he was a one-star) when he was J-2 in Korea. I was a civilian working for SUSLAK 1984-1990. He is a very good man and is well qualified to fill that position. Let's all wish him well. Cheers, Al

Tony Trovato - Chicksands

Just received a Christmas Card from Tony Trovato and he is doing great....asked that I give all his regards....he took his son (who must be about 35 or so...Tony did not get married until about 45) to England and Scotland this year...said MI5 & MI6 have taken over the base and he was lucky enough to get the Bloke MP to give them a tour of the base....did not have a chance to get out of the car...said the gym and the brick barracks were about the only thing from the ole 6950th left....it's never the same when you return to the ole stomping grounds.

Tony turned 78 in November...can't see him being that old!!! Anyway, he's still going strong guys...guess we all are a clone of the "Ever-ready" Bunny..... Best regards,

Bill Ricks

Tony is not on-line...his phone # is 1-931-552-4094 if you would like to give him a call....

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Sharing Memorabilia

My name is Joe Crary and I am a previous member of USAFSS (1960-69). While stationed in Samsun, Turkey (1961/62) I inadvertently obtained a copy of a brochure that had been prepared for some visiting dignitaries. The brochure contained many photographs of the Samsun facility, to include senior NCOs and Officers, our mascot "Goulan" and the base facilities in general. I cut the photographs out of the brochure to be placed in "my" scrap book.....now that I have once again found the photos; I would like to share them with other members of USAFSS and possibly personnel who were previously stationed at Samsun. I don't know if there is an organization made up of former members of the unit (I believe that it was the 6932rd RSM) but if you would be so kind and provide me with an appropriate address, I will share the photographs. Thank you.

Joe Crary

1054 Honeytree Lane, SATX 78245-1646 Tel: 210-675-1890
Email: _JCrary@aol.com (mailto:JCrary@aol.com)

P.S. Additionally, I have an issue of "The Credit Union Magazine" published in January 1968. It was published by Cuna International (Credit Union National Association) and contained an article about the USAFSS Federal Credit Union overseas, concentrating on Darmstadt, Germany (my unit) and Chicksands, England. The cover of the magazine is a photograph of Colonels John Shean and Charles Shepard, taken in my Personal Affairs Office with a Credit Union poster (painted by SSgt Chuck Ianacci) behind them. Perhaps you could provide some information as to "what to do with this magazine", i.e., does the Security Service Credit Union have museum, etc? I am sure that "someone" would be interested in the magazine.

Thanks for the help ~ I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Hi Dan!

Thanks for your response and suggestions in regards to the photos that I have from Samsun, Turkey. No, I am not a member of FTVA but years ago, I was and even attended a couple of the picnics on the hill. Actually, it was quite depressing to attend the picnics because I always found out that we lost another (and more) member....guess that all comes with getting older. Anyway, I am a member of BIA and do check out various USAFSS websites.

I attempted to check the "Harvey Madison" website but it was not available. However, through Google, I found several other Turkey sites and I contacted the owner of one of these sites ([_www.usafss6932.com_](http://www.usafss6932.com) (<http://www.usafss6932.com>)) and he responded, also with suggestions. I will either forward these photographs to him or the [_www.merhabaturkey.com/index2.html_](http://www.merhabaturkey.com/index2.html) (<http://www.merhabaturkey.com/index2.html>) site.

Remain In Touch

March 2007

Sergeant Nichols has been involved with the RC-135 for almost 20 years and has deployed nearly 25 times, which totals more than 1,000 days. We support the small tactical units on the ground," he said. "We can go direct to the warfighter via voice or chat and give them a heads-up to a threat in their area."



The RC-135 is configured with communication and computer systems stacked floor to ceiling and running the entire length of the plane. The equipment alone weighs about 40 tons. Highly skilled Airmen use this equipment to scout the battlefield and to help "find the bad guys." Airmen in the 763rd ERS, also known as "Sundawgs," live by their motto: "Always on the hunt."

Everything the aircrews and maintainers do helps ensure the RC-135s continue to fly and communicate information to the tactical fighters on the ground.

"The aviators, officer and enlisted, care about their job and know it's a job worth doing," Colonel Sachs said. "They recognize and understand the importance of the mission and the intelligence they gather to military's success against today's war on terrorism.

"The assets we train with are the ones we fight with," he said. "Combatant commanders have a near-insatiable demand for our platform and Airmen, yet the 55th Wing must maintain the training pipeline to sustain the long-term effort, and to train combat-mission ready crews on the latest platform modifications. It's a real testament to the Fightin' Fifty Fifth's warriors that we've made this mission happen over the long haul.

"Without tenacity, persistence and a tremendous amount of 'service before self,' we wouldn't have met this milestone," Colonel Sachs said. "Pausing to look back at our history and understanding the heritage of the Rivet Joint airframe and people, we're better able to prepare for the horizons ahead."

((Submitted by Bob Cope))

March 2007

Remain In Touch

Thank You From Lt Col Sachs

The Prop Wash Gang raised about \$1,200 and had the 97 IS/DO (Major Tom Barnett) buy items that he thought would be appreciated by those flyers who were TDY away from their families and friends over the Christmas and New Year's holidays to the "Sandbox" in support of RIVET JOINT, COMBAT SENT and COBRA BALL. Lt Col Sachs, the TDY commander, sent the PWG a Thank You note that contained some significant AF history.

Bob Cope

Dear Propwash Gang,

Thanks for your generous outreach this Christmas Season to the 763d "Sundawg" Team. Your Care Package was abundant, "on target," and most appreciated.

We're gearing up for a little hoop-lah come January 11th, as we will pass a tremendous milestone here in the AOR. On that day, members of our team will have been deployed to the desert for 6,000 continuous days--that's over 16.5 years! Folks from Public Affairs tell me that they were unable to find records of any military unit deployed longer this century (or last), which is a distinct record in and of itself. Below is a photo taken yesterday in support of the upcoming event.. Additionally, it's possible that we will be receiving some media attention on the event as well (am hearing Air Force Times, NY Times, and Fox News) so keep an eye peeled for that as well.

As you veterans of TDY well know, a major sustaining factor is the support we receive from the folks back home, and the ones who have gone before. Thank you for remembering us during this holiday season.

M. DOUGLAS SACHS, Lt Col, USAF

Commander, 763d Expeditionary Recon Sqdn



Photo of members of 763d Expeditionary Recon Sq

Remain In Touch

March 2007

George Michaels Request

Dear Mr. Dapolito: A few things please:

1. Could you mention in the "Remain in Touch," that I am looking for fellow members, etc., who were at Karamursel, Turkey, especially Det 94, especially 1969 - 71. Contact me through e-mail at [_geomichaels@aol.com_](mailto:geomichaels@aol.com) (**mailto: geomichaels@aol.com**) .

2. Am hyping a charity that sends used paperback books to troops overseas. Actually we send the books under their auspices. I found out about them when my son, who is in Iraq, recently sent home a book he thought I might want to read, and one of the identifying stickers was on the cover. For further information, the web site is [_www.operationpaperback.org_](http://www.operationpaperback.org) (**http://www.operationpaperback.org**). I have already sent over 16 books.

3. Can you enter my new ham call sign in the data base? : **KOGLM**.

4. Finally, would you let me know what the giving levels are to become (and stay) a gold, silver, bronze, and patron partner is.

Thank you for all of your help with this kind of wordy note.

Respectfully,

George Michaels, SFC/Ret.

((ED Note: Item 3 & 4 done. //Dap))

Looking For Osan Vets

Email: gshay@juno.com

First name: George

Last name: Shay

Unit: USAFSS Kelly AFB, San Antonio, TX

Comment: ALS - Korean 1958. 6929 RSM Osan AFB 1959. Would like to hear from anyone who was at Osan or Kelly during those years. Served with Walt Martin, Doug Wahl, Phil Palmer, Roy Matthews, Larry Harry and others in 6929th.

>>>>>Response<<<<<

First Name: Robert (Bob)

Last Name: Deibner

Email: landscapedesyner@yahoo.com

Comment: George Shay - Sign in date 12/30/06

George, not sure if I know you, probably crossed trails at some point. I was a 292 on Able Flt. Arrived Osan 3/58, departed 4/60. I do remember a "Walt" (203) but I think his last name was Hunt. I do have a few pics, mostly of "dittyboppers". Respond if you like, Regards, Bob Deibner

2nd RSM – FTVA Hats

Dap, I've begun receiving orders for the USAFSS hats from people I didn't know and couldn't figure out how they knew about them. Then when I saw the latest FTVA newsletter I realized it was because of the pictures you put in.

All the orders I'm receiving are for the hat with the USAFSS symbol but the problem is that it has the words "2nd RSM" above and I know the first guy I sent one to didn't want that. So before I send any hats to the people that are ordering them I'm going to call them and tell them what they're getting and be sure they want one with the "2nd RSM" wording.

This sound like something the FTVA might want to look into and have some made with just the USAFSS symbol or some of the other symbols that have been used over the years. Might be a little bit of a moneymaker for the organization.

Bill Campbell

Fallen Eagle List

First name: Tom

Last name: Tennant

E-Mail: AMStht@aol.com

Unit: 6949ESS

Comment: Reviewing the Fallen Eagles list. Recognized many names, dating back to first USAFSS assignment to Kirknewton in 1952. Appreciate the effort made to keep these lists up to date.

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December Newsletter Response (Pg 44)

I read the answer by Dave Naab in the December 2006 Newsletter concerning the 29th RSM. The 29th RSM was at Clark AB, P.I. from 1952 to 1955 when it became the 6925th RSM. I assume he was not referring to the 6929th RSM which was at Osan AB, ROK until 1963 when it became the 6929th SS.

Mack Stanhope
6929th/6924th

HAM Web Site

Last Name - Wild

First Name - Gary

E-mail - garyw7@msn.com

Comments - attn: Don Shipman Was at the 81st 6/57 - 8/60 A trick ditty bop and model flyer. Now retired from the Boeing Co. Would be fun to hear from some of the denizens of that era. You will find us at QRZ.com for more information, look up the call.

Gary Wild W7TZS

FALLEN EAGLES

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

Bobby Bolt, USAFSS 2ND RSM Vet
 John Patrick "Rip" Boyle, CMSgt, USAF-Ret
 Robert Carrier, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member
 Russell B. Castle CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member
 James E. Cook, CMSgt, USAF-Ret
 James S. "Jim" DeLabar, MSgt, USAF-Ret
 Robert Frank Albert Egloff, Maj., USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member
 William D. Esters, 2nd RSM Vet, USAF Ret
 Bessie Freeman, Wife of Jerry R. Freeman, FTVA Lifetime Member
 Billy L Howard, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member
 Linnea Ericson Hurst, wife of Joe Hurst FTVA BOD/Lifetime Member
 Royce A. Lloyd, MSgt/GG14, USAF/GS-Civ-Ret
 Arthur Madsen, USAFSS Vet
 Terry Merrill, son of Richard R Merrill, FTVA Member
 Richard W. Nehls, SMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member
 Scott Van Voorst, USAF-Ret
 Francis S. Watson, SMSgt, USAF-Ret
 Blanche Weiser, GS-Civ-Ret,
 Carl E. Wood, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member
 Jean Gray Youngson, wife of Col Jim Youngson (USAF-Ret) FTVA Member

Dan, I see in today's paper that **Arthur Madsen** passed away on January 3, 2007. In the obit it states that Art studied Chinese at Yale University. Normally, this means that for some period of time he may have been a part of USAFSS. I have a very complete listing of all graduates of the Yale Institute of Foreign Languages and we carry Arthur Madsen as having graduated from basic Chinese Language in April of 1956. He may have some friends among the membership, thus my Email. //A. A. **Jack Allen**// **Arthur Madsen** was born September 1, 1936 in Exira, Iowa to Arthur and Violet (Kosnopfal) Madsen. He went home to be with his Lord on January 3, 2007 at the age of 70 after a lengthy battle with cancer. After graduating from Exira High School, he joined the Air Force, attended Yale University and became a Chinese linguist. Arthur began as a builder at the age of 10 and later became a contractor. He dedicated his life to Jesus at age 40 and spent the rest of his life building up the lives of all who knew him. He also constructed many church facilities, including the Josue Sanchez Tabernacle at Latin American Bible Institute (LABI) in San Antonio.// **Obit** // ((ED Note: We have not confirmed if Arthur was a member of USAFSS. If

anyone can confirm any of his assignments, please advise. /Dap



To Whom It May Concern: Enclosed is the address label of the publication/newspaper currently being sent to **CMSGT Carl E. Wood**. I am sorry to inform you that Woody passed away on November 28, 2006. Also enclosed is a copy of his obituary. Therefore, please discontinue his subscription and post his obituary in your publication if appropriate. Thank you for your corporation in this matter.

//*Barbara Wood - Daughter in law*//_CMSGT

Carl E. "Woody" Wood, age 88, of Castroville, TX, passed away Nov. 28, 2006. Carl was born Feb. 16, 1918 in Jeannette, PA to the late William F. and Bertha Sheetz Wood. //Obit// I'm deeply saddened to have to add my old friend and mentor, **CMS Carl E. "Woody" Wood, USAF (Ret)**, to our (6924th RSM) Fallen Tiger Registry. Woody was both our First Sergeant and Operations Superintendent from July 1965 to July 1966. Earlier, I'd worked with him for three years at the 6981st RGM in Alaska. Upon my return to Da Nang from the CIRCUS ops in August '65, Woody and Bill Beecher – another bro' from the old '81st - were the first to welcome me "home." Woody was in extremely poor health in his later years, and was a resident of a nursing home in Castroville, TX.

//Terry Kearney //

Dan, Today (2/2/07) at 6:41p.m., the command lost another super person. **Bill Howard** had been in the hospital for the past few weeks. As best as I can figure he had excessive bleeding on the brain, attempts to find the cause were not successful. Bill worked in the DF section at the 6981st for several years, retired in Anchorage, worked on the pipe line, retired, and then relocated to Knoxville TN. While not important, I provided Bill with his enrollment in the Assn, from which he renewed several friendships. I placed a call to Tom Nurre who can provide a better recap of Bill's service. Bill had remarried after leaving AK. His two sons, Billy & Eddie, daughter Barbara, and wife Marian were with Bill during his last moments. If I can be of any other assistance please let me know.

//LeRoy Intorn (210) 670-1138// Dap, Yes, I remember him while stationed at the 6981st and saw him again during the 81st reunion at Elmendorf, AFB, AK, during May of 2005. In addition to what has already been said about him, he was also a good soft ball player (catcher). At any rate, sorry to hear about his passing. Pat and I convey our prayers and condolences to his family.// Don & Pat Ritter //

I read this Obit in the Anchorage Daily News today. I worked for SMSgt Nehls in the 6922d Scty Wg, at Clark, around 1966. He served his country well. May God rest his soul. // Ted Lynn // **Retired Senior Master Sgt. Richard W.**

Cap Request

FREEDOM THROUH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION] P.O. BOX 691616
C/O BOB BAERT, 1127 DEER OAK RUN SAN ANTONIO, TX 78254-2700

DEAR BOB,

I AM AN OLD-TIMER WITH SECURITY SERVICE EVEN PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR A TOUR IN TURKEY.

I RETIRED AS A PERSONNEL STAFF OFFICER AND SUBSEQUENTLY EMPLOYED ON THE HILL AS CHIEF, PERSONNEL SERVICES, OF THE SUPPORT GROUP.

I RETIRED FROM CIVIL SERVICE IN MID OCTOBER, 1983. THIS COMMAND HAS AL WAYS BEEN NO. 1 IN THE USAF. I SUPPOSE THAT SHOULD AS I AM CONCERNED.

MY NEPHEW, LT GEN BRUCE WRIGHT WAS COMMMANDER OF USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AND AIA. HE NOW IS COMMANDER 5TH.AIR FORCE. I AM PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ALL OF THESE COMMANDS IN ANY WAY. NOW I WOULD BE PROUD TO WEAR ANY CAP WITH THESE COMMAND SHIELDS. I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK FOR \$29.00 FOR 2 CAPS, 1 ALL BLUE AND 1 TAN WITH BLUE VISER.

MOST SINCERELY

GEORGE E.HURLOCK, JR
122 CHARING CROSS LN
SAN ANTONIO, TX78227-4303

Robert P. Speedy (Does anyone know him?)

Dap... Was talking with a lad in my local auto parts store and he recognized my SS hat. He said that his dad, Robert P. Speedy, had gone Russian school at Texas A&M in the late 50-early 60s time frame and was stationed in Germany at a Wx station (doubtful) He then was stationed at Travis but because of his clearance status could not fly overseas. The younger troop did not have any of his father's paperwork but was wondering if anyone could come up with a tour with him. He said that this was a part of his Dad's life that Dad would not talk about. Sounds like a 203 that was cross trained as an overage or something like it. Would like to poll the troops to see if anyone remembers him. He passed away a few years ago and will get the particulars on it if it turns out that he was in USAFSS//Andy

James Anderson

March 2007

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Larry,

I was the Ops Supe for that organization from 1993(?) until it closed in 1994(?)..then I went over to the MRSOC. We went from being the 6948ESS Mobile to the 48 Intelligence Squadron. The 48th was divided up. We sent one Senior Troupe capability to Shaw and one to Davis Monthan, and we sent an ERSSO package to 8th AF at Barksdale. The 48th as Chris Cook said was reconstituted as a DCGS organization at Beale AFB. Anything more I can help you with let me know.

AJ Harrison

Yes, the 48IS as Beale traces its lineage to the 6948ESS mobile. It is a CARS (**Contingency Airborne Reconnaissance System**) unit, now called DGS (**Distributed Ground Station**). There are currently 4 of them, DGS-1 at Langley, DGS-2 at Beale, DGS-3 in the Pacific, and DGS-4 at Ramstein.

Cheers,

Ken Williams

Letters & Bytes

New Chicksands Web Site

As most of you are aware, most of our RAF Chicksands websites have gone off line, reportedly because they were hacked and/or overcome with SPAM. As a work-around for this SPAM problem, a suggestion has been made that a former Chixer set up a Members Only Yahoo website which is managed by a forum moderator. Diana has agreed to set up the forum and be the moderator. This new Chix forum offers a venue where all fellow Chixers can reminisce & exchange Chix messages of mutual interest.

Diana will be setting up the forum as "Members Only" to keep out those visiting the site to gather email addresses for SPAM purposes. (I belong to multiple Yahoo.com based similar Members Only forums, and we have absolutely no SPAM problems on those nets. If you would like to be a member of this new Chix forum, please contact Diana <zazoo31@cox.net>, and she will add you to the forum list.

BTW, on forum that operate through Yahoo.com, members have the option of receiving each message individually as the message is sent, in consolidated messages containing about 25 messages, or you can elect to read forum traffic online ONLY and not receive any new message traffic in your mailbox. Personally, I use the last option & read forum traffic online at my on convenience (sometimes ignoring a forum for long periods).

Cheers to ya.

Larry Tart

**Currently snowbirding in Miramar Beach (Destin), Florida
Phone: (850) 837-4597 (# current through 31 March 2007 only).**

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Nehls, U.S. Air Force, 88, died Dec. 27, 2006, at his Anchorage home. Mr. Nehls was born April 3, 1918, in Charles City, Iowa, to Benjamin and Christina Nehls. He graduated from high school in Charles City. A veteran of World War II, he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941 and was assigned as a radio and airfield tower operator in North Africa until the end of the war. His postwar assignments for the next several years were at locations throughout the Caribbean with the Army Air Corps Communications Service. In 1951 he was reassigned to the USAF Security Services. Those duties took him to Davis- Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., and to locations around the world. He was stationed in Darmstadt, Germany; Ominato, Japan; Shemya, Alaska; Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines; Key West, Fla.; and Peshawar, Pakistan. Mr. Nehls held multiple awards of the USAF Good Conduct and longevity medals along with service ribbons and the World War II Victory Medal. Mr. Nehls moved to Anchorage in August 1969 and retired at Elmendorf Air Force Base in 1971. After retiring, he worked for eight years with the U.S. Postal Service in Anchorage before fully retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Holy Family Cathedral. His children wrote, "He was a loving, thoughtful and generous father who will be fondly remembered and greatly missed."// **Obit** //

Dap, just a couple of things. My wife (**Bessie Freeman**) of 51 years passed away 9 Sept 2006. A brief memorial service was held on 11 Sep 06. Bessie was born 18 May 1938 in Wichita Falls, Texas and we married the day before I entered the Air Force. Of her 5 children four served in the Military. Two Army, one Navy, and one Air Force. Bessie donated her body to science at North Texas Health Science Center. // **Jerry R. Freeman MSgt Retired USAF**//

Also today I called **Robert Carrier (CMSgt Ret)** member of FTVA he passed away on 12 Dec 2006. I called today to check on Bob and caught his son at the house and he gave me the news. I had been helping Bob with his VA Claim and hadn't heard from him this month. He was drawing 100% for Agent Orange related lung cancer. Bob went to Nam with me in 1967 to help with Aircraft Crypto Installation that I was tasked to do in Nha Trang. Bob was living in Jackson, Ms, and was buried in Mass. // **Jerry Freeman** //

Dan: I wanted to inform FTVA that **CMSGT Jim Cook** passed away in Hawaii on the 18th of October after a gallant fight with cancer that lasted over 5 years. He was laid to rest on 26 October at Veterans National Cemetery there. Jim was a great guy and a super 205. I know he was stationed at Wakkanai, Japan, Hof, Germany, Taiwan, Security Service HQs, Fort Meade, MD. Eielson AFB, AK. and finally Hawaii. He also had some special assignments that he never talked about. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in Security Service. He is survived by his wife and two sons. // **Jim McDaniel** //



Linnea Ericson Hurst, 56, loving wife and mother, passed away on Dec. 14, 2006. Mrs. Hurst was born in Durango, Colo. and lived in Boerne for the past 8 years. United in marriage for over 33 years, she accompanied her husband on Air Force tours in Greece, Germany, Italy, the Philippines, Maryland, Colorado, Texas and Japan. At each location, she was extremely active in various volunteer service organizations. In Boerne, she served St. Helena's Episcopal Church as director of Altar Guild and as a member of the ECW. She is survived by her beloved husband, Col (Ret) Joe Hurst of Boerne. //Obit // Contributions may be made in Linnea's honor to SAM Ministries, 5254 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78216-7017 or at http://www.samm.org/donate/donate_index.html or to your charity of choice. //FTVA announcement (excerpt) //

recorded in death by her



Major Robert Frank Albert 'Bob' Egloff (USAF Ret.) was called from his service on this earthly realm by the Extreme Architect of the Universe on December 10, 2006 at the age of 94 years to serve in His Grand Lodge. Born in Elkhart Lake, WI, on August 20, 1912 to the late Dr. Leo William and Luella Heyer Egloff. He grew up in Pewaukee, WI where his father was the town doctor making house calls on skis during the winter months. Bob attended school in Pewaukee, graduating from Pewaukee High School with the class of 1930. He attended Texas Military College in Terrell, TX and graduated in 1935 with a BS from Carroll College in Waukesha, WI. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity. Major Egloff served his country for 20 years and was a veteran of WWII, Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam Conflict. His duty stations included assignments

that used top secret advanced technology to monitor communications transmissions between government and military installations in Communist countries in ASIA and Eastern Europe. In 1961 he transferred to the Air Force Office of Special Investigation (AFOSI) where he served as a Special Agent until his retirement in 1965. After retirement he was hired into the Civil Service and continued service to his country in the AFOSI as a civilian Special Agent and later as a Security Specialist at the Kelly Air Force Base office of Base Security retiring in 1979. After his military service Bob turned his life of service to the community. He worked as a volunteer at the Audie Murphy VA Hospital for 5 years. He was an active Free Mason for over 68 years and a life



Above photo taken on 17 April 1951. The graduation of ground radio intercept operators at Keesler AFB. Johnny Cash (Deceased) located in right upper corner was later assigned to the 12th RSM in Germany. Photo can be found at USAFSS RollCall site and was submitted by Frank Bergin

6948 SS/6948ESS

Dan,

New challenge; can you assist me in determining the unit designator (s) within AIA for what used to be the 6948th SS (Mobile) and 6948th ESS (Mobile)? The last info I can find on the 6948th ESS involved the deployment of the unit to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in August 1990 to support Desert Storm/Desert Shield. Any ideas on what the unit designator became o/a 1 Oct 1993 when all AIA designators changed? Thanks & Merry Christmas.

Larry Tart

Currently snowbirding in Miramar Beach (Destin), Florida
Phone: (850) 837-4597 (# current through 31 March 2007 only).

((ED Note: Above passed to various AIA personnel and resulted in following responses./Dap))

6911TH RGM REUNION COLORADO SPRINGS,

COLORADO September 12th – 17th, 2007

LOCATION: Academy Hotel
8110 North Academy Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920
1-719-598-5770
Toll Free Reservations: 1-800-766-8524
Group Code: RGM 912

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE CUTOFFAUGUST 12, 2007

ROOM RATES: doubles/singles \$79.00 plus tax
Check-in: 4:00 pm, check out: 12:00 Noon
Room rate includes full hot breakfast buffet (excluding gratuity),
Complimentary Colorado Springs Airport shuttle.
Complimentary Hospitality Room 24 hrs. Daily

REGISTRATION: September 12th, 2007 Hospitality Room 7:00 - 9:00 pm

TOURS ALL TOURS OPTIONAL

SPEAKER: Captain Richard A. Life, U.S. Navy (retired)

FOR REUNION INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rich and Pat Merrill
11021 W. Oregon Place
Lakewood, Colorado 80232
Rich1Pat2@aol.com
303-985-3575

Prop Wash Gang Reunion 2007

The Prop Wash Gang Reunion 2007 will be at the Courtyard Marriott in Sandestin, FL, 25-28 October 2007. Please contact the Courtyard directly at 850-650-7411 for all reservations. You should ask for Anca Pruette or Lisa Bulriss (Group Sales) and give the "Prop Wash Gang" reference to obtain the following rates:

\$99/night (1 King or 2 Queen)
\$106/night (includes breakfast for 1)
\$112/night (includes breakfast for 2)
\$119/night (King Suite)

If you intend to have breakfast at the Courtyard, the breakfast rate is a good deal. The Courtyard has a large buffet (cooked to order waffles, omelettes, etc.) which usually costs \$14.95/person.

Should the Courtyard become overbooked, additional suites are available at the Residence Inn (Marriott) on the same property for \$119/night. The location is excellent with easy access to golf, shopping, and recreational activities.

Our hospitality suite will be in the Tortoise meeting room--a great place adjacent to the pool/lounge area. We'll be able to bring/stock our own beverages and the hotel will provide ice.

member of Davy Crockett Lodge #1225 AF & AM with a dual life membership in Pewaukee Lodge F & AM #246. He held 32nd degree in both Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies. He was a member of Alzafar Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters, Sojourner and Hero of 76. He held life membership in numerous organizations including the Disabled American Veterans and Guadalupe Valley Peace Officers Association. Bob Egloff lived his life with integrity. He was a compassionate man with a deep faith in God and his great joy in life was doing for others. He was a loving and committed husband, dad, grandpa and friend. He cherished his close family and enjoyed the company of his faithful dogs, Cinnamon and Trixie. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, Oxford United Methodist Church or a charity of choice. // *Obit* //



Born on September 16, 1928 in Lucasville, Ohio, **Russell (B. Castle)** died of natural causes on November 30, 2006. Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Selega, of 53 years of marriage. On November 14, 1946, Russell enlisted in the Army Air Force which changed to USAF on September 18, 1947. After twenty eight years of service for his country, Russell retired as CMSGT in the USAF on June 1, 1974. On March 14, 1975 Russell went to work for the Civil Service until December 1, 1990 when he had his second retirement. During his military career he earned several awards

such as; Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Good Conduct Medal, WW II Victory Medal, Occupational Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and from Civil Service the Meritorious Service Medal. Russell was active in his community and enjoyed being involved with his children and grandchildren's activities. Over the years he had served on several committees with the Helotes Festival Association and the Knights of Columbus Council #8603. He managed the 'country store' at the Merrill Garden Retirement Home where he had resided for the past 9 months. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #5, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7108 and the Non-Commission Officers Association (NCOA). // *Obit* //

Received the following information from Hap Arnold today regarding the passing of **Bobby Bolt**. He had attended our first reunion in Pigeon Forge, TN in 1996. Bobby Bolt from The Woodlands, (Houston) Texas, who served in the 2nd RSM from Oct. 1952 thru Feb. 1955 as a radio operator on "A" Trick died about 12:30 AM Thursday, Dec. 7. // *Bill Campbell* //

Dan, don't know if you have read the 6911th web site, and are aware that our son, **Terry Merrill**, 51 passed away Nov. 2nd of Oat Cell Cancer. He was diagnosed on Feb. 9th, supposedly it was in remission on Oct 2nd, (he had completed all of his chemo & radiation at that time) and he went to be with the Lord on Nov.2nd. So glad that he is at peace now, and no longer in pain. Oat cell cancer gets its name from the grain of oats. It is so similar...like scattering grains of oats in a field, oat cell cancer (small cell) spreads throughout your body in the same manner, and once it has been diagnosed, it is too late. God Bless //Pat and Rich Merrill//

***Royce A. Lloyd**, 72, of Laurel, died at home, surrounded by his family, on Nov. 24, 2006 after a long and valiant battle against cancer. Son of the late William and Laura (Harris) Lloyd, Royce was born in Calhoun County, Alabama on May 25, 1934. He retired from the Air Force in 1972 after serving in Texas, Japan, California, Scotland, Maryland, Vietnam, and Okinawa. During his distinguished military service, he was awarded the Bronze Star and several Joint Service Commendation Medals. Following retirement from the Air Force, Royce worked for the National Security Agency for 18 years, retiring in 1990. During his retirement he enjoyed spending time with family and friends in Alabama and the Outer Banks, North Carolina, where he loved to fish. //Obit// Duke, I've attached Royce's obituary to this email. Royce was my best friend for many, many years. I worked for him during two tours at NSA where he was a visionary for time-critical support programs. Later after our respective retirements he and his wonderful wife Mary lived in the Outer Banks of NC in Kitty Hawk while my wife Margie and I lived five miles away in Kill Devil Hills. My very best to you and the other FTVA. //Jack McCombs//



Dap; saw in the Sunday paper where **Rip Boyle** had passed away. I didn't get any "Fallen Eagle" notification so assumed whoever puts them out may have missed Rip's demise. The obit provided a lot of erroneous info on Rip whose name was given as **John Patrick Boyle**. The obit stated "he had a career in the military with the Strategic Air Command as a linguist. He served two tours in Vietnam." I worked for Rip when he was an E-8/E-9 in Crete in 71 and early 72. As far as I know Rip was always a 202 and only served in USAFSS. I think I

may have only seen him once in subsequent years so I may not be privy to all his past assignments.// **Dave Naab** // John Patrick Boyle passed away November 16, 2006, at the age of 76. He had a career in the military with the Strategic Air Command as a linguist. He served in Vietnam twice. After retiring, he became a computer consultant with the military and also volunteered with the Visiting Nurses Association. He will be remembered as a wonderful father and will be dearly missed. //Obit//*Confirmed that Rip Boyle and John Patrick Boyle are the same person. A review of my orders from Chicksands in 1953 indicates John Patrick Boyle received Good Conduct medal on same orders.//Dap//*

REUNION INFO

169th IS Dining Out

Col. Cope, could you please pass this on to the FTVA for inclusion on their website and if they can get it in their next newsletter (assuming there will be one sent out prior to 30 March) I'm sure that the 169th and especially Myrna would appreciate it.

"I'd like to let you know about the 169th IS Dining Out scheduled for the 30th of March. It's the 20 year federal recognition of the squadron and we're attempting to get the word out in as many forums as possible to invite all former/retired members or augmentees of the squadron."

"Also, would you help us get the word out to the PWGers and/or any other group you may recommend in an effort to inform as many people as possible? I believe Missy Peters is getting the word on the Beaner Banner, and we're all trying to spread the word as much as possible." Here are the details:

30 March 1700 (cocktails) 1810 (dining out)

Hill AFB Club

Ticket Price: \$25.00

POC's: SMSgt Megan Cate: mkimba@earthlink.net

SMSgt Myrna Ralph (PWG member, prior name Cornelsen):
myrna.ralph@utsalt.af.mil

Lt. Jill Jimenez (former MK turned officer):
jill.jimenez@utsalt.af.mil

I don't yet know of a NLT date for RSVPs, but I'm sure we'll get one to you.

John Armintrout <johnarmintrout@verizon.net>

Misawa Reunion

Dear FTVA,

I would appreciate having the notice of our 2007 reunion posted on the Freedom Through Vigilance Association web-site. We recently analyzed our membership and found 96.75% of us are on the internet. Pretty awesome number but, then again, we were (and are) the upper 10%! With such a high percentage of computer use, having the reunion listed on the site will reach people who have a "need to know"!

USAF Security Service 6989th, 6921st, 6920th (Misawa, Japan 1949-79) Baltimore MD June 21-24. Contact Helen Henderson (904) 829-9235 or etaya49@hotmail.com Thank-you,

Helen Henderson

25 Miruela Ave

St. Augustine FL 32080

Bubba Armintrout (Info from Lee Anthony (LeeAnthony@satx.rr.com))

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FTVA sent the following message to all of its E-mail addressees on 04 Jan 2007

FTVA Members:

MGen (Ret) Doyle E. Larson, FTVA's Founder, sent out the following earlier this week:

"Last week I underwent a series of medical tests: chest xray, CT scan, and biopsy. The results showed that I have lung cancer. I will meet tomorrow with my doctors to develop a battle plan.

In view of this situation, I plan to close down my consulting company and will spend more time with my family. I will continue to do as much work for the Chapter and AFA as I can handle.

Doyle Larson"

The Board of Directors encourages you to remember General Larson in your thoughts and prayers. His E-mail is: **DoyleLarson@aol.com** and cards can be sent to him at:

**13509 York Ave South
Burnsville MN 55337**

Wounded Eagle Update (26 Jan 2007)

Fm: DoyleLarson@aol.com

Subject: Thank you notes

Bob:

I can't believe the hundreds of emails and cards that I have gotten since FTVA, AMTA, and PWG notified everyone about my cancer problem. I have answered every email, but I have cards on my desk about a foot deep! I don't see how I can answer every one unless you send Dottie up here!

Could you please send out a thank you notice to all my old troops telling them how much I appreciate their support and prayers? Part of my problem is that so many messages contain such moving comments about the Old General--I can't write an email until I can get the tears out of my eyes!

I had a good sleep last night and got a complete workout this morning with the weights and treadmill and wasn't really breathing too hard when I got done! My next chemo treatment is 8 Feb.

DLarson

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Dan thought someone might like to know. **James S. "Jim" DeLabar**, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away on December 6, 2006. He was a retired Master Sergeant with a number of assignments with USAFSS, including Turkey, Berlin, San Vito, Italy, San Angelo and San Antonio, Texas. After retirement from the Air Force, Jim returned to his home town of Easton, PA with his wife, Dorothy and their three children. There, Jim worked for ProjeCt of Easton and at Lafayette College as an academic technician in the Psychology Department. Jim and Dorothy were married for 50 years in June. // **Dick Herndon, FTV A**

Member. //

FRANCIS S. WATSON SMSGT USAF.RET 11/10/27 - 10/19/06 Frank fought courageously against the cancer, but God reached out his hand and gave him peace, after a long and hard battle he was ready to go with him to his final resting place. He left his family and friends with many happy memories which all will cherish. He was a devoted husband and family man. As a young man, fresh from high school, he joined the Army on Cape Cod, MA, where he grew up. His first tour of duty was in Germany during the occupation. He made the military his career choice and rejoined after each tour or duty. He joined the Air Force during his early career and his tours included living in foreign lands as well as home side from the East to the West coast. After 28 years he retired from the Air Force in 1973. He later worked for San Bernardino County Supt. of Schools and other County Depts. His last retirement was in 1986. He loved to cook, travel and sail and had many other interests such as he was a history buff. // **Published in the San Bernardino Sun on 10/28/2006. Submitted by Lois Coley//**



Jean Gray Youngson passed away on 13 November 2006 at Wilford Hall Medical Center, following a courageous 5 year battle with Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma. She was born 11 May 1939 in Berkeley, California, to Reg and Charlotte Davies Gray. Jean graduated from Albany High School and the University of California, with a degree in Home Economics. At Cal she met Jim

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Youngson and they married in 1961. Later that year the AF transferred Jim to Germany and Jean followed and taught school briefly there. They came to San Antonio in 1965 and son Mike was born here then and son Pat in 1967. The family moved to Greece in 1970, where Jean started a Nursery School because one didn't exist there. When Jim was sent to Thailand in 1972, Jean and the boys relocated to California to be near her parents. Then in 1973 they joined up again at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Next they were off to Alaska for 5 years at

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Elmendorf AFB, where Jean again taught school. The family returned to San Antonio in 1980 and Jean started making Texas-themed articles as 'Handicrafts by Jean.' Later she demonstrated cookware at Dillard's. Genealogy had long interested her, and in the last 20 years she dug more deeply into her family tree and helped many others with theirs. This often took her and Jim back to Britain and Ireland. In recent years she also came to enjoy cruise ship travel, which included the Caribbean, Norway, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand. Jean was a Life Member of the California Alumni Association, Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, and the Clan Cavanagh, in which she was also on the Executive Committee. A Docent at the Institute of Texan Cultures, she was recently honored for 25 years service. She was also a member of Home Economists in Home & Community, where she had served a term as the Chapter President, the Phi Mu Alumni, San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society, Irish Cultural Society and Scottish Society of San Antonio. For both the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (L&LS) and Lymphoma Research Foundation she called newly diagnosed patients and helped them in their battle with her disease. For the past 2 years she had been an 'Honored Hero' for the L&LS Team in Training fundraising events. A great cook and seamstress, Jean was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, daughter-in-law, wife, mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren were her greatest delight and she always enjoyed helping them with whatever activity interested them. The entire staff of the Fisher Bone Marrow Transplant unit at Wilford Hall Medical Center did everything in their power to help in her fight with her disease, providing outstanding and compassionate care. Dr. David Ririe, Dr. Pamela Tuli, Dr. James Splichal and Major Brenda Frye were especially helpful and caring. Jean faced each new treatment with a smile and determination to succeed. Jean's brother Bill's donation of his stem cells enabled her to enjoy 4 1/2 years of additional life.

//Obit//

Blanche Weiser, wife of Frank Weiser, died at home in San Antonio on Wednesday, *November 8th*. Blanche, age 68, retired several years ago from command headquarters at Security Hill. She accompanied Frank during his longtime USAFSS military and civilian career. // **Homer Waring** //

I received a call today from Helen, the wife of **William D Esters**, informing me that he had passed away from leukemia on 1/30/07 which had been diagnosed just 3 months ago. Bill had retired from the USAF after 20 years of service. According to my records he was a c/w intercept operator. // **Bill Campbell** //

Rass, not sure if you heard or new him but **Scott Van Voorst** passed away this morning in Arizona. He had been fighting cancer for some time. You might hear more from other IN4s // **Gerard Ferris** // Dan I was assigned with Scott many years ago (old 202) but hadn't been in touch for over 30 years. // **Denny** //