

# 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”

The Official Publication of the AACS Alumni Association, Inc.

**JUNE 2008**

### **\*NOTICE\***

**See Absentee Ballot  
on  
Page 11  
Concerning the  
change of our name.**

**If you will not attend  
the 32nd Annual  
Convention in  
September, please  
vote and mail to  
Bob Akard.**



### **September 2008**

**Plan now on coming to the  
32nd AACS  
Convention/Reunion in  
Branson, Missouri  
The Stone Castle Hotel  
(formerly the "Settle Inn")  
Sept. 24 – Sept. 28, 2008.  
(These dates are Wed. - Sun.)  
  
Gene & Irene Sheridan  
and their  
Overland Park Crew  
(from the 2005 Convention/Reunion)  
  
will be the Hosts.**



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.

**“Check your Address For The Year Your Dues Expire”**



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## AACS PAGE OF HONOR

### UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION HALL OF FAME

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#### Class of 1999

\* Lt. General Lee M. Paschall

#### Class of 2000

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Maj. General Robert Edge  
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#### Class of 2001

\*Lt. General James S. Cassity  
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#### Class of 2002

\*Lt. General Richard Klocko  
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Lt. General Gordon A. Blake  
Maj. General Daniel C. Doubleday  
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\*Lt. General John S. Fairfield  
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#### Class of 2005

Lt. General Albert Edmonds  
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#### Class of 2006

Maj. General Francis L. Ankenbrandt  
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\*Colonel Derrel L. Dempsey  
\*CMSgt William Bethea

#### Class of 2007

Maj. General John T. Randerson  
Colonel James R. Lauducci  
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## AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF HONOR

#### Class of 2001

\*CMSgt Richard P. "Hank" Sauer

#### Class of 2002

\*Colonel Robert M. Brewer  
MSgt. Joseph J. Duffy  
\*Mr. Thomas S. Snyder

#### Class of 2003

\*Larry Camp  
Maj. General Gerald L. Prather

#### Class of 2004

\*Colonel Garland B. Hilton

#### Class of 2005

\*Lt. General Harry Raduege  
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\*Chaplain (Colonel) P.C. Brown  
\*CMSgt William Bethea  
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#### Class of 2006

\*Colonel Derrel Dempsey  
\*CMSgt Walt McLain

#### Class of 2007

\*Colonel James Lauducci  
CMSgt. Charles E. Teston

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\*CMSgt Richard P. "Hank" Sauer

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\*Claire B. Lofchie  
\*John A. Milano  
\*Lt. General Lee Paschall  
\*Maj. General Gerald L. Prather  
\*CMSgt Jim VanDyne

#### Class of 2004

\*Major C.B. Maginnis  
\*Mrs. Nancy Donnell

#### Class of 2005

\*Lt. Colonel Richard W. Frye  
\*George Villa

#### Class of 2006

\*\*"Smitty" McClellan  
\*Shirley Beauchum  
\*Mary Lou Brewer

#### Class of 2007

\*Duke Snyder

## THOMAS F. BUCKLEY AACS SERVICE AWARD

#### Class of 2003

\*Monika Buckley

#### Class of 2004

\*James J. Duffy

#### Class of 2005

\*Richard Gillis

#### Class of 2006

\*Robert Akard

#### Class of 2007

\*Maj Gen Gerald L. Prather

\* 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.

# **2008 Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame**

**The following individuals were inducted into  
The Hall of Fame – Class of 2008**



**Maj Gen Alvin L. Pachynski**



**Maj Gen Van C. Doubleday**



**CMSgt Walter D. McLain**

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



## From The Desk of the Executive Director

June 2008 Communicator

On or about November 10, 2007 a notice titled "Operation Changeover" was posted on the AACS Web Site. The purpose of the posting was to announce the Board of Directors recommendation, to the membership, that the name of the organization be changed from the AACS Alumni Association to the Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association.

The rationale for the proposed name change is to more readily identify who we are, in more generic terms, to attract new members from the ranks of past/ recent Air Force veterans, as well as current active duty personnel; to bolster our declining active membership roster.

Over the years, since the founding of our organization, the names/classifications of many active Air Force organizations, at various command levels, have changed, due to "decentralized" management structure to meet their mission goals. Communication/Air Traffic Control Services, once under a "centralized" command, were put into the hands of "operational" commanders at each "host" base. This resulted in the separation of communicators from air traffic control units, and related support units, as we know them, into free standing organizations. As a result, the generations of Airmen/Airwomen that followed us couldn't identify with the AACS, AFCS and AFCC Command organizations.

What hasn't changed is the pride and bond that we share with each other, within the AACS Alumni Association membership and all other active/separated Air Force personnel who are or were communicators, maintainers, air traffic controllers, commanders and related support staff. We are a "family" of related skills, missions and functions; regardless of past or current organizational identification.

It is my sincere opinion that by changing our name to the Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association, we will enhance/strengthen our organization, provide the opportunity to perpetuate our proud heritage and continue the spirit of comaraderie to be shared with future generations. Also, we would incorporate the basic existing AACS logo into the design of a new organization logo that maintains our ties to our roots.

The membership will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed name change at the Convention in Branson, Missouri, September 27, 2008. Those members unable to attend the Convention will be able to vote on this issue, via an absentee ballot, provided in this publication.

If this proposal is approved by the membership, the name change would be effective October 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

Stan Phillips  
Executive Director

The AACS logo is displayed in a large, bold, serif font. Below the logo is a close-up, black and white photograph of an eagle's head, looking upwards and to the right. The background of the entire page is a stylized American flag with stars and stripes.

## **ATTENTION ALL AACS ALUMNI MEMBERS IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The AACS Alumni Association Board of Directors (BOD) is proposing a major name change to the AACS Constitution and By-Laws. The rationale and change to the constitution and By-Laws follows:**

### **Operation "Changeover" (By Stan Phillips, Executive Director)**

**Operation "Changeover" is a sincere/comprehensive effort by the AACS Alumni Association Board of Directors (BOD) to present a recommendation, to the membership, to change the name of the organization. The main purpose of the name change is to more accurately identify who we are to potential new members that have or are serving in the USAF, military or civilian, in the all encompassing Comm/ATC/Maintenance disciplines and related support skills. This would enhance our recruiting effort to perpetuate the growth of the organization and maintain its proud heritage.**

**Proposed new name:**

**"The Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association".**

**The rationale for this title is that it best describes the "broad" umbrella of job skills that are common to this "type" family of career fields. To add additional jobs to the title would be cumbersome.**

**The title is more understandable to former/current Air Force personnel and easier to identify what the organization is comprised of, as compared to the AACS Alumni Association.**

**"Alumni" was not included in the title and may be missed by some members; possibly inferring that the new organization is comprised only of "active" duty people. The proposed name describes our members as Air Force Communications & Air Traffic Controllers and not an Air Force organizational title.**

**The only things that will change are the "Name of the Association" and the address for the "Web Site". Our History will remain in tact.**

**The proposal to change the AACS Alumni Association Constitution and By-Laws is for the name change only. The membership will be asked to vote by absentee ballot if they will not be at the Annual General Meeting in Branson, Missouri on September 27, 2008. The members attending the Branson, Missouri Annual General Meeting will vote the proposed name change up or down and all absentee votes will be counted as part of the vote. If approved by the membership,**

**"The Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association" would be the organization's new name, effective October 1, 2008.**

**The approval of our name change will require a number of administrative and legal changes with our State of Incorporation (Michigan), the Internal Revenue Service for our 501 (c) (19) status and a number of other states where we have current Certificates of Exemption from Sales and Use Taxes. We will as stated in the following information take action to change our Web site name but ensure that all Internet Search Engines will take you to the proper site based on names and key words. We have developed preliminary design drafts for embroidered patches for our hats and shirts and they will be implemented if the proposal is approved.**

### **Proposed Change to the Constitution & By-Laws**

**Change Articles 1 NAME, of the Constitution and By-Laws to Read:**

#### **CONSTITUTION:**

#### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

**The name of this organization shall be the Air Force Communicators & Air traffic Controllers Association. The name of the Association is the natural fit for all members who have served or are serving as communicators, information/cyber specialists, air traffic controllers, maintenance or other related support skills.**

## **BY-LAWS:**

### **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the **Air Force Communicators & Air traffic Controllers Association**. The name of the Association is the natural fit for all members who have served or are serving as communicators, information/cyber specialists, air traffic controllers, maintenance or other related support skills.

**Rationale:** As our ages continue to increase, and fewer and fewer ex-communicators and air traffic controllers who served in AACS, AFCS & AFCC, join our Association, we must look to the future and recruit those airman serving today. AACS was elevated to Major Air Command Status in 1961 (47 years ago), AFCS was renamed AFCC in 1979 (29 years ago) and AFCC was deactivated in 1993 (15 years ago). Our Mission statement is to maintain a viable Association to enable those serving today to enjoy the fellowship that we have had since 1977. The Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers have been in separate units for the past 15/17 years and are all in different major air commands, There is no single organizational element responsible for them. Therefore, the Board of Directors is proposing this name change in order to better describe who we are and to enhance our recruiting efforts of those airmen serving today as well as those who served in other Major Air Commands.

Nothing will change.

The BOD has been studying a possible name change since 1998 and feel that now is the time. We need to find a name that describes us to those individuals who did not serve in any of the Communications Commands (AACS, AFCS & AFCC), such as SAC, ADC, USAFSS, ATC, other Major Air Commands and those serving on active duty since 1993.

We "is" all Communicators in the broadest sense of the word. When AACS was formed in 1938 its name was "Army Airways Communications System", during WWII it was renamed for a short period "Air Communications Service" and in 1946 was renamed again the "Airways and Air Communications Service". In each of these commands the skills sets were Air Traffic Controllers, Radio Operators, Cryptographers, Communicator Center Operators, etc., and all of the Maintenance skills and most of the Administrative skills. This was also true for those serving in AFCS and AFCC. The term "Communications" fit us all regardless of when we served or what command we were assigned to.

Recruiting.

In the past 10 years, our membership has dwindled from over 2,900 members to almost 2,300 members. In the past 5 years we have been losing over 200-plus members a year due to deaths and medical problems. Our current recruiting has not kept up with our annual loses. If we do not continue to grow, we will, like a lot of other Veteran Organizations (American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc,) die on the vine. The term "AACS Alumni" does not mean very much, if anything, to those who entered the Air Force in 1961 or later.

### **Some Statistics about our Alumni Association**

#### **2297 Total Active Members**

**1023 Pre-WWII or WWII**

**1274 Korea Forward**

**1464 AACS Only**

**432 AACS & AFCS**

**104 AFCS & AFCC**

**156 AFCS Only**

**72 AFCC Only**

**69 - Data unclear or no entry for any Command, other commands/agencies such as, AFCA, AFC4A and AFFSA are identified.**

**2297 Total**

The above stats show that 36.3% (833 members of 2297) of our active members served in commands/agencies other than just AACCS. 63.7% (1464 of 2297) served in AACCS only. 44.5 % of our active members (1023 of 2297) are Pre WWII or WWII veterans. These figures support the theory that we must change our name to insure future members understand that the organization is not AACCS only, but an organization for all Communicators, Information/Cyber Specialists, Air Traffic Controllers, Maintenance, and related Support Skills regardless of command served. Our current demographics dictate change to survive as a viable organization. We have a few members who have served in AACCS/AFCS/AFCC in uniform and/or civilian status.

#### **Voting.**

This Name change proposal is in this issue of the AACCS Communicator, along with the absentee ballot for those members wishing to vote, and who will not be attending the 2008 AACCS Annual Convention in Branson, Missouri in September 2008. Absentee Ballots must be received by the Executive Secretary on or before September 1, 2008. The adoption of this proposed name change will be voted up or down at the annual General meeting and all absentee votes will be counted.

#### **Web Site Changes and Name of the New Official Publication.**

If the new name "Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association" is adopted, the new URL for the web site will be something like: [www.afcommatc.org](http://www.afcommatc.org)

We will arrange for this new site URL to take you to what is our current web site (we will update the headings to fully explain who we are and who we were). All of the Internet Search Engines will be posted with the new web site URL and when surfing the Internet, words/terms like Air Force ATC, Comm, AACCS, AFCS, AFCC, and many more terms and words will bring you to our web site listing.

If the proposed change is adopted, the name of our Official Publication will be:

**Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Control Association**  
"The Communicator".

.....  
(PROPOSED NEW LETTERHEAD)



**Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers  
Association**



**(Formerly the AACCS Alumni Association)**

Comprised of Members who have served or are serving  
as Communicators, Information/Cyber Specialists, Air Traffic Controllers,  
Maintainers & other Related Support Skills in the U.S. Air Force

**"Fellowship in the Company of Equals"**

June 1, 2008

To: All Potential New Members

We is who we "is". We "is" all communicators, no matter where or when we served. Join us today and enjoy the fellowship we have had for the past 32 years.

Sincerely,

John E. Communicator  
The Potentate Supreme



**THE AIR FORCE COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS  
ASSOCIATION**

**(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association)**  
*Comprised of Members who have served or are serving in  
any Air Force Communications or Air Traffic Control Unit  
(Since 1938)*



# “The Communicator”

“Fellowship in the Company Equals”

The Official Publication of the AF Communicators & Air Traffic Control Association

**November 2008**

**SAMPLE ONLY**

## NOTICE

**Nothing will change,  
we are who we are. We  
have to adjust to the  
new structure of the Air  
Force and how our  
Association will look to  
those who did not serve  
in AACS or those  
serving today. They  
deserve to have the  
same fellowship that  
we have had for the  
past 32 years.**

## NOTICE

**We had to find a name that  
better describes us to those who  
have not served in AACS.  
It's been 47 years since AACS  
was elevated to MajCom status  
(AFCS) and 29 years since AFCS  
was changed to AFCC and 15  
years since AFCC was  
disbanded.  
Since the early 1990's Comm &  
ATC personnel have been in  
different units and Major Air  
Commands**

September 2009

**Plan now on coming to the  
33rd  
AACS Convention in**

**Grand Island, NY**  
(Minutes away from Niagara Falls)

**September, 23-27, 2009.**

**Dan & Barbara Morabito  
will be our Convention Hosts .**

**Stay tuned for**

**“LOTS MORE”**

## “THE ONLY THINGS THAT WILL CHANGE ARE THE NAME AND THE WEB SITE ADDRESS”

### Notice

**The members attending the  
Branson Convention and  
Absentee voters are being  
asked to approve  
the re-naming of our  
Association.**

**Lets make it work !!**

### We “is”

**“communicators”, “air  
traffic controllers”,  
“maintainers” & all the  
other skills that made  
up and make up Comm  
& ATC units.**

**“Fellowship in the  
Company of Equals”  
remains the same.**

### Some History about our name change

**In the mid-1990's, the Executive Director formed a  
committee to explore a name change. The consensus  
was to rename our AACS Alumni Association to the “Air  
Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers  
Association”. However, the committee deemed it to  
early as we had just authorized AFCS and AFCC  
personnel to be eligible to join the AACS Alumni  
Association and we were actively recruiting ex AFCS  
and AFCC personnel.  
The time is Now to look forward to a long term viable  
Association.**

Visit our Web Site: [www.afcommatc.org](http://www.afcommatc.org) (EXAMPLE ONLY)

Call Toll Free to 1-866-299-1045 for information about the AF Comm & ATC Association.

**“THE AACS & ALUMNI HISTORY WILL REMAIN IN TACT”**

**“CHECK THE ADDRESS LABEL FOR THE YEAR YOUR DUES EXPIRE”**

**Dear Hank,**

**I've read every issue of the Communicator since I became a Life Member. My thanks go out to all that keep the Association going.**

**This may or may not be of interest to you. However, I don't know if I was the first Air Traffic Controller without a high school education. I remember being told that I could apply for office work, cook or truck driver, but chances were slim that I'd ever be in ATC. Anyhow I applied and ended up at Kessler AFB in Mississippi. The year was 1952. Not only did I go to school for Tower & Approach Control, I went OJT on the MPN-1 GCA unit at Ellington AFB, in Texas. I worked the CPN-4 while in Germany.**

**I couldn't make Staff Sgt because I wasn't a 7 level and I couldn't make 7 level unless I was a Staff Sgt. I ended up with (I think) 52D, made SSgt before I ended my enlistment.**

**Thank you for taking the time to read this and thanks for all you do. I've been retired from Ford Motor Co. as a die Maker for the past 13 years. With any luck I'll be reading the Communicator for a few more years.**

**Carl R. Weyant  
143 Swan Dr  
Rotonda West, FL 33947**

**P.S. Staff Sgt. 4 years, 4 mo's and 29 days. AF15478559**

**EDITORS NOTE: Carl, thanks for the kind words. We have lots of members who work every day to make our Association the best that it can be. I can't answer your claim about being the first ATC type without a HS diploma, but maybe one or more of our members can tell. I was a High School dropout in 1948 and they made me a Crypto Operator.**

### **AACS ALUMNI POLICIES/PROCEDURES**

**The AACS Alumni Association currently has the following Policies/Charters on the AACS Web Site ([www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)):**

- 1. The Constitution and By-Laws**
- 2. Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame Policy**
- 3. AACS Hall of Honor Policy**
- 4. AACS Life Achievement Award Policy**
- 5. The Thomas F. Buckley Service Award Policy**
- 6. The AACS Convention Committee Charter**
- 7. The Board of Directors Nominating Committee Charter.**

**With the exception of the Fiscal Management Committee Charter all can be read on the Web Site. Members wanting copies of any of the above items, including the Fiscal Management Charter should contact the Executive Director and/or the Executive Secretary.**

**Proposed Changes to the Constitution & By-Laws  
(Proposed for adoption on September 27, 2008)**

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**BY-LAWS: ARTICLE VII SECTION 7, ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

**Change wording in paragraph to read: "The Director For Membership will forward money received for dues, donations, etc. to the Treasurer for deposit in the main bank account."**

**Rationale: The Director for Membership no longer maintains a bank account. Add the following paragraph; "The Associations fiscal year for accounting purposes and for any Internal Revenue (IRS) reporting will be from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. All required IRS TAX Forms will be coordinated with the Executive Director and the Financial Management Policy Committee (FMPC), prior to any submission to the IRS. Based on the June 30 date as the end of our fiscal year, required IRS TAX FORMS will be submitted to the IRS by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the Association Fiscal Year. To fully comply with the current IRS tax policy, required reports must be received by the IRS no later than November 15 of each year."**

**Rationale: To fully comply with the new IRS Tax rules for 501 (c) (19) organizations.**

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

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**ABSENTEE BALLOT – MAIL NLT SEPT 1, 2008 IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND THE BRANSON CONVENTION**

**I am an active member of the AACS Alumni Association and hereby vote:**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ to the proposed name change.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ to changes to Article VII, Chapter 7**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name & Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

**Comments: (if any)**  
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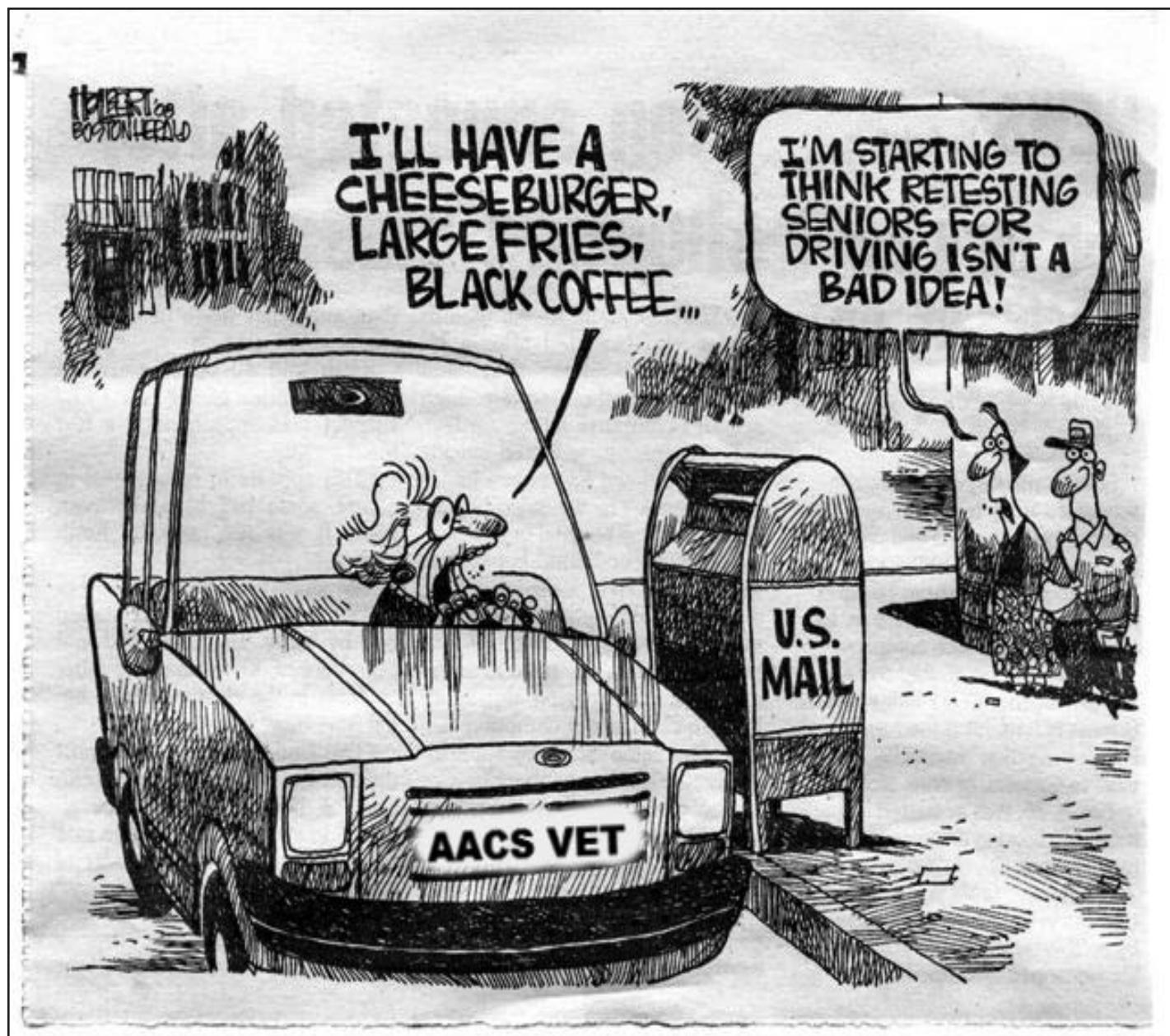
## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MAR 8, 2008



Our financial condition continues to be strong; membership growth, coupled with donation income and the 2007 Convention excess has increased our net worth over last year's figures. Balance is \$88,813.23 as of March 8, 2008. A formal Financial statement will be included in the November 2008 AACS Communicator in a format that will satisfy the annual 501 (c) (19) IRS filing. Our Budget year is from June 1 to June 30 the following year. Our charitable donations continue to assist the Air Force Village and the Air Force Enlisted Village and are much appreciated by these organizations.



Ray Sharpless, Treasurer, AACS Alumni Assn., Inc.



**HAM NEWS**

Greetings again from North Carolina. It seems to me that the number of check-ins has increased lately. For a good long time only a very few guys had been showing up for the 20 meter side band net. The last several weeks there have been seven or eight guys on, which is a lot better than the one or two of several months ago. Bob McDow, W4KOG, has been Net Control Station and doing a good job in spite of the poor propagation conditions. The 40 meter East Coast net had dwindled down to just a very few regulars. I have been calling this net (except when out for doctor's appointments, etc). Roy Hopkins, W3TWV, and Fred Businger, W8FKD, have been the only other ones on. Nothing has been heard on the Saturday 20 meter CW net. I got a card from Charlie Tyrrell, KC7DQV, saying that he misses the net and has even tried to give a call, but does not hear anyone. I think that I did hear him one day, but could not get through to him. I have listened in on the frequency and have even tried to call using my slow 10 or 12 WPM, but have not heard anyone. I hope that some of you CW guys can get that net going again.

In hopes of having better reception here, I have built a new antenna for 20 meters. It is a home-brew ground plane that I have put up on the chimney of the house. The vertical element is a piece of 1/2 inch copper pipe and has 4 stranded copper radials. My Icom 728 seems to like it better than my other antennas, a G5RV dipole and an old Tri-bander. The first contacts I made were out west, California and Washington. But I still have trouble hearing the fellows in Florida and Alabama. (If anyone wants the details on the ground plane antenna, I will be happy to share.)

With regret, we have another silent key. Harry Solov, WIHVC, passed on November 29, 2007. He had been a regular on the East Coast 40 meter net and we miss his melodic voice.

As of now, I am planning on going to the reunion in Branson, Mo., this coming September. What with the cost of gas these days, I will have to work out the best way to travel. Maybe the new "tax rebate" will serve to make the trip a little easier on the billfold.

I received a telephone call from Bob Elder, W4LSV, on the second Sunday in March. He has been off the air for several years - the last check-in I have in my log was on November 5, 2002. He says that he has taken down his antennas and stored his rig. But it sounds like he is doing fairly well. He passes his 73 to all.

73, George Reeves WD4BMG



George Reeves



**ATTENTION ALL AACCS HAMS**

Mr. Fernand Morizot, has been designated as the Telecommunications et Controle (ANATC-TNB), representative OUTSIDE OF FRANCE. He is the President of the Provence, Cote d'azur and Corse of ANATC-TNB. He is responsible for their Radio Club (Call Sign f8khg). Mr. Morizot's personal call sign is f6ast. If any of our Hams can make contact with their club or himself, he would be most appreciative.

**73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS  
AACCS ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES**

BAND	FREQ	UTC TIME*	LOCAL TIME	DAY
National SSB				
20 M	14.28 7mhz	1930/2030 hrs	1430 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 AACCS 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.

## More Losses to the Alumni Association

The year 2007 was not kind to the AACS Alumni Association. The number of our WWII members added to our "Missed Roll Call" listing continues to grow and more & more "old soldiers" have been added to the list.

The loss of Bernard U. "Barney" Glettler, long time member and Association Treasurer, Ted Carlson, Membership and Publisher and Ed Evans, Ham Coordinator are just a few examples of our losses.

We will miss them all



## MISSED ROLL CALL

Since the November 2007 Communicator

We are happy to report that Stanleigh Turner who was reported on the Nov 2007 MRC list is alive and well.

Anderson, Roland E.  
 Beatty, Gale  
 Berry, Carl W.  
 Blaase, Mrs. Robert W. "Donna"  
 Brummitt, George D.  
 Bush, Mrs. Robert "Aleene"  
 Carlson, "Ted"  
 Courter, Mrs. Norman "Charlotte"  
 Dillman, James P.  
 Eccleston, John B.  
 Ernst, Emil  
 Evans, Ed  
 Fitzgerald, Edward  
 Gaumer, Ray  
 George, Robert  
 Glettler, "Barney"  
 Hanson, Calmer  
 Harding, Warren, W.

Horvath, James  
 Jeffers, William J.  
 Kisliuk, Edward  
 Lamb, Gerald H.  
 Lyle, Donald W.  
 McAuley Mrs. Kenneth, "Annie Jo"  
 Payne, Mrs. Billy P. "Pat"  
 Reece, John B.  
 Renaldo, Mrs. Peter, Elizabeth "Liz"  
 Rhoades, Jackie L.  
 Sansone, Mrs. Rocco, "Cordelia"  
 Shelton, Charles W.  
 Sprouse, William R.  
 Solov, Harry  
 Wheeler, Edward D.  
 Whetstone, Martin  
 Wilkinson, Thomas K.  
 Winters, Mrs. Ralph "Jean"

### My Last Parade

Let the bugle blow  
 Let the march be played  
 With the forming of the troops  
 For my last parade.

The years of wars, and the years of waiting  
 Obedience to orders . . . unhesitating  
 Years in the states, and the years overseas,  
 All woven in a web . . . of memories.

A lifetime of service passes in review  
 As many good friends and exotic places too.  
 As the waning sunlight begins to fade  
 With martial music my last parade.

My salute to the service, family and friends  
 Now someone else will take my place  
 To the sharp young soldiers marching away  
 I gladly pass the orders of the day.

I'll keep my saber sharp, my powder dry  
 Lest I be called to duty by and by . . .  
 So let the bugle blow . . .  
 Fire the evening gun . . .  
 Slowly lower the colors . . .  
 Farewell, Ted . . . may you rest in peace.

**Author: Unknown**  
 But a fitting tribute to all  
 of our fallen Hero's



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER . . .

It's high political season. Once again, pundits enthusiastically engage in the sport of post-presidential primary hyper-analysis. Some say that, come this summer, both the Donkeys and the Elephants might go into their respective national conventions, not to crown an already chosen nominee for President, but to finish the business of electing their candidate of choice. When was the last time that happened?

I hope your candidate ends up being the chosen one. This November, I hope your candidate ends up being the anointed one. I know you hope the same for my candidate. (And by now, I hope you see this paragraph as a perhaps lame attempt at dry political humor.)

Through it all, we provide the world another view of democratic process on parade. Oh, our process might well be a flawed one. But all citizens who choose to be are legitimately involved. So far there have been no riots, no beatings or brawls—either on the streets or at the polling places. If American history follows precedent, it will continue to be that way through November's election and January's inauguration.

After all that, we'll get over it one more time. One more time, "we the Donkeys" and "we the Elephants" will hitch up together with those who are neither Donkey nor Elephant. One more time, we'll guide the ship of state and—God willing—move onward. And upward. Together.

Where else but in America?

God bless America. America, bless God!

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT (JUNE 2008)**

Membership numbers have stabilized and are showing a slight growth rate. I attribute this to the hard volunteer work of many of our members. Led by the recruiting efforts of Dave Moore and others we have gained 86 new members (23 new life members) since 1 Nov 2007. The web site continues to be a strong recruiting tool with 30 percent of the new members listing the web site as "How Recruited". Our current active membership stands at 2344. 329 members have renewed (16 have renewed and changed to Life Member status) since 1 Nov 2007. As of 24 March 2008 we have 187 members who have not renewed and will be listed as expired if dues are not renewed by 15 April 2008.

Regretfully, we have lost 23 members who have been reported as Missing Roll Call since Jun 2007. Those names are listed on the web site and in the Communicator.

Please check the address label on your latest communicator to see when your dues expire. (i.e. 08- (first name) indicates dues expire 31 Dec 08. Some will show e.g. 0310 - (first name) which indicates 31 Mar 2010 expiration.) We changed the system slightly to insure that members get a full year term for each \$10.00 in dues paid and to help prevent all current year renewals coming due in December of each year.

Please refer all membership questions to Walt McLain, 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free or email: [aacsmbrship@comcast.net](mailto:aacsmbrship@comcast.net).

**Walt McLain**  
Director for Membership

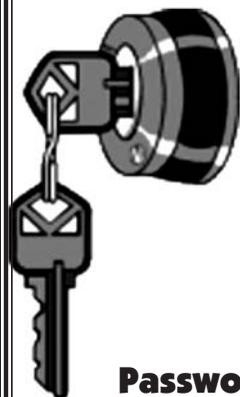
### **MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Walter D. McLain, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)**  
**USAF 1962 – 1991**  
**Air Traffic Controller, Command CMSgt, NCO PME Commandant**

Chief Walt McLain was born in Jefferson City, Tennessee and entered the Air Force in Knoxville, TN in September 1962. He completed Basic Training at Lackland AFB, TX and Air Traffic Control School at Keesler AFB, MS. He began his Air Traffic Control Career at Randolph AFB Control Tower with assignments following at Ernest-Harmon AFB, Tower/RAPCON; Webb AFB RAPCON; Binh Thuy AB, ATRC; Myrtle Beach AFB, RAPCON; Shemya AFS, Tower/GCA; Loring AFB, RAPCON; Griffiss AFB, Hq NCA Air Traffic Control; King Salmon AFS, RAPCON; Grissom AFB, RAPCON; Offutt AFB, Hq SCD/SISD, Command CMSgt; Keesler AFB, AFCC NCO Academy and Leadership School, Commandant; Scott AFB, Hq AFCC, Command CMSgt; and Hq ACD, Air Traffic Control. He was promoted to CMSgt 1 January 1980. During his career he completed: Associate Degree in Air Traffic Control, Community College of the Air Force; Bachelors Degree, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1972; the AFCC NCO Academy 1973, Richards-Gebaur AFB; AF Senior NCO Academy 1978, Gunter AFS. He was the AFCC and ATCA Air Traffic Controller of the Year in 1972, the AFCC NCO of the Year in 1973, NCA Radar Controller of the Year, 1976, Alaska Air Traffic Control Manager of the Year, 1980, and the SCD Air Traffic Control Manager of the Year in 1981. His Awards and Decorations include the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal (5), Meritorious Service Medal (5) and the Legion of Merit. He retired from the USAF October 1, 1991. He is married to the former Carolyn M. Hackworth and they have two daughters, Kelly and Shannon. Walt and Carolyn currently reside in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Walt was selected as the 4th Enlisted man to be inducted into the Air Force Communications & Information Hall of Fame, Class of 2008.

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



The AACS Alumni Associations Membership Roster is on the Web Site ([www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)) in a PDF format. To **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**

The AACS Web Site is in 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. We felt that we can allow more members to 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.

**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 "Membership Roster". When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file "Membership 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.

**If you have any problems contact Hank Sauer at [DirAACS@comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@comcast.net)**

**Member Donations**

**Nov 08 – Apr 08**

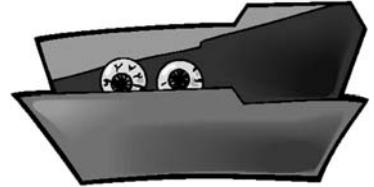
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Elijah E. Baker  
Emmons E. Battey  
J. James Burg  
William Cecil  
John R. Davis  
Harold L English  
Antonio T. Fasano  
Morton Feingold  
Michael D. Ferranto  
William L. Jacobs  
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Andrew Milligan  
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Stephen Nicolino  
Henry Povlotsky  
Peter Renaldo  
Duane Rueb**

**Donald E. Snyder  
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Laurence Sutton  
Charles Teston  
Calvin Venable  
John Vogel  
Leo E Washer  
Lyle H. West  
John Whitehead  
Matthew J. Wray  
Gerald W. Zablocky  
Allen T Zachary**

## "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



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

### NEW CLAIMS (June 2008):

1. Richard F. Doyle, Rich@mensdefense.org responded to Bob Brewer's article on page 46 of the November 2007 AACs Communicator. Bob claimed to be the only AACs'er to be chewed out General Curtis LeMay. I can top that, being (I'm sure), the only airman ever to have "showered" with him. The General loved judo, and brought 2 instructors from the Kodokan Institute in Tokyo to Offutt AFB. One day in 1953 or 1954 I was taking a shower after a lesson, when his "minions" bowed him into the same small (3 shower head) stall that I occupied. I never felt so unnecessary and beat a hasty retreat. Only time I ever saw him without a cigar.  
Richard Doyle, Former Offutt Approach Controller.
2. Alfonzo Celaya, 2210 Stanton St, San Angelo, TX 76901-1238 or email: alcelaya@msn.com. Claims to have received more promotions in the same general location (all in Hawaii) than anyone.  
A1C, March 1, 1957 Det-1, 6486th ABW, Bellows Field  
SSgt. June 1962, 1957th Comm Gp, Hickam AFB  
TSgt, August 1969, Det-3, 1957th Comm Gp, Wheeler Field
3. Don Fisher, 1800 Nedrah Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80524 claims to be the only Control Tower Operator to start a fire while on duty. Don was working in Trinidad, BWI (Waller Field) in 1946. He was alone in the tower and had two Navy R4D's in the traffic pattern preparing to land. One was on his base leg and the other was flying downwind. I heard something snap and I had a complete electrical power failure. I knew that those Navy pilots would be wondering what happened to our voice communications, so I grabbed a vary pistol and fired a green flare into the air. The tower was 75 feet high and I dashed down stairs to start the emergency generator. By the time I got back to the tower cab, both planes had landed safely. I had forgotten about the flare until the phone rang and someone wanted to know what the fire was all about. I looked out the windows and saw that the dry grassy area between the two parallel runways was ablaze. Apparently, there was some discarded oil that was dumped there and was set afire by the flare. In a short time there was a big black smoky fire going and fire/crash trucks responding as it appeared like a plane crash. I explained to my Commander when he called and I guess he accepted my explanation.
4. Ed Aagesen, aagesen8549@bellsouth.net, claims to be the first person on Okinawa to know that President Kennedy was assassinated. Ed was an Air Force CW operator stationed with the 2152nd Comm Sq at Naha AB, Okinawa in 1963. When Ed received the CW message and reported it to the OIC, he did not believe him. It was several hours later that the message was confirmed as true.

**IF YOU CAN TOP OR REFUTE THE ABOVE CLAIMS, CONTACT THE EDITOR/PUBLISHER.**

## "Looking For"



**THE INDIVIDUAL** who gave Gene Sheridan, the AACs Alumni Association Historian photos of an Air Base in Alaska during the 2007 Convention in Las Vegas. Please contact Gene, whose mailing address, email address and phone number are listed on the inside front cover of this Communicator.

## Comm in the Berlin Airlift



Air traffic controllers of the U.S. Air Force's 1946th Air and Airways Communications Service Squadron at Tempelhof Air Base in West Berlin, directed landings at three-minute intervals as blocks of planes swept in from the west to supply the city. During April 1948, before the Soviet blockade of Berlin, controllers logged 7,738 radio contacts with planes arriving and departing Berlin airfields. A year later, at the height of Operation VITTLES (1948-1949), the number of radio contacts at Berlin airfields was over 127,000.

**The Operator on the right looks like John Chaffarelli ?**

**Can anyone identify the two operators ?**

*Air Force Communications & Information in the 20th Century*

**R. Kizer, was with the 136th AACS Sq  
He left 60 years plus and is happy to be back with  
AACS.**



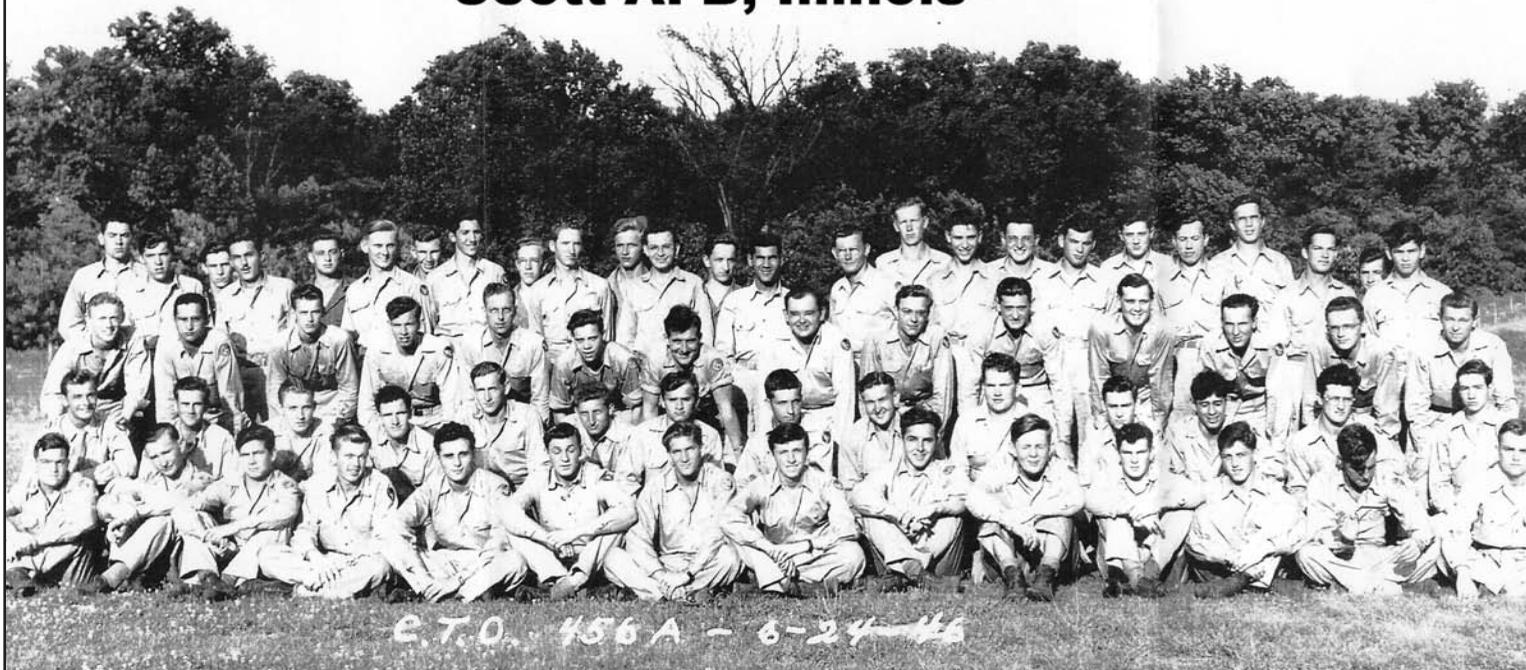
**Fort Pepperel, St. Johns, Newfoundland**

**YOU ARE LEAVING  
THE AMERICAN SECTOR  
Вы ВЫЕЗЖАЕТЕ ИЗ  
АМЕРИКАНСКОГО СЕКТОРА  
VOUS SORTEZ  
DU SECTEUR AMERICAIN  
SIEVERLASSEN DEN AMERIKANISCHEN SEKTOR**

"A Sign from the Past"

US ARMY

## R. Kitzer's Tower School Class Scott AFB, Illinois



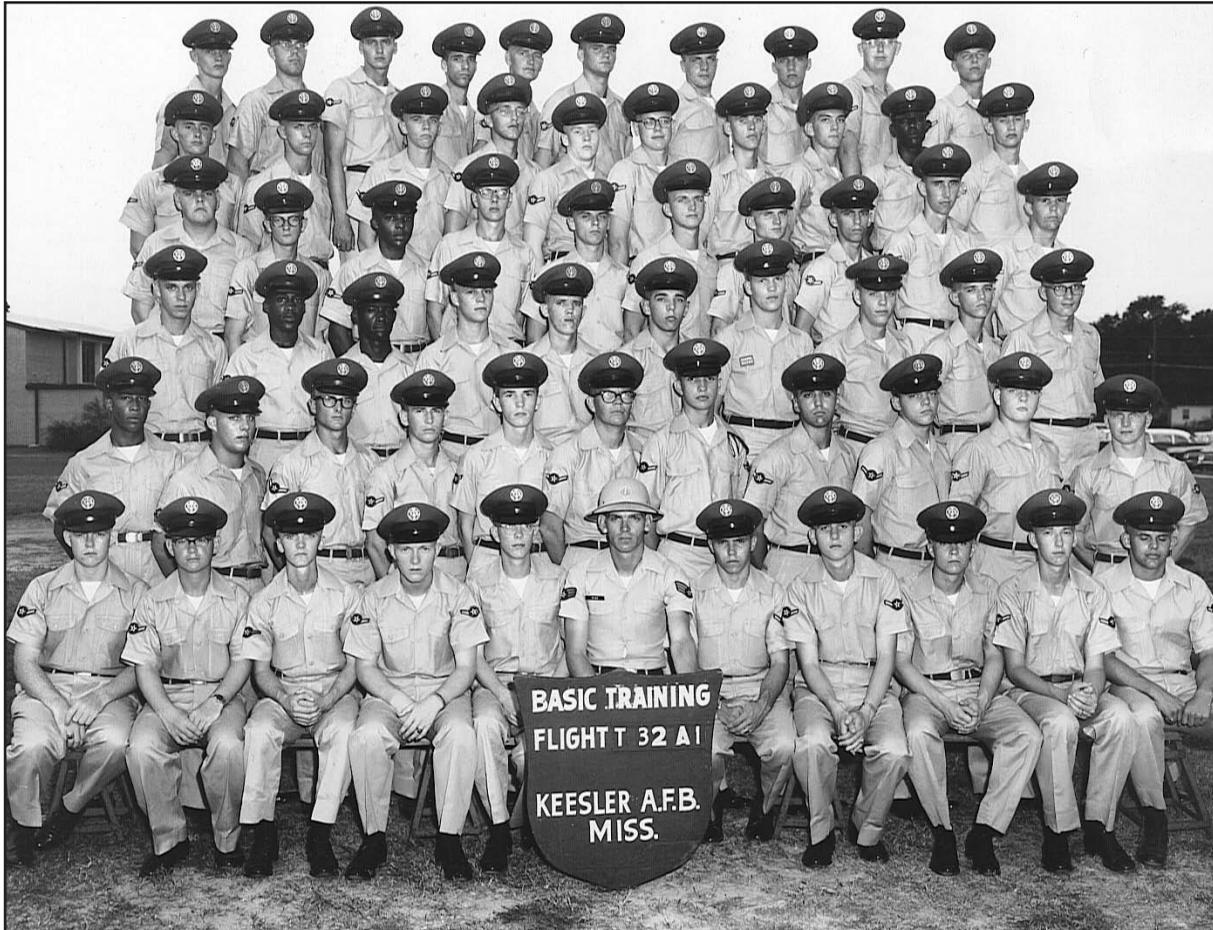
**From the Photo Album of Harold Swartz**



**MSgt Harold Swartz receiving MSM**



**"A Young Harold Swartz"**



January 21, 2008

Walt McLain  
Knoxville TN

CHANGE OF ADDRESS \_

Emma C Macklin, 3203 15th ST Unit 122 - change to UNIT 229.  
Grand Junction CO 81506-5261

Thank your editor for including Women Veterans in the November issue of The AACs Communicator. I spent most of my military career stationed at Presque Isle, Maine. I was a secretary in the 135th AACs Communications office. I wouldn't have traded it for anything.

This past July eight of the women veterans from World War II were taped on a DVD. We told our story of being in the military. The DVD was shown to a crowd of 600 people and when it was over we each were presented with a copy of the DVD. The making of this was possible from a grant given from John Hendricks, founder of the TV Discovery Channel. He is a resident of Mesa County, Colorado.

I was the only Army WAC on it and was proud to represent AACs.

The DVD was labeled "WOMEN OF VALOR, Honoring Women Veterans of Mesa County." On the back of the folder it reads:

During World War II, a handful of women from the desert west of Colorado answered the call of duty.

These women of the Greatest Generation served in the Army, Coast Guard, Marines and Navy.

Their bravery and service to their country has remained untold for decades.

This is their story.

The telling of my story was a high light of the year 2007!

EMMA C MACKLIN  
3203N 15th ST Unit 229  
Grand Junction CO 81506-5362



**4 members of what could be Det-47, 148th AACs Sq, a couple of days after the 1945 Okinawa Typhoon. They appear to be sitting on an outdoor "potty". Can anyone identify them? if so contact Frank Southworth (fsouth25@oxynow.com)**

## 'Grand Central' At Burtonwood



By JAMES QUINT

Staff Correspondent

LONDON, April 1 (S&S)—A 45-minute, 200-mile mercy flight from Burtonwood to Northolt by a U.S. Air Force C47 saved the life of a U.S. Navy chief petty officer's wife here yesterday.

The 36-year-old woman, whose name was withheld, was suffering from a congestion of the lungs that prevented normal intake of oxygen. Medical officers of the 494th Air Force Hosp at South Ruislip put in an emergency call at 1:30 am yesterday for helium-oxygen compound, a mixture that can penetrate the congested lung area.

The helium-oxygen was taken by car from the U.S. supply base at Sealand to Burtonwood and then flown to Northolt where hospital personnel were waiting to rush it to the stricken woman.

The compound reached the hospital by 12:45, and at 3 pm the doctors reported favorable response. Today she was reported as "still in serious condition but improving."

The mercy plane, from Flt A, 1979-8 AACCS Sq, at Burtonwood, was piloted by Maj James S. Gleinser with Capt Albert D. Smith as copilot. Crewmen included S Sgt Harry R. Brinkman, flight engineer, and A/IC Robert E. Payson, radio operator.

## AF Mercy Flight Saves Navy Wife in UK



**Hq Sq 1807th AACCS Wing  
Wiesbaden, Germany  
24 April 1953**

**"PLEASE READ"**

**Help support the "AACCS Alumni Association"**

**This is our Second ever request for "Donations" to help support the Alumni Association. We reported in the November 2006 AACCS 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-AACCS, AFCS and AFCC veterans and those young officers and airman serving today. We want to pass on to them an "AACCS 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: AACCS Alumni Association and mail to:**

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

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



## EDITOR-PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

AACS  
EDITOR'S CORNER



### THE COST OF THE NOVEMBER 2007 AACs COMMUNICATOR

PRINTING, LABELING, SHIPPING (3,000 COPIES)	\$3,395.00
LAYOUT/DRAFT/CONVERSION	550.00
P.O. BULK MAIL CHARGES (2,676 MAILED)	1,028.73
ANNUAL P.O. PERMIT 189 RENEWAL	175.00
OVERSEAS/MEDIA MAIL	49.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,197.73</b>

The 2007 P.O. Bulk Mail rate increases have increased our costs by over \$400 per-issue.

It cost the Alumni Association approximately \$1.73 per-copy to publish and mail the November 2007 AACs Communicator.

NOTE: Monthly reports for the AACs Editors Bank Account are submitted to the AACs Treasurer.

The AACs Web Site Costs are paid on an annual basis. The cost for 2007 was again \$359.00 (under \$30.00 per-month). The AACs Web Site averages approximately 125 - 150 hits per-day and approximately 3,800 per month. The total hits on the Web Site as of this issue, should be over 217,000. The web Site is our biggest recruiter of new members. Since we created our new Database and started keeping more accurate records, the web site has been responsible for recruiting well over 600 new members.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS COMING. THEY ARE WHAT MAKE THE COMMUNICATOR A "MEMBERS" PUBLICATION. The November 2007 Communicator was mailed during the last week of November and by December 25th, I had already received more stories and pictures that I could fit into the 72 pages for the June 2008 Communicator. SEND YOUR STORIES AND PICTURES EARLY. If I can't get your stories/pictures in one issue, I will keep them for the next issue. In fairness to all members, I use a "first in-first published" policy. After scanning (into my hard drive) any pictures you send, I will return them to you. You do not have to have copies made.

Hank Sauer  
AACs Editor/Publisher & Web Site Manager

KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT – CONTACT WALT McLAIN

### Years of election for Board of Directors

POSITION	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Executive Director	X*		X*		X*		X*	
Vice Director		X		X		X		X
Executive Secretary	X		X		X		X	
Sergeant-At-Arms		X		X		X		X
Treasurer	ID							
Director for Membership	ID							
Editor/Publisher	ID							

#### NOTES:

- Executive Director's Term of Office is limited to 4 consecutive years

The terms of office for the Treasurer, Director for Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite once elected. Other Board Member positions are elected for two (2) year terms.

Members wishing to serve on the Board of Directors or to nominate other members for Board of Directors positions should contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee (see address listings on inside front cover of the AACs Communicator) no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Members must be present at the Annual General Meeting to vote for Board Members. Proxy votes are not authorized by our Constitution and By-Laws.



## AACS T/Sgt. Frank Just – Holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross.



T/Sgt. Frank Just entered the service on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 1942, after attending East Technical High School in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Radio Operator and Mechanics School at Scott Field in 1942 and then underwent Gunnery School training at Harlington, Texas.

His tours in the USAF included Africa and Italy with the 98<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (1943-44), Cuba (1945) and Newfoundland (1948-51). He was transferred to the 2049<sup>th</sup> AACS Communications Squadron at McClellan AFB, CA in 1953 after a year and a half with the 1856<sup>th</sup> AACS Flight Check at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. There are 7 minutes in his military service that will stay with him forever.

As a radio operator-gunner, he was a crewmember on one of the 177 bombers that took off from bases in Libya on Sunday, August 1, 1943. Their mission was to bomb the Ploesti oil fields in Romania, the major source of the German war machine's petrol supply. It was a fourteen hour flight to Ploesti and B-24's were used because they carried a larger bomb load than B-17's. The oil fields were well protected by a heavy concentration of anti-aircraft batteries and German fighter planes.

To insure destruction of the oil fields, the mission directive specified that the bombers were to drop their bomb loads at an unheard of altitude of 500 feet. Because of the low altitude bomb run, all the gunners were instructed to strafe any military buildings or personnel on the target site. This was the first time that bomber gunners were used in such a fashion.

In less than seven minutes over the target, 54 of the 177 bombers were destroyed and 53 were heavily damaged. In all, 532 air crewmen died in those seven minutes. Five Medals of Honor were awarded, three posthumously. The date of that raid, Sunday, August 1, 1943, is named "Bloody Sunday" in the annals of US Air Force history.

In 1943, the Commanding General of the 9th Air Force awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to Sgt. Just, "for valor above and beyond the call of duty." The Air Medal, with six clusters, is also held by Sgt. Just. It was my privilege to serve with Sergeant Just in the 2049<sup>th</sup> in 1955.

## Larry Camp

**We were able to squeeze in a notice in the November 2007 AACCS Communicator that Larry had passed away on October 17, 2007.**

**As most members know, we do not normally publish obituary's, but in the case of one of our "Founders", we are waiving this rule. Older members of the Alumni Association know that Larry Camp and "Dux" LeDoux were responsible for founding our Association. If you are not immediately knowledgeable, you can read the story on the inside back cover of this issue of the AACCS Communicator.**

**Larry has attended almost all of annual conventions except for a few in his later years due to health issues. We were blessed to have him attend the 2006 Convention in Covington, Kentucky and most of us had an opportunity to talk to him at the Banquet. He was always positive and always had only the best interests of the AACCS Alumni Association and its members in mind. We will miss him and the guidance he provided "behind" the scenes to all of us who have served the Association.**

**He really was one of kind.**



Lawrence Raymond "Huck" Camp Sr., age 86, passed away on Wednesday, October 17th, 2007 at Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing. He was born in Claysville, PA, graduated from Claysville High School, Class of 1938 and was class president. He also attended the University of Oklahoma. Larry joined the Army Air Force/US Air Force in 1939 and served in the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, the battle of Midway, Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland achieving the rank of Major and was also awarded the Bronze Star. He was a founding partner of Sensotec and proudly dedicated 30+ years of service. He enjoyed spending time with his family vacationing at the family cottage in Canada, West Virginia and the winter home in Florida. He is preceded in death by his parents Lonnie and Margaret, 10 siblings and his beloved wife of 61 years Doris. Survived by sons James R. (Patricia), Lawrence R., Jr. (JoAn) and Ronald R., grandchildren, USAF Maj. James (Cynthia), Scott (Meredeth), Carrie (Timothy) Domer, Todd Camp, Jennifer (Charlie) Rife, Brian & Kristina Camp, and Katie Camp, great grandchildren, James, Jordan & Remy Camp, Brittany Lawhon, Timothy & Lauren Domer, Lily & Jack Camp and Peyton & Quinn Rife and his sister Lela Howard of Washington, PA. Friends may call SUNDAY, October 21st, 2007 at the JOHN QUINT TREBONI FUNERAL HOME, 1177 W. 5th Avenue, from 2:00-8:00 PM. Funeral Service will be held 10:00 AM on MONDAY, October 22nd, 2007 at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, 3225 Dublin Road, Hilliard, Ohio. A special thanks to all the staff at the Sanctuary at Tuttle Crossing, Home Reach Hospice, Comfort Keepers and the Kobacker House. In lieu of flowers, friends who wish may contribute in memory of Larry to Home Reach Hospice c/o the Ohio Health foundation, 3724 Olentangy River Road, Suite G, Columbus, Ohio 43214. Condolences may be sent via [www.johnquint.com](http://www.johnquint.com).

# WWII PHOTO'S IN THE ALEUTAINS

(Submitted by Dr. Mark S. Cramer, MD, FAAFP

Son of Lt Marco James Cramer, a WWII Weatherman/Crypto/Radio Officer)



**Lt. March James Cramer's work station:**

**Safe, Radio, teletype & good old "stove"**



Dear Hank:

I thought you would like to publish the enclosed 1959 Air Force photos in The AACs Communicator. The first photo shows the operation of the control tower. It was featured in the SAC base newspaper at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona and to celebrate the Twenty-First Anniversary of AACs which began operations on Nov 15, 1938, with 300 enlisted men and three officers manning the original network of 33 radio stations.

The 1903rd AACs Squadron was stationed at Davis-Monthan with a force of some 56 men. The local unit was attached to MATS, Military Air Transport Service and operated the control tower, ground control approach - or GCA as it is more popularly known, UHF DF, TACON, RACON and HF/DF.

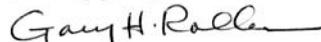
The control tower was operated by a force of 10 men on an around the clock basis. They controlled all movement of air traffic within a five-mile radius of the Davis-Monthan control zone. Also, the tower directed all ground/taxi traffic on the ramps and runways of the base. The control tower had an average of 6,800 traffic movements a month.

Photo #1 has the caption, **One of the important functions at Davis-Monthan 1903rd AACs is operation of the control tower. Shown above performing their duties in the tower are (l-r) A/2c Gary Roller, MSgt John Stofan and TSgt John Toal. The C-90 aircraft parked on the tarmac in front of the tower was flown from March AFB by General Archie J. Old who assumed command of the Fifteenth Air Force on August 22, 1955. My air traffic control assignment at DM was Feb 1958 - Aug 1960.**

Thank you for considering these two photos for the next newsletter. Photo #2 shows, **The 1959 control tower above the Davis-Monthan Base Operations building at an elevation of 2705 FT. (l-r) The flight data position operates & tracks the incoming/outgoing traffic, and the ground traffic position operates the red emergency phone for alerting the fire crew trucks stationed on the flight line to meet arriving emergency aircraft.**

I've also enclosed a copy of a biography on General Old for your information. Again, I appreciate your diligent work in publishing the newsletter for the AACs Alumni Association.

Sincerely yours,



Gary H. Roller  
28830 Calabria Drive  
Annua Hills, CA 91301-2119



**Hank,**

**Today I received my membership to AACs Alumni Association and a copy of the AACs Communicator. Thanks for the membership data. This mail has to do with a picture on page 22, November 2007. There are 3 pictures with John Schobelock in them. The top picture is John standing in front of the Squadron sign. I was the artist of the four pictures on that sign. At the time I was working in the radio operations section. This was in the year 1951.**

**John was a friend then and after leaving Korea (K-2) we lost contact. Some years ago John managed to locate me along with Tom Hartliep and Chic Adams. We have been email buddies for years now.**

**John was the one that informed me of the Alumni Association. You can't imagine how surprised I was at seeing the picture and with John standing in front of the sign. I hope at some point I can find others I know in the membership roster. Thanks for being what you are.....**

**Richard Baumgartner**





LT. COLONEL MAXIE B. SEALE  
Squadron Commander



## 1979th A.A.C.S. Squadron

COMMANDED by Lt. Col. Maxie B. Seale, the men of the 1979th ACSS Squadron might well be termed "the pilots' friend," for it is their job to get the aircraft back on the ground safely, regardless of weather conditions.

Control Tower operators, and the all-seeing GCA radar and homing aids operators maintain a constant 24 hour-a-day vigil of the skies.

Every man at RAF Lakenheath stands ready to give the men of ACSS a warm pat on the back for a job well done. Through their vigilance and skill, regardless how rough it gets "upstairs," the pilots of the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing can depend on having a "happy landing" whenever they return home.



Maj. Joseph H. T. Fehrenbacher



Take a letter



Capt. Banks O. Jacobs



Capt. Robert E. Nichols



1st Lt. Everett C. Dye



CWO Milford H. Gibbs



M/Sgt. Joseph F. Ke



Airmen Second Class  
Clement, James R.  
Corbett, Dale W.  
Diehl, William N.  
Fredrickson, Arthur E.  
Hollis, Jon T.  
Kern, Fred C.  
Olivas, Ramon C., Jr.  
Pommier, Albert W.  
Robinson, Thomas D.  
Severson, Neil D.  
Spurlock, Martin W.  
Stevens, Carlos E.  
Tagg, Robert  
Toll, Richard

Verner, Carl F.  
Worley, Allen B.  
Woods, John P.  
Airmen Third Class  
Dube, Ronald L.  
Hetzler, Joseph R.  
Civilian Employees  
Mr. Frank Jordan  
Miss Kathleen Rose  
Miss Eileen Morley

Master Sergeants  
Willeford, Aaron H.  
Wright, Darrel A.  
Technical Sergeants  
Burnett, Murray E.  
Gibbons, Chester F., Jr.  
Gordon, William H.  
Heaton, Ernest V.  
Katzberg, Joseph P.  
Miles, Theodore H.  
Ward, William B.  
Staff Sergeants  
Harvey, Walter A.  
Kimmisau, Alfred J.  
Larrimer, Robert N.  
Messamer, Charles  
Prime, Edward A.  
Russell, Walter L.  
Spencer, Jackie L.  
Airmen First Class  
Christan, Bentley  
Halper, Frank P.  
Lynum, William E., Jr.  
Moser, Gary A.  
Airmen Second Class  
Bastien, Wilfred



Hurry, fog rolling in



Tune up



Nerve Centre

Under Control



Carmen Christiana & Raleigh Caesor  
1958

Dear Hank:  
The November 2007 AACCS Communicator once again reminded me of my AACCS service. Looking forward to the next issue in June 2008.  
Carmen

### 1962nd Airmen Make Sea Rescue

Ten airmen from the 1962nd AACCS Squadron while returning from a fishing trip last Thursday afternoon helped three Okinawan fishermen to safety.

The men were Airmen second class Delbert T. Davis, John L. East, Fuller E. Neely, Harry A. Snell, Gerald Tipton, Joe W. Carroll, Jackie O. Johnson, Joseph R. Brinkley and Airmen third class Carmen J. Christiana and Raymond R. Ceromini.

At about four o'clock the water became rough, and the men decided to return to the dock. A white shirt on the end of a bamboo pole attracted their attention, and as they turned to investigate they saw a swamped fishing boat.

"There was," Airman Davis related, "an elderly Okinawan in the boat and two others along side trying to keep the older man from drowning."  
"We pulled," Davis went on to say, "along side and helped the three men into our boat."

To keep the fishermen warm the airmen took off their own clothes and gave them to the Okinawans who were shivering.

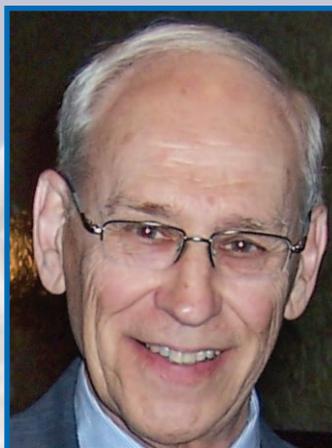
On the way back the airmen also gave the fishermen some sandwiches, and then back on shore escorted them home to their grateful families.

313TH VANGUARD 4  
Friday, April 25, 1958

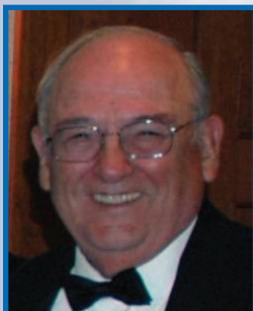


# **AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008**

**(Elected to new Board of Director positions at the Las Vegas Convention/Reunion were Stan Phillips, Bill Bethea, Hank Sauer, Walt McLain & Gerry Prather)**



**Executive Director  
Stan Phillips**



**Vice Director  
Bill Bethea**



**Executive Secretary  
Bob Akard**



**Treasurer  
Ray Sharpless**



**Editor/Publisher  
Hank Sauer**



**Dir for Membership  
Walt McLain**



**Sgt-at-Arms  
Gerry Prather**



## **WE'RE BACK**

**WE WERE FINE IN '05, WE'LL BE GREAT IN '08  
YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR BRANSON IN 2008**

The AACS Alumni convention for 2008 will be at Branson, Missouri  
September 23rd through September 27th, 2008

We have the Stone Castle Hotel (formerly the Settle Inn) selected for our Convention. Good times and camaraderie will prevail. Come and renew old friendships and make new ones. We'll have plenty of food, drinks and good times.

Your Host Committee, including Gene & Irene Sheridan, Jim & Erika VanDyne, Bill & Julie Wallace, Dick & Jerry Duncan, Ray & Sally Sharpless and John & Carol Watson are busy planning tours, show's, a challenging golf game and just an all around good time for all of you. The Hotel is providing a daily Continental Breakfast for everyone registered and staying at the Hotel.

It will be served in our Hospitality Room

**32nd AACCS Alumni Association Convention  
The Settle Inn Resort & Conference Center  
(The name may change to "The Stone Castle Hotel")  
September 24 – 27, 2008**

**Hosts: Gene & Irene Sheridan**

**Co-Hosts: Dick & Gerry Duncan, Ray & Sally Sharpless, Jim & Erika Van Dyne,  
Bill & Julie Wallace and John & Carol Watson**

**Make Hotel Reservations**

**BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU  
GET A ROOM IN HOTEL BLDG "C"**

**Send Registration and other forms to Gene Sheridan postmarked No Later Than**



**September 5, 2008**

**(A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for all registrations received after September 15th, 2008)**

**The AACCS Hospitality Room in "Knights of the Round Table" room  
will be officially opened at Noon (or shortly thereafter) on Wednesday, September  
24th, 2008 with finger food  
available from 3:00pm until 5:00pm.**

**Airline Destinations should be to SPRINGFIELD-BRANSON National Airport**

**INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW**

**THE 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL AACCS ALUMNI CONVENTION**  
**The Settle Inn Resort & Conference Center**  
 (The name may change to "The Stone Castle Hotel")  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIME BUS LEAVES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
EARLY CHECK-IN			HOTEL LOBBY BLDG "C" NOON UNTIL 8:00pm
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL "BLDG "C" OPEN NOON - MIDNIGHT FINGER FOOD 3:00 - 5:00pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIME BUS LEAVES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	INCLUDED IN HOTEL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL BLDG "C" 7:00 UNTIL 9:00am
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL BLDG "C" OPEN NOON TIL MIDNIGHT FINGER FOOD 4:00 - 6:00pm
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN			HOTEL LOBBY BLDG "C" 9:00am UNTIL 8:00pm
ANNUAL BOD MEETING			"KINGS COURT ROOM" HOTEL BLDG "A" 12:00pm UNTIL 4:00pm
PRAYER DINNER	\$25.00 PER PERSON		"DRAWBRIDGE ROOM" BLDG "B" 6:00pm
PRESLEY'S COUNTRY JUBILEE	\$40.00 PER PERSON	7:00 pm	PRESLEY'S THEATER SHOW AT 8:00pm BUS RETURNS 10:45pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIME BUS LEAVES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	INCLUDED IN HOTEL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL BLDG "C" 7:00 UNTIL 9:00am
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN			HOTEL LOBBY BLDG "C" NOON UNTIL 5:00pm
GEN. FARMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$55.00 PER PLAYER	CAR POOL LEAVES 7:00am	THOUSAND HILLS GOLF RESORT TEE TIME 8:00am LUNCH & AWARDS AT NOON
HOSPITALITY ROOM OPENS	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL BLDG "C" OPEN NOON UNTIL MIDNIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 (CONTINUED)

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIME BUS LEAVES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
YAKOV SMIRNOFF SHOW	\$40.00 PER PERSON	2:00pm	YAKOV SMIRNOFF THEATER SHOW AT 3:00pm BUS RETURNS AT 5:45pm
SIX DINNER & SHOW	\$50.00 PER PERSON	6:00pm	HUGHES BROTHERS THEATER DINNER AT 7:00pm SHOW AT 8:00pm BUS RETURNS AT 10:45pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIME BUS LEAVES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION		"STONEHENGE ROOM" HOTEL BLDG "C" BREAKFAST BUFFET 7:00 UNTIL 9:30 am
REGISTRATION FOR BANQUET ONLY			HOTEL LOBBY BLDG "C" CONTACT HOST OR A CO-HOST
HOSPITALITY ROOM OPENS	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL BLDG "C" OPEN NOON UNTIL 4:00pm
CASH BAR AT ANNUAL BANQUET		5:45pm	"STONEHENGE ROOM" HOTEL BLDG "C"
ANNUAL AACS ALUMNI BANQUET	INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION		"STONEHENGE ROOM" HOTEL BLDG "C" <i>SEATING AT 6:30pm SHARP</i>
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION		"KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" HOTEL BLDG "C" <i>AFTER BANQUET UNTIL MIDNIGHT</i>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIME BUS LEAVES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
FAREWELL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND OVERVIEW OF THE 2009 CONVENTION			"STONEHENGE ROOM" BLDG "C" BREAKFAST IS FROM 7:30 UNTIL 10:30am <i>MEMBERS &amp; GUESTS WITH EARLY TRAVEL PLANS MAY GO TO THE HEAD OF THE LINE</i> BUFFET LINE CLOSSES AT 10:30am

HOTEL CHECKOUT TIME IS 11:00am

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

**September 24 – September 28, 2008**

**The Settle Inn Resort & Conference Center**

(The name may change to "The Stone Castle Hotel")

3050 Green Mountain Drive, Branson MO 65616

Local Telephone Number: (417)-335-4700

RESERVATIONS NUMBER: 1-(800)-677-6906

Fax: (417)-335-4912

Search Yahoo for Settle Inn, Branson, Missouri for hotel information.

Group Reservation Code: **AACS – 9248**

**BOOK EARLY: The standard room rate is \$74.00 plus tax (approx \$8.58).**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

After that date, the Hotel will quote and book reservation requests based upon availability at the current rates.

**ALL ROOMS WILL BE BOOKED AS LATE ARRIVAL.**

**MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

**CHECK IN TIME: 2:00pm – CHECK OUT TIME: 11:00am**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

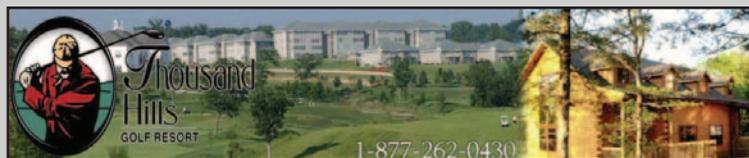
If guaranteeing the reservation by credit card or when mailing this form, please provide the following:

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

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

# 32nd AACS Alumni Association Convention Thousand Hills Golf Resort

(See Golf Registration Form elsewhere in this issue.)



The Thousand Hills Golf resort has been reserved for the "General Farman" golf tournament on Friday, September 26, 2008, starting at 8:00 AM. Players will be arriving at 7:30 AM to get their carts, tees, etc. Play will be a reverse shotgun. A drink cart will be provided and drinks will be sold by the resort. No coolers or beverages may be brought onto the golf property. The dress code is a shirt with collar. No cut-offs, sweats, tank tops or clothing with offensive printing will be allowed. Soft spikes are preferred but are not required. Golf carts will be kept well away from tees and greens and returned to the Pro shop immediately after play. A Deli-Lunch will be served on the Patio, weather permitting, or in the Restaurant. Four flags will be used, two for men and two for women (a) longest drive and (b) closest to the pin. The Resort will score with the handicap provided by the player on the convention golf registration form. Players must provide their handicap.



Thousand Hills Golf Resort  
Branson, MO





**\*2008 EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO ENJOY\***

**WEDNESDAY, September 24, 2008:**

- + The Hospitality Room will open at Noon – Midnight (Opening time is approximate) Knights of the Round Table Room, Building “C”. Finger Food 3 PM – 5 PM
- + The AACS Hospitality Room will be open On Thursday & Friday from Noon-Midnight On Saturday Noon- 4PM and from after the Banquet till Midnight.

+ Early sign in at the Registration Table in the Hotel Lobby: Noon – 8 PM  
**SEE THE CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

**THURSDAY, September 25, 2008:** (Continental Breakfast in Hosp Room, 7 Am – 9 AM)

**WHAT: ANNUAL PRAYER DINNER**

**TIME: 6PM (Kings Court Hosp Room)**

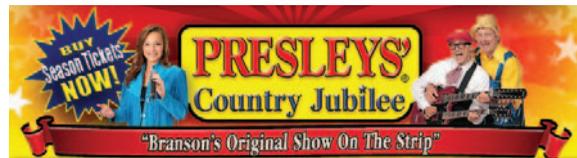
**COST: \$ 25 PER-PERSON**



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**WHAT: PRESLEY'S COUNTRY JUBILEE**

**TIME: BUS leaves 7 PM**

**COST: \$ 40 PER-PERSON**



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008:** (Continental Breakfast in Hosp Room 7- 9 AM)

**WHAT: The Annual 'General Farman' Golf Tourney**

**WHERE: Thousand Hills**

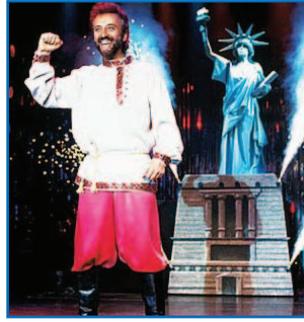
**TIME: Car pools will leave Hotel around 7 AM**

**COST: \$ 55.00 PER-PERSON**



**Complete the Golf registration form and submit with your Convention Registration and Name Tag Forms.**





**WHAT: Yakov Smirnoff Show (will keep you "laughing" all day)**

**TIME: BUSES WILL LEAVE HOTEL AT 2 PM**

**COST: \$40.00 PER-PERSON**

**WHAT: SIX Dinner and Show**

**WHEN: Bus leaves 6 PM**

**COST: \$ 50.00 PER-PERSON**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008**

**Buffet Breakfast: 7 – 9:30 AM -**

**General Meeting: 7:30 AM – 11 AM**

**Reports, Election of Officers, Proposal Votes, etc**

**State of Air Force Air Traffic Control**

**Memorial Service**

**ANNUAL BANQUET (Stonehenge Hospitality Room)**

**Pay as you go Bar 5:45 PM**

**BE SEATED BY 6:30 SHARP**

**Posting of the Colors & Pledge**

**Invocation**

**Introduction of Guests**

**POW/MIA Ceremony**

**2008 Awards**

**State of AF Comm/Info**

**Guest Speaker**

**Hospitality reopens**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008**

**(Continental Breakfast in Stonehenge Hosp room, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM)**

**Close the 2008 Convention**

**Brief Overview of the 2009 Convention**

# 2008 BOD Meeting

Meeting will be held in the Kings Court Room

**32nd Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 25, 2008-12:00 PM-4:00 PM**

## Tentative Agenda

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- **Organization Name Change & Vote**

**Board Member Reports**

**2009 Budget Review and Approval**

**Income/Expense-12 Month Review**

**2009 Convention Location/Host**

**Recruiting Report-David Moore**

**Award Nominations:**

- **AF Hall of Fame**
- **AACS Hall of Honor**
- **Life Achievement**
- **Thomas F. Buckley**

**Subjects Presented by the BOD and/or Alumni Members**

**A box lunch is included for the Board of Directors.**

**Beginning at 12:45 PM, 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 with written proposals, questions and comments for the Board to address no later than 30 days prior to the convention start date.**



**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 27, 2008**  
**7AM – Breakfast (line Closes at 9:30AM)**

- 7:00 AM - Breakfast**
- 7:30 AM - ED Calls Meeting to Order**  
(Logistics, Emergency exits, Announcements, welcome guests & VIPs)
- 7:30 AM - Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 7:40 AM - BOD Reports (not more than 5 minutes for each report)**  
**Executive Secretary (Vote on 2007 minutes)**  
**Membership**  
**David Moore Report on Recruiting**  
**Treasurer ( Includes amount of donations since June Communicator )**  
**Any Committee Reports**  
**Editor/Publisher**  
**Executive Directors Comments**  
(Any BOD decisions from Board meeting )
- 8:15 AM - 1<sup>st</sup> time Members Convention attendees be recognized and receive HATS.**
- 8:20 AM - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
(NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR OR MEMBER OF COMMITTEE)  
(Elect Vice Director and Sergeant-At -Arms)
- 8:25 AM - Vote For Changes To Constitution & By-Laws**  
( By Executive Director, for: (a) Organization Name Change ( b) Fiscal Year Dates)
- 8:50 AM - AACS Memorial Service**  
( Chaplin & Sgt-At-Arms)
- 9:20 AM - State of Air Force Air Traffic Control by AFFSA**  
(Speaker TBA)
- 9:50 AM - Any Announcements, Reminder of 6:30PM to be in your Seats for the banquet**
- 10:?? - Call the 2008 general Meeting to a CLOSE.**

**Directions to the**

**"SETTLE INN RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER"**

**Branson, MO**

**(The name may change to "The Stone Castle Hotel")**

**(417) 335-4700 or toll free (800) 677-6906**

**3050 Green Mountain Drive**

**Branson, Missouri 65616**

**By Air:** Springfield Airport is located In Springfield, Missouri approximately 35 to 45 miles north of Branson. The following Airlines fly into Springfield-Branson National Airport.

**Delta** from Atlanta, GA and Cincinnati, OH

**NWA** from Memphis, TN, Detroit, MI and Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

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**IF DRIVING – "DRIVE SAFELY"**

**IF YOU GET LOST – CALL: The Hotel at (417)-335-4700 or (800)-677-6906**

**Or**

**Host Gene Sheridan at: (816)-863-0264**

**32ND AACCS CONVENTION MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM  
YOUR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED NO LATER THAN Sept 5, 2008  
(COMPLETE THIS FORM INCLUDING IF YOUR GOING TO BANQUET ONLY)**

MEMBERS NAME: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET ONLY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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** \_\_\_ **Arriving by Air: Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Airline** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time of Arrival** \_\_\_\_\_

If this is your first Convention check here: **YES** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
REGISTRATION FEE PER-PERSON		_____ @	\$ 85 per-person	= \$ _____
LATE CHARGE PER REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SEPT 15, 2008:			\$ 25 Per- Reg	= \$ _____
BANQUET ONLY FEE PER PERSON		_____ @	\$ 40 per person:	= \$ _____
(*For Members/Guests attending the Saturday <b>BANQUET ONLY</b> who <b>DID NOT PAY</b> a registration fee – Select Entrée BELOW)				

**THURSDAY 9/25:**

Prayer Supper 6 PM "Kings Court" \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Presley's Country Jubilee Bus leaves 7: PM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 40 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY 9/26:**

General Farman Golf Tourney Car Pools leave 7 AM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 55 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(complete golf form and mail with registration and name tag forms)

Yakov Smirnoff Show Bus leaves 2:PM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 40 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIX Dinner/SHOW Bus Leaves 6 PM \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 50 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**SATURDAY 9/27:**

Banquet: 6:30 PM SHARP (Included with registration fee) Cash Bar @ 5:45 PM

Entree: (Please select for each person attending the Banquet.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib      2. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala      3. \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Plate

**Make Check Payable to "AACCS Convention 2008"  
MAIL No Later than Sept 5, 2008 and mail along with all forms to:**

Gene Sheridan  
410 NE Point Drive  
Lees Summit, MO 64064  
816-373-3027  
Email Gene at: [afvetretired@comcast.net](mailto:afvetretired@comcast.net)

**REMEMBER HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MAKE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

## NAME TAG FORM

How do you want your name(s) to appear?

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

(Tower, GCA, Crypto, Staff, Radar/Radio Maintenance, Personnel, etc)

Ham Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Comm. Unit, Command or Location: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first convention? (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

### Example of Name Tag

Gene Sheridan Radio Maintenance 1946 <sup>th</sup> Comm. Sq – Berlin, Germany Missouri
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## GOLF REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Player (s) you would like to play with:

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

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

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

Club Rental: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Left Handed \_\_\_\_\_ Right Handed \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost is \$25)

Cost per-player: \$55.00 (Includes Green Fee, Deli Lunch, Golf Cart & 6 Tees)

Car pools will leave Hotel lobby at: 7:00 – 7:15am First Tee Time: 8:00am

Will you be willing to provide a Car Pool Vehicle? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Driving time is approximately 15 Minutes.

*Join us for a morning round of Golf*

**Include cost for golf on registration form and include in check. Include this form with your Registration Form and send to Gene Sheridan, 410 NE Point Drive, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-1561**

## Our Major Organizational Lineage



**Army Airways Communications System - Nov 1938**

**( Wing - Air Communications Service - System )**



**Airways and Air Communications Service - Mar 1946**



**Air Force Communications Service - July 1961**

**(AACS Alumni Association formed - Sept 1977)**



**Air Force Communications Command - Nov 1979**



**Air Force Command, Control, Communications & Computers Agency - May 1993**



**Air Force Communications Agency - Jun 1996**



**Air Force Flight Standards Agency - Oct 1991**

**All the Major Air Commands (past & present)**

**What's Next ? Oct 2008**



**"Order of the Sword"  
(Another AACS Life Member HONORED)**

With all the pomp and circumstance the U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps could muster, some 950 guests witnessed the induction of General William T. Hobbins, USAFE Commander, into the "Order of the Sword". The Order of the Sword is the highest honor enlisted Airmen can bestow on a Commander. Gen & Mrs. Hobbins were in the receiving line until 0230 hours. The Club could not hold anymore.

General Hobbins is a Life Member of the AACS Alumni Association and retired on February 1, 2008. To say we are proud is an understatement to say the least. Congratulations is the operative word.

The AACS Editor

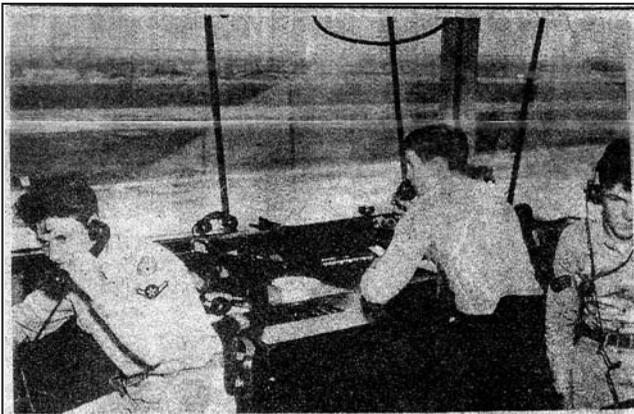


**Breaking the AACS Sunshine Laws  
Mac, Hank, Walt, Carolyn, Bob & Trautchen**



**Knoxville, Oct 28, 2007**

## Ron Tallmadge Looks back Itazuke AB Japan - 1950



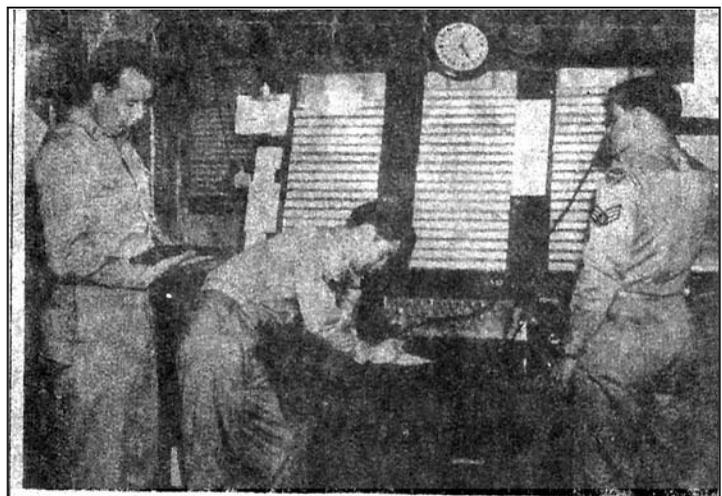
Itazuke control tower—Left to right are Pfc. George W. Ryder, working B position, from Painesville, Ohio; Cpl. Duane B. Soehren, “talking down” an F-80, from Hamilton, Mont.; and Sgt. Robert L. Cook, assistant tower chief, from Sakota, Virginia.



Itazuke Mock Control Tower—Left to right are Cpl. Biddie L. Miller, “Pilot”, Eldorado, Arkansas; Pfc. Ramon L. Cox, receiving training, Pittsburgh, Pa; and S/Sgt. John M. Soree, control tower chief, Hollidaysburg, Pa.



Itazuke Ground Controlled Approach (GCA)—In the foreground, watching the scope, is Sgt. David W. Clark from East Hartford, Conn.; next is Pfc. Ronald I. Tallmadge, Miami, Fla.; and in the background is S/Sgt. James R. Sweet of Columbus, Ohio,



Fukuoka Control—Left to right, 1st Lt Carl F. Raab, officer in charge from Escondido, Calif.; Pfc. Lee E. Collins, Greer, S. C.; and Sgt. Howard A. Anderson, Shenandoah, Iowa.

# Lost in Translation: Bid to Save Morse Code

(In Plain English:  
One Man's Bid  
To Save Morse Code)

By MICHAEL M. PHILLIPS

PRESCOTT, Ariz.—Nostalgic for simpler days, retired astrophysicist Chuck Adams is translating classics of boys' lit into a language he fears is going the way of kit radios and marbled Morse code.



Chuck Adams

Holed up in his high-desert home crammed with computers, radio receivers and a very patient wife, Mr. Adams uses home-made software to download online books with expired copyrights, convert the typed words into Morse code tones and record them on compact discs he sells on the Internet.

So far, Mr. Adams says he has sold or donated thousands of Morse versions of such novels as Edgar Rice Burroughs's "At the Earth's Core," Daniel Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," and H.G. Wells's "The Time Machine." In about an hour his software can take any book in the public domain and turn it into a string of digital dits and dahs; last weekend, he turned out a version of F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" (a.k.a., "The Beautiful and Damned").

For the 65-year-old Mr. Adams, it's a labor of love, mixed with equal parts hope and despair. "Morse code is going to die off unless you can talk someone into coming into the hobby," he says.

"I do it because it's fun, and to keep it going," he says. Then he adds in the next breath: "But I have no delusions of grandeur that I can save Morse code from extinction. I'm not Don Quixote. I'm not going to go out and fight windmills."

Mr. Adams grew up in Wink, a blink of a town in West Texas. Six-foot-six himself, he shared a small bedroom with his three younger brothers, each of whom measures nearly 7 feet tall. He hand-built his first bike with parts from a junkyard and flew model rockets high above Wink while the Soviets blew Sputnik even higher.

And, at the age of 15—inspired by his father, a ham-radio operator—he

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taught himself Morse code from a book. At the time, ham operators had to transcribe Morse code at a rate of five words per minute in order to earn the most basic federal license. Soon young Mr. Adams was spending every night sending coded messages to anyone who could hear them, and eavesdropping on UPI news dispatches broadcast to ships.

## Too Twangy

Many other radio amateurs use voice transmissions, but Mr. Adams preferred code, because of the challenge—and because he thinks his voice is too high and his West Texas accent too twangy.

Mr. Adams completed a Ph.D., won tenure at the University of North Texas, worked high-powered jobs in the defense and computer industries, and dabbled in the professional poker circuit. But he never lost his love for Morse code.

The code is the creation of a painter, Samuel F.B. Morse, who needed a way to transmit messages over the telegraph that he and Alfred Vail had invented. In 1844, the men famously sent a transmission from Washington to Baltimore that read, "What hath God wrought?"

The telegraph soon replaced the pony express. As late as World War II, ham operators found themselves using their Morse skills as radiomen in the military. During the Vietnam War, POW Jeremiah Denton, later a U.S. senator from Alabama, blinked "T-O-R-T-U-R-E" in Morse code when his captors put him on television.

But over time, the telephone and satellites have rendered Morse code almost obsolete. "If the satellites go out and power goes out, Morse code can still get through," says Nancy Kott, president of a code club called FISTS—someone who sends good code has "a good fist." "All we need is a battery and two wires to tap together, and we can communicate."

In February, the Federal Communications Commission eliminated the Morse requirements for ham-radio licenses. Mr. Adams resigned from a ham-operators organization because of what he saw as its flaccid defense of Morse code.

"It is a sad state of affairs when the U.S. doesn't even attempt to keep the language alive or give an incentive to work on it," says Mr. Adams.

Many of those who still know Morse code test their skills with a German computer game called Ruzf, the standard for determining world tran-

scription-speed rankings. Players listen to coded, five-character call signs, combinations of letters, symbols and numbers that identify individual license holders. The faster and more correctly they type them, the more points they score. (Transcribing regular text is much slower.)

Last month in Belgrade, Goran Hajošević broke 200 words per minute—an extraordinary pace. Mr. Adams is tied for eighth in the world, at more than 140 words per minute.

Scanning the list recently of the 60 fastest Morse coders under the age of 20, Mr. Adams spotted just two with American-issued call signs. "What this shows me is in the United States, we have no one who's interested in learning Morse code any-

25-word-per-minute version of "The War of the Worlds," which he purchased for \$10.50. "It's so much easier to pick up a microphone and yell," says Mr. Moorman, a 65-year-old retired electrical engineer in Williamsburg, Va., and a coder since 1957. "The people who do [Morse code] today do it because it's a lost art."

Earlier this year, Mr. Adams sent Barry Kutner, a 50-year-old ophthalmologist from Newtown, Pa., and another world-class coder, a 100-words-per-minute version of the book. To Mr. Adams's chagrin, Mr. Kutner wrote an email back pointing out that the gap between words was eight dits long, instead of the prescribed seven. At that pace, a dit lasts 1.2 one-thousandths of a second.

Much as he did growing up in Texas, Mr. Adams enjoys sitting in front of a gray radio, not much bigger than a hardcover book, and sending code with a \$500, Italian, stainless-steel, paddle-style key that he operates with a pinching motion. With the slightest touch of his right thumb on one paddle, the key sends an audible dit. A touch of his right pointer finger on the other paddle sends a dah.

## Keeping Busy

His wife, Phyllis, 62, doesn't begrudge him his long hours in front of the radio. "I'm just glad he has something to keep him busy," she says. "All my friends with retired husbands complain they follow them around the house all day."

One recent Sunday morning, Mr. Adams's radio came alive with Morse tones. It was a guy named Gary McClain in Pryor, Okla. The transmissions were pretty slow, just 22 words per minute.

Mr. McClain, a 65-year-old retired mill worker, learned Morse code in the Boy Scouts half a century ago. He had nothing urgent in mind; he just wanted to make contact with someone far away.

"Weather here is cloudy and chance of showers," he tapped, as Mr. Adams transcribed the words in a notebook.

Mr. McClain signed off, and the radio went silent. "It will eventually die," Mr. Adams mused. "I'll hate to see it go. I won't have anybody to talk to. I'll have to go back to reading."



Paddle-style key and radio used to send Morse code.

more," he lamented.

Mr. Adams and other Morse aficionados don't speak of dots and dashes; that imagery is too visual, and Morse is an aural language. So they prefer to describe the language in dits and dahs, the sounds of the short and long tones. A, for instance, is dit dah. B is dah dit dit, or simply dah dididit. Between two letters, the sender allows a three-dit silence. Between words it grows to seven dits.

## 'In the Zone'

Like all Morse experts, Mr. Adams rarely breaks signals down into letters, instead hearing complete words much as readers recognize words on a page. When he transcribes a message at high speeds, his fingers are five or 10 words behind his ears. When he is "in the zone" he isn't even conscious of what he is transcribing, he says. He has to read it later to understand the message.

When he listens to one of his books, the code is like a voice speaking to him. "It's like you don't count the i's when someone says Mississippi," he explains.

He produces his audio books to play at different speeds, depending on the expertise of the buyer. Ken Moorman's bedtime listening is Mr. Adams's

Submitted by Harry Povolotsky (Wall St Journal)



**Jay Atherton provided all the pictures on this page.  
B-29 Crew on Tinian with tower in the background**

**Saipan Tower**



**Tinian Tower- North Field 1945**

**Dear Hank:**

10/31/07

Hello from God's Waiting Room (Sun City),

Enclosed is a picture of Bob Akard, Bert Beecher (both first class airmen) and M/Sgt Karns. As you will note, Karns is working the pattern, I'm on final approach and Bob is on elevation or as we referred to it in those days "the idiot wheel." This picture was taken at Templehof Flughafen in about 1952 or '53. I do not remember it, but it must have been a staged event as working the scopes with the door open or lights on would be difficult to say the least. Sgt Karns was one of the many Tech and Master Sgts we had working in the GCA units in those days. He was of all things a former glider pilot in the army and when he had a chance transferred to communications. I rarely worked with Bob, but once in a while, we'd work on the same shift. It was difficult for me to keep a straight face when Bob would be talking to an Air France pilot with a thick French accent and Bob would be speaking with his Southern drawl because I could never understand how they could communicate with each other. It was amazing.

Sorry I couldn't be at the Las Vegas reunion, but I think I told Bob about my wife's problems. She has had tests at both the Arizona Heart Institute and Mayo Clinic. Surgery is in her future, but not right now.

Hope you are doing well in Oak Ridge and if you ever get a chance to come to the great southwest let us know.

Best regards,

Bert



**MSgt Karns in back**  
**A1C Beecher in middle**  
**A1C Akard in front**

# Missoula veteran creates carousel for Fort Harrison

By **RICHARD MYERS**  
Helena Independent Record

HELENA – Donald Sherlock had to decide how to react to very bad news.

After an operation in 1992, the Korean War-era veteran was told he had cancer.

Then the chemotherapy began. "I needed something to keep

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myself going," he said. "When you're doing chemo, you're out of sorts all the time.

"I felt a lot better doing something instead of sitting around

complaining about it."

Sherlock, who moved to Missoula a couple of years ago, said his medical care was based at Fort Harrison in Helena.

"If it wasn't for Dr. (Gregory) Johnson, I wouldn't be here," he said.

But during his chemotherapy, Sherlock was staying for a time with

friends in Seaside, Ore. The retired furniture repairman and upholsterer said that community's carousel inspired him to build a miniature version.

By hand.

In October, he officially donated the carousel to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort

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## Carousel

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Harrison.

Sherlock said he had no particular plans for the carousel when he began the project – either what to do with it when he was finished or even how to build it.

An artist in Oregon helped him make the molds for the animals, he said.

"I made a few mistakes along the way," he said with a laugh.

It took eight years, long after the chemotherapy treatments ended, to complete the carousel, which is approximately 3 feet in diameter.

But now the miniature is something to behold, with its intricately detailed ceramic horses and other animals, including ostriches and pigs.

The animals move up and down as the carousel spins. There are lights to make the bright yellow canopy glow, and



ELIZA WILEY/Independent Record

**Teresa Bell**, public relations officer for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Helena, shows off a carousel handmade by veteran Don Sherlock, of Missoula.

more beneath the animals.

He even rigged up a tape recorder and speakers to supply music to accompany the twirling critters.

Sherlock said he offered the carousel to his two children in something of a time-share

arrangement.

"They said, 'No, Dad, it would get too tore up.'"

So he offered it to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Fort Harrison for a couple of reasons.

First, he said, he wanted to

do something to try to pay back everyone at the hospital for the care they provided him.

"And maybe give someone in the same shape I was in the incentive to do something."

Kathleen Henson, the VA's volunteer coordinator, said the carousel was placed in an outpatient waiting room next to an area that will be a children's play space.

But the carousel will only be used during children's tours, holidays and other special events, she said.

At other times, it's under a heavy protective glass cover.

Henson said it's a welcome addition and will be an inspiration to other veterans in tough situations.

"The thing about it that I loved is that he channeled all his efforts into something beautiful," she said.

*Independent Record* city editor **Richard Myers** can be reached at (406) 447-4071 or at [rich.myers@helenair.com](mailto:rich.myers@helenair.com).

**Another creative AACS Alumni member.**

**Don Sherlock, from Missoula, MT. He served from 1947-1953 in places like Wiesbaden, Germany, Wheelus AFB, Tripoli and Itazuke, Japan**

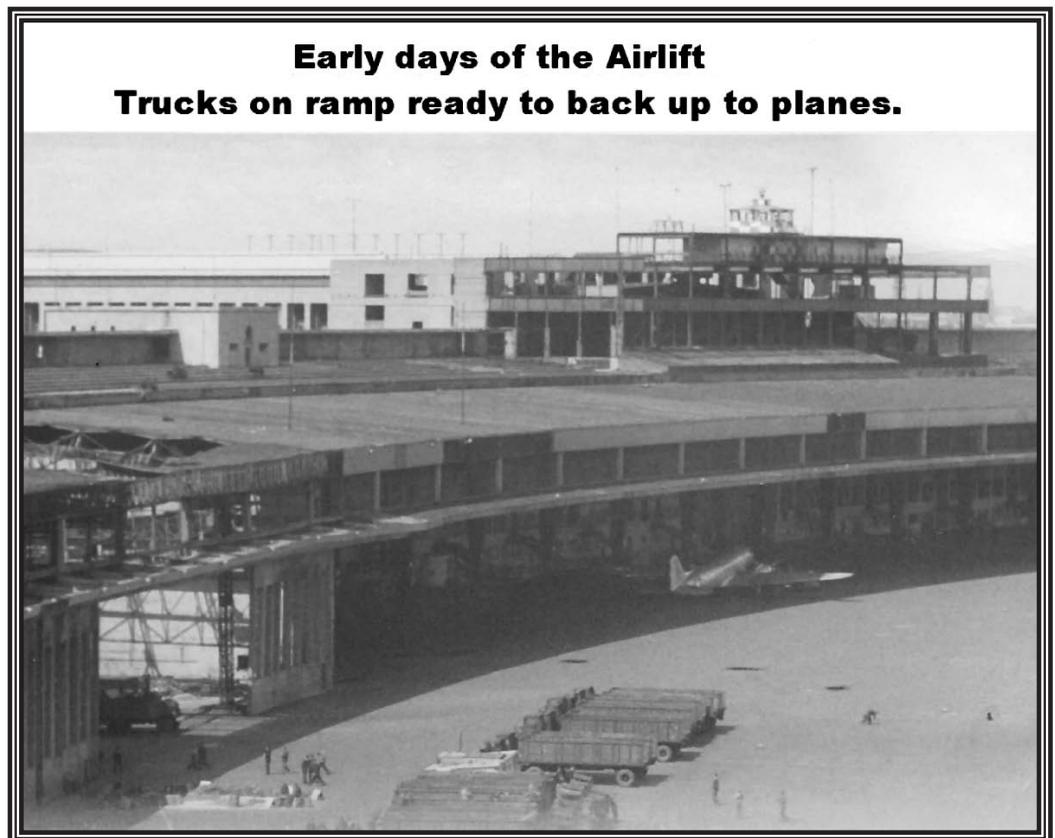
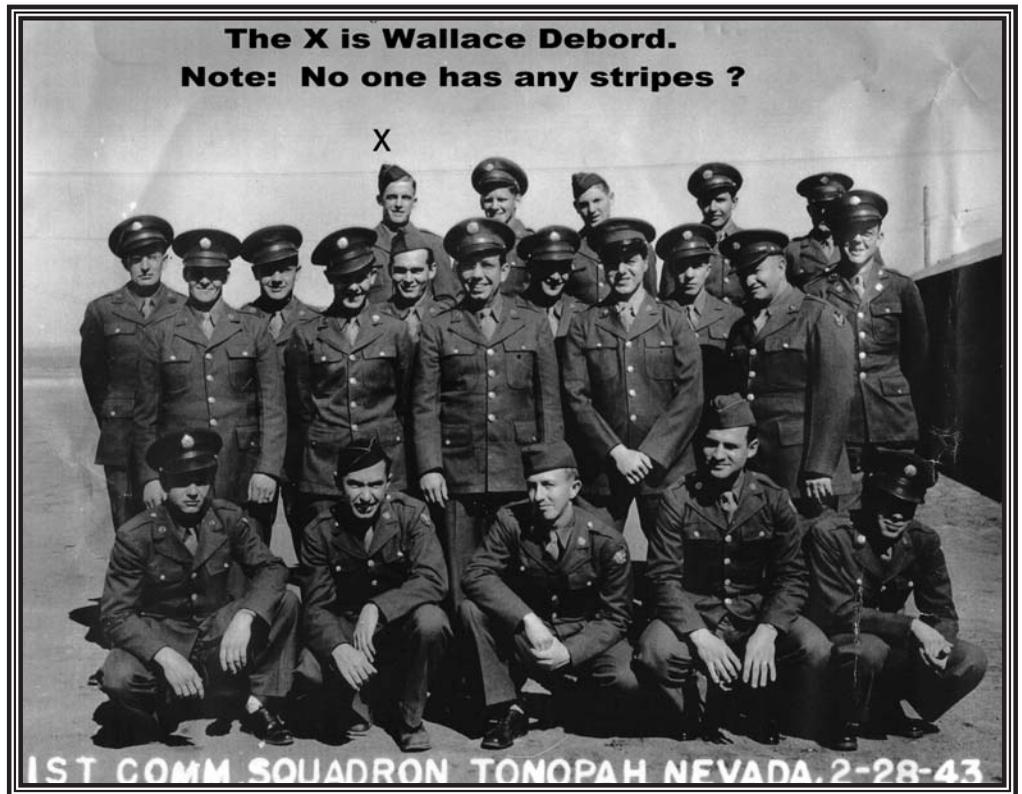


## Another Schobelock Serving

John Schobeloc's granddaughter, Katerina is an Airman 1st Class serving with the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron. (Note that this relates to "AACCS"). John served as a Tower Operator in AACCS units in the 49-52 time frame. His granddaughter was written up for the following:

"Airman 1st Class Katerina Schobelock, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron corrected several computer system malfunctions onboard the E-3 Airborne Warning and Control Systems aircraft, during an exercise at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. She troubleshot and repaired a hard fault, preventing loss of passive detection capability. In addition, she recovered two seats with display problems and resolved a computer processor failure and numerous computer display errors during the week-long exercise. Her actions led to 100 percent on-station time on four exercise sorties.

Editor's Note: Looks like it runs in the family. Well done Katerina !!!!





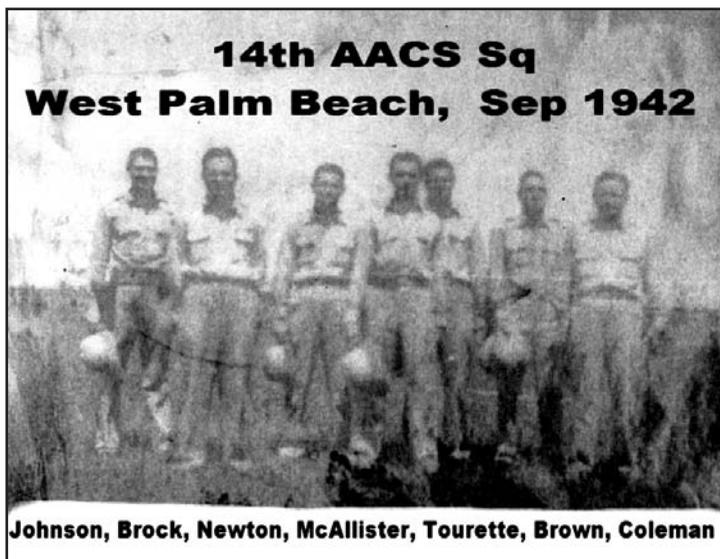
### **"Old Timers"**

**The photo of past AACS Alumni members, Jules Wenglare and Ed Evans, shows how fragile our membership is and the losing of our WWII Radio Operators. As many of you know Jules was with the first group of AACS (American) troops who went into Japan to set up the communications for the surrender talks and Ed was our long time Ham Coordinator. Jules amateur radio call sign was W6YO and it was reissued to the "Jules Wenglare Memorial" station in Air Force Village, San Antonio, Texas. Ed Evans passed away in late 2007.**

Dear Hank:

The following pictures are from my tour in the Belgian Congo with the 14th AACS Sq, in 1942. The cadre of the 14th AACS Officers (photo taken in West Palm Beach) is shown just before they left for the Belgian Congo. These photos are a follow up to Arthur Elkins letter in the Nov 2007 Communicator (page 22).

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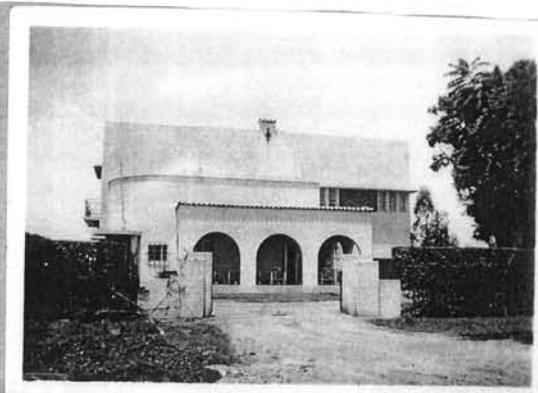
Raising our first radio tower.



Cooks and cha



"Ultra modern houses"



"Facetiously call 'Pi Phi house"





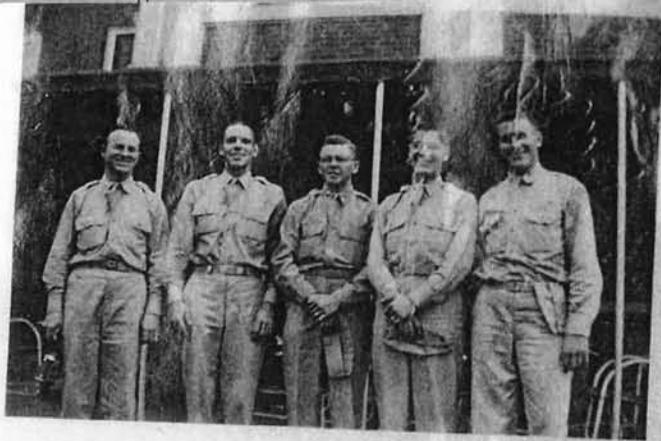
Lester 1918 France



Lester Jr, Africa 1942



Barney and our taxi



Major Brock - commanding  
1st Lieutenants  
Brown - radio  
Dee, Stanford grad  
Harding, Minnesota grad  
La Tourette, Indiana  
August 1942



La Tourette  
Brock  
Brown  
McAllister  
Sun & Surf Club

**Dear Mac:**

**I just received the latest issue of the AACS Communicator. Sorry that I couldn't attend the convention in Las Vegas, but I was unable to get away the week of the convention. I did go the next week, but it was a week late and a dollar short.**

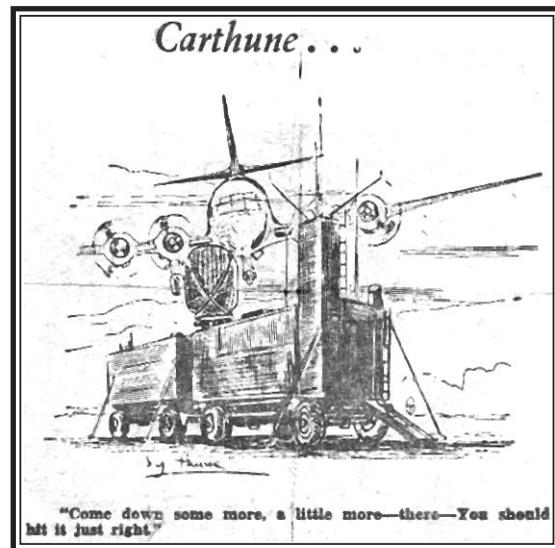
**I am writing regarding the piece by Bob Brewer on page 46 about meeting General LeMay. I was working in the Vice Chief's office when Gen. LeMay was Chief of Staff. I usually would meet him at least once a day in the hall way or taking something to his office. His response to my salutation was usually a grunt. However, he was a very nice person to work for.**

**After he retired, the Col. Blanchard that Bob Brewer spoke of was appointed Vice Chief of Staff. John P. McConnell was Chief of Staff. Gen Blanchard died of a massive heart attack during an early morning ops meeting in the JCS ops center in 1966. He was only 50 years old. I worked with a number of old timers in AACS who were given direct commissions when WWII began. Walter B. Berg was a Lt Col in CBI (he got reprimanded for venting his frustration of the lack of support for AACS). Everett (Pappy) Sells was a Captain.**

**The Col. Jess Guthrie had the nickname "Tex" and he commanded the AACS Group in Texas (EUCOM Softball, page 28). I am sure that was later than 1950. On page 9, Hank Sauer mentioned that John Rohloff in Germany in 1949/1950. John Rohloff was still at Andrews in 1950 when I was assigned to the Embassy in Rome, so it must have been later.**

**Truman Billingsley**

**Editors Note: Truman, Col Guthrie was the Commander of the 1807th AACS Wing in 1950, just before Col (later Maj Gen) E. Blair Garland took Command in mid-1950. Mac Maginnis, myself and a few other members of the Alumni Association played basketball for then Col Garland from October 1950 until April 1951. John Rohloff got me the Air Attache job in the American Embassy in London in early 1959. Thanks for your input on Bob Brewers article. Hope you can make the Branson, Missouri Convention in September. There are lots of us who would love to sit and hear some stories from the past.**





U.S. Air Force photo by Thomas Farr  
 ...visiting controllers in the Berlin Air Route Traffic Control Center at Tempelhof Central Airport, Berlin.  
**"Our new Sgt-at-Arms" at work.**



Controllers at stations in Grissom's RAPCON. "Blips" on radar screen are aircraft in 3,000-square-mile air space controlled by base. Aircraft in air space that do not contact RAPCON present potential danger to other aircraft.

## THE INDEPENDENCE

**By: Walter James Murray  
Bisha Gawa 1948-49**

Assigned as a radar air traffic controller in 1949 with MATS (Military Air Transport Service), I was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland outside Washington, D.C. The facility was located in an underground gas-proof bunker operated 24 hours a day providing radar approaches to the Andrews airport runways for military aviators. During the winter of 1949-50 the facility was shut down for three months in order to install new, up-to-date radar. In the absence of our normal assignments, controllers were pressed into service at other installations in the D.C. area. I was assigned to the GCA (Ground Controlled Approach) unit on the runways for half the period and then to the Andrews control tower for the remainder. While I felt comfortable in the GCA unit, I had never before even been in a control tower and to this day wonder how I was expected to act with any degree of competence managing the air space surrounding the airfield. The work demanded a highly skilled, trained operator.

On duty one morning with a fellow airman, senior to me but who apparently knew little more than I did, a call came over the radio from an aircraft requesting a low pass to have its landing gear visually

checked. I recognized the "N2600" call number and looked at my partner, thinking he would take the call, but he motioned for me to respond. Taking the call, I was told by the pilot that a red warning light had come on in the cockpit indicating the landing gear was not positioned correctly. He wanted me to take a look. I gave him clearance for a low pass and went outside onto a balcony from where I would be able to spot anything out of the ordinary. It was a warm, clear sunny day.



**A C-54 Skymaster (DC-6) similar to "The Independence". U.S. Air Force photo.**

The airplane, a DC-6 (VC-118), was assigned for use by the president of the United States. It had been doing "touch and go's" (practice landings and takeoffs) at Washington National Airport (DCA), ten miles to the west. The aircraft, dubbed "The Independence" by the then president, Harry S. Truman, was based in those years at National Airport.

In a short while I could see The Independence fast approaching out of the east. I had a microphone in hand with a long extension cord and, with the door open, I could hear any incoming calls from the pilot. The plane was very low and coming toward me speedily and my eyes were fixed firmly on the landing gear. On it came, growing larger and larger and louder and louder, zooming no more than a few yards over my head with a tremendous roar and passed on. It was now the time for me to give an opinion (in reality a guess), an assertion that, I felt, would surely have repercussions if were I wrong.

Yet who was I but a well-meaning none-too-bright naive 19-year-old, out of my element, the wrong person in the wrong place, to make such a judgment? But, taking my responsibility seriously, I gave my verdict as I saw it, to wit, that there was nothing wrong with the landing gear that I could see.

The pilot, a colonel, politely thanked me as he rapidly disappeared into the west and then, in a firm, unmistakably straight-from-the-shoulder manner, ordered me under no circumstances to ever speak of the incident. "Roger, sir. Understood," I replied dutifully. My lips were sealed. It was an order that until now, many years later, I have faithfully obeyed. Since I heard no more in subsequent days, I assumed the plane landed safely at National, but there may have been hell to pay had the landing gear collapsed.



**View from Grissom tower. Controllers help insure safety of aircraft in air and on ground. Tower sways in high winds. Personnel are evacuated when velocity hits 60 knots. Controllers were snowbound in tower for 52 hours in 1978.**

**Walt,  
This story appeared in the 623rd AC&W  
Newsletter, to which I also belong.  
Because it is about a Control Tower  
incident I believe it more rightfully  
belongs in our AACS Communicator.  
Please forward it to the right guy for  
consideration.  
Thanks**

**Bill Shine**

**New Members Report since the June 2007 AACCS Communicator**

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From: "Art and Karin Gordon" <agordon14@comcast.net>  
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Subject: Site Descriptions  
Date: Saturday, December 08, 2007 2:42 PM

Hank!

What a memory jogger this listing of AACS and related sites was. I have some random information that may or may not be appropriate for this website, but if you can use it, fine, if not, that's okay too. It is a good feeling just to write it down.

From 1960 to 1964 I was stationed at a few different USAF communications sites in Germany.

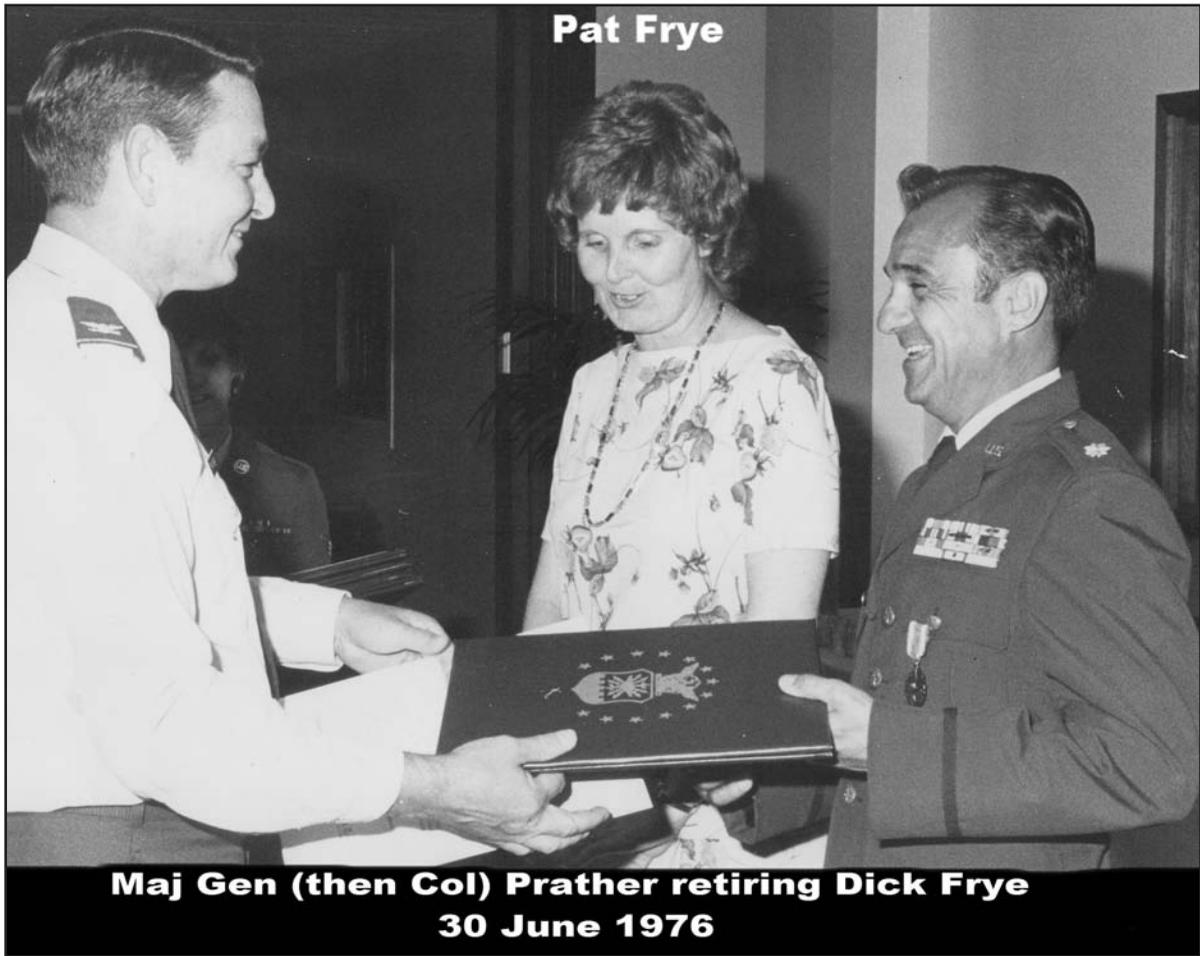
The first was with the Hq. 585th Communications and Guidance Squadron, 38th Tactical Missile Wing, at Bitburg and Sembach, Germany, respectively. First field assignment was to OL-8 at Damme (Signalberg), in northern Germany, near Osnabrueck. Other sites ranged from what is now Bad Iburg, south of Osnabrueck to the main OL at the Bremerhaven US Army Staging Area. In between were sites at Adelheide (near Harpstedt) and a community whose name I've forgotten just south of Bremerhaven. These sites were formerly ground control stations for the TM-58 (I think that was the number) Matador tactical guided missile that resembled the Nazi German "buzz bomb". The mission changed by the time I got to Damme to one of a primarily administrative communications system linking the Kaiserslautern and other parts of southwestern Germany to Bremerhaven for logistics and personnel matters. On a recent nostalgic tour through my old Air Force haunts I drove up the forest road to Signalberg (Damme) and saw that the big boulder at the gate still had our OL-8 logo and number on it, faded but legible. The site was abandoned.

Once the dust settled, in, I believe, late '60 or early '61 (my memory isn't good enough to be more precise), we became part of the 1st Radio Relay Squadron, a reactivated unit of the Air Force Communications Service based at Ramstein, Germany. We had a group number but I don't remember it. I was transferred as site chief to the Adelheide site. I do not remember the redesignated numbers of the sites under the 1st RRS.

Another reorganization in late '61 or '62 renamed us the 2057th Radio Relay Squadron, based at Rothwesten, Germany (near Kassel), integrating us with sites stretched all over Germany. After attending the USAF Siemens-Halske PPM microwave school at Pforzheim in late '61 I was reassigned to the Feldberg radio relay site in the Taunus mountains just outside Oberursel/Bad Homburg. Sometime after my departure in 1964 another reorganization put the Feldberg (and other former 2057th sites) in the 12th Radio Relay Squadron. Most of the reported history of the Feldberg site is from the period when it was a detachment of the 12th RRS, which I missed.

I hope this was at least a little useful.  
Good luck, and happy holidays,

**Thanks Art, Every little bit helps.  
Art should be a new member by the time  
this AACS Communicator is published**



**Frank Roney - Itami Air Field, Japan, 1946  
Radio Station WUQS - Frank at the "bug"**

## From: Gerry Ouellette

### My First AACS Assignment at AACS 1959 by Gerry Ouellette

On completing the radio maintenance course at Scott Field in May 1949, I was offered the opportunity to join AACS, which I accepted. There were two openings at that time, one in Newfoundland and one in Hawaii. Choosing which to accept was a no brainer, so I opted for Hawaii. But, surprise, surprise, on arriving at AACS 1959 headquarters at Hickam Field, I was informed that the need for my talents was not at Hickam, but on Johnston Island, 800 miles Southwest of Hawaii, that is, in the middle of nowhere. After about a month at Hickam, I was on an old WWII cargo plane on my way to a coral island that looked like a small aircraft carrier from the air. Johnston had a total area of one-fifth of one square mile, two imported trees, no grass, a few shrubs, millions of giant cockroaches (called palmetto bugs), and most of the island was taken up by runway, taxi strip and gooney bird sanctuary with a small area in the middle for 400 Air Corps personnel. We were still wearing army brown uniforms when we got there, since there were no separate Air Force blue uniforms in effect at that time. We did, however change from army to air force stripes while there and we were issued blue uniforms when we left the island.

Actually, I didn't mind being there, work was interesting and there were no onerous duties since AACS members were considered detached visitors. There was plenty of time to work, relax, swim, and of course drink in the NCO club. Also, all new film releases were flown in daily and when I returned to the States, I had already seen all new movies that appeared over the next few months. We had jeeps and trucks to drive the short distances between the maintenance shed, the transmitter shed, and the control tower. We also used them to get to the swimming areas, and just to waste time touring all that was open to vehicles on the small island. We always had a bright light to signal the tower when crossing the strip or taxiway and wait for a green go ahead. Sitting in the control tower, it seemed that the controllers always told the aircraft, pressure 29.96 and wind speed 23 knots. It only rained on two days during my hitch there. I spent much of my spare time studying stuff I didn't get around to in high school, building model planes, earning my ham license (KJ6AK originally, now K1NXH), going out fishing on the "Water Buffalo" that had been left on the island, or out on the Air-Sea-Rescue boat. The Buffalo could make about 2 to 3 knots with its tank tread propulsion and the ASR boat about 45+ knots. Guess which one was preferred.

Of course we drew triple time for being on this island so term of duty was one year with an extra 10 days R&R in Hawaii. I stretched mine to 23 days, and including the one month at Hickam on arrival and on departure, I really only spent a little over nine months on the island even though it counted for three years of overseas duty. I left Hawaii for the states in 1950 the same week in June that the Korean War broke out and was kept in San Francisco for about a month waiting to see if I was needed in Korea, or to continue on to my next choice of station, AACS 1917 Westover AFB in Massachusetts. Not needed in Korea, I was greeted by a warrant officer who as per Hawaii loaded me into a pickup truck and said I was needed off-base at a radio station located in the town of Marion near Cape Cod. And what a radio station that was! The transmitter was a 250 KW Alexanderson Alternator built in 1908, set up to transmit at 25.62 kilocycles. And that fascinating station will be discussed in another AACS Communicator article.

I'm very poor at remembering names so I cannot name all individuals in the pictures I took at Johnston, so I've only named a few. One of my buddies there, Peter (Pete) Dinovo, is also a life member in the AACS Alumni Association. The other known names are August (Augie) Kreiter and Lynwood (Lynn) Krause. The power man, whose name I don't remember, was in charge of both the electrical power plant and the water purification plant. The pictures were scanned from 56 year old black and white 35 mm film and many other pictures are just too faded to print.



**Figure 1** Lynn, Pete, Gerry



**Figure 2** Jeep on JI



**Figure 3** Power man and Pete



**Figure 5** Hawaiian AACS Friends



**Figure 7** Wahoo on ASR boat



**Figure 6** Swimming Buddy



**Figure 9** R&R in Oahu



**Figure 4** Gerry Unc Augie



**Figure 8** JI Cartoon View

**"Some snapshots from GerryOuellette's early days"**

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**The above order in 1953 is shipping several AirTraffic  
Controllers to Korea. Jim Blass, Flynn Chivers & Aaron  
Willeford are AACS Members. Wilmer White was Walt McLains Supr at  
Myrtle Beach years later.**

# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**NOTE: AACS covers 1938-1961, AFCS covers 1961-1979, AFCC covers 1979-1993, AFC4A. AFCA and/or AFFSA covers 1993 to present. List other commands as appropriate.**

**If you have any questions contact Mac Walt McLain at TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045**

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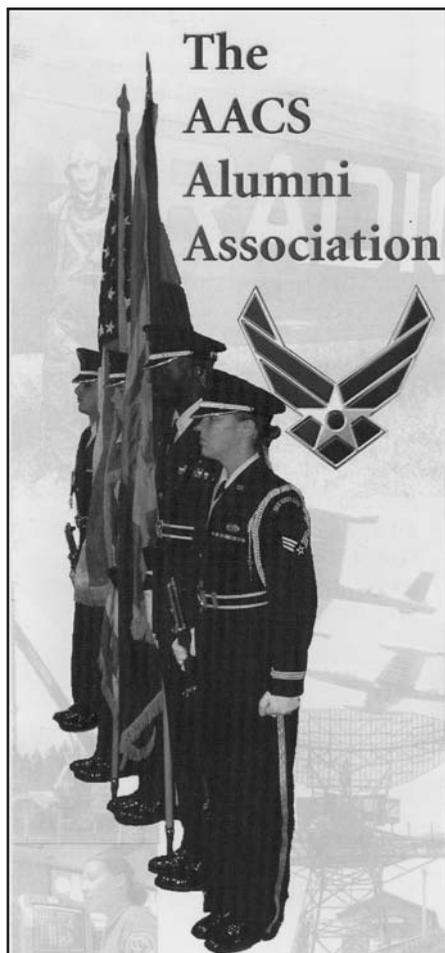
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The 30<sup>th</sup> AACCS Alumni Association Convention & Reunion was another great gathering for our members. We enjoyed great food, great company and the sites in Covington & Cincinnati

**September 2007**

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

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

Monday - Early check-in.  
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Wednesday - Tours, Golf & "Prayer Supper"  
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Chris Miller, Bill Moseley & Andy Agan will be hosting this conventions/reunion

"AACCS" over the Circus Circus in Las Vegas  
Submitted by Jesse Callahan

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

## **"Background"**



**In 2004, the AACS Alumni Association unanimously voted to change our Constitution to authorize Air Force Communications, Information, Air Traffic Controllers, Maintenance 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 AACS Alumni Association as the growing age of the current 2,300 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 AACS 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.**

**Please see in this issue our rationale for a name change of the Alumni Association to the "Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association" this change will better define who we are.**

**In simple terms we "is" Communicators (in the broadest terms) & Air Traffic Controllers.**

**Each year at our annual convention, we present an annual award with a Trophy (ceramic eagle), Certificate and \$100 check 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 select the Airman to be honored each year. In 2006, 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 2007 Air Traffic Controller of the Year was A1C Sarah B. O'Brien of the 3 OSS, Elmendorf AFB, AK and the Communications/Information Professional of the Year is SSgt Jaclyn Rutan of 3 CS, Elmendorf AFB, AK.**

**The AACS 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.**

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**Questions about membership or about our Association should be addressed to:  
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_____	AACS <u>Embroided</u> Logo Golf Shirts @ <b>\$26.00</b>	_____
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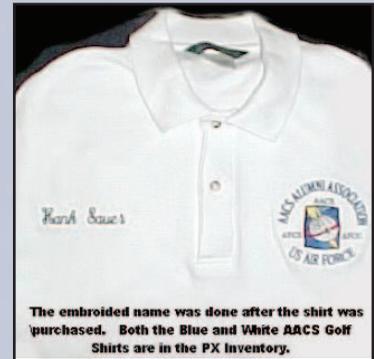
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## NEW PX/BX ITEMS

We have 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 on page 68. 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. All PX/BX Items are sold at cost plus shipping.

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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.





**Submitted by Charles Long**



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# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Mission Statement

To foster continued awareness of the Air Force Communications and Air Traffic Control missions previously accomplished by AACS, AFCS, AFCC, AFC4A, AFCA, AFFSA, other past & current Major Air Commands. To provide a forum for educational and humanitarian services, to renew & make new friendships and to exchange ideas of common interest concerning people and activities associated with Communications & Air Traffic Control. To fully support the goals and missions of the U.S. Air Force and to honor each year the AACS Air Traffic Controller and Communications/Information Professional of the year as selected by the Air Force. Of significant importance is to manage the Association to be a viable Association in the future for those Airman/Officers/Civilians serving today.

## The Beginning

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 a great big "Thank You"

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THE YEARS YOU  
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**TO: THOSE POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION !  
QUESTION: WHO OR WHAT IS THE AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ?**

**ANSWER:** An Association that is comprised of over 2,300 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 as 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" (AF4A) 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 AACCS Alumni Association was formed (1977) the membership criteria changed from individuals who only served in AACCS 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 "AACCS" and its unique contributions to long-haul communications and air traffic control, the Association has decided to maintain "AACCS" 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 AACCS Alumni Association.

The AACCS 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 AACCS Alumni Association is comprised of about 85% enlisted personnel and 15% officers, which includes over 50 General Officers, active and retired.

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