

# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

COMPRISED OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING  
IN ANY AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT

(FROM 1938 TO --)



## THE AACS COMMUNICATOR

**"FELLOWSHIP IN THE COMPANY OF EQUALS"**

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### REMEMBER

**TO**

**Check your Address  
on the back cover to see when  
your DUES EXPIRE.**

**The 30<sup>th</sup> AACS Alumni  
Association Convention &  
Reunion was another great  
gathering for our members.  
We enjoyed great food, great  
company and the sites in  
Covington & Cincinnati**



### September 2007

**Plan now on coming to the 31<sup>st</sup>  
AACS Convention/Reunion in  
Las Vegas, Nevada.**

**The Circus Hotel & Casino,  
September 24 - September 28, 2007.  
(These dates are Monday - Friday)**

**Monday – Early check-in.  
Tuesday – Regular check-in  
Wednesday – Tours, Golf & "Prayer Supper"  
Thursday Morning: – Breakfast, General  
Meeting, Memorial Service, & State of  
AF Air Traffic Control**

**Thursday Night: "Banquet", State of Air  
Force Communications & LOTS MORE-  
Stay tuned.....**

**Chris Miller, Bill Moseley & Andy Agan  
will be hosting this conventions/reunion**



Visit the AACS Web Site: [www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)

**Call Toll Free to 1-866-299-1045 for information about the AACS Alumni Association.**

**Each member is challenged to recruit one (1) new member a year.  
Find those friends you served with. Copies of the AACS Communicator and our AACS Brochure are  
available to help in recruiting.**





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## AACS PAGE OF HONOR

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#### Class of 2005

\*Richard Gillis

#### Class of 2006

\*Robert Akard

\* Was or are members of the AACS Alumni Association. Note: 16 of the 26 or 61.5% of the incumbents in the Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame were or are AACS Alumni Association Members.





## **2007 Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame**

**The following individuals were inducted into  
the "Hall of Fame", Class of 2007**



**Maj. General John T. Randerson**



**Colonel James R. Lauducci**



**CMSgt. Charles E. Teston**

**Congratulations to all these outstanding individuals and their families. Their service and dedication to the Air Force and to our country is much appreciated.**

**You can visit the AF Hall of Fame by visiting the AACS Web Site ([www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)) and clicking on the AFCA link or going direct to [http://public.afca.af.mil/hall\\_of\\_fame.htm](http://public.afca.af.mil/hall_of_fame.htm)**

**The C-47 flying over the  
Circus Circus Hotel in  
Las Vegas was submitted by  
Jesse Callahan, a AACS  
Life Member.**





## **From the Desk of the Executive Director**



**This will be my last article as the Executive Director. As you know, our Constitution and By-Laws restrict serving for more than 4 consecutive years. I initially served as the Executive Director from 1998-2001 and again began this tenure in 2006. When I agreed to service once again, it was under the stipulation that I would only serve the first two years and then not seek re-election again. At the 2007 Annual AACS Convention/Reunion in Las Vegas we will be electing a new Executive Director. I have been privileged to have served with two outstanding Boards of Directors. They really do make it easy for the Executive Director to perform and enjoy the work that is involved with the AACS Alumni Association.**

**Our Association has come a long way from 1977 when it was created by ex-AACS personnel who had the vision of what we would become. They left us a legacy and a road map to follow and I am proud to say, that all of us who have followed the initial leadership have stayed the course to make our Association viable for the years to come.**

**As most of you know, our motto is "Fellowship in the Company of Equals" and it's fair to say that at our annual conventions/reunions, we have a great mix of ex-Privates to Generals, ex-crypto operators to maintenance men (and of course Air Traffic Controllers). The blending of all these different ranks and skills is like making a fine wine...it only gets better with age.**

**I urge all AACS Alumni members who have not experienced attending one of our annual conventions/reunions to do so before it's too late. The fellowship, respect and just plain old good company is hard to beat.**

**Thanks for all your support and encouragement during my tenure as the Executive Director in the best Alumni Association in the Air Force. I will be keeping my old job as Editor/Publisher of the AACS Communicator, so please keep those stories and photo's coming. "You are the AACS Alumni Association"**

**Sincerely,**

**Hank Sauer  
Executive Director**

### **2007 Board of Director Nominations**

**The AACS Board of Directors Nominating Committee, consisting of Duke Snyder, Bill Wallace and John Watson have reviewed those individual nominated by other AACS Alumni Members for Board of Director Positions that will be voted on by the members present at the 2007 General/Business Meeting in Las Vegas in September 2007.**

**The committee followed the criteria established in the "Nominating Committee's Charter" that requires a review of the individuals experience and qualifications to perform the duties for each of the board positions. Of significant importance is the time that the individual will have to spend to adequately perform. Based on known vacancies for Board of Director positions, the following individuals have been nominated and have agreed to run for the positions indicated.**

**Executive Director: Stan Phillips  
Vice Director: Bill Bethea  
Executive Secretary: Bob Akard  
Sgt-at-Arms: Gen Prather**

**In accordance with our AACS Constitution and By-Laws there will temporary appointments of some Board of Director Positions after the vote on the above positions. Some individuals will require votes again in 2008 to maintain the mandatory year sequence of elections in order to stagger the dates for replacing/voting on board members. i.e., Hank Sauer will be temporarily appointed as the Editor/Publisher for this indefinite position until formerly voted on in 2008.**



## **HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY**



**Ashville, North Carolina**



**Scott AFB, Illinois**



**Scott AFB, Illinois**



**Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO**



**Scott AFB, Illinois**

**Headquarters were located at:**

**Bolling AFB (1943), Ashville, NC (1945), Gravelly Point, VA (1946), Andrews AFB (1948),  
Scott AFB (1958), Richards-Gebaur AFB (1970) and Scott AFB (1977)**



**"PLEASE READ – THIS IS A FIRST"**

**Help support the "AACS Alumni Association"**

**This is our First ever request for "Donations" to help support the Alumni Association. We reported in the November 2006 AACS Communicator, that the BOD has approved the soliciting of funds to support the long term goals of the Association. Because of our aging membership of WWII and Korean Veterans, and the loss of Communications Unit integrity, our membership will continue to dwindle. While the number of Life Members continues to increase, it results in a loss of annual operating funds. We are embarking on new ways to "recruit" ex- AACS, AFCS and AFCC veterans and those young officers and airman serving today. We want to pass on to them an "AACS Alumni Association" that will be a viable organization and one that will provide them with the same fellowship and comradely that we have enjoyed since 1977. If you care to give, only give what you can afford. Other than the names of those who donate, no dollar amounts will be published and all donations are IRS allowed Tax-deductible.**

**\*\*\*\*\*cut out and mail\*\*\*\*\***

**Full NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing  
Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Donated:**

**\$25 \_\_\_\_\_, \$50 \_\_\_\_\_, \$75 \_\_\_\_\_, \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you want a Tax Donation Receipt: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make checks out to: AACS Alumni Association and mail to:**

**Ray Sharless  
113 Airway Lane  
Belton, MO 64012**

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**Thank you in advance for any donations.**





## FROM THE TREASURER



The organization's monetary position continues on a sound basis. Newsletter production and mailing costs will be covered with the usual financial resources available; there will be no extraordinary impact on our financial reserves.

Reunion activities in 2005 were financially successful; we ended up with an excess of a little over \$2000.00 from the convention/reunion, and close to \$1800.00 in PX/BX Sales, which reduces the investment in our inventory. Thanks to the outstanding work of our reunion hosts Gene and Irene Sheridan, the reunion was a brilliant success.

As usual, membership dues continue to be the main income source, with PX/BX sales (on a break-even basis), interest income from CD's, and donations also positively contributing. Major expenses continue to be the newsletter publication, production, and delivery, followed closely by recruitment expenses, reunion "seeding" and PX/BX inventory expenses. Our organization also contributed \$7,000.00 to the Air Force Aid Society in support of their work in the Biloxi area in support of Katrina efforts in 2005. A full financial report will be forthcoming at the 2006 convention/reunion and in the November 2006 AACCS Communicator.

The PX/BX (some still call it PX or BX) sales continue to peak just prior to and after the fall reunion, and just after publication and delivery of the semi-annual AACCS Communicator. Our source for windbreaker jackets has stopped manufacture of the item. We still have limited amounts of small and medium sizes available, but large and extra large are out of stock and will not be replaced. Windbreaker Quantities:

	On Hand	On Order
Small	10	0
Med	12	0
Large	0	0
Xlarge	0	0
XXLarge	2	0

We have added a new item in the BX inventory. Windshirts are now available in limited quantity. I've ordered six medium, 6 large, and 6 extra large to see how sales will be for this item. So far we've sold one medium and one large. Hank Sauer has published photos of the item in this edition of the Communicator. We have also added the "old blue AACCS Patch". This patch is our official Logo and this one DOES NOT have "AACCS-AFCS-AFCS" embroidered on it. It will sell for \$8.00 including shipping.

**Ray Sharpless**  
Treasurer

# AACCS

# EDITOR/PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

## THE COST OF THE NOVEMBER 2006 AACS COMMUNICATOR

Printing (3,000 copies).....	\$3,354.00
Layout/Conversion.....	550.00
Bulk Mail charges (2,661 mailed).....	780.00
Overseas/Media Mail.....	90.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,774.00</b>



**NOTE:** Monthly reports for the AACS Editors Bank Account are submitted to the AACS Treasurer.  
Account Balances on hand after publication and mailing of the November 2006 AACS Communicator:

Editors Bank Account: \$ 4,899.00

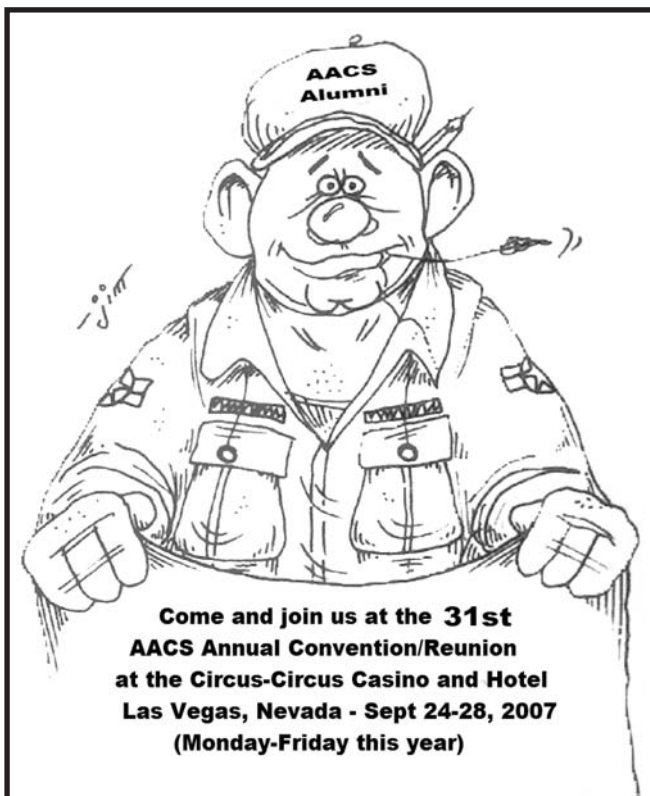
PO Bulk Mail Account: \$ 395.00

The AACS Web Costs are paid on an annual basis. The cost for 2006 was again \$359.00

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS COMING.**  
**THEY ARE WHAT MAKE THE COMMUNICATOR "OUR" PUBLICATION.**

Hank Sauer  
AACS Editor/Publisher & Web Site Manager

**KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT**





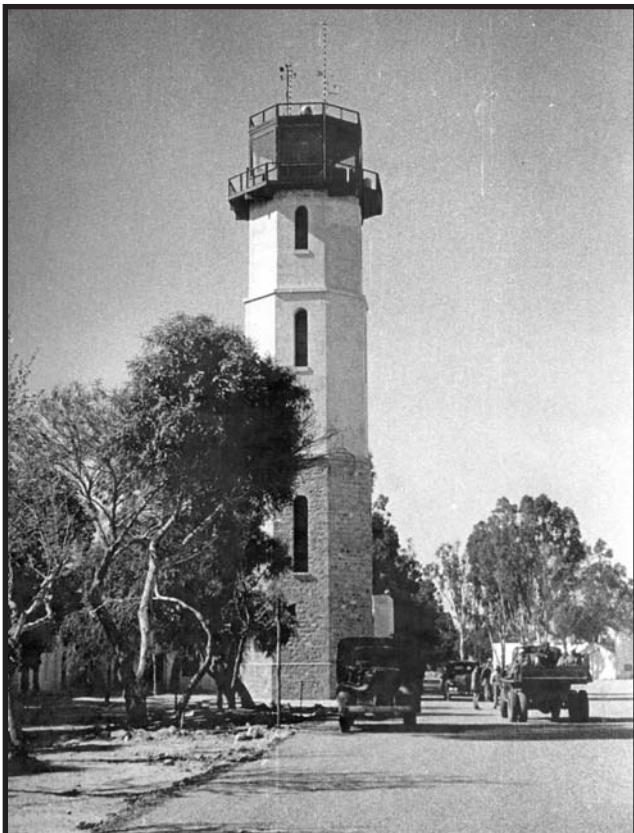
## Editor's CORRECTION

**On page 4 of the November 2006 AACS Communicator, I made a major error and demoted Major General Burris to a Brigadier General. My apologies to General Burris for this oversight.**



**Maj. Gen Burris**

**Maj. Gen Edge**



**Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya during WWII. Operated by a unit under the 57th AACS Gp, Cairo Egypt. Submitted by Terrence E. Reilly, Vero Beach, Florida.**

## 12 Emergencies

# A Routine Day For Controllers?

**BIEN HOA**—Air traffic controllers in the control tower at Bien Hoa AB recently handled 12 emergency landings in a single day but modestly termed it as "routine."

The morning shift, headed by TSgt. Carl R. Johnson, Washington Depot, Conn., was confronted with five emergencies and all the aircraft were brought in without incident. The afternoon shift, led by TSgt. Robert R. Myers, Ferguson, Mo., "talked" in seven pilots faced with emergencies.

Tower operators, assigned to the 1977th Communications Squadron, normally handle three to four emergencies and control an average of 480 aircraft movements during their six hour shifts.

Other members working the "routine" day were Staff Sergeants Richard R. Lee, San Bernardino, Calif., and Grover K. Eggleston, Medicine Park, Okla., and Sgt. Richard H. Wiegand, Braddock Heights, Md.

During 1968, Bien Hoa air traffic controllers handled more traffic than any other airport in the world. They controlled 857,679 take-offs and landings during the record-setting year.

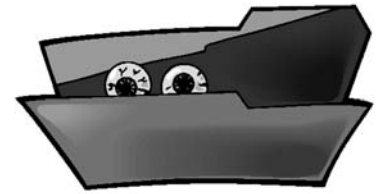
**7th Air Force News  
May 21, 1969**

**Submitted by Robert Myers, who "talked in 7 Pilots faced with emergencies.**

**TYPICAL OF OUR  
ATC CONTROLLERS**

## **"Stake your Claim"**

**This column is published for "claims" by Alumni members who think they are the "first", "hold a record" or the "only" person to have achieved or performed something that no other member has. Can you top or refute any of the claims already previously published ????? If so, send them to Hank Sauer, Editor/Publisher, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email to: [DirAACS@comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@comcast.net)**



**Because of our page limitation for our Newsletters, all claims except those published in the last Newsletter have been removed. Challenges to claims previously published will be included in the current Newsletter under the section "Challenges to Claims".**

### **NEW CLAIMS (June 2007):**

**John Hays, 6810 SE Francis St, Hillsboro, OR 97123-6423 Claims that he is the only AACS member who ever received orders via Western Union. He was stationed with the 1911-9 AACS Det out of Offutt AFB, Nebraska in 1951. He was pulling CQ one night in July 1951 when he received a call from Western Union that they had a telegram for the Commander. He asked the Western Union clerk to read the message. The message said "to alert S/Sgt John M. Hays for immediate overseas shipment".**

**Editors Note: John, you may not be the only one. In September 1951 I was home in Brooklyn, NY on Emergency leave from Munich Riem Airport, Germany for my Fathers death. While I was home, I received a Western Union telegram canceling my assignment to the 1860th AACS Mobile Comm Squadron at Munich Riem, and sending me PCS to the 1917th AACS Sq Westover AFB, Mass. Seems that I had reached my 36 months overseas and the new policy was to force mandatory curtailments of overseas tours if you had 36 or more months overseas. Think there may lots more, as in those days, using Western Union to reach military members at their home addresses was normal when they had official reasons to contact them.**

**Hank Sauer.**

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## **"Looking For"**



**Tom Ringo is seeking information on his grandfather, Pvt Johnny E. Ringo, USAAF, and the 139th AACS Sq. Following radio operator/mechanic and teletype mechanic schools, he arrived in the Philippines aboard the USS Joseph T. Dickman on 17 Sep 1945. After a few bouts with Malaria, he boarded the USS Comstock in late 1945 in Manila and sailed for Japan. He was assigned in the Tokyo area until 24 Feb 1946, when he had enough points and returned to the US for discharge. Looking for specific unit detachments he might have been in and anyone who may have known him. Tom has moved since the November 2006 issue of the AACS Communicator. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION, you can now contact Tom at [teringo@bellsouth.net](mailto:teringo@bellsouth.net) or 767 Claire Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471.**

**The 379th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, which is currently deployed to Southwest, Asia, if an off-spring of the 2030th AACS Sq, Wurstsmith, AFB, MI. They want to use the original Squadron Patch (logo), if there was one. The current Deputy Commander, Major Joel E. Rudy, at [joel.rudy@auab.central.af.mil](mailto:joel.rudy@auab.central.af.mil) is heading up the project (however, by the time you read this Looking For note, he may have returned to the ZI). If anyone knows where to find one, please contact the Editor/Publisher, Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, 865-482-3013 or email [DirAACS@comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@comcast.net).**

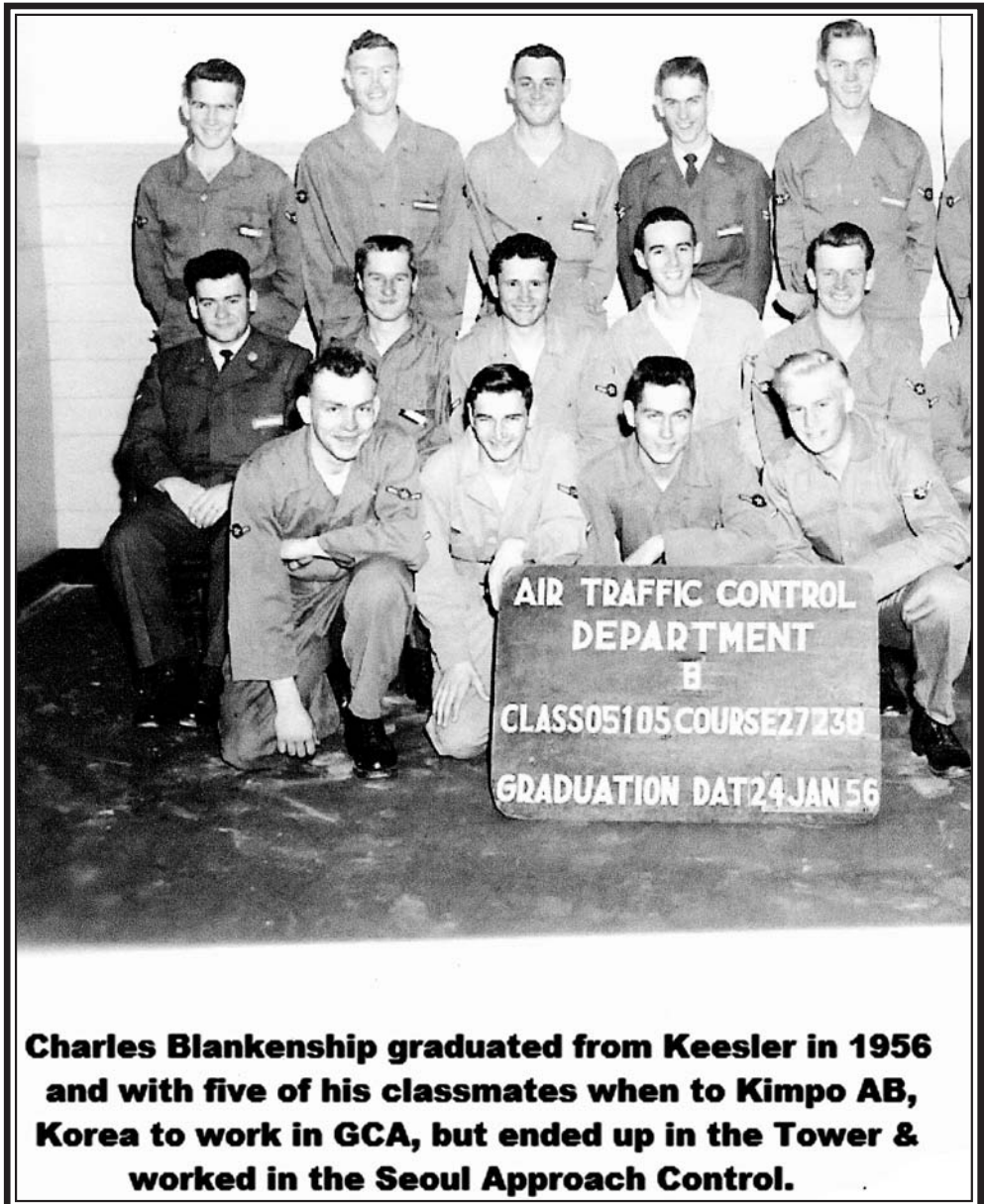


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Whitlock, Charlie  
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# HAM NEWS

By George Reeves

To all AACS Hams:

The twenty meter band propagation has not improved very much and contacts of the Net are few and far between. The Only station that I can hear with any regularity has been Larry Arcement (W5CQE). Ed Evans has moved and does not his station set up yet. Yancy Cecil (KD4WG) has been under the weather and has not been able to check in lately. We had (according to the partial list of attendees) about 14 or 15 AACS Hams at the 30th AACS Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky. I did get to meet several, including Bob McDow (W4KOG), Ben Doyle (K4SVC) AND Jim Joska (N6CNJ). We were able to get a station on the air. I brought a Kenwood TS-440-S that has a build in antenna tuner and a wire antenna. The antenna was actually twenty meter dipole with one leg cut off. As usual, the conditions were not good, but we were able to check into the net by contacting Larry (W5CQE).



The Ham Room we had was very nice, and just around the corner from the main hospitality room. We had plenty of room and a balcony from which we were able to throw out our antenna.

I will not be going to the convention/reunion in Las Vegas next year, but hopefully a good number of our West Coast AACS Hams will be there.

George Reeves (WD4BMG)  
EMAIL: WD4BMG@CHARTER.NET  
AACS Ham Coordinator



## 73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS AACS ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES

BAND	FREQ	UTC TIME*	LOCAL TIME	DAY
National SSB				
20 M	14.28 7mhz	2000/2100 hrs	1500 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
National CW				
20 M	14.061 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1200 CDT/ST	Sat
East Cost SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F

Notes:

- Local times remain but UTC time changes

The AACS Radio Coordinator is George Reeves, Jr., (WD4BMG). His email address is: [WD4BMG@charter.net](mailto:WD4BMG@charter.net). All HAM/Radio news & questions should be coordinated With George.



## **" USER NAME AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE WEB SITE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER"**

**As previously announced, the AACS Alumni Associations Membership Roster is on the Web Site (www.aacsalumni.com) in PDF a format ONLY. To ACCESS or DOWNLOAD the roster you need to know the following :**

**User Name: aacsalumni** (all lower case letters)

**Password: m299kl7** (all lower case letters. Note that the next to last digit in the password is the lower case "L", NOT the number "1")

### **REMEMBER TO PROTECT THE USER NAME AND PASSWORD AND DENY ACCESS TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL**

**Please note that to read or download a PDF FORMAT and you will need Adobe Reader to download it to your computer. If you do not have Adobe Reader, there is a link to Adobe.com so you can download a free copy to your computer. We felt that we can allow more members to read or download the membership roster using the PDF format as it is the "de-facto" internet standard and that the Adobe Reader program can be downloaded free to your computer.**

### **READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOADING. (Remember to RIGHT Click to get the "SAVE TO Menu")**

**Suggest before you start, you FIRST create a folder on your hard drive and name it "AACS Roster". When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file "AACS Roster" and then download to the AACS Roster folder you have created...this way, each time you download the roster, it will ask you if you want to replace the existing file....the answer is YES.. this will save disk space and only store the current roster on your computer.**

**YOU SHOULD BE ABLE VIEW THE ROSTER AND TO ENLARGE THE TEXT, YOU SHOULD GO TO VIEW ON THE TOOL BAR AND CHANGE THE SETTING TO 100%.**

**NOTE: THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER ON THE AACS WEB SITE IS UPDATED APPROXIMATELY EVERY THREE (3) MONTHS. ALSO SEE THE NEW MEMBERS REPORT IN THE AACS COMMUNICATORS.**

**If you have any problems contact Hank Sauer at DirAACS@comcast.net**



**MISSED ROLL CALL  
SINCE THE NOVEMBER 2006 AACs COMMUNICATOR**



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"WOODY"

### **The Loss of a Leader**

**On December 17, 2006, the Air Force and the AACs Alumni Association lost its elder statesmen and patriarch of the communications and information community. Lt. General Lee Paschall, USAF-Ret passed away after suffering a heart attack and stroke early in December.**

**General Paschall, who behind the scenes for many years after his retirement from active duty, continued to guide the Air Force in its transformation to meet 21st century requirements. As the AACs Alumni Association Executive Director I had often sought his counsel and advice on the future of our Alumni Association and how we could better serve our members and support the active duty Air Force.**

**General Paschall will be remembered by lots of our members, who worked with him and for him over his long career. He has been recognized many times with awards and decorations, but his lasting tribute was his induction into the Air Force Communications & Information Hall of Fame, as a "Founder" and the first and only inductee in the First Class of 1999. He often expressed how proud he was of the AACs Alumni Association and what we stood for.**

**We will miss him.**

**Hank Sauer  
Executive Director**





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**Mac Maginnis  
6032 S. Bell  
Tacoma, WA 98408**

**If you want to talk to Mac, you can call him at our TOLL FREE number:**

**1-866-299-1045**

## **“We have been looking for a couple of Volunteers”**

**The AACS Alumni Association has been looking for a volunteer to learn what Mac Maginnis  
does as the “Director for Membership” and what I do as the Editor/Publisher of the AACS  
Communicator. We were not looking to have someone take over “tomorrow”, but for some  
members to understand what we do and should either of us not be in a position to perform, we  
would have someone to step up and keep the Association's Database & publication running.**

**We have created Standard Operating Instructions for these positions that  
provides the detailed guidance necessary to perform.**

**We were not looking to be replaced at this time, but trying to plan for the future.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MEMBER WALT MCLAIN HAS STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO BE THE  
BACKUP FOR OUR DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP (MAC MAGINNIS) AND MIKE HUNTER HAS  
AGREED TO BE THE BACKUP FOR THE EDITOR/PUBLISHER.**

**Both Walt and Mike live in the Greater Knoxville, Tennessee area, pretty close to me and to Bob  
Akard, our Executive Secretary, so face-to-face coordination should be somewhat easy.**

**The entire AACS Alumni Association owes Walt and Mike a “big thank you”.**

**Hank Sauer • Editor/Publisher**

## “JUST A RADIO OPERATOR”

Oh, I'm winning the war with a telegraph key,  
Thought I as I finished a “stack”,  
I hope this is not all the action I see  
Just wearing my pants out in back.

I idly shuffle the blanks in my hand  
And glance at the five letter groups.  
I think of my brother in far foreign land  
Fighting up front with the troops.

I check my watch – where the heck's my R.J.  
I'm getting as hungry as sin.  
An eight hour trick is enough for the day,  
And I'm practically deaf from the din.

The “trick chief” gets up from the teletype chair  
And says that he has one for me.  
“Get your key oiled up, get that rig on the air,  
Here's a honey – a lone one O.P.”

My relief gets a curse on his unknowing head  
For his tardiness costs me my chow.  
And this is a hell of time for a sked,  
The net's QJZ about now.

But I slip on the cans and I rattle the key  
And the rig is again on the air.  
I give with the dits and the dahs just to see  
If the station I'm calling is there.

A couple of calls and sends “QRU”  
So I tell him I have an “O.P.”  
He sends me a “K” and I start a tattoo –  
Pounding brass on my telegraph key !

I pass the first fifty, then wait for a sec,  
While he starts the next block on the sheet.  
I've found if you don't make an op break his neck  
You get fewer requests to repeat.

A hundred and fifty and then fifty more.  
She's long, I've a thousand to go.  
My head's getting tired, my wrist's getting sore.  
Can't use “bug” for this guy is too slow.

I'm passing a thousand, my fist is near beat,  
Do I want an RJ form TC ?  
Not a chance, Chief, you know once my sign's on  
The sheet  
No one's sending that message but me.

We finally clear and I send him “AR”  
And get one from him with “ack”  
The look that I give my relief leaves a scar  
As I grab for my hat on the rack.

Later....

I read how a shipment of arms saved a corps  
Because it arrived there in time.  
The corps that it saved was my brother's.  
What's more  
The message that was sent was mine!

Oh, I'm fighting the war with a telegraph key  
But as long as they want me I'll stay.  
It may not be combat but now I can see  
How a message can help save the day.

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granted on November 4, 2006.

### Glossary:

Ack – Acknowledgement  
AR - End of Transmission  
Bug – semiautomatic telegraph key  
O.P. – Operational Priority  
K - Invitation to transmit  
R.J> - relief operator  
QJZ – on stand by  
QRU – have you traffic for me  
T.C. – Trick Chief

Submitted by:  
Al Lee, W6KQI



**Charles L. McGowan From a 1945 Armed RTO/ATC  
To a  
"Fire Department Chaplain"  
(Charlie, you have come a long way!!)**



## Walkerton Queen honored at parades

Miss Walkerton, Kelly Alexander, and Charlie McGowan, chaplain of the Walkerton Fire Department, were part of the 27th Annual Guinea Jubilee Firemen's Parade on Sept. 30. Miss Walkerton was presented the Judge's Award by Miss Virginia and Miss Virginia Teen. Miss Walkerton also received the Judge's Award at the Crab Carnival Firemen's Parade on Oct. 6.

**29150 Tech School  
Submitted by Harvey J. West**

**1952 June – August**

**Just below Montana's boundary,  
F.E. Warren is the Spot,  
Where we are doomed to spend ten  
weeks,**

**In the land that God forgot.  
Out with the wind and snow,  
Out where the men get blue,  
Right in the middle of nowhere  
Ten thousand miles from you.**

**We sweat, we freeze and shiver,  
It's more than a man can stand.  
We're not a bunch of convicts,  
Just defenders of our land.**

**We're good men of the Air Force  
Earning our measly pay,  
Guarding this country of millions,  
For just two forty a day.**

**Living with our memories  
Waiting for the gals,  
Hoping that while we're living away,  
They haven't married our pals.**

**Some people know we are living  
Some others don't give a damn,  
Although we're not forgotten at  
home,  
We still belong to Uncle Sam.**

**The time we spent in the Air Force,  
And the good times we have missed,  
We hope the draft don't get you,  
And for Gods sake, don't enlist,  
And when we have passed on,  
St Peter will surely yell,  
Send those boys to heaven,  
They've served their time in Hell !!!**

**A/2C Harvey J. West**



**Dear Hank:**

**Thanks for your letter of August 2006, telling me about your days playing basketball in Wiesbaden in 1950/1951 with a lot of the AACCS Alumni Members and pointing out some of the names of the people in the photos I sent. I met my late husband Earle in July of 1951, he was in the 1947th AACCS Sq at Y-80 (Wiesbaden Air Base for you younger members). I graduated from the Wiesbaden High School and one my classmates (Joan McFadden) married Rudy Furnanek who played on the 1950/51 AACCS Falcons with you and the others.**

**I plan to continue membership in the AACCS Alumni Association, so I can learn more about the by-gone days of the early 50's in Germany.**

**Best,**

**Doris Bjorkman**

**DORIS: We are pleased that you will continue to be involved with this great Association, and our outstanding members. We hope you will be able to make one of our annual conventions/reunions, where you can have the time to sit and talk to lots of us who may have known Earle and who were stationed in Wiesbaden in the early 50's. The photo at the Waldhaus brings back memories. Current members, like Mac Maginnis, Kenny Hutlquist, Bobby Riggs and myself spent lots of time there as well as visiting the quarters of Gillie Rose (Lorraine was a great cook).**

**Hank Sauer  
Editor/Publisher**



**Mrs. Gillie Rose & a 1952  
Wiesbaden High School  
Graduate who lived in the  
same German German House as the Rose's.**

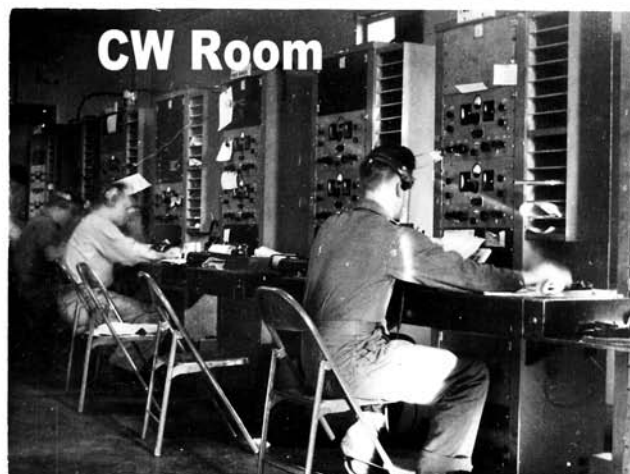
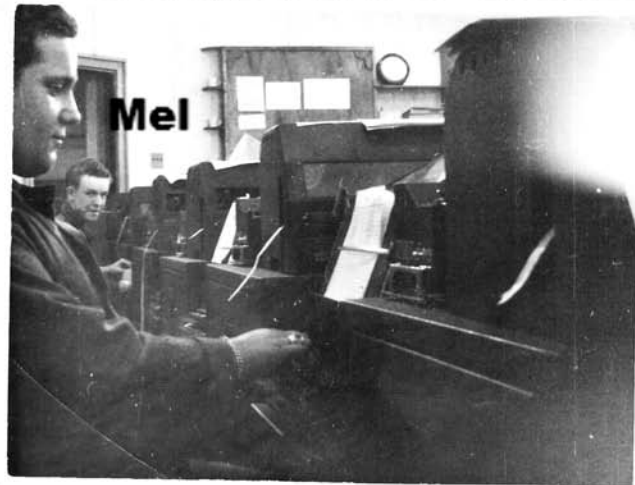
**1947th AACCS Sq  
Picnic - 1952  
at the  
Waldhaus**



**Memories of Tokyo, Japan – 1947**  
**Melvin G. Smith**

**Melvin came across these photos taken many years ago when he was stationed in Japan and wanted to share them with others who may have been stationed there.**

**WUQC - TOKYO, JAPAN - 1947**



**Alan W. Gunsul, M.D. (ex SSGT Crypto Operator)**  
**Looks back**

Alan was in Athens, Greece from Dec 44 thru Sep 45 and then transferred to the 58th Gp at Naples, Italy. Alan was in charge of all ciphers and codes distributed thru-out the Med Theatre. He later became the NCOIC of G2. He was a 20 yr old SSgt directing 40 or so enlisted men, some old enough to be his father. When his point total got high enough he was offered the chance to be discharged. Seven of the Sergeants in the Hq were all being sent home at the same time. They were offered instant promotion to MSgt if they extended for 6 months, and they all said NO...They only want to go home.

From the Editor: As you know Alan, we have lots of ex-crypto operators. Not many of our members would know or remember that RPS stood for "Registered Publication Service", which was the Crypto Storage facility for storage and shipping to other units.





## **AACS Convention/Reunion Sites**

**All of our members should know that the AACS Reunion Committee (Stan Phillips, Bob Akard & Hank Sauer) have been tasked with the job to make recommendations to the Board of Directors (BOD) for our reunion sites each year. The BOD has the final approval/disapproval of a site/location for our annual reunions.**

**There is a formal process to make our reunions happen and they start as far ahead of the actual reunion as 2 to 3 years. We usually have a hotel contract in place no later than 18 months before the actual start date.**

**The Association policy is to try and hold the reunions in the different parts of the country each year (East, Central and West), to make travel times equal over a period of years for our members living in different sections of the country. This is not always possible, due to lack of qualified hosts or sites that do not meet our general requirements.**

**Some of the things that the Reunion Committee looks at in selecting a hotel/location are:**

**Air/Road Access, Airport shuttle/taxi costs, Hotel size of at least 300 or more rooms, banquet/meeting rooms to seat up to 400 people, room rates/taxes, hospitality rooms, lobby area size, our ability to negotiate room rates, comp rooms, etc., Local Restaurants, in-house dining facilities, Local attractions within walking distance of the hotel and is the location a "travel destination", the number of members available to support a reunion host and a lot of other things.**

**As most members know, reunions just don't happen, it takes a lot of planning well in advance and in some cases a visit by one of the reunion committee members. What we need are members who want to host an annual convention/reunion to let us know well in advance, obtain a copy of the AACS Reunion Guide from the Executive Secretary and do some of the upfront things needed in selecting a hotel/site. The Reunion Committee, in the name of the Executive Director is responsible to negotiate the contract. The local AACS host will be part of the team in order to understand the terms and conditions of the contract.**

**We need members to step up to the plate early and help in the overall process of selecting and finalizing a convention/reunion site.**

### **14th AACS Sq – Belgian Congo Area**

**Art Masters reports that there are only six (6) of the original members still alive. The latest member to become a “silent key” and miss “Roll Call” was David Jenkins. The 14th AACS Sq went to the Congo to establish back-up lines of communications across south central Africa during WWII. The ages of those remaining are 93, 86 and number at 83. The 14th AACS Sq was deactivated and became the 19th AACS Sq when it was formed in Cairo, Egypt. Art located David in the early 50's and they both joined the AACS Alumni Association in 1982. Based on the ages of this initial group, attendance at our annual conventions/reunions has been curtailed for a number of years. We later members of the Alumni Association are proud to have known men like David and Art and honor them all for their service to our country.**

### **Templehof Airport to Close**

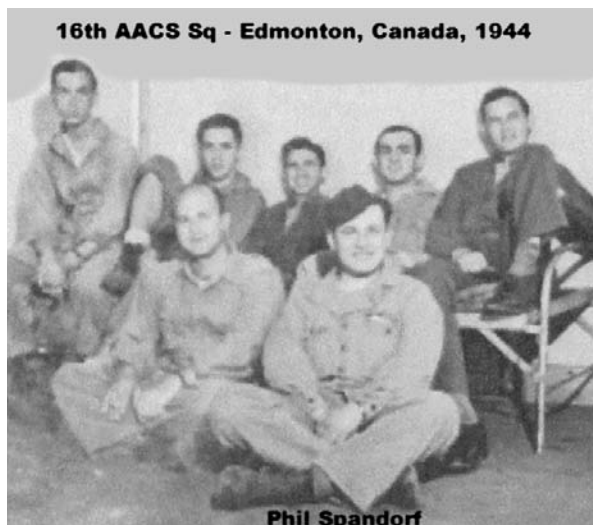
**For all our members who served in Europe at Bases supporting the Berlin Airlift in the 1948-1949 time frame and for those of us who served at Templehof during and after the Airlift should know that it is scheduled to close in 2007.**

**Templehof was created by the “Third Reich” to “wow” visitors to the capital of Germania and Templehof was to be the statement of Nazi Germany greatness. It never happened of course, and Templehof went on to become the vital element of the massive Berlin Airlift and a symbol of West Berlin's ability to survive its isolation deep within Communist East Germany.**

**Templehof was a one of kind place in Europe and is now being looked at for other things. One idea is to turn it into a luxury clinic complete with its own runway...but its life as a small, city airport nestled up to downtown Berlin will soon become a thing of the past.**

**All of us who served at Templehof will rekindle old memories of our days stationed there and will fondly remember the good times we had and most of all, the great people we met there.**

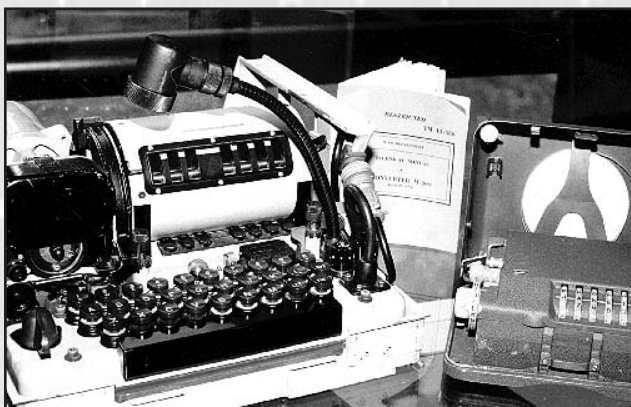
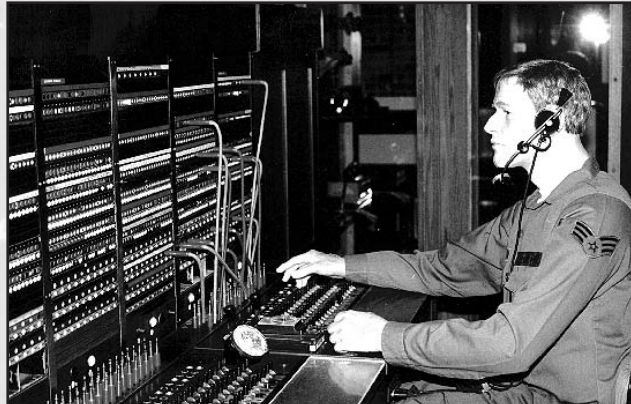
**Hank Sauer  
Editor/Publisher**



**Christmas 1948 - Templehof AB, Germany.  
Bob Hope, Irving Berlin and Jinx Falkenberg arriving.  
Please note our own 'Felix Sciarratta in the foreground.  
Submitted by Jack Fellman, Sheldon, WA**



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# Berlin Tower Before Airlift



**Behind the rail:**  
**Nobby Nobrega,**  
**James W. Giles Jr,**  
**in front of the rail:**  
**Unk, Turner with**  
**the dog, Unk,**  
**Jacobs and Duane**  
**L. Geiger.**

**Submitted by**  
**Jim Giles**



**John Schobelock**  
**1973rd AACS Sq. Korea**

**John Was Working**  
**As An Air Traffic Contoller**





**Dear Hank:**

I read the article on page 55 of the November 2006 AACS Communicator to Mac Maginnis from Jim Muse. Jim was wondering why there were no stories or photos from the 1950th AACS Sq at Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya and you stated that you had not received any. Therefore, I thought I'd write you.

I held a number of MOS's and AFSC's (760, 766, 29150, 29351 and 2937) and was assigned to the 1950th AACS Sq on February 2, 1949 from Frankfurt, Germany. I was a Buck Sgt at the time and was assigned as a high-speed radio operator. I remained at Wheelus until October 1950 when I was reassigned to the 1917th AACS Sq at Westover AFB, Mass for discharge.

Couple of things happened to me while I was stationed at Wheelus. I was working Air to Ground CW one evening about 10:30 pm when I heard an SOS from a C-54. I asked the C-54 what his problem was and he responded by telling me that he was somewhere over Europe and unsure of his position (during a thunder-storm). He requested a bearing. We had just activated a DF station but they could only receive calls from the radio shack. I advised the C-54 to transmit a signal and asked the DF station to see if they could get a fix on the C-54. They were able to use the ADF triangulation and reported that the C-54 was over Paris, France. They gave us a big thank you and headed toward Wiesbaden, Germany....

During my stay at Wheelus, we had an incident where there was unrest in the town of Tripoli and the town was placed off limits to all GI's. Most of the personnel on the Air Base were issued Carbines and ammo and we had 50 caliber machine guns mounted over the cab of the 6X6s. Nothing came of the local unrest while I was there and most everything went back to normal.

I was introduced 'Camel Steaks' while I was there and they were pretty good.

Sincerely, John Hays  
6810 SE Frances St  
Hillsboro, OR 97123-6423



**1950th AACS Sq - Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya**

**1951 - A Restaurant in Tripoli**

**L-R: Gilpin, Havens, Alexander, Miller, McMullen,  
Hedden & Carroll**

January 24, 2007

Hank Sauer  
111 Carson Lane  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Hank,

I read the article in the November 2006 "The AACS Communicator" from Jim Muse regarding the 1950th AACS Sq. at Wheelus AFB in Tripoli, Libya.

During WW2, I served from January 1943 to February 1946 as a crypto. I was with the 132nd AACS Sq. located at Valley, Wales. Recalled to active duty as a crypto in August 1950. I was with the 1950th AACS Sq. from October 1950 until July 1951 and back to inactive duty August 1951.

The picture I am enclosing was taken in 1951 at a restaurant in Tripoli, Libya. Not remembering first names, I will use the last names starting left to right. Gilpin (myself), Havens, Alexander, Miller, McMullen, Hedden and Carroll. I don't recall if everyone was a crypto.

My remembrance of Libya was palm trees, heat and flies! Hope this letter will be seen by someone who was at Wheelus AFB during 1950-1951.

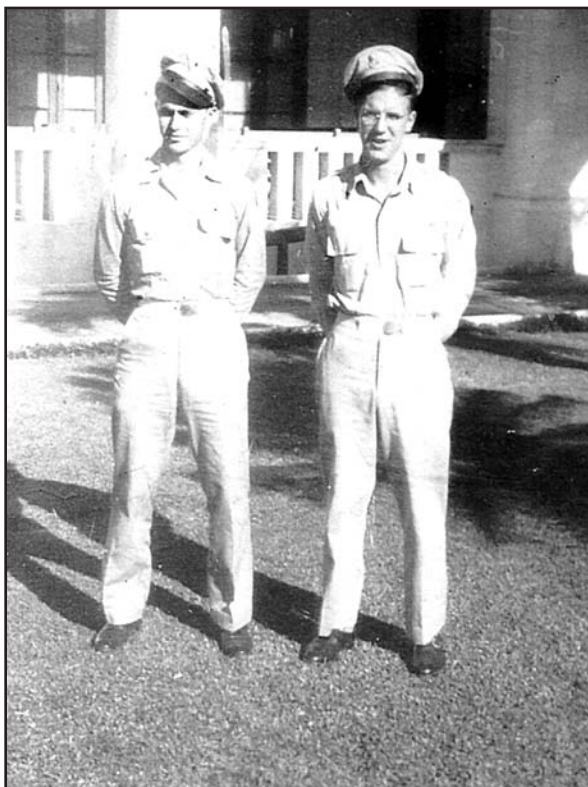
*William Gilpin*

William Gilpin  
613 Ridgewood Avenue  
Cumberland, Maryland  
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Capt. Fowler presents Robert J. Gila, Jr. (left) prizes for their personal recruiting campaigns. and Boley W. Hamilton with watches as their Both Robert and Boley each brought eight of their friends with them to enlist in the service.



**Leslie C. Robertson & Howard Sehome**  
**Grand Pacific Hotel - Suva Fiji**  
**WWII era (1945)**

23  
JAN. 10, 2007

RICHARD "HANK" SAUER  
111 CARSON LANE  
OAK RIDGE, TN., 37830

DEAR HANK:

ENCLOSED IS A PICTURE I RECENTLY FOUND "FILED" AWAY IN MY BELONGINGS. IT WAS A VERY SMALL PICTURE AND FADED. THANKS TO WALLMART THEY DID AN EXCELLENT RESORATION.

HOWARD SEHOME IS ON THE RIGHT AND ME ON THE LEFT IN FRONT OF THE GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL SUVA FIJI. WE WERE STATIONED WITH THE AACCS DETACHMENT AT NANDI, FIJI. WE HAD TWO CAPTAINS AND THREE LIUTENANTS. THE OTHER LT WAS BILL CAPLAN. ONE CAPTAIN WAS GORDOON KROGFOSS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE WHEATIES QUARTET. DO YOU REMEMBER NO YOU ARE TOO YOUNG (HA HA) I CAN'T REMEMBER THE OTHER CAPTAIN'S NAME BUT HE WAS OUR COMMANDER AND WAS FROM LOUISIANA. I WAS A COMM/ CRYPTO OFFICER. I WAS TRANSFERRED FROM NANDI TO THE GROUP HEADQUARTERS NEW CALIDONIA COMMANDED BY GUY ROCKY AND I WORK FOR BILL HARTMULLER (ONE OUR MEMERS) I HADN'T SEEN BILL AFTER HE ROTATED ON R&R IN 1945 AND DIDN'T RETURN TO HAWAII. THEN WE MET AGAIN AT THE REUION AT SANT MARIA— SOME 40 YEARS CHICK GORDON WAS OUR GROUP COMMANDER IN HAWAII. HAVEN'T HEARD ANY THING OF SEHOME OR CAPLAN SINCE FIJI. IF ANY OF OUR READERS KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT EITHER I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ABOUT THEM.

I SURE HATED TO MISS THE LAST REUION BUT A BAD HIP WON OUT AND I HAD IT REPLACE OCT 10, 06. DOING WELL NOW AS THE MAN SAID "IT'S HELL TO GET OLD"

FROM ONE AACSER TO ANOTHER HAVE A GOOD ONE

*Les*  
LESLIE C ROBERTSON

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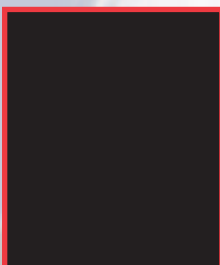
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## Another Part of our Air Force History

"Another Outstanding AACs Alumni Member  
& American"

Harvey Bayless, one of the WWII  
Tuskegee Airmen Veterans



# Tuskegee Airmen

## A Personal Experience at Plaza Branch

Two Kansas City men who participated in the historic Tuskegee Airmen training program, Harvey Bayless and Harvey L. McCormick, will discuss their experiences.

Sunday, February 18, 2007 • 2 p.m.  
Plaza Branch, 4801 Main Street

FREE ADMISSION



Reserve your seat now

Two retired officers who were members of the legendary **Tuskegee Airmen** during World War II will give a program about their experiences at the Kansas City Public Library's **Plaza Branch**, 4801 Main Street, on **Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m.**

During the hour-long program, Major Harvey A. Bayless (ret.) and Major Harvey L. McCormick (ret.) will discuss their backgrounds as well as life after their experience as Airmen. A 20 minute documentary narrated by actor James Earl Jones about the difficulties black pilots faced in the military also will be shown. In addition, Bayless and McCormick will open the floor to questions.

Bayless, who serves as a historian for the Heart of America Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., was one of the original Airmen. A communications officer with the 96th and 523rd Air Service Groups, he provided services to the 332nd Fighter Group in the Italian Campaign during World War II. Bayless is a graduate of Syracuse University and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is the president of HB Engineering Company, providing technical consulting services to a number of corporations in the design of clean agent fire suppression systems.

McCormick has dedicated his life to public service. After attending Texas College, he was drafted into the U.S. military at the start of World War II. Upon graduating from the Officers Candidate School, McCormick was commissioned a second Lieutenant and served as a supply officer at the Tuskegee Airbase from 1944-1946. After being discharged from the Air Force, McCormick graduated from the Marquette University Law School. He taught law in North Carolina and practiced law in Wisconsin before serving as an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. Currently, McCormick is a writer for West Publishing, covering the fields of Social Security and Medicare.



Major Harvey A. Bayless (ret.)



Major Harvey L. McCormick (ret.)

### Combat Record of Black Airmen

	June 9, 1945	
	Destroyed	Damaged
Aircraft (aerial)	111	24
Aircraft (ground)	150	123
Barges and Boats	16	24
Buildings, Other Rolling Stock	58	261
Buildings & Structures	6	33
Oil Installations	7	0
Demolitions	1	1
Heavy Drives/Vehicles	12	100
Motor Transports	6	81
Power Transmitters	3	2
Locomotives	87	69
Rail Installations	1	8
Tanks on Flat Cars	0	7
Oil & Ammunition Depots	2	0
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>1,267</b>
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>15th Air Force</b>	<b>311</b>
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>12th Air Force</b>	<b>6,381</b>
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>15th Air Force</b>	<b>9,152</b>
<b>Grand Total Missions</b>		<b>1,578</b>
<b>Grand Total Success</b>		<b>15,553</b>
<b>Total number of pilots who served</b>		<b>450</b>
<b>Total number pilots graduated at Tuskegee</b>		<b>993</b>
<b>Awards:</b>		
Legion of Merit	1	
Silver Star	1	
Soldier Medal	1	
Purple Heart	8	
Distinguished Flying Cross	95	
Brigade Star	14	
Air Medal and Clasp	744	

(Total number of Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded to black pilots estimated at 150, according to Charles E. Francis, The Tuskegee Airmen, 1988)



Black Army nurses were assigned to Tuskegee Army airbase.



### First Victory

Charles B. Hall, Brazil, Ind., became the first black fighter pilot to down an enemy aircraft July 21, 1943. While escorting B-25 bombers over Italy on his eighth mission, Hall spotted two Focke-Wulf Fw-190s approaching after the bombers had dropped their bombs on the enemy-held Cassinetta airfield. He quickly maneuvered into the space between the bombers and fighters and turned inside the Fw-190s. Hall fired a long burst at one of the Fw-190s as it turned left. After several hits, the aircraft fell off and crashed into the ground. Hall earned the respect of his squadron mates with his boldness and flying skill. Before he ended his combat tour—flying P-40s—Hall downed a total of three enemy aircraft.

### Tuskegee Airmen: More Than Just Pilots

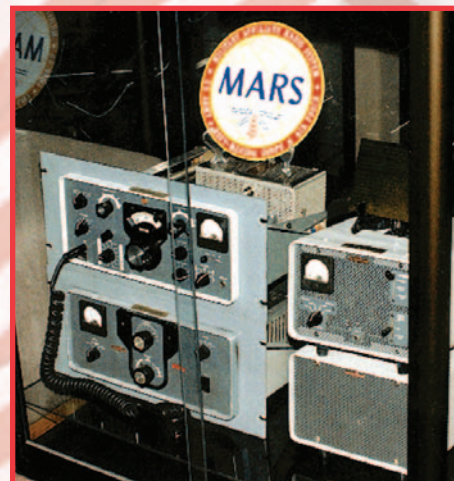
Although the primary mission of the Tuskegee Army's first flying unit was flying, one of the unit's assigned personnel were to be trained as pilots. Of the initial personnel to be trained at the Tuskegee training facility, 210 enlisted and 33 officers were assigned as personnel squadrons personnel, 160 enlisted and 10 officers were assigned to the base group detachment, 20 enlisted and two officers were assigned to weather and communication duties and 39 enlisted and two officers were assigned to services duties.

### Sources

Black Americans in Defense of Our Nation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy and Opportunity



## AFCA Visitor's Center Continued



Keesler AFB, MS  
 October 1967  
 Tech Control (AFSC 30730) Class 05047B  
 Back row – Center -- Ed Topham  
 Front row – second from right – Glenn Kurzenknabe (K3SWZ)  
 far right – Russ Hinden??

From: Glenn Kurzenknabe  
 23 Carriage Road  
 New Cumberland, PA 17070-2302



Joe Duffy gets the first Colorado Bronze Star License Plate, free for the 1st year. See the story on page 56 of the November 2006





## **"THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PAGE"**

### **"Background"**

In 2004, the AACSA Alumni Association unanimously voted to change our Constitution to authorize Air Force Communications, Information, Air Traffic Controllers and Support personnel (Officers, Airman and Civilians) who have served or are now serving in any Air Force Major Command (including Joint/Specified Commands).

The changes in eligibility were predicated on ensuring the perpetuity of the AACSA Alumni Association as the growing age of the current 2,500 plus members is now over 74 years in age, with a significant number of them being WWII veterans. The age factor was a major concern in maintaining a viable Association for the long-term and to provide an Association such as ours, to those individuals now serving in the Air Force. The AACSA Alumni Association was formed in 1977 to provide a forum for those who served, to meet on an annual basis to renew friendships and make new ones and to stay abreast of the changes in the Air Force.

We have coordinated with the senior Air Force leadership and have added local base Comm and ATC units to "The AACSA Communicator" distribution list for the June and November issues we publish. We are going to devote up to four (4) pages of each issue to stories and photos of active duty activities (based on input) and we solicit your stories and photos of interest.

Beginning in September 2006, we presented an annual award with a Trophy (ceramic eagle), Certificate and Saving Bond to an outstanding Air Traffic Controller and a Communications/Information Professional of the Year (E1 to E5). The Air Force Communications Agency and the Air Force Flight Standards Agency will select the Airman to be honored each year. The Awards were for 2006 were presented to these outstanding airmen by Lt. General Michael Peterson, SAF/XC and Col William Malec, Air Mobility Command. The Air Traffic Controller of the Year was SrA Joshua Matias, Air Mobility Command and the Communications/Information Professional of the Year was SSgt Jacob Flores, Air Force Material Command.

The AACSA Alumni Association **WELCOMES** all our new Air Force active duty "readers" and hopes that you will enjoy our official publication and take part in this great Alumni Association, who continues to maintain a close relationship with our active duty brethren. It has been our custom for many years that if our annual convention/reunion is being held in a city close to an Air Force Base, we invite as our guests for the Banquet, members of the local communications and air traffic control units. At many of these Banquets, it is not unusual for our older members to tell the "young Officers, NCO's and Airmen", sitting with us, that they should look around, as in 40 to 50 years, they will be trading places with us. It is our custom to have the Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA) provide a "State of Air Force Air Traffic Control" presentation and the Senior Air Staff Communications/Information Leadership to provide a "State of Air Force Communications/Information" presentation, In addition, the Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA) History Office provides historical displays at our conventions/reunions to depict significant events in our Air Force Communications and Air Traffic Control History.

Stories and photos for "The AACSA Communicator" should be forwarded to:  
Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email [DirAACSA@Comcast.net](mailto:DirAACSA@Comcast.net) ( phone: 865-482-3013),  
**NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1st AND OCTOBER 1st of each year.**

Questions about membership or about our Association should be addressed to:  
Mac Maginnis, 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408, [C.Maginnis@Comcast.net](mailto:C.Maginnis@Comcast.net), 253-474-8128  
or call 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free  
Visit the AACSA Web Site: [www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)

## **8th Air Force to become new cyber command**



**11/3/2006 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) --** During a media conference here Nov. 2, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne said the 8th Air Force would become the new Air Force Cyberspace Command. "I am announcing the steps the Air Force is taking towards establishing an Air Force Cyberspace Command," the secretary said. "The new Cyberspace Command is designated as the 8th Air Force... under the leadership of (Lt. Gen. Robert J. "Bob" Elder Jr.) He will develop the

force by reaching across all Air Force commands to draw appropriate leaders and appropriate personnel." Secretary Wynne said the 67th Network Warfare Wing, now under 8th Air Force, and other elements already within the 8th, would provide "the center of mass" for the nascent Cyberspace Command. The secretary also said Air Combat Command, Air Force Space Command and Air Force Materiel Command are working to develop the new Cyberspace Command, while Air Force personnel specialists are working to develop educational plans and career paths for those Airmen that will work within the new command. "The aim is to develop a major command that stands alongside Air Force Space Command and Air Combat Command as the provider of forces that the President, combatant commanders and the American people can rely on for preserving the freedom of access and commerce, in air, space and now cyberspace," Secretary Wynne said. Air Force leaders will begin detailed planning for the new Cyberspace Command Nov. 16 at the Cyber Summit. During the summit, Air Force leaders will chart a way ahead for the Air Force's role in cyberspace, also called the cyber domain.

## **The Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA) Has completed its move to Oklahoma City, OK**

As reported earlier in an AACS Communicator, AFFSA has moved from Andrews AFB, Maryland to Oklahoma City, OK. This move was basically completed in the last months of 2006.

For those members who may need to contact the Chief of Airfield Management and Air Traffic Control, the mailing address is:

**AFFSA/AJ31 AF  
Bldg 4, Room 107  
6500 S. MACARTHUR BLVD  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 7316906901**



## 31<sup>st</sup> AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION/REUNION

# CIRCUS CIRCUS

SEPTEMBER 24 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

Host: Chris Miller

Co-Hosts: Bill Mosley & Andy Agan

With an entrance marked by a 123-foot high neon clown, the CIRCUS CIRCUS Hotel & Casino is a unique combination of casino, hotel and the world's largest permanent circus. The hotel is also home to America's largest indoor theme park, the Adventuredome. The Adventuredome is a five-acre complex that includes thrill rides, a carnival and miniature golf. CIRCUS CIRCUS also presents free shows through the day at the Midway, surrounded by carnival games. Three casino areas feature more than 10,000 square feet of poker tables, slot machines, table games and a sports book. There are six restaurants with a variety of menus.

### REGISTER EARLY

**REGISTRATION FEE - ONE TIME CHARGE:** The registration fee for all AACCS Alumni Association Members and their guests is \$95 each regardless of when you check-in. This fee includes the Thursday and Friday morning Buffet and the Thursday night Banquet. The registration fee also includes the Hospitality Suite. The fee for Members and guests who will only attend the Banquet is \$45.00 per person. When submitting your Registration Form, include your Name Tag Form, the Nellis AFB Tour Security Form and the Golf Registration Form. You will receive nametags, event tickets and dining tickets when you Check-in at the Convention/Reunion. Send all of the Forms postmarked no later than SEPTEMBER 5, 2007.

**LATE CHARGE:** There is a \$25.00 late charge for registrations received by the Host after September 15, 2007. The host has a significant number of tasks to perform prior to the start date of the convention/reunion. The Host needs to know the number of persons for the events as early as possible. The Host must also complete the process of making registration packages and nametags before the start of the convention/reunion.

### MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY!

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS: MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS. BOOK EARLY:** There are a fixed number of rooms at the group rate. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS SEPTEMBER 5, 2007.** The Hotel will quote and book reservation requests received by the hotel after September 5, 2007, based upon availability and current rates.

Circus Circus requires that each room must have at least one adult (21 years of age or older) at check in. Children 17 years and younger, occupying a room with an adult, are no additional charge.

**EVENTS:** The Registration fee does not include the fees for Events. Events are individual choices by members and guests. We reserve the right to limit an event to prevent overbooking or to cancel any event that shows a lack of participation and return any advanced fees.



**31<sup>st</sup> AACCS Alumni Association Convention/Reunion**  
**Monday, September 24 - Friday, September 28, 2007**

**SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007**

Hosts Check into Hotel

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

Board of Directors Check into Hotel

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration & Check-In:

Located in the Hospitality Suite

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

Registration Fee: \$95.00, per-person.

Registration Late Fee: \$25.00 for

Registrations received after

September 15, 2007.

Noon - Midnight Hospitality Suite Open.

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

08:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hoover Dam Tour.

Fee: \$55.00 per person.

Noon - 8:00 PM

Registration & Check-In.

Located in the Hospitality Suite.

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

Noon - Midnight Hospitality Suite Open

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Light finger food available.

12:30 PM - 3:00 PM 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Board of Directors Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Annual "General Farman"

Golf Tournament:

Fee: \$45.00, per person.

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Nellis AFB Tour

Fee: \$20.00, per person.

Noon - 5:00 PM Registration & Check-In:

Located in the Hospitality Suite.

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

Noon - Midnight Hospitality Suite Open

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM PRAYER DINNER

Fee: \$40.00, per person.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007**

7:00 AM

General Meeting/ Buffet Breakfast

(Buffet line closes at 9:30)

Fee: Included with registration.

Noon - 4:00 PM

Hospitality Suite Open.

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

5:30 PM

Cash bar Available at Banquet

6:30 PM

**ANNUAL BANQUET**

Fee: Included with Registration.

Fee for Banquet Only: \$45.00.

After Banquet until Midnight Hospitality Suite Open.

Main tower 14<sup>th</sup> floor, room 1410.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007**

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Farewell Continental Breakfast

Members/Guests with early travel plans will go to the front of the line. Buffet line closes at 10:30 AM.

11:00 AM

**Hotel Check Out**

**LAS VEGAS HOFBRAUHAUS**

The Las Vegas Hofbrauhaus is an authentic replica of the Hofbrauhaus in Munich, Germany. They feature German beer and menus. Bands from Germany or Austria provide entertainment. They have a shuttle bus that will pick up at the hotel. If you would like to arrange a dinner party for Tuesday evening Email Bill Mosley at [wmmosley2@cox.net](mailto:wmmosley2@cox.net) or call Bill at 702-558-0776.











## MEETINGS



Meeting rooms are located on the First Floor of the Skyrise tower.

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 - 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

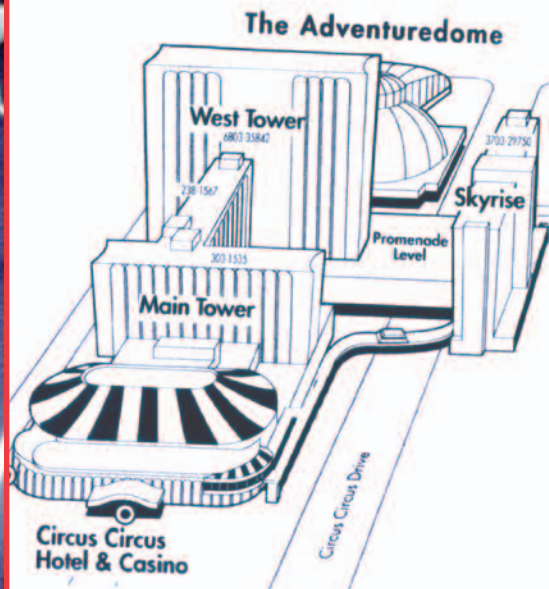
### TENTATIVE AGENDA

- Old business
- New Business
- Board Member Reports
- 2008 Budget Review and Approval
- Income/Expense 12 Month Review
- Annual Contributions
- 2008 Convention/Reunion Location/Host
- AF Hall of Fame, AACS Hall of Honor & AACS Life Achievement Awards
- Subjects presented by the Board and/or Alumni Members

A Box lunch is included for the Board of Directors. Location will be announced at Hotel

Non-Voting Members and AACS Committee Members may participate along with any AACS Alumni Member choosing to attend and/or present a subject to the Board. Only Voting members of the Board can be present when conducting a formal vote.

Members can write to the Executive Secretary prior to the convention/reunion with written proposals, questions and comments for the Board to address no later than 30 days prior to the convention/reunion start date.



### General Meeting/ Buffet Breakfast

**DAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 - 7:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

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|-------------------|---|
| 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Buffet - Included with Registration.                        |
| • 07:30 AM        | Presentation of Colors:                                     |
| • 07:45 AM        | General Meeting:  |
| • 09:00 AM        | (SPEAKER)   |
| • 10:00 AM        | AACS Memorial Service Program - AACS Chaplain & Sgt-at-Arms |

### Farewell Continental Breakfast

**DAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007 - 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

Members/Guests with early travel plans will go to the front of the line. Buffet line closes at 10:30 AM.

- Announcements
- Brief overview of the 2008 Annual Convention/Reunion.
- Close the 31<sup>st</sup> Convention/Reunion
- Hotel Check out - 11:00 AM





## EVENTS

### Hoover Dam Tour (Event 1)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 - 08:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Narrated coach tour by a professional tour guide from Circus Circus to Hoover Dam and includes the Discovery Tour of the dam. The Discovery Tour includes riding a large elevator 500 feet down the canyon wall, a walk through the 250 foot long tunnel drilled out of rock and viewing the 650 foot long Nevada wing of the power plant and its eight huge generators. The return trip will include a Box Lunch and a stop at the Ethel M. Chocolate Factory and allow some time to stroll the Botanical Gardens. The tour busses will be located in the garage area to the rear of the hotel reservation area. They will be available for loading at 7:45 AM. Fee: \$55.00 per person.

### Nellis AFB Tour (Event 2)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Tour bus to Nellis AFB will leave the hotel at 9:00 AM. You will tour of the Thunderbird museum, the Thunderbird hanger and the Threat Training Facility. The Threat Training Facility has a collection of Russian and Chinese hardware. The tour busses will stop at the Officers Club where you may purchase lunch. Due to security on the base, you must COMPLETE a Nellis AFB Tour Form for each person attending this tour and include the form with your Convention/Reunion Registration Form. The tour busses will be located in the garage area to the rear of the hotel reservation area. They will be available for loading at 8:45 AM. Fee: \$20.00, per person.

### Annual "General Farman" Golf Tournament (Event 3)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 - 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

The Sunrise Vista Golf course at Nellis AFB is both a destination military resort golf course and an historical military attraction in the Las Vegas Community. This tournament will take place on the Eagle/Falcon Courses. Golf Carts and a buffet lunch are included. The buffet includes a BBQ Brisket Sandwich with choice of Potato or Macaroni Salad, Choice of Baked Beans or Corn on the Cob. Participants will car pool to and from the base. You must COMPLETE a Golf Registration Form for each person attending this tour and include it with your Convention/Reunion Registration Form. Fee: \$45.00, per person.

### PRAYER DINNER (Event 4)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 - 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The dinner host is the AACCS Chaplain, Jim Burch.

Chicken Parmigiana Dinner - Breaded chicken cutlet topped with Tomato sauce and Mozzarella Cheese served with Pasta and Garlic Bread. Fee: \$40.00, per person. The Banquet Room is located on the First Floor of the Skyrise tower.

### ANNUAL BANQUET

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007 - 6:30 PM SHARP

We ask that all members and guests be seated for the Banquet by 6:30 PM Sharp. There will be member volunteers in the Banquet Hall to help members and their guests find seats. The dress attire for the banquet will be business. (Suits, ties, etc.) At 5:30 PM, you may obtain no host cocktails in the banquet room.

Dinner includes the following choices. 1. Roast Prime Rib of Beef Served with Creamed Horseradish Sauce. 2. Santa Fe Chicken - Breast of chicken in a Lime, Cilantro, Garlic and Mild Chili Cream Sauce. 3. Roasted Pork Tenderloin served with Apple Sauce, Wild Rice Pilaf and baby carrots. 4. Grilled Halibut in a Tomato Concasse Sauce with Garlic Herb Lemon Aioli and Rice. 5. Vegetable Stir-Fry Consisting of Broccoli, Carrots, Onions, Peppers and Zucchini with a Soy Ginger Glaze and Steamed Rice. Dinner also includes Crisp Green Salad with Balsamic Dressing, Vegetable, Potato, assorted Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Tea. Indicate your selection on the Registration Form. Fee: Included with Registration. Fee for the Banquet Only: \$45.00. The Banquet Room is located on the First Floor of the Skyrise tower.

- Posting the Colors, Invocation, Introduction of Guests, Pledge of Allegiance.
- Presentation of Awards (AACCS Hall of Honor & Life Achievement)
- AACCS 2008 Air Force Hall of Fame Nominee
- ATC and Comm Profession of the Year
- Featured Speaker:
- Air Staff Presentation: Lt. Gen. Michael Peterson, SAF/XC





## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR LAS VEGAS

**WHAT TO SEE:** The choice is yours. Walk the Strip and experience the varied architecture borrowed from New York, Egypt, Old England, Paris, Rome, Venice and other exotic places. The Strip is ever changing. Landmarks are imploded to make way for new landmarks. If you were here a few years ago and saw everything, you will find that what you saw then may be something different now. In March, the Stardust hotel was imploded to make way for a new mega-resort.

If you like to shop you could visit the Fashion Show Mall on the Strip, one of the resort shopping areas or one of the nearby Outlet Malls.

If you like wild life, you can view tropical fish, dolphins, lions and tigers. The Botanical displays at the Bellagio and the Winn are always beautiful. The Cactus Garden at the Ethel M Chocolate Factory is an outstanding display of desert plants.

As for museums, there is the Atomic Testing Museum, the Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art, the Guggenheim Hermitage Museum, the Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum, the Las Vegas Art Museum, the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, the Liberace Museum, the Shelby American Sport Car Museum, and the Old Las Vegas Mormon State Historic Park.

You can take a tour of Hoover Dam and keep an eye out for big horn sheep, the Nevada state animal. If you want to see the great outdoors, then take in Red Rock Canyon, a National Park, where red sandstone invites you to climb. In the evening, you can visit the Fremont Street Experience in Downtown Las Vegas or attend one of the many shows.

**CLIMATE:** Las Vegas is a unique city located in the desert. The temperature in Las Vegas during September runs between 66° F. and 94° F. with humidity of 20% or less. It is important that you stay hydrated so it is best to carry water with you when sight seeing.

**THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU:** 1. **SUNGLASSES** - Las Vegas is constantly sunny, and a pair of shades is so "cool." 2. **CAMERA** - Perfect for capturing the eclectic scenery. 3. **WALKING SHOES** - You will be amazed how much territory you cover on the Strip. Be sure your shoes are up to the task. 4. **BATHING SUIT** - Set aside some time to chill out by the pool.

**TRANSPORTATION ON THE STRIP:** One of the best ways to travel the Las Vegas Strip is by using the public transportation system. The "Deuce," a double-deck bus, operates 24 hours a day and travels the entire Strip and Downtown areas. The fare is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors. The Las Vegas Strip Trolley provides door-to-door Strip transportation to all the hotels from the Stratosphere Tower to Mandalay Bay. The fare is \$1.75 in exact change.

**PX/BX STORE:** The AACS PX Manager will display and sell AACS PX items such as AACS embroidered wind breakers and shirts, embroidered hats, patches, etc. The PX items available for sale will be in the Hospitality Suite.

**DRAWINGS:** There will be a 50/50 Drawing and Member Travel Drawings for \$250 and \$500 during the Thursday night Banquet. Members must be present to be eligible for all drawing prizes. The Member Travel Drawing helps defray the cost of travel and lodging at the convention/reunion.

**HOSPITALITY SUITE:** Located on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of the Main Tower in Room 1410.

**DRESS CODE:** Casual for all events except the Banquet (Men are encouraged to wear a coat & tie and women to dress accordingly)

**SMOKING:** Nevada voters recently passed the Clean Indoor Air Act. The impact is that it is safe to light up out of doors or on the casino floor. There is no smoking in restaurants, banquet rooms or hallways.



# CIRCUS CIRCUS

2880 Las Vegas Boulevard South  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

## DIRECTIONS

**BY AIR:** McCarran International Airport serves Las Vegas and the surrounding area. CIRCUS CIRCUS does not have shuttle service to the hotel.

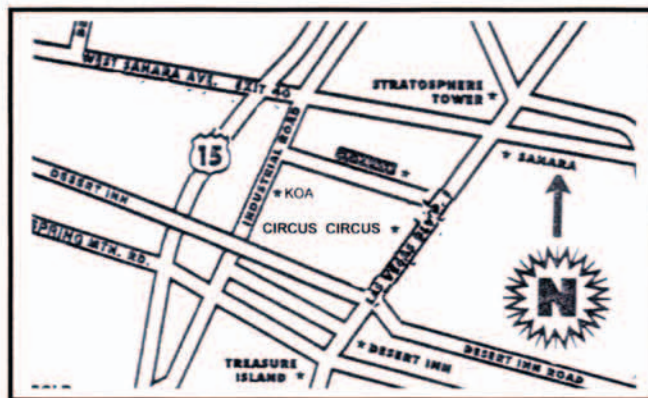
### HOW TO GET TO THE WEST TOWER HOTEL ENTRANCE FROM THE AIRPORT

**BY INDEPENDENT SHUTTLE:** A variety of shuttle/limousine services are available at McCarran, and are located on the North and West sides of Baggage Claim, outside door exits 8 - 14. Please note that there are both group shuttles and "for hire" stretch limousine services. The rates to the hotel are from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per person.

**BY TAXICAB:** Taxicabs are available at McCarran, and are located on the East side of Baggage Claim, outside door exits 1 - 5. Airport personnel are available on the taxi curb to assist passengers. Taxis will not accept credit card payments. There is a \$1.20 charge on all fares originating at the airport. The maximum number of passengers allowed in any taxi is five (5). The typical charge to the hotel is \$16.00. Some Taxi drivers will try to Long Haul you. They will take the airport tunnel that adds significant mileage to the hotel. Insist on the most direct route.

### HOW TO GET TO THE WEST TOWER HOTEL ENTRANCE BY AUTOMOBILE

CIRCUS CIRCUS is located just off Interstate 15. Take Exit 40 (Sahara Avenue) east to Las Vegas Boulevard South. Turn right on CIRCUS CIRCUS Drive. Hotel registration is toward the rear. Parking is FREE and valet parking is available.



**RV PARK:** Adjacent to the hotel is the Circusland RV Park. Kampgrounds of America (KOA) operate the park. It offers 399 spaces with full service utility hook-ups. Within the RV park grounds, there is a convenience store, arcade, Laundromat, playground, pet runs and disposal stations. This is the only campground on the Strip.

For reservations contact:

Las Vegas/CIRCUS CIRCUS KOA  
500 CIRCUS CIRCUS Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89109  
Email [lasvegas@koa.net](mailto:lasvegas@koa.net)

Reservations: 800-562-7270  
Information: 702-733-9707  
FAX: 702-696-1358  
Web Site: [lasvegaskoa.com](http://lasvegaskoa.com)



**31<sup>st</sup> AACCS CONVENTION/REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**YOUR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(s): (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Travel: Air \_\_\_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_\_\_ RV \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Date of arrival: 9/24 \_\_\_\_\_ 9/25 \_\_\_\_\_ 9/26 \_\_\_\_\_ 9/27 \_\_\_\_\_ Other 9/ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying at the Hotel: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Date/Departure Time</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>REGISTRATION FEE PER-PERSON</b>				
CHECK-IN	9/24, 9/25, 9/26 (See schedule)	_____ @	\$ 95 per-person	= \$ _____
LATE CHARGE PER REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SEPTEMBER 15 <sup>th</sup> .		\$ 25		= \$ _____

**TUESDAY:**

Event 1: Hoover Dam Tour 9/25 8:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55.00 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDNESDAY:**

Event 2: Nellis AFB & Thunderbird Museum Tour 9/26 9:00 AM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMPLETE Tour Security Form.

Event 3: Golf 9/26 8:30 AM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE Golf Registration Form

Event 4: Prayer Dinner 9/26 6:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40.00 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY:**

Banquet: 9/27 6:30 PM SHARP

Entree: (Please select for each member/guest who PAID a registration fee.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Prime Rib of Beef 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Santa Fe Chicken 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Pork Tenderloin 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Halibut. 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegetable Stir-Fry

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**BANQUET ONLY:** For Members/Guests attending the Thursday **BANQUET ONLY** who **DID NOT PAY** a registration fee

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 45 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entree: (Please select for each member/guest who paid for the Banquet only.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Prime Rib of Beef 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Santa Fe Chicken 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Pork Tenderloin 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Halibut. 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vegetable Stir-Fry

**DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THIS REUNION:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THIS YOUR FIRST CONVENTION/REUNION:** YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

**Make Check Payable to "AACCS Convention 2007" - Postmark No Later than September 5, 2007 and send to:**

Chris Miller  
 PO BOX 531022  
 Henderson, NV 89053  
 Phone Chris at: (702)-263-6243  
 Email Chris at: [marcella.miller@att.net](mailto:marcella.miller@att.net)

**Completed by Host Only: Date Received** \_\_\_\_\_ **Verified:** \_\_\_\_\_ **VIP SEATING** \_\_\_\_\_



**31<sup>st</sup> AACCS Alumni Association Convention/Reunion**  
**NAME TAG FORM**

**PLEASE PRINT HOW YOUR NAME(S) SHOULD APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG.**

**Member Name: (First & last)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member State of Residence (Spell out)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name: (First & last)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse State of Residence (Spell out)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name: (First & last)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest State of Residence (Spell out)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Specialty:** Tower \_\_\_\_ GCA \_\_\_\_ Crypto \_\_\_\_ Comm Opns \_\_\_\_ Radar Maint \_\_\_\_

Radio Maint \_\_\_\_ Crypto Maint \_\_\_\_ Radio Opr \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**HAM Call Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comm Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Command** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is this your first convention/reunion?** Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**31<sup>st</sup> AACCS Alumni Association Convention/Reunion**  
**NELLIS AFB TOUR - SECURITY FORM**

**Nellis AFB Security requires that we submit the names and Social Security Numbers of those persons taking the tour before we arrive for the tour. This information is confidential and will only be submitted to Nellis AFB Security. You may also have to show a photo ID when entering the base. The name printed below should match your photo ID. Please submit this information for each member/guest taking the tour.**

**Please Print Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

31<sup>st</sup> AACCS Alumni Association Convention/Reunion  
**GOLF REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you be willing to provide a Car Pool Vehicle? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a Military ID? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Car Pools will form at the hotel and will depart at 8:00- 9:00 AM. Driving time is approximately 30 minutes.

First Tee Time is 10:00 AM – Golf Carts and a Brisket Buffet at the clubhouse are included.



The Eagle/Falcon Course at Nellis AFB Golf Course is an 18 hole championship course designed by Ted Robinson. The course is relatively flat and easy to walk. Water hazards come into play on several holes. The par on each nine is 36. Listed below are the course ratings and slopes.

Blue	72.7	121
White	70.1	116
Gold	66.3	106
Red	70.3	113

This is a "Soft Spike Only" facility. Walking shorts are permitted. Tank tops, short shorts and cutoffs are not allowed. All food and beverage to be consumed at the golf course must be purchased at the golf course. Personal coolers are not permitted.

To arrange golf twosomes and/or foursomes, Email Bill Mosley at [wmmosley2@cox.net](mailto:wmmosley2@cox.net) or call Bill at 702-558-0776.

Low Net by an AACCS Alumni Member will be the General Farman Golf Champion for 2007. Prizes for other scores, closest to the pin, longest drive, etc. will be awarded.

**SUBMIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU ARE PLAYING GOLF**



**31<sup>st</sup> AACs ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION/REUNION**  
**September 24 - September 28, 2007**

**CIRCUS CIRCUS**  
Las Vegas

2880 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

Local Telephone Number: 702-734-0410

Local FAX Number: 702-794-3816

RESERVATIONS NUMBER: 1-800-634-3450

Visit: [www.circuscircus.com](http://www.circuscircus.com) for hotel information.

Group Reservation Code: D09AACs - AACs Alumni Association Inc., September 24-28, 2007.

**BOOK EARLY:** The room rate is \$64.95 (\$71.80 with tax and the telephone access charge) per-night for one or two adults. Additional adults in the same room are \$12.00 per person per night. Children 17 years and younger, occupying a room with an adult are free.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**  
After September 5, 2007, the Hotel will quote and book reservation requests based upon availability at the current rates.

**MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS**  
**CHECK IN TIME: 3 PM - CHECK OUT TIME: 11:00 AM**

If paying by check and mailing a reservation form to the hotel, this is the information they need:

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF STAY: Check in \_\_\_\_\_ Check out \_\_\_\_\_ Nbr of nights \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons staying in room: \_\_\_\_\_

Room type: One Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Beds \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

ANY SPECIAL ITEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

If guaranteeing the reservation by credit card or when mailing this form, please provide the following:

Name of Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD OR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## **Reserved Seating at the Annual Banquet**

**At the 2006 Annual Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky, there were some members who were upset and surprised that there was reserved seating at the Banquet. There has been reserved seating at the annual banquet since 1997 in Lexington and some even before that.**

**Reserved seating has been approved by the Board of Directors, for the following:**

- **Current Board of Directors and their guests.**
- **Past Board of Directors and their guests.**
- **Current and Past AACS Committee members and their guests.**
- **The AACS Hospitality crew and their guests.**
- **The AACS Founder and initial AACS Alumni members and their guests.**
- **Invited Guests (Includes, active duty Air Force personnel, the local honor guard, nearby Air Force unit communicators and air traffic controllers).**

**As a non-profit organization, the only way we have to say thank you to those members who serve on the Board of Directors, have served on the Board, chaired or served on committees, etc, is to provide a reserved seat at the banquet. This is a very small price to pay for the work that these individuals do over the course of the year and at our annual convention/reunion with no compensation for their time and effort.**

**Hank Sauer  
Executive Director**

## **GI Thoughts Submitted by Col Derrel Dempsey Or "Why we go to reunions"**

**"I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have my memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades.....such good men"**

**--Author Unknown--**



## **Copies of the 1938-2004 AACCS Book Are Available**

**For those members who did not purchase the AACCS book we published in 2004, you still have a chance to get one. You can get a standard binding copy for \$32.10 plus shipping and handling or a leather bound copy for \$37.75 plus shipping and handling. Turner Publishing has approximately 50 standard and 22 leather copies in their warehouse.**

**You can order from: Turner Publishing Company**

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**Paducah, KY 42002-3101**

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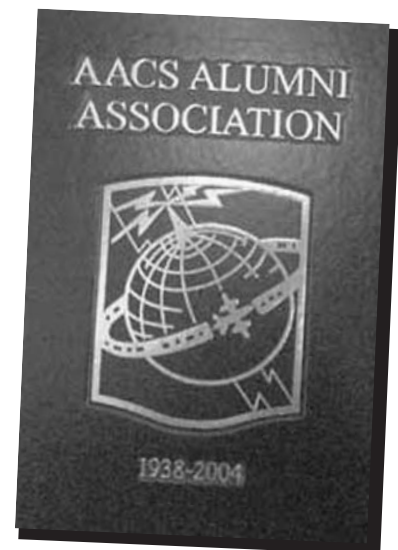
### **Reference the AACCS Book 1938-2004**

**The AACCS Book contains the history of AACCS, AFCS and AFCC, stories and photos by AACCS members and bio's of those who purchased the book. It is a great item to have, as it covers the important programs/projects that the communications and air traffic control communities were involved in over the years.**

**This will be the last chance to purchase this book and we recommend that if you do not have the book or you want to purchase an additional copy, this is the time to do it.**

**Hank Sauer**

**Editor of the AACCS Book**





FIRST DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALLIED POWERS  
AND JAPAN SENT FROM AACS STATION WXXU MANILA,  
P.I. AT 1708 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 15th 1945 BY COL  
REEDER G. NICHOLS



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CERTIFIED ORIGINAL TAPE

*R. G. Nichols*  
R G NICHOLS  
COLONEL AIR CORPS

**Submitted by Joe Agronick. This is the pasted version of the  
FIRST MESSAGE sent to Japan to begin the process of  
surrender.**





**Weilberg, Germany - 1951**

**A.T. "Swede" Haggmark  
&  
D.B. "Don" Scruggs**

March 2, 2007

Hank Sauer  
111 Carson Lane  
Oak Ridge, Tn 37830

Dear Hank,

## **Don Scruggs takes a look back at his days in the 1945th AACs Sq**

Thanks for calling me back yesterday. I am enclosing several photos taken while I was stationed with the 1945<sup>th</sup> AACs Sqdn at Rhein Main AFB Germany. Since you previously had duty at Group in Wiesbaden and Wing at Munich you are pretty familiar with the area. I have put the names on the reverse side of those whose names I remember. Feel free to use these in any format you deem acceptable.

I worked in Weather Communications, beginning as an operator in Feb 1951, Shift Chief (Charlie Shift) in 1952 and the Chief Operator (CHOP) in early 1953 until I rotated in Dec 1953. My last seven months were at the 1901<sup>st</sup> AACs Sqdn at Hamilton AFB in San Rafael Ca where I was discharged on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1954. I am also enclosing a copy of a duty roster (I was promoted at S/Sgt in Aug 1972 and was on waiting list for Tech when I rotated. (and lost my place on Sqdn list). We made the switch from American Teletypes to German Teletypes during 1953. Quite a difference!

You will also find a Squadron Personnel Action Memorandum dated Feb 8, 1952. You said that you would forward this copy to someone at Scott AFB that could use it. I do appreciate your doing this.

My ultimate goal is to become more computer literate and start looking up any of these guys I served with and encourage them to become members of the Alumni Association and then try for a group to attend the annual convention. I'll keep you posted. You had an article about two issues back about D. W. Harley. You will find him on "A" shift on the enclosed duty schedule. I have called and talked to him. I am in contact with A.T. Haggmark who is also shown on the enclosed duty roster. He was instrumental in my becoming a member of the Association. He lives in Camarillo, Ca. and is a member.

Thanks for all your help.

*Don Scruggs*  
D. B. (Don) Scruggs

**Don: You Squadron guys are all alike, you did not  
know where the Group was or the Wing !!! 1812th  
AACs Group was in Munich, the 1807th AACs Wg  
was in Wiesbaden !!!!!!!**

# AACS





**These photos are typical of what GI's do when not working.....enjoying the German Bier and seeing the sights ??????**



## **The Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949**

### **(Submitted by Jim Davis)**

During the spring of 1948 the 60<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group moved from Munich/Reim Air Base to Kaufbeuren Air Base. Kaufbeuren is at the base of the Alps a few miles south of Augsburg. At the time I was an Operations Officer (1<sup>st</sup> Lt.) with duty at both Munich and Kaufbeuren. My oldest son, William III was born at the 98<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Munich on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 1948. I had moved daughter, maid and household goods to Kaufbeuren the previous day. The new son and the two year old daughter, Ellyn, both had some physical problems so we had made the decision to send the family back to the States as soon as possible. My wife and two children left from Rhein/Main Air Base in Frankfurt on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 1948.

The 60<sup>th</sup> TCG had been sending as many as 3 C-47's to Rhein/Main each week for several weeks. The mission was hauling mail and cargo between Frankfurt and Berlin. The airfield at Berlin was Templehof. I hauled tombstones and baby grand pianos on occasion. Since my family was on the way home to Champaign, Illinois I volunteered to take the three airplanes to Frankfurt. Since the Airlift which was nicknamed "Operation Vittles" many people have referred to those early missions as "Little Vittles". We never referred to those missions in that manner. Someone dreamed that one up long after the fact.

After arrival at Rhein/Main my C-47 was loaded and I made a round-trip to Berlin. Back at Rhein/Main reloading and refueling was going slow and it was getting late in the afternoon so I went to Operations and advised that I wanted quarters for the crew and that we would depart at first light the next morning. Lt. Herschel Simmons was the Operations Officer on duty; he advised that I was to go to Berlin as soon as the airplane was ready. I refused on the basis that we were restricted from flying in the corridor to Berlin at night and we were forbidden to remain overnight in Berlin. He insisted that I go; I refused again. At that point a harsh voice said "Lieutenant!" I turned around to face Colonel Walter Lee, Commander of Rhein/Main, who said, "You get your butt out to that airplane and take it to Berlin tonight!!!" The obvious answer was, "Yes sir."

So off to Berlin at about 9pm. Upon arrival I announced that I needed quarters for the crew and would like to send an RON message to my home base. Instead I was directed to return to Frankfurt. My argument about regulations against flying in the corridor at night was useless. Off to Frankfurt. Nearing the Frankfurt Airport I requested approach clearance to Rhein/Main. "Surprise, you're being diverted to Wiesbaden Air Base." I protested that I didn't want to go to Wiesbaden as I was operating out of Rhein/Main. I was given approach instructions for Wiesbaden and told to report to my Group Commander upon arrival. I figured that everyone was irked because I had been somewhat obstinate about the whole drill. By the time I landed at Wiesbaden we had some low cloud and light drizzle. As I taxied in it became obvious that the entire 60<sup>th</sup> was at Wiesbaden. I checked into Operations and asked if our Group Commander, Colonel Bertram C. Harrison had an office there. He did, on the second floor.

I reported to him and he said, "Congratulations." I said, "For what, sir?" Harrison said, "You've flown the first mission for our Group on the Berlin Airlift." "Yes sir, if you say so." The Colonel replied, "You don't know what I'm talking about, do you!" "No sir." "Maybe you'd better tell me what you've been doing today?? So I gave him a blow by blow description. He asked, "Didn't they give you any kind of intelligence briefing about the closing of Berlin to all surface traffic and the threats to shoot down any planes in the corridor?" "No sir, not a word except GO!" With that Harrison called Walter Lee and called him everything except Colonel. He hung up, said "Congratulations again, let's get on with our job."

That's how it began for me. I had been scheduled to return to the States in August. That all went by the boards, of course. We started the operation with 48 C-47s in our Group and 48 in the 61<sup>st</sup> Troop Carrier Group at Rhein Main. In the 60<sup>th</sup> we had no pilots assigned strictly as pilots. Everyone had a staff job. They brought in staff pilots from various headquarters along with a lot of unhappy fighter pilots from all over Europe. Eventually all of the USAF effort was done with C-54s. The 60<sup>th</sup> began using C-54s in October.

I flew 198 trips while continuing with duties as an Operations Officer, Instructor Pilot and Instrument Examiner.



## **A Tribute to Roy Leonard Lane, Lieutenant Colonel USAF, Retired (Korean War AACCS Detachment Commander)**

Our little detachment, Operating Location Eighteen, 1993<sup>rd</sup> AACCS Squadron (Mobile) was commanded by First Lieutenant Roy Lane in 1953. Squadron Headquarters was at Kimpo ... the land of the Sabre. Our base, King One Eight, the land of the crash landing, is located just south of the 38<sup>th</sup> and was a "hot spot" during the war. The base is still operating and is the centerpiece of the ROK Air Force.

A few of us still communicate and cherish the memories from our "war" and our youth. Ray Buday, Ainsley Fullard-Leo, Emerson Whaley and I stay in touch. We also stay in touch with some of the Navy's FASRON-11 men. Some of us get together from time-to-time and raise a glass to those memories and the shadows therein.

We were all high-ranking control tower operators of the Airman Second Class variety. I look at the picture of the guys lined up on the catwalk in front of the tower cab ... smoking their "promotion day" cigars ... with a surge of fond memories still fresh in eye and mind.

Roy was exactly the kind of commander that a bunch of young control tower operators needed. When I recently read Jimmy Stewart's biography, **Jimmy Stewart, Bomber Pilot**, I thought of Roy. Descriptions of Stewart's style ... He was a real hero and a natural leader of men ... reminded me of Roy ... their leadership and guts quotient must have been closely matched.

Ainsley located Roy and his wife Colleen in 2004. They were living near Seymour-Johnson AFB in North Carolina. After several calls and conversations with Colleen we determined that Roy was ill with a pulmonary disease. Early on, I thought he might not have wished to talk with us; commanding teen-aged radio operators and maintenance men, control tower operators and all of the others associated with the unit must have been akin to "hauling cats" in a wheelbarrow.

I was much honored when in late May of 2005; Roy answered the phone. He sounded alert and well and we talked until my cell battery faded. We exchanged stories, answered questions and talked of getting together after his planned trip to Charleston, WV-Roy's home town. And then word was received of Roy's passing on July 4, 2005. With his date of birth being July 5, 1925 ... he wrapped everything up neatly as was his style.

Much of our conversation centered on an incident contrived by Ainsley and Ray. It seems that a ROKAF F-51 bounced on landing runway 25 and skidded left between the tower and FASRON-11's tin hut. When the aircraft passed the tower, Ainsley claims, he and the pilot were eye-to-eye and about 20 feet apart. The plane's wings were then vertical ... A 90-degree right bank as it were. The wings were back to level when the ship's left wing struck the "Love Charlie" radio beacon antenna ... a section of the wing dropped on one of AACCS's luxurious tents in our compound.

Well, Lieutenant Lane then called for volunteers to make emergency repairs to the antenna ... he chuckled when he said; "I didn't get any and had to climb the 120-foot tower and make the repairs myself." We talked of Panthers, Corsairs, Skyraiders and C-47's ... we talked of the food, the cold, the heat, the fog and the rain ... and then the conversation was over.

I could go on and on about our little hideaway on the east coast of the Korean Peninsula and near to Task Force 77 and our comrades-in-arms on the Eastern Sea ... but for now I'll stand alone here in Virginia ... the house is empty ... I can't see the wrinkles ... and stand at a semblance of attention and render a hand salute to Roy Leonard Lane ... and I'll hold back the tears ... out of respect for Roy and his command ... if I can ...

A/IC James M. Davis  
USAF  
AACCS



Westerville, Ohio  
December 29, 2006

Mr. R. P. Sauer  
Editor/Publisher  
AACS Communicator  
111 Carson Lane  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Dear Mr. Sauer,

I enlisted in the Army Air Corps in December 1942, and was discharged in February 1946. After taking Radio Operator and Mechanic and Advanced Radio Mechanic courses at Scott Field, IL, I deployed October 1944, to the Pacific Theater, as a fledgling Army Airways Communication System radio mechanic. I never got to operate, repair or even see a radio for the rest of my military career.

I spent part of the deployment in New Guinea and part in the Philippine Islands. The stay in New Guinea was at Hollandia, owned then by the Netherlands East Indies. Hollandia is now called Jayapura and owned by Indonesia. Our camp was inland from the harbor at Hollandia, about 15 miles, near the air base and quite close to Lake Sentani. At first, we had crude quarters, but that was temporary. Later we moved to new, rather good looking facilities "up the road".

The AACS unit was the 143rd Squadron, 68th Group. It was, I have learned, a personnel replacement depot, as well as a communication station. I was never informed of our actual mission or purpose there. The photographs enclosed, which I took over 60 years ago, show both the original, temporary camp, as well as, the new, permanent facilities. I think you can tell the difference.

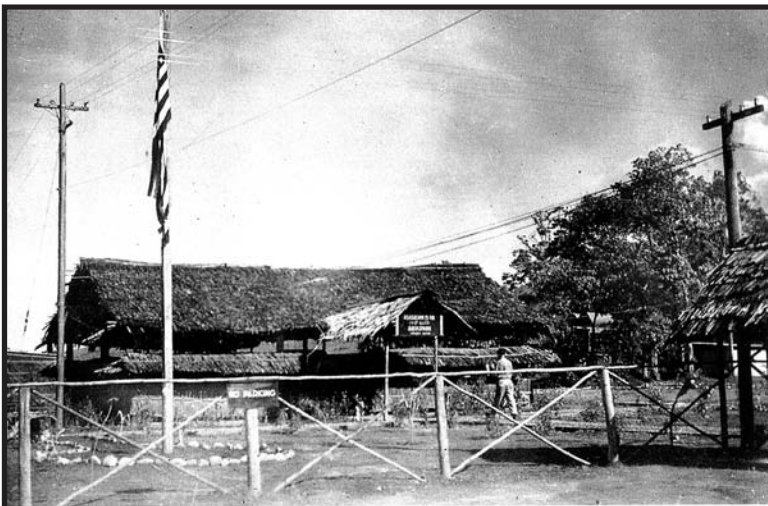
Probably, some members of AACS have passed through the 143rd at Hollandia on the way to other Squadrons on islands North of New Guinea. Maybe they, as well as, those permanently assigned to the 143rd, would appreciate seeing the photos, provided they are publishable. Use them as you see fit.. Call or write, if you need more facts.

Yours truly,



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Westerville, OH 43082 (614) 882-3869 dsmith1248@insight.rr.com

**See photos of the 143rd AACS Sq - 68th AACS Gp  
Hollandia, New Guinea - 1944**



The new Headquarters for the 143rd Squadron, 68th Group, in Hollandia, New Guinea was constructed by local residents, using palm branches. Strangely, the facility never leaked a drop of rain.



Guess what. This is the latrine. Don't laugh, Restful Haven was run superbly by two great guys. There they are posing for you.



This Jeep-full is coming in through muddy roads to the old camp for Christmas chow, 1944. Fresh meat and, yes, beer was on the menu, flown in special from Australia.



That's me (Don Smith) in the front row without a shirt. The adopted mascot to my right is the nose of an A-20 bomber.



And here's a truck full leaving the old camp after Christmas chow. We left there, too, soon after for new and better quarters "up the road".



Here's an AACs'er doing his washing in a bucket heated over a makeshift fire.



**\*\*\*URGENT REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS\*\*\***

**If you are an "OLD" member of the Association and have not completed this form or the information on the Membership Roster is not complete, PLEASE Fill out this FORM and**

**Cut out and mail to Mac Maginnis at 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408, or call TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045, or email [c.Maginnis@comcast.net](mailto:c.Maginnis@comcast.net).**

IF YOU ARE ONLY MAKING A CHANGE, MARK HERE (YES \_\_\_\_\_)

IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, VISIT THE AACS WEB SITE ([WWW.AACSalumni.com](http://WWW.AACSalumni.com)) AND SUBMIT THE INFORMATION ON LINE

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ham Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit(s) and Command(s) for the membership roster: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please limit to 2 units and 3 commands)

Dates Served in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ (44-46. 48-75. 50-54. etc) ERA(s) Served \_\_\_\_\_ (WWII, Korea, etc)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Status: \_\_\_\_\_ (Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, Civilian, Tech Rep, etc)

How were you recruited: Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_, Magazine: \_\_\_\_\_ or Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Area(s) or Base: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Comm/ATC Units: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ (Tower, GCA, Teletype, Crypto, Radio, Maintenance, Admin, etc)

If you are a Snow Bird please complete the following:

St. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dates When residing at Snow Bird address: \_\_\_\_\_

Snow Bird Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Bird Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date or Year Joined the AACS Alumni: \_\_\_\_\_ I

Served on Board of Directors as: \_\_\_\_\_ Served on Alumni Committee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Was a Host or Co Host of a Reunion: At: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*WE NEED TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE INFORMATION ON EVERY MEMBER\*\***

**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/PROFILE CHANGE**

**MAIL TO: Mr. C.B. Maginnis, 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408**

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**Regular and Associate Membership dues are \$10.00 per-year, payable in two-year increments.**

Life Memberships are based on age:

**To – 50 years of age = \$165**

**51 – 60 years of age = \$145**

**61 – 70 years of age = \$115**

**71 --? Years if age = \$75**

Life Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of \$ enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I AM A NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ I AM MAKING A CHANGE IN MY PROFILE \_\_\_\_\_**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HAM SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

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## AACS Ring Project

Ed Schmidt of Citrus Heights, California submitted a proposal to the Board of Directors recommending that the AACS Alumni Association look into placing quality AACS rings into our PX/BX inventory. Stan Phillips and Ray Sharpless were appointed to head up the AACS Ring Project Committee and make a recommendation to the Board.

They started searching the internet for "Military Rings" and related information. They found many vendors, providing a broad variety of metals, designs, and prices, for all of the major branches of the military. The majority of the rings offered were "generic", i.e. U.S. Air Force; U.S. Army; etc. They found a few companies that provided the option to "customize and "build your own" type ring, by means of providing a variety official military images and insignia, to select from. Stan Phillips chose to create and purchase his own "personalized" AACS Ring from Beeman Jewelers, at w, a vendor for Balfour Rings.

The basic ring is "college-like", in appearance, with a stone on top, surrounded by an inscription and inscribed panels and raised letters, on each side.

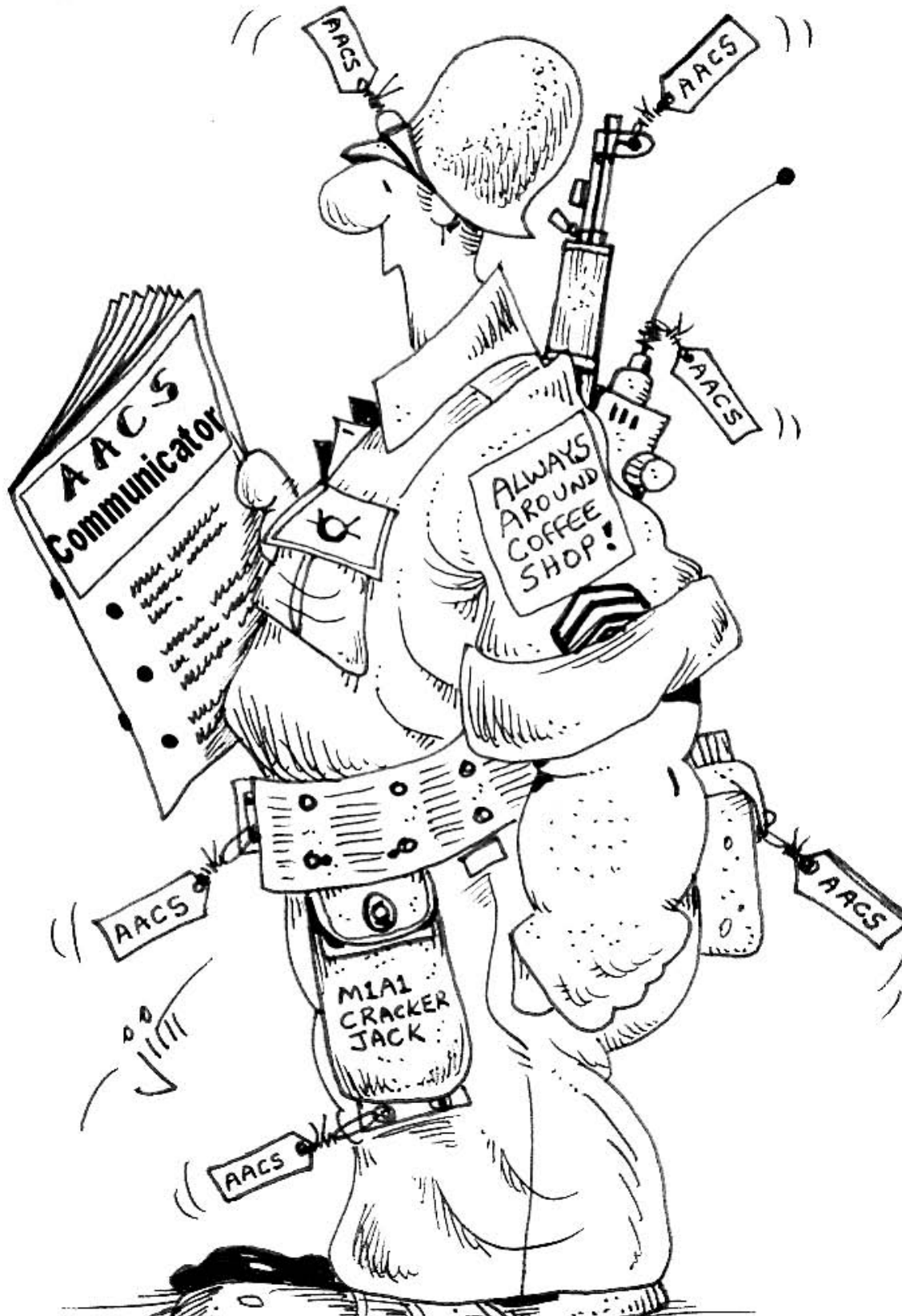
The ring is made of: 14k yellow gold; with an Air Force Falcon design, which "sits" under the "Fireflare" cut birthstone; surrounded with the inscription AACS Alumni Association. On side panel 1: is the "Air Traffic Controllers" badge/insignia; "USAF" below that; and "GCA", in raised letters, above. On side panel 2: is the Air Force logo (folded Cpl stripes); "USAF" below that; and "AACS, in raised letters, above. The inside of the ring was inscribed: "Servitio Dedicati". The cost of the ring was \$659.00.

Other metals available were: silver or gold Valadium; sterling silver; 10k or 18k yellow or white gold; ranging in price from \$130.00 to \$760.00, based on "current" market value, using the same design format, as described above.

Customized rings, for other "disciplines", within the AACS Community, can be created, using available images/insignia, for: Communications/Information Specialists; Maintenance Personnel; Operations Support; "Other" Support Services. Other images available are: a Screaming Eagle; an Eagle & Shield; U.S. flag (in color); "POW-MIA"; Jet Aircraft; among others. Also, personal names, rank, unit designations can be inscribed in raised letters, on the side panels, in one or two lines; limited only by the predetermined "letter allowance". If you use only one line, the letters used are bigger; if two lines are used, the letters are smaller.

The committee's recommendation to the BOD was for the Association not to get involved with the design and/or purchase of any rings, but to inform our members that personalized rings could be purchased by individual members and created in a variety of skills. The cost to create even a few of the basic skills (GCA, Tower, Crypto, Radio, etc,) would be a significant investment of our funds and additional workload on our volunteer PX/BX manager. Therefore, AACS Alumni Association members are advised that AACS type rings are available on the commercial market and members are free to design their own rings on an individual basis. The photos below are the "GCA" Ring that Stan had made for himself.







New Members Report since the November 2006 AACs Communicator

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	SPOUSES NAME	HAM/CALL & EMAIL	UNIT & COMMAND FOR	Dates IN AF	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
ANDERSON	08-RAYMOND	C		W5VCN ray1914@sbcglobal.net	6TH SIGNAL RADIO ACS	43-45	1000 GENEVA RD # 5-A	ST CHARLES	IL	60174
ANDERTON	08-WILLIAM	S		bill_tish@wowway.com	1MOB 2016SQ 2MOB AACs	52-72	21450 ULRICH ST	CLINTON TWP	MI	48036
BAKER JR	08-WILLIAM	T		K4NSG bbaker28@bellsouth.net	1954-7DET AACs	46-49	36 TREASURY ST	ST AUGUSTINE	FL	32084-3651
BARRIL	08-GEORGE		URSULA	barri2@hotmail.com	AACS AFCS	52-72	5203 NE 188TH ST	SEATTLE	WA	98155
BLISS	08-WALTER	W		cbliss569@aol.com	AACS	49-53	2043 SOMERSET DRIVE	JEFFERSONTON	VA	22724-1718
BUTCHER	08-JOHN	M	EDNA	acer4@bellsouth.net	TUSLOG16 AFCS	67-79	925 JC MAULDIN HWY	KILLEN	AL	35645-8819
CASSIDY	08-JOHN	E		fatjack1@hotmail.com	4MOB 5MOB AFCS AFCC	61-83	232 ISABELLE RD	NEWARK	OH	43055-5214
JACK	CHAPMAN	J	CHRIS	jchapman@cableone.net	1MOB 2RRS 5C&CGP AACs	61-65	456 SUNSET	INGLESIDE	TX	78362
COLARUSSO	08-JOSEPH	M	EILEEN	joeneileen@firewireinternet.com	1907SQ 1961SQ 2046CS AACs	54-74	PO BOX 182	PLEASANT CITY	OH	43772
COOPER	08-ALLEN	A	JUDY	acjc4tsgt@yahoo.com	2044CG 2069CS HQ AFCS	70-90	2959 RT 446	ELDRED	PA	16731-2905
COREY JR	08-JOHN	S		jsjc22@verizon.net	1MOB 2139-2CS AACs AFCS	65-73	65 MARSHALL ST	REVERE	MA	02151-1826
CORNETT	08-HAROLD	H		K7BYM haroldmooz@aol.com	AACS	42-45	7071 SW GARDEN HOPE RD # 55	PORTLAND	OR	97223
CRAIG	LM-JAMES	C	NANCY	KA4JTC jcarlcraig@aol.com	AFCS	62-64	5974 HWY 11E	LENOIR CITY	TN	37772
CROWE	08-DARRYL	J	SHIRLEY	boover431@hotmail.com	1995SQ 2019SQ AACs	57-60	138 MADALINE LN	DEPEW	NY	14043
DUBEL	LM-WILLIAM	JANE		wjdubel@stic.net	1MOB 2013CS AACs AFCS	44-66	6318 WIGWAM	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78238-3425
DUNN	LM-GORDON	E	JEAN	jeandunn500@yahoo.com	1957SQ 1960SQ AACs	52-56	1755 CRESTVIEW DR # BGRAND JUNCTION		CO	81506
EVANS	LM-WILLIAM	E	FRANZISKA	wevans2@who.rr.com	AACS AFCS GEEIA	50-73	7401 CHARNWOOD DRIVE	DAYTON	OH	45424-2635
FLOOD	08-GERALD	G	LINDA	ggf1938@gmail.com	4MOB 1931CS 2031CS AACs	56-60	1749 PENISTONE ST	BIRMINGHAM	MI	48009
GALLIGAN	08-GEORGE	E	BARBARA	g.galligan@att.net	AACS AFCS	46-71	2990 MUIR RD	YUBA CITY	CA	95991-9101
GEER	08-PHILIP	M		philg808@earthlink.net	7 AF AACs	39-45	10776 LEGG DRIVE	KEMP	TX	75143
GIEGER	08-ROBERT	E	CATHEY	candbgie@bellsouth.net	AACS AFCS	43-75	303 HIDE-A-WAY LANE	CARRIERE	MS	39426-7926
GILL	10-THOMAS	K	ELLEN	wwgills@charter.net	2055CS 1967SQ AACs AFCS	54-75	1137 ANKENY	WALLA WALLA	WA	99362-3708
GRANGER	LM-JEFFREY	R	SHERYL	jefgranger@cableone.net	14CS 374CS AFCC AFCA	1986 -	4214 ARKANSAS AVE	COLUMBUS AFB	MS	39705-7506
GROCE	08-CHESTER	K	RHODA	chetgroc@earthlink.net	1263CS 1974CS AFCS	60-64	1007 SPRINGCREST STREET	PLAINFIELD	IN	46168
GRUBER	08-ARTHUR	F	JANE	artg9791@mac.com	AACS	44-46	3503 OAKS WAY # 409	POMPANO BEACH	FL	33069
HEBERT	08-PRESLEY	P	THERESA	phebert8@cox.net	1MOB 381CS AACs AFCS	60-64	218 JOGG ROAD	YOUNGSVILLE	LA	70592
HELLER	08-LAURENCE	F	MAUREEN	rellehl@msn.com	AACS AFCS	60-80	15545 LA VERIDA DRIVE	VICTORVILLE	CA	92395-3444
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HICKS	08-JACK	E		jackehicks@bellsouth.net	1918CS 1955CS AACs AFCS	52-72	1023 GEORGETOWN DRIVE	NO AUGUSTA	SC	29841
ISON	08-WILLIAM	E	JANE	geneison@comcast.net	1MOB AFCS	61-63	1488 PARIS WY	LIVERMORE	CA	94550
JEFFREYS	08-ALBERT	L		jstrpt@aol.com	155SQ 785AAFBU AACs	42-46	328 HUFFHINES ST	RICHARDSON	TX	75081
JOHNSON	LM-CLARENCE	T	MARY	AACS AFCS		48-78	7974 SWORDFISH LN	ORLANDO	FL	32822
JOHNSON	08-WILLIAM	B		wbill242@aol.com	2003CS 2167CS AACs AFCS	56-76	10006 SE 242ND AVE	DAMASCUS	OR	97089-8825
KARMANN	LM-EDWARD	R	JANA		2074CS 2006CS AFCS	66-89	5670 LAWTON LOOP W.	DRIVEINDIANAPOLIS	IN	46216-2013
KEON	LM-JAMES	R		jimhelmatch@aol.com	1924CS 1976CS 1876CS AACs	56-76	5339 STEUBEN DRIVE	MEMPHIS	TN	38134-8411
KISLUK	LM-EDWARD	M	BERNICE	bksliuk@verizon.net	116SQ AACs	44-46	3200 N. LEISURE WORLD BV #	SILVER SPRINGS	MD	20906-7611
KORNS	08-STEPHEN	W	VICTORIA	reef@stephen.korns@disa.mil	5CG 18CS AFCC AFCA	85-	1401 NORTH RHODES	ARLINGTON	VA	22209
LAWRENCE	08-ROBERT	P	LILLIAN	rgr8usa@earthlink.net	1934SQ AACs	59-61	39509 HARBOR HILLS BLVD	LADY LAKE	FL	32159-5906
LEMMONS	LM-THOMAS	I	PATSY	luv2fidget-online@yahoo.com	1MOB AFCS	62-70	3751 W. CAMINO ALTO	TUCSON	AZ	85742-8822
LEONARD	08-DAVID	L	BERT		3RD I&M 1872SQ AACs	50-54	120 N. CHRISTMAS HILLS RD	TITUSVILLE	FL	32796-2593

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MARTIN II	08-REGINALD	B	TERESA	cmimartin@comcast.net	1902CS 1980CS AFCS	65-70	7637 PRAIRIE LAKE TR.	PARKER	CO	80134
MC GRATH	10-LARNEY	M	ANN	larney@verizon.net	1962CG 1MOB	61-70	9 FIRST ST	VERGENNES	VT	05491-8669
METZGER	LM-RAYMOND	S	KIM	rmetz4490@aol.com	602CS 2CS 1932CS AFCS	55-81	4490 LONDON LANECOLORADO SPRINGS		CO	80916
MILLER	08-MAJOR	A		majormiller@hotmail.com	1MOB 2164CS AFCS AFCC	59-81	2367 BENT TREE RD # 2318PALM HARBOR		FL	34683-7703
MILLER	LM-JOHN			jamiller1@optonline.net	1MOB GP AACCS AFCS	51-71	10 CHANDLER DRIVE	CHESTER	NY	10918
MOORE	LM-CHRISTOPH	C	RITA	grv3rm@msn.com	AACS AFCS AFCC	55-85	PO BOX 1245	BILOXI	MS	39533-1245
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MYER	08-WALTER	G	BETTY	wgmyer@comcast.net	DET4 105SQ AACCS	43-46	932 LAUREL HILL RD	KNOXVILLE	TN	37923-2023
NEWMAN	08-RICKEY	L	BRENDA	rickeylh@woh.rr.com	2046CS 2030CS AFCC AFCS	73-93	100 ODLIN AVE	DAYTON	OH	45405
ORWALD	08-CHARLES	H	MARY	como986@champpmail.com	1MOB AACCS AFCS	53-67	3083 SOUTH GRAY ST	DENVER	CO	80227-3816
PALMERINE	08-ARMAND	T	ANGIE	apalm62@earthlink.net	1227CS 2021CS AACCS	55-59	3709 E. FEATHER AVE	GILBERT	AZ	85234-2938
PALMORE	08-BILLY	B		bilpalmo@hotmail.com	1MOB 3MOB 4MOB AFCS	54-83	1115 WILLIAMS RD	CALEDONIA	MS	39740
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PELLETREAU	08-PETER	C	MAUREEN	ppellet2@cox.net	1MOB 1902CS AFCS AFCC	65-95	124 DUKE DRIVE	NICEVILLE	FL	32578-1222
PODSIADLIK	LM-HARRY		BARBARA	babsnkelly@webtv.net	1MOB 2044CG AACCS AFCS	50-70	14019 N. 52ND AVE	GLENDALE	AZ	85306
PORTER	08-REID	G	ANNA	rgpamp@aol.com	2042CS AFCS	63-67	9467 W. LAKE RD	LAKE CITY	PA	16423
ROACH	08-DARREN	S	GLORY	dgvroach@catholic.org	437cs	93-	1167 EAST JACKSON DRIVECHARLESTON AFB		SC	29404
ROBILLARD	08-CHUCK		ROSE-MARIE	crob20@comcast.net	1947CS 1966CS AFCS AFCC	54-80	521 SUDDEN VALLEY	BELLINGHAM	WA	98229
RONEY	08-FRANK	E	BARBARA	KO2Q froney@stny.rr.com	139 DET AACCS	44-46	171 SCENIC DRIVE	HORSEHEADS	NY	14845-1510
ROUW	08-LEONARD	C		lrouw@sbcglobal.net	1902CS 1980CS AFCS	65-69	38121 25TH ST EAST # CC104 PALMDALE		CA	93550-4978
SAUVE	LM-JAMES	F	EILEEN	j.sauve-edina@worldnet.att.net	755AFBU 125SQ AACCS	44-46	5148 DANENS DR	EDINA	MN	55439
SCHWARTZ	08-RONALD		BEVERLY	ronalds.44@sbcglobal.net	1MOB AACCS	64-68	124 E. ORCHARD AVE	SELAH	WA	98942-1416
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SPANDORF	08-PHILIP		TERRY	midwood165@aol.com	16CS 1804WG AACCS	42-46	165 CANTERBURY G	WEST PALM BEACH	FL	33417
SPIVEY	LM-DAVID	W	DELLA	davidspivey@sbcglobal.net	1962CS 2128CS AACCS AFCS	54-77	1600 SO. MAIN ST # 315	DUNCANVILLE	TX	75137-3291
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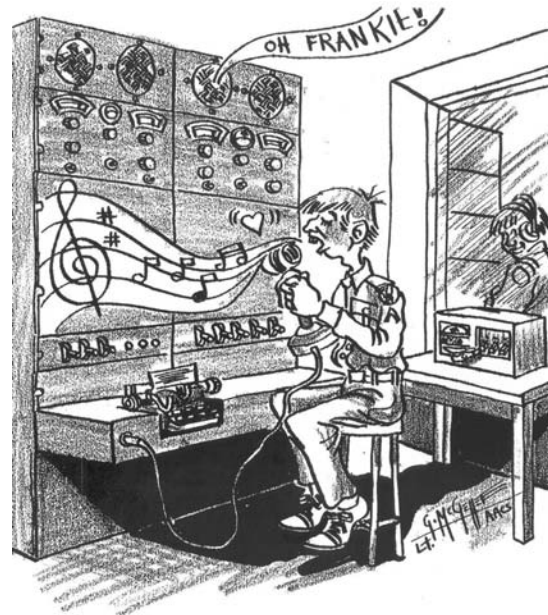


**"Look at me ! Ain't I something"**



**"Making Corporal"**

**" AACS Troops were always sharp"**



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## “Saigon, Vietnam Party, 1968”

If memory serves me right, the photo above was taken in Tate Hall, a Senior NCO Hotel about 10 blocks from the main gate of Tan Son Nhut AB. Just a few blocks from the Army's 3rd Field Hospital. While not everyone is pictured here, it was party for the 1876th Comm Sq Officers, hosted by the Sr NCO's residing in the Hotel. What you can't see is that our Commander, Lt Col John Carson was mad at our Squadron Officers for some reason and restricted them all to the base. As the organizer of this “Officer's Party” and because of all the food (steaks, ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings including “green peppers in olive oil slow cooked for a half a day), that would go to waste, and not to mention the large amount of beer we purchased, I arranged to borrow one of the Crypto Maintenance Sections vehicles and



picked up the Sq Officers at their BOQ's and sneaked them off the base for the day (we did not get caught and Col Carson may be finding out what we did for the first time when he reads this NL). We had a great day. It was our way of showing our respect for an outstanding group of young Communications, Maintenance, Air Traffic Control and other support Officers.

### Hank Sauer

In the photo, Left to Right; sitting (unknown), standing, Capt (later Col) “Big” Bob Gibson, Lee Henniger, Dewey “the cook” Mummell, Hank “Bones” Sauer and Wild Tony Formosa. This photo was provided by then Capt Don Nikunen, Sq Maintenance Officer, who must have taken the photograph. For those Alumni members who know Bob Gibson and Don Nikunen, you need to ask them about “the Nurse”, the “Puppy”, the “Dentist”, the “Black Eye”, the “Ditch”, the “Letter of Reprimand”, and the “Tan Son Nhut Incinerator” it is quite a story that only they can tell.



### A “Career” of an Air Force Wife (Excerpts from the Washington Post by Bart Barnes, Sunday, July 13, 2003)

“You had to look good to be good in Dorothy Grant’s world. Just doing something-anything- right was not enough. You had to be poised and graceful, you had to look like you were doing it right. People had to notice. Grant was a horsewomen and a riding teacher. Horses were the love of her life. On horseback, she was at ease and at home, poised and graceful. She had

ridden since childhood on a ranch next to the Yankton Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where she was born and raised. She rode in the 1961 inaugural parade for President John F. Kennedy. She rode in horse shows where you are always trying to win.

In the 1960’s and 1970’s Grant ran Rock Creek Stables in Washington, DC, where she boarded horses, taught riding and organized trail rides through the park. She also arranged and managed annual riding tours in Hungary, Kenya, El Salvador and Portugal, well into the 1980’s.

Dorothy Grant was the wife of Lt. General Harold Grant, whom she met in Hawaii in 1933 and traveled with him to Japan and to Air Force assignments across the United States. General Grant, who was inducted into the Air Force Communications & Information Hall of Fame in 1999 as one of the Founders who established the standards for today’s “Air Force second to none Communications” died in 1989. On May 17, 2003 at the age of 93, Dorothy Grant died of pulmonary disease at a retirement home in Louisville, Colorado. Mrs. Grant, in addition to being active in running the Rock Creek Stables, was also known as a gracious hostess and the Air Force people who served with General Grant still remember her parties. She was more than capable of managing her time with horses and being the wife of an Air Force General.”

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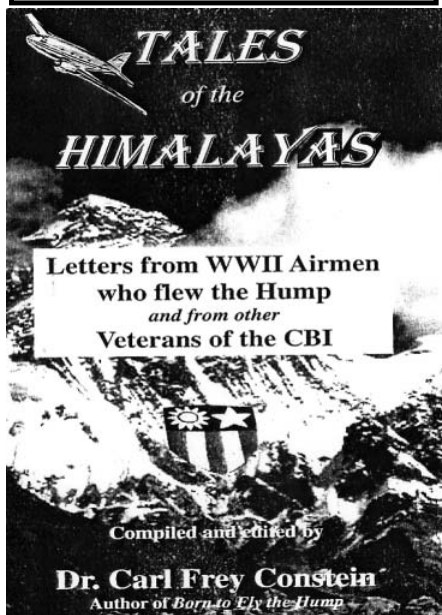
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**"Tales of the Himalayas"**

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To: Ted Carlson (Previous Editor/Publisher)

Dear Ted:

You may recall that when I published my memoir, "Born to Fly the Hump", I sent you some information for the AACS Alumni Association Newsletter. In response to that book, hundreds of Hump crews and other CBI veterans wrote to relate a few of their experiences. With their permission, I compiled their letters into a sequel I called "Tales of the Himalayas."

The Hump operation depended completely for navigation on the 4<sup>th</sup> AACS Wing. There may be some of your CBI AACS Alumni members who would be interested in this book. It is available at Amazon.com and other online vendors, as well as Barnes and Noble and other book stores. Some readers prefer to have their copies signed. I keep copies on hand and will mail signed copies. I can be contacted by writing or calling:

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## “A Sidi Slimane Hardship Tour – 1952”

Jim Johnson served in the 1975<sup>th</sup> AACCS Sq at Sidi Slimane in 1952 and remembers it as a harsh “hardship tour” with nothing but sand !



**Roy Verhilen, 4th I&M Det was TDY to Sidi Slimane installing new antennas & warning lights...took 6 tries before Major Almond was pleased....**



**Working overtime to make sure the Sq Laundry lists were correct was "really hard duty"**



**Jim Johnsons hardship detail of taking Sq Laundry to the Blanchisserie Metropole - Is that a "coke"**



**General Smith, Commander MATS, inspecting the 1975th AACCS Sq Technical Supply Hut  
T/Sgt Prince in the foreground..A/1C Walter D. McPherson was inside sweating out the inspection.....**



**Jim Johnson was not a Radio Operator !  
He could have been the Sq Mailman ?  
but here he is playing RO in the MARS Station**



## "Another AACS Save"

**Robert L. Hart, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, an AACS Alumni Life Member reports about 5 days in the 1241<sup>st</sup> AACS Squadron, RAF Station Manston, England, in 1957. The English weather was at its worst but the GCA, an CPN-4 unit was as usual, up to its best in doing the job it was designed for and guided in 10 aircraft during really bad weather.**



## Safe 'n' Sound With AACS



Hart



Divens



Huskey

**MANSTON.**—Five airmen and a UK civilian employee of the 1241st AACS Sq who guided 10 aircraft to safety in the short space of five days were honored at a ceremony here when Col Hugh B. Manson, 406th Fighter Interceptor Wing commander, presented them with Aircraft Save Certificates.

MANSON also presented engraved cigaret lighters to four of the men and engraved identification bracelets to two. The 10 saves were achieved with ground control approach and direction-finding equipment in the hands of M/Sgt Robert L. Hart, S/Sgt Charles E. Divens and A/IC Raymond Huskey, of the GCA unit; and S/Sgt Henry C. Grossman, A/2C Gerald N. Linton and civilian William Reilly, of the control tower.

THE sequence of dramatic events which

### Queen's Award to 5 Britons For F-100 Rescue Attempt

**WETHERSFIELD.**—Five Britons who attempted to rescue an American pilot from his crashed and burning F-100D fighter-bomber last Dec. 30 have been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct. The men are E. G. Prentice and the brothers Michael, Robert and Brian Day, of Sible Hedingham, and P. Jarman, of Wickham St. Pauls.

led to the awards began at 6:14 pm last Dec. 17 when the field experienced a complete electrical power failure. In the darkening Kent sky, four F-86 Sabres under GCA control advised that they did not have sufficient fuel to proceed to an alternative field.

Approach control realized it would take 10 minutes to bring emergency runway lighting into operation. So, the request was flashed to two F-84s taxiing on the runway to take up positions on each side of the strip and illuminate it.

### 6 Men Honored at Manston For Saving 10 Craft in 3 Hectic December Days

with their landing lights. WITHIN seconds, the craft had moved into position, and minutes later the first two F-86s touched down. They, too, took up positions flanking the runway to aid the remaining Sabres to safety.

Two days later, at 5:50 pm, two F-100s called "mayday" on the emergency frequency. GCA picked them up 50 miles south of the base and brought them home.

BUT the busy AACS men had their largest rush of "customers" on the hectic third day, Dec.

21. Fog and rain had reduced visibility to 1 1/2 miles when, at 4:22 pm, an F-86 contacted GCA.

The craft missed its first two approaches. The pilot reported minimum fuel status. On the critical third approach, he was given a close pattern radar and brought down.

FIFTEEN minutes later, another F-86 requested a full-stop landing as weather conditions deteriorated further. Then, just one minute later, GCA picked up an emergency call from a T-33. Simultaneously the control tower reported a power failure.

Holding off the F-86, GCA contacted the T-33 on an emergency channel. The pilot said he was lost and his radio compass inoperative.

GCA brought the aircraft across to Manston, but the pilot missed his first approach. When he reported emergency fuel level, he was given a reverse surveillance approach and brought down.

GCA then turned its attention to the waiting F-86. By this time visibility was reduced to six-tenths of a mile, but the crew helped the plane down safely.

AT 4:50 pm, another emergency call came through from an F-86: position unknown, its radio compass out of order. GCA placed the craft 12 miles northwest and directed it in.

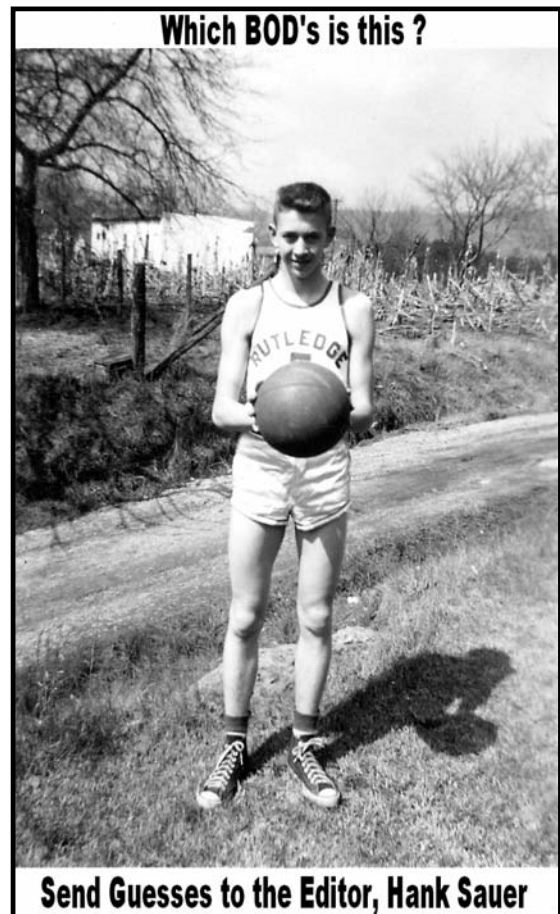
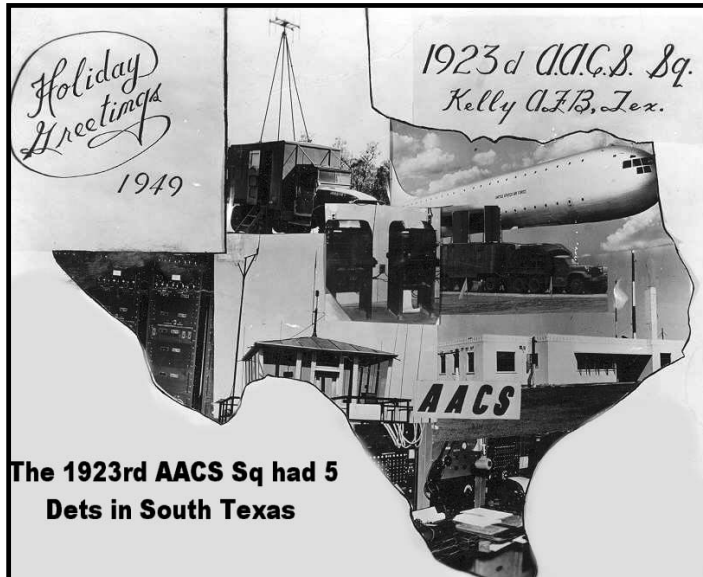


## “Order of the Sword”

The Order of the Sword is an ancient ceremony rich in tradition. The ceremony is conducted by NCO's to honor leaders who have made significant contributions to the enlisted corps. Earliest traditions hold that ancient NCO's would, on occasion, honor a leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting the leader a sword. The sword—a symbol of truth, justice, and power rightfully used—served as a token for all to see and know that here was a leader among leaders. The ceremony was revived among the enlisted corps of the Air Force as the “Order of the Sword”. The enlisted corps of the Air Force Communications Service/Air Force Communications Command inducted seven (7) outstanding and caring Commanders into the Order. Their names and date of induction follow:

<b>*Maj. Gen Rupert H. Burris</b>	<b>July 19, 1978</b>
<b>Maj. Gen Robert E. Sadler</b>	<b>April 12, 1980</b>
<b>Maj. Gen (later General) Robert T. Herres</b>	<b>August 27, 1983</b>
<b>*Maj. Gen Gerald L. Prather</b>	<b>October 17, 1986</b>
<b>Maj. Gen Paul R. Stoney</b>	<b>September 25, 1990</b>
<b>*Lt. Gen Robert H. Ludwig</b>	<b>September 28, 1991</b>
<b>*Maj Gen (later Lt. Gen) John S. Fairfield</b>	<b>May 11, 1993</b>

Note: \* Were or are members of the AACS Alumni Association





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## NEW PX/BX ITEMS

Our Supply "Clerk" has added two new items for our well dressed Alumni Members. A Blue Wind Shirt with our AACS embroidered patch, made of nylon and lined with a cotton lining and new original Blue AACS Patches. The Windshirt is ideal for spring and fall outer garments. Initially they will be stocked in Medium, Large and Extra Large sizes. See PX/BX order form in this issue. Price for the Windshirt is \$23.00, including shipping. We have added "The Old Blue AACS Patch" without AACS –AFCS –AFCC embroidered on it. Cost is \$8.00, including shipping.

**SEE PAGE 68 FOR ORDER FORM**



The embroidered name was done after the shirt was purchased. Both the Blue and White AACS Golf Shirts are in the PX Inventory.



New AACS Alumni Wind Shirts are now in stock. See the PX/BX Order form in this issue. Cost, including shipping is \$23 and sizes will be M, L and XL.







# OUR AIR FORCE TODAY





# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The initial meeting of what turned out to be the first AACS Alumni Association meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio in 1977. The meeting was hosted by "emeritus" Larry Camp and his wife Doris. This meeting came about as a result of a conversation with "Dux" and Pearl LeDoux and was planned as a poker weekend in Columbus. Some of the notables who were in attendance, and to whom we owe so much were; Hack Neal, Ken Klise, Flash Gordon, Paul Haas, Glen Turner, Bob Dickerson, Max Mankofsky, Dux LeDoux, John Hoff, Ted Carlson, Don Donnell & George Yunker, just to name a few. This group established the high standards that still drive the AACS Alumni Association and we owe them and all the individuals who attended that first meeting/reunion a great big "Thank You"

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**TO: THOSE POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**QUESTION: WHO OR WHAT IS THE AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ?**

**ANSWER:** An Association that is comprised of members who began their service in the Army Air Force before WWII and who served in the first dedicated communications element to provide communications and air traffic control as its primary mission and members who have served since then in any communications or air traffic control unit, including those serving today. This new Army Air Force organization, was formed in 1938 and was named the "Army Airways Communications System" (AACS). During WWII, it was renamed the "Air Communications Service" (ACS) and placed under the then "Air Transport Command" and within months was renamed once again to the "Airways and Air Communications Service" (AACS). In 1961, AACS was elevated to a Major Air Command and renamed "Air Force Communications Service" (AFCS). In 1979, the name was changed to "Air Force Communications Command" (AFCC). In the early 1990's the Air Force was undergoing major reorganizations and realignment of functions and AFCC was downsized and renamed the "Air Force Command, Control, Communications & Computers Agency" (AFC4A) and shortly thereafter, was renamed the "Air Force Communications Agency" (AFCA) which is still an active Air Force organization. Also in the early 1990's, the Air Force created the "Air Force Flight Standards Agency" (AFFSA) and reassigned air traffic control responsibilities to this new Agency.

Over the years since the AACS Alumni Association was formed (1977) the membership criteria changed from individuals who only served in AACS units, to include all communicators/information/air traffic control and support skills regardless of what Major or Joint Command an individual served in, including today's active duty personnel.

Because of the heritage of the letters "AACS" and its unique contributions to long-haul communications and air traffic control, the Association has decided to maintain "AACS" as our organizational name. This could change in the future as our members who served from 1938 to 1961 are added to our "Missed Roll Call" list, and a new organizational name becomes more appropriate.

While the answer above is long, the short answer is "any individual who served or is serving in any Air Force Communications or Air Traffic Control unit, in any skill set, from 1938- to today, "is" the AACS Alumni Association.

The AACS motto of "Fellowship in the Company of Equals" is more than just words, but the glue that holds us all together through the different decades. The AACS Alumni Association is comprised of about 85% enlisted personnel and 15% officers, which includes over 50 General Officers.

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