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(Since the June 2009 Communicator)



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Heckman, Walter W. Jr.

Moffat, David L.

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A Tribute to the late Dave Moore

"I want to thank the Associations Board for inviting me to attend the convention on Grand Island and to accept the Life Time Achievement Award for my late husband Dave Moore. He would have been so honored, and humbled, to receive this award.

As many of you know, Dave died on August 20, 2009. He loved this organization and we had really looked forward to attending this year's convention. I made several 'recruiting' trips with Dave to Air Force Bases all around the country and we had several more trips planned for this year and the next. I hope others will pick up the 'baton' and go forward with the same passion he had for 'recruiting' active duty personnel. He wanted to see the organization grow and he was working diligently to do just that.

Dave's obituary picture showed him wearing one of his AACS shirts and he was buried with one of our hats. He received full military honors at his service. Dave served his country very well in many ways from his military service to his community service. He fought hard for what he believed in. He just could not win the battle against cancer.

Thank you so much for honoring Dave's life and contributions to the AF Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association

Ann Moore - Association Life Member.



From The Desk of the Executive Director



On July 15, 2009 Change of Command and Redesignation Ceremonies were conducted at Scott AFB, Illinois, presided by General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, Air Force Space Command. The Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA) was assigned to Air Force Space Command as the Air Force Network Integration Center (AFNIC). Col Carl Williamson relinquished command of AFCA and retired from active duty. Col John Odey assumed command of AFNIC. Representing the AF Comm & ATC Association was board members Hank Sauer, Bill Bethea, myself, along with my wife Jo-Ann. This was the first opportunity for me to attend one of the more traditional ceremonies in the Air Force, that respectively bids farewell to the departing commander and welcomes the new. It was an inspiring ceremony.

We have a new Association Chaplain; Fr. Donald A. Seeks. Father Seeks replaces Rev. Jim Burch, who retired from the position due to his health. On a sadder note; we are mourning the passing of David Moore, former fellow Board Member and Director for Information. Dave passed away August 20, 2009. He is survived by his wife Ann, his daughter Julie, his son Doug and six grandchildren. He was an outstanding person and will be missed by all who knew him. Bill Mosley has been appointed to the Board of Directors, as our Director for Information. We thank Bill for his willingness to serve in this position and welcome his contributions to the organization. The 33rd Annual Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association Convention/Reunion was an successful event and was enjoyed by all who attended. The weather cooperated on Friday for the golfers who participated in the General Ivan L. Farman Golf Tournament and for all of the members who took in the sites at Niagara Falls. Chief Master Sergeant Vincent L. Marler gave this year's presentation of the "State of Air Force Air Traffic Control", at the Breakfast/Business Meeting Saturday morning. Chief Marler is Radar Approach Chief Controller for the 509th Operations Support Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

Maj General Michael J. Basla gave the "State of Air Force Communications" presentation at the Banquet, Saturday evening. Gen Basla is Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado. Also, fellow member Ken Dab-Row gave an inspirational speech at the Banquet, Saturday evening. Our thanks are extended to the Morabito family: Dan; Barbara Ann; Kathleen; and Nicole, for their tireless efforts to produce an enjoyable Convention/Reunion and make us feel at home.

Last, but not least, a sincere "well done" is extended to Monika Buckley for managing the Hospitality Room and providing great service to our members. Also, "thank-you" to the folks who "stepped up" and helped with the bartending duties.

Next year's Convention/Reunion will be held at the Myrtle Beach Hilton, in South Carolina.

Stan Phillips
Executive Director

See Page 69 for PHOTOS

The new (w/zipper) embroided AF Comm & ATC Assoc. and AACS Alumni Jackets are now in stock. US sizes for Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and XXL. Jackets look good and cost is \$35.00 including shipping.



EDITOR-PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

THE COST OF THE June 2009 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR AS OF: JUNE 1, 2009

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It cost the Association approximately \$1.65 per-copy to publish and mail the June 2009 Communicator.

Remaining balance in PO Account:

\$561.99

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

The Web Site averages approximately 125 - 150 hits per-day and approximately 3,800 per month. Since the web site was posted, there have been approximately 000,000 hits. 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 700 new members.

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS COMING. THEY ARE WHAT MAKE THE COMMUNICATOR A "MEMBERS" PUBLICATION. 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 if requested. You do not have to have copies made.

Hank Sauer Editor/Publisher & Web Site Manager

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ATTENTION: Writing checks to the Association!!

The IRS has officially changed our name. Effective immediately make all checks out to: "THE AF COMM & ATC ASSOC."

Income/Expense Statement For AF Comm & ATC Assn.

(Corrected) Period Jul 1 2008 - Jun 30 2009

Income	
2008 Convention (less advance)	\$ 35,561.06
Membership Fees	\$ 10,410.00
BX Sales	\$ 3,850.50
2008 Convention Excess	\$ 4,434.60
CD Closing	\$ 43,130.87
CD Interest	\$ 1,919.28
Donations	\$ 2,049.00
Repayment of Convention Advance	\$ 2,000.00
Misc Credits	\$ 220.00

Total Income \$ 103,575.31

Expenses

2008 Convention Exp (less advance)	\$ 31,823.21	
Newsletter Publishing/Mailing/Web	\$ 10,759.40	
BX Supplies	\$ 7,114.73	*
BX Shipping	\$ 451.89	
Charitable Donations	\$ 3,000.00	
Equipment Purchases	\$ 149.98	
Purchase CD's	\$ 35,000.00	
Utilities (Phones, Ph cards, etc)	\$ 180.00	
IRS Filing 990EZ	\$ 150.00	
Corp Fee	\$ 20.00	
Office Expenses	\$ 3,995.07	
Misc. Expenses	\$ 110.50	
Transfer To Exec. Dir Acct	\$ 1,050.00	
Perpetuity Project Exp	\$ 410.00	
BX Sale Returns	\$ 85.75	
Perpetuity Ads (Mugs, etc)	\$ 3,351.64	
2009 Convention Advance	\$ 2,883.00	
2010 Convention Advance	\$ 711.43	

\$ 94,214.78

Net Loss/Excess \$ 9,360.53

^{*} Large BX Inventory Expense in order to stock the shirts/hats/wind jackets for the new name items.

33rd Annual AFC&ATC Convention/Reunion Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 24, 2009

Executive Director Stan Phillips reported all Board members present except Gen. Gerry Prather, who was attending to family circumstances, and David Moore who sadly passed away.

Stan opened the session with a call for old business. Secretary Akard requested and received approval of the minutes of the 2008 Board and Membership Business meetings held in Branson, MO. Past pertinent electronic votes were ratified, those being nominees for AF Communications Hall of Fame, AFC&ATC Hall of Honor, and Life Achievement Award. (Details in the Nov. 2009 Communicator.) Following the request of the E.D. each Board member had the opportunity to report activity or questions.

Vice Director Bill Bethea reported on the culmination of a hotel contract for our Sept, 2010 Convention in Myrtle Beach S. C. He reported on his efforts to select St. Louis for 2011, which the Board voted to pursue.

Treasurer Ray Sharpless reported the actual income and costs for F/Y 2008/2009. He discussed our annual over budgeting vs. controlled spending with a plan help us bring these items into closer synchronization. Ray reviewed our inventory of BX material and year end sales. He disseminated an annual financial report confirming stable figures in our checking and savings assets at \$73,973.

Executive Secretary Bob Akard presented each a copy of a study he made, with cooperation of Membership Chair Walt McLain, of our membership numbers by state. The input was to focus on future convention sites. No audit report was given since the By-Laws didn't require such for the year ending.

Membership Director Walt McLain reported current stable membership at 1991 active member with 1950 current good addresses and 290 memberships expiring this year. His follow-up methods were given.

Executive Director Stan Phillips' agenda covered the schedule of our remaining convention, our positive state of affairs, concluded corporate registration and IRS tax free approval under our name. He nominated, and received approval for Bill Mosley for the open Information Director's position. A final review of 2010 budgeting and proposed reporting of actual figures was made. Annual charitable Association contributions were adjusted with the addition of Wounded Warriors and Operation Second Chance for \$500 each. Our regular donations to AF Enlisted Village and AF Village for officers were continued at \$1,000 each.

Stan's motion to adjourn until the 2010 convention in Myrtle Beach, SC was approved.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Akard, Ex. Sec.

Business Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 26, 2009

Executive Director Stan Phillips opened our business meeting of membership. He asked our newly appointed Chaplain, Don Seeks, for the invocation. He followed by requesting each Board member present for their 2009 reports.

Ex. Sec. Akard requested confirmation of the minutes of the Business Meeting held in Branson, MO Sept. 27, 2008. He stated that no audit report is required for this period.

Treasurer Sharpless reported our financial status as basically stable in numbers from June, 30 2008. Checking accounts strarted Jul, 1, 2009 at \$14,078 in our primary association account and \$3,527 in the publisher's account. Certificates of Deposits totaled \$56,368. Our primary liability is \$50,000 to support our convention contract for 2010, leaving net assets of \$36,339. Conventions are essentially self supportive with their income/expenses. Our dues revenue, plus limited donations, they barely support our publications.

Director of Membership Walt McLain gave active membership at 1,990 with 1,950 having known addresses. Dues expirations are being staggered to reduce renewal workload, but some will have extended dates so that each member will never have less than 12 months benefit upon renewal. Renewal notifications, when necessary, are being reduced in follow-up to reduce heavy postage expense by using EMAIL. He urged each member to observe their Communicator address label for your date, and to renew promptly. He wanted all to request our recruitment brochure should they have a prospect to join.

Publisher/Editor Hank Sauer asked us to report to him any intended Communicator article or picture by April or October 1st to expect inclusion in the June or November issue, respectively.

Vice director Bill Bethea Announced some details of our Sept. 2010 convention in Myrtle Beach, S C. See the November Communicator for more details. He reported our interest in selecting St. Louis for 2011.

Stan Phillips then proceeded with our general program. He introduced Ann Moore, widow of our recently deceased Information Officer David Moore. He then thanked Father Donald Seeks for becoming our Chaplain. He replaced Jim Burch whose health required him to resign. (Best of luck, Jim.) A call was extended for any member present to speak. Stan then confirmed our Board approval to pursue St. Louis for 2011. Our customary Travel Award drawings were pulled with winners of \$300, \$250 and \$200. He reported our successful reincorporation in Mich. under our new title, and the IRS acceptance of our association as tax exempt. We acknowledged 10 first time convention attendees. (See picture in the Nov Communicator.) Stan introduced Bill Mosley as our new Information Officer. Board members were thanked for their time and efforts during the past year. He solicited members to volunteer to serve on committees or to host a convention.

Representing the Nominating Committee, Ed Spivey read the nominations for Board positions to be elected this year. Bob Akard was reelected Ex. Sec. and Stan Phillips Ex. Dir. A memorial service followed with Bill Mosley and Bill Bethea reading the names of deceased members or spouses this past year. TAPS was played by Hank Sauer.

Stan introduced our guest speaker, CMSgt.Vincent Mahler. Sgt. Mahler is Radar Chief at Whiteman AFB, MO, with 23 years USAF service. He gave credit to the USAF and himself with a well received report of the state of air traffic control in today's AF. \Stan adjourned business until 2010 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Akard. Ex. Sec.

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The Association currently has the following Policies/Charters on the Web Site (www.afcommatc.org)

- 1. The Constitution and By-Laws
- 2. Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame Policy
- 3. AACS Hall or 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.
- 8. Active Duty Awards Policy

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. All Policies & Procedures are in a WORD format and can be downloaded from the Web Site.

Colonel William Malec

Colonel Malec was inducted into the Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association Hall of Honor - Class of 2009. Colonel Malec is currently the DCS, A3, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Illinois. His performance at every level; Air Traffic Controller, ATC Officer, Commander and Deputy Chief of Staff has been superior in every rank and position from Airman to Colonel and is a credit to our Association.

He has worked behind the scenes to "get the word" out to active duty controllers and is responsible for many new members. Early this year, one of our members, CMSgt Ron Allison (Ret) was seriously ill and required extended time away from his job with the FAA. When Colonel Malec became aware of Chief Allison's situation, he contacted the military and civilian air traffic control communities and requested that they donate some of their "Leave" hours to Ron. Both the ATC Communities heard the call and over 300 hours of leave time was transferred to Ron to see him through this period away from work. Col Malec has demonstrated his continued caring for our airman, both active and retired.

Well Done Colonel!!

Chief Allison has responded well to his treatment and is getting back in the swing of things. Lots of thanks go to CMSgt Walt McLain for nominating Colonel Malec for our Associations highest honor.



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1st AACS Troops in Japan at the end of WWII

On page 17 of the June 2009 Communicator, Ezekial (Zeke) Duran, questioned the set of orders we published that the 139th AACS Sq was the first unit in Japan. Howard Spielman of Austin, Texas sent me copies of Special Orders published on 31 January and 1 February 1946. The Special Order 8 was the Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 150th AACS Sq for their part in setting up Communications in Japan. Zeke told us that he was part of the group who set up the radio station in Kanoya, Japan. According to Special Order 8, this group landed in Japan on 3 September 1945, six (6) days after then Colonel Gordon Blake's (Later Lt General) group landed on 28 August 1945. As you can see, special order 8 printed in this issue, recognized Det-118 of the 150th AACS Sq for their work at Kanoya, Japan. Special Order 9. recognizing the 139th was published on 1 February 1946. As matter of interest, Howard Spielman was in the 150th AACS Sq on 31 January 1946 and was transferred to the

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AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 1944, as amonded by Section II, Circular 421, War Department, 1944, Section II, Circular 137, War Department, 1945, and Section I, Circular 331, War Department, 1945, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 780th AAF Base Unit (150th AACS Sq), APO 660, in recognition of outstanding achievement of the highest devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in the initial landing and occupation of Japan by armed forces of the Army of the United States. Detachment No. 118, located at Kanoya, Japan, landed with the advanced reconnaissance party, consisting of two C-47 type airplanes. Landing in the early afternoon of 3 September 1945, they inspected runways and taxi strips and set up jeep mounted control towers. The first plane carrying occupation troops of the 32nd Division, 127th Infantry, was contacted at 0600, 4 September 1945. Planes continued to be landed during the entire day. On 5 September 1945 the mobile radio station was placed in operation and on 6 September 1945 point to point circuit with Okinawa and Tokyo was established. This organization, achieving a high degree of military and professional efficiency at all times, has maintained superior individual conduct of personnel, a high esprit de corps and an exceptionally high degree of discipline and morale.

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150th MCS Squadron

there is solid documentation that the 139th was not only the first AACS unit in Japan, but the first Americans.

139th AACS Sq on 1 February 1946. It now appears that

Editors Note: I have forwarded a copy of Special Order 8, dated 31 January 1946 to the History Office, Scott AFB, Il for placement in the communications archives.

FRANCIS T FOGARTY Lt Colonel, Air Corps Chief of Staff



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT

(November 2009)

We have gained 43 new members since 1 May 2009. Our current active membership stands at 1994. 41 members have renewed since 1 May 2009. As of 7 Oct 2009 we have 346 members whose dues will expire 31 Dec 2009 and will be listed as expired if dues are not renewed by 1 April 2010.

Please check the address label on your latest communicator to see when your dues expire. (i.e. 09-(first name) indicates dues expire 31 Dec 09. 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 .

Walt McLain
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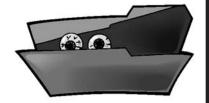
Can anyone ID the Americans in the Center?

1948 Overview of Berlin Control Center

If so, contact Hank Sauer.....

"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,



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Because of our page limitation for the Communicators, we will normally only publish new claims. Any challenges to claims previously published will be included in the current Communicator and we will identify as a "Challenges to previous published Claims".

NEW CLAIMS (Since the June 2009 Communicator):

Jerry M. O'Brien, Major, USAF-(Ret). Email: oblist1@yahoo.com , claims to be the only Air Traffic Controller to have recorded saves both as an enlisted man and as an Officer. He may also have the last save in AACS or the first save in AFCS ?

The first save was working GCA at Laon AB, France on June 6th, 1961 and saved two German F-84's. he was a A1C (E-4). He was working the surveillance radar and their radio beacon was two KC different than Amsterdam's. The F-84s were in a jet penetration to Laon and he could not find them. He had them squawking mode three and flash, no go. He went to the 200 mile IFF, yes IFF and found them at 14K going to Amsterdam. he vectored them to Laon and turned one over to either Fred Harrison or Gus Glidden, he don't remember who, for final and ran the other final himself. They flamed out on the runway. What was even more interesting was the leader became a General Officer and he met him again at George AFB, CA when they were getting F-4 Training.

The second was when he was a First Lieutenant at Kadena AB, Okinawa around April- June 1965. He was working surveillance radar in the RAPCON when a USAF C-47 lost an engine and could not maintain altitude, he was north of the island and could not reach any active airfield. He found an abandoned airfield on the north end of the island and got some Marine vehicles to light the runway with their headlights and ran a surveillances approach to the runway. While the ceiling was low, the visibility was good and he could see the headlights to land.

He had lucked out again. He went through the last class of OCS, 63D and retired as a Major. He had also been assigned to the CAA which became the FAA while He was there on January 1, 1959 he was working the midnight shift, 11PM to 7 AM when the change happened. This was in San Antonio Air Route Traffic Control Center.

By the way, the first save was either the last in AACS or the first in AFCS, since his save certificate was issued by AFCS which activated on July 1, 1961 He may have the certificates buried in a box in storage.

Ray Connell, Email: connray1@comcast.net claim is not something that happened, but what didn't. Ray served a total of seven (7) years between Sept 1945 and Oct 1952. Of these, forty eight (48) months were active duty. During this time, he received no training. None, Zero, Zip, beyond basic training, which he did in the Army Engineers in Fort Belvoir, VA, where he enlisted in the Air Force at the end of basic.

He went to Ft. George G. Meade for processing. He choose the Aerial Photograph school because it was the only school in the country that held the promise of getting him "off the ground". He left for Lowery Field, CO, and he found that they had no idea when the next class would start.

While processing in a Lowery, he asked for the European theatre. A Lt. with the four (4) blade prop of a B-29 Engineer on his chest, said "why not".

Ray took a delay in route (which got him home about an hour before his brother who had been in the Pacific for 3 years). The cab driver who was taking him home seemed surprised when he said he had only

been gone about week, maybe it was the big welcome Home Banners on his house. (for his brother?). He then went to Greensboro, NC for processing, and Goldsboro for warehousing, then off to Camp Kilmer. He went overseas on the Lewiston Victory to Camp Phillip Morris in LeHarve. Forty or Eights, and Ten in one rations across France and the Sarr to Furstenfeldbruck. More processing, then Second class carriages via Paris and Marseille, to Napoli.

Ray was assigned to the 708th AAF Base Unit (Hq 58th ACS Group) and they did not know what to do with him. He was a High School drop-out with a 501 MOS (Rifleman or Basic Soldier). They put him on guard duty at the Albergo Touristico, the Officers billet.

His S1 saw that he had an AGCT of 130, and decided to make better use of his limited talents, and boundless possibilities by assigning him to the Message Center, where a year later, he was a Buck Sergeant with a 667 MOS, still without the benefit of any school. Going from Pvt to Buck Sgt, touches on the June 2008 Claim of multiple promotions at one location. During this time he served in ACS and AACS. His claim is that he was never trained in a specialty school. He ended up in Templehof with the 1946th AACS Sq and was there from Jan to Oct 1948 and knows lots of our AACS "Berlin Airlifters".

Bill Perry, email: bperry4@qmail.com claims to be the only controller to refuse takeoff clearance to the President of a country. This happened in 1970. He was on duty in the RAPCON at Kimpo AB, Korea when the tower called for takeoff clearance. Kimpo was below minimums and he couldn't issue a clearance. Needless to say this upset quite a few people. It didn't take long before he received a call from the Base Commander who informed him that he was on the phone with the Far East commander and he said the Koreans called very upset. In fact the control tower informed him that he couldn't refuse clearance because President Park owned the airport to which he replied "well if he owns it then perhaps you can release him" (the tower was operated by Korean civilian controllers). No one wanted to release him. The Base Commander tried to release him and rather forcefully mentioned that he should, to which he replied "sir if you want to come out here, sign on as watch supervisor you can release him", Bill will gladly sign off. Naturally he said no thank you. To make a long story short about an hour later the weather let up and he was very happy to grant a release and the President's aircraft took off. To the Base Commander's credit he sent him a nice letter congratulating him in the manner that he handled the situation.

Bill Perry

Bill Bethea, email papabethea@aol.com claims to be the only member to be stationed at only one CONUS operational Air Force Base (McClellan AFB, Ca.) during his 27 year career. His other CONUS assignments were three (3) to The Pentagon and one (1) to Headquarters Defense Communications Agency, Arlington, VA.

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

"Looking For"

TO YOUR SHOWN

NOTICE

The "Looking For" column is now on the Web Site. Continue to send your notices to Hank Sauer (mailing and email addresses are on Page 2.) Most Web Site postings will be removed approx 45 days after the mailing of the next issue of the "Communicator". We are not a locator or telephone directory and postings in the "Communicator" and the "Web Site" are at the discretion of the Web Site Manager.



Officials announce Commander of 24th Air Force (The new Cyber Air Force)



PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. (AFNS) -- Air Force Space Command officials announced on June 4 the Commander of the 24th Air Force, a new numbered Air Force focused on the cyber mission.

Maj. Gen. Richard E. Webber assumed command of the NAF earlier this year.

General Webber is a command space and missile operator with qualifications in the Minuteman II, Minuteman III, Global Positioning Satellite and Counter Communications System weapon systems.

Last fall, the secretary of the Air Force decided to stand up a NAF in-lieu of a Major Air Command dedicated to cyberspace. This new NAF will provide combat-ready forces trained and equipped to conduct sustained cyber operations, fully integrated with air and space operations.

A cyber NAF under Air Force Space Command enables cross-domain synergy, while aligning common technical expertise, to present Air Force cyber forces to the joint fight. Consolidating cyberspace combat forces within a cyber-focused NAF emphasizes their operational nature, establishes a nexus of existing Air Force combat experience in the domain, and allows flexibility for future growth.

Air Force officials announced May 15 that Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, was the preferred alternative for the permanent location of 24th Air Force. Of some significance to "Old Communicators", a new Wing under 24th AF is being proposed for the Combat Communications Units and Engineering and Installation functions.

Coupled with the activation of the AF Network Integration Center (AFNIC), some of the communications elements are again coming under a single management concept.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON DELINQUENT DUES

The Database for membership has been purged to delete all members who were delinquent in payment of their dues as of December 31, 2008. We allowed til April 30th as a grace period for payment. Delinquent individuals after April 30, 2009 were not on the mailing list for the June 2009 Communicator. If you will be in this category at the end of 2009, contact Walt McLain at aacsmbrship@comcast.net or call him toll free at 1-866-299-1045 to get reinstated on or before December 31, 2009, but not later than April 30, 2010 if you want to receive the June 2010 Communicator.

For MEMBERS WHOSE DUES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2009 (If you have a 09 in front of your first name when you receive the June or November 2009 Communicator, PLEASE READ AND COMPLY). We have discontinued sending post cards to notify members that there dues are expiring, as most are ignored or the addresses are incorrect. We are now sending Notices for DUES RENEWALS VIA EMAIL. THEREFORE, YOU MUST KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CURRENT. There are a lot of emails in our database that are incorrect. MEMBERS CAN UPDATE THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS BY ADVISING THE DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP AT aacsmbrship@comcast.net or use the on-line version for postal and/or email address changes on the web site (www.afcommatc.org) home page. You can also visit the membership roster on the web site to see when your dues expire (the number(s) in front of your first name) and see what postal or email address we have listed for you in our membership database. If you were purged from the June 2009 Communicator, your name will not be on the current membership roster on the web site, unless you were reinstated.

Hank Sauer Editor/Publisher

24th Air Force Activated, 2 units realign in Joint Ceremony.

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force officials here activated the newest numbered Air Force and realigned two units under its command in a joint ceremony here Aug. 18.

The 24th Air Force activation under Air Force Space Command is a major milestone in the combination of space and cyberspace operations within one command. Gen. C. Robert "Bob" Kehler, the Commander of Air Force Space Command, presided over the ceremony to activate the numbered Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Richard E. Webber is the first commander of the numbered Air Force dedicated to "cyberspace". The 24th Air Force staff will provide combat-ready forces trained and equipped to conduct sustained cyber operations, fully integrated within air and space operations.

After the 24th Air Force was activated, General Webber, presided over two additional events, the redesignation of the Air Force Information Operations Center as the 688th Information Operations Wing and the realignment of the 67th Network Warfare Wing under the 24th Air Force.

The 688th IOW members will continue to perform the mission the AFIOC previously conducted as the Air Force's information operations center of excellence while also integrating engineering and installation expertise. The wing staff will synergistically create an information operations advantage for combatant forces through exploring, developing, applying and transitioning counter information technology, strategy, tactics and data to control the information battle space and providing the world's best information operations leaders. Additionally, the wing will deliver a survivable and resilient infrastructure through fix-based and rapidly deployable C41 system engineering and installation services.

The 67th NWW's mission is to operate, manage, and defend global Air Force networks. The wing staff also trains and readies Airmen to execute computer network exploitation and attack. Additionally, the 67th NWW members perform electronic systems security assessments for the Air Force and joint community. The 67th NWW is the implementation element for the Air Force Network Operations Command and provides network warfare capabilities to Air Force, joint task force, and combatant commanders.

New Combat Communications Wing Activated

Cyber Family Adds Communications Wing: Air Force officials activated the service's first combat communications wing, the 689th CCW, during a ceremony Oct. 5 at Robins AFB, Ga. The unit, which provides expeditionary and specialized communications, air traffic control, and landing systems to enable US and coalition operations in austere, forward environments, falls under 24th Air Force, USAF's new cyber operations organization that stood up in August at Lackland AFB, Tex. Air Force Space Command is the parent organization of 24th AF. Nationwide, the 689th CCW will have approximately 6,000 active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve Command personnel, along with civilian and contractor support. The wing is one of three under 24th AF, along with the 67th Network Warfare Wing and 688th Information Operations Wing.

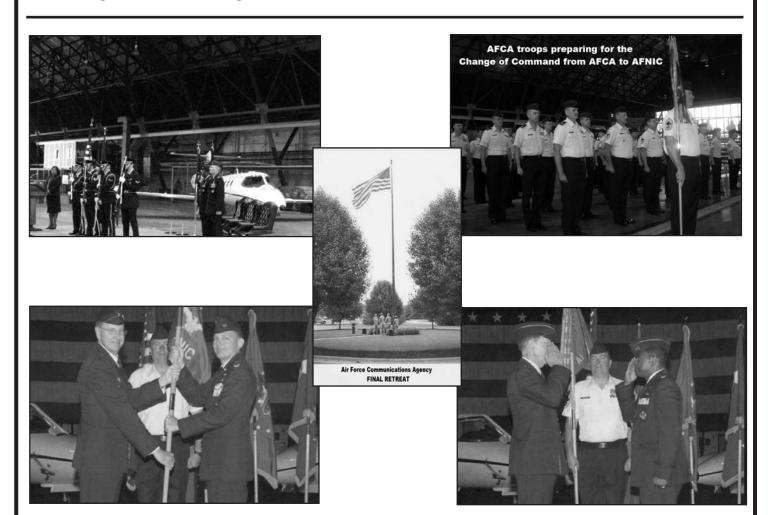
A New Communications Beginning !!!!

On July 15th at Scott AFB, there was a "Redesignation" and a "Change of Command" ceremony as they retired AFCA and created the "Air Force Network Integration Center" (AFNIC). General C. Robert Kehler, Commander of the AF Space Command officiated at the ceremony. AF Communicators & Air Traffic Control Association Board of Directors members, Stan Phillips, Bill Bethea and Hank Sauer were privileged to attend this new beginning for the "communications community".

Of great significance is the fact that AFNIC will report directly to AF Space Command and all of the Communicators honors and awards from 1938 pass to this new center. It was kind of sad to see the AFCA flag be covered, but seeing the new AFNIC flag being uncovered and the old streamers being transferred made it all worthwhile.

Gen Kehler stated to Colonel John M. Odey, the first AFNIC Commander, that there are no barriers between "Commanders" and when he needs to call, General Kehler will answer the phone. In a somewhat lighter tone, General Kehler told Col Odey and the large audience, that he was now their "Daddy". For our older communicators, the General was pointing out that our communicators now have a 4-Star to help sell policy and needed changes to the major commands for the 21st Century.

Col Carl Williamson, the last Commander of AFCA retired in July 2009. Col Williamson was responsible for many of the steps taken to shape the new AFNIC in regard to policies, authorities and responsibilities within AF Space Command and the new challenges and tasks to support the 21st Century War Fighters. He received a deserving "well done" standing ovation from the audience.



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

The AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers
Association's is now placing our Communicators
on the Web Site along with the Membership Roster.

The Communicator formats are in a PDF format only & the Roster is in a PDF and WORD format. To READ OR DOWNLOAD the roster you need to know the following:

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You need Adobe Reader and/or MS WORD to read or download 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 read or download the Communicator or 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. You can use the PDF OR WORD EDIT/FIND functions to find names, units, etc, on the Membership Roster.

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" or "Communicator". When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file "Membership Roster" or "Communicator" and then download to the folder you have created...this way, each time you download the roster or communicator, 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/communicator on your computer (unless you want to save multiple copies).

WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAIL COMMUNICATORS TO ALL MEMBERS, UNLESS YOU NOTIFY WALT MCLAIN (aacsmbrship@comcast.net) or HANK SAUER (diraacs@comcast.net) to remove your name from the mailing list.

If you have any problems getting to these files, contact Hank Sauer at DirAACS@comcast.net

"THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PAGE"

"Background"

In 2004, the AACS Alumni Association voted to change our
Constitution to authorize Air Force Communications, Information, Cyber, 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, to become members of the AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association

(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association).

The changes in eligibility were predicated on ensuring the perpetuity of the Association as the growing age of the current 2,200 plus members average age is now over 74, 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. That goal continues with the AF Comm & ATC Association.

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

In simple terms we "is" communicators (in the broadest terms) & air traffic controllers. The term "Communications" or "Communicators" includes all operational, maintenance and administrative skills. Each year at our annual convention, we present annual awards to an outstanding Air Traffic Controller and a Communications/Information Professional of the Year. Active duty Communications and Air Traffic Control functions select the Airman to be honored each year. In 2009, SrA Stephen T. Janson of McGuire AFB, NJ (he was selected for performance at Avaino AB, Italy)was selected as the Communications/Information Professional of the Year. MSgt John Kirby of Dover AFB, DE was selected as the Enlisted ATC Manager of the Year

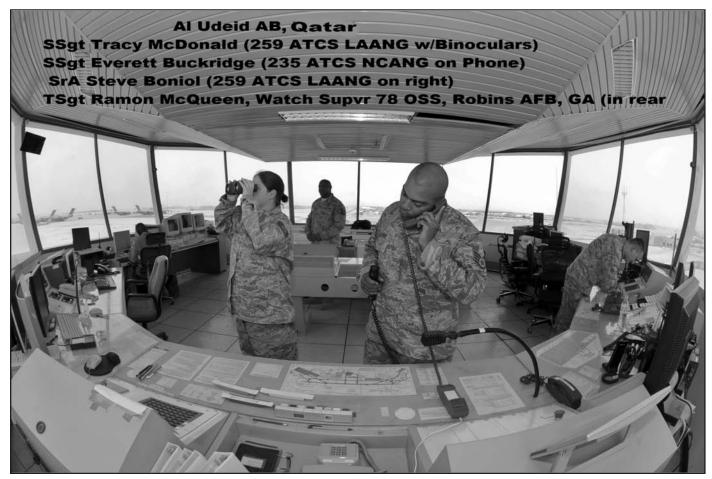
The AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association (formerly the "AACS Alumni Association")
WELCOMES all our new Air Force active duty "readers" and hopes that you will enjoy our official
publication and take part in this great Association, who continues to maintain a close relationship with
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. It is our custom to have an Active Duty Air
Traffic Controller 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"
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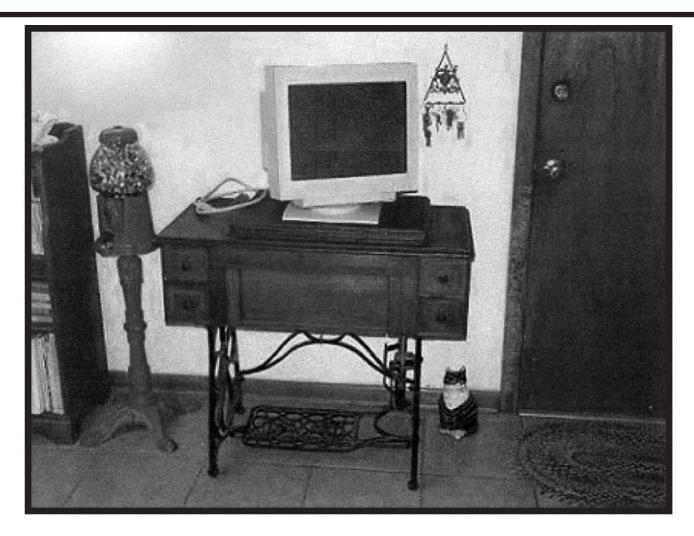
Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email DirAACS@Comcast.net
(phone: 865-482-3013), NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1st AND OCTOBER 1st of each year.

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"Fellowship in the Company of Equals"







1954 Dream

"You can send messages all over the world with this"

The attached is what I saw in a dream I had after I was discharged Dec 19th 1954. before the end of the year. I was working at JWF switching center at Carswell AFB. my job there was to monitor the traffic to make sure the messages were sent to the right bases. I was at Goose Bay Torn Tape switching center, Labrador a year before that, and was at the Lackland AFB Comm. center for about 8 months. At the time of the dream the Computer at Lackland AFB covered a whole Block. I was at my mom's and had this dream. There on her sewing machine was this monitor look alike and a voice told me "You can send messages all over the world with this" then I ask "where is the key board?" the voice then said "you just plug it in." The look a like was in the exact position on the same sewing machine in this photo that is attached.

Today. I keep in touch with several friends and family all over the world. with one that looks just like the one in my 1954 dream.

"Keep Communicating" & "Keep Dreaming"!

"In touch". Harvey J. West

LCAT results@ www.robins.af.mil later today

ROBINS REV-UP

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5th CCG earns first Meritorius Unit Award

BY WAYNE CRENSHAW wayne.crenshaw.ctr@robins.af.mil

he 5th Combat Communications Group puts a lot of emphasis on the "combat" part of its name, which is why the unit is gratified to win its first Meritorious Unit Award

The 5th CCG, also known as the 5th Mob, has won n u m e r o u s
Outstanding Unit Awards, but the Meritorious Unit Award is more special because it specifically honors combat work, said 1st Lt. Stephen Gallagher, the units's executive officer.

He credited the award to the attitude of the 5th's Airmen

"I've been in the Air Force just over eight years, and I've never been somewhere where everybody just charged so hard," he said. "Our Airmen do amazing work."

The 5th has had troops continuously deployed since Sept. 11, 2001, Lieutenant Gallagher said, and it currently has troops at 20 locations around the world, including

Iraq and Afghanistan. Even its commander, Col. Jose Rivera, is currently deployed.

The Meritorious Unit Award is a relatively new honor, created by the Secretary of the Air Force in 2004 to recognize units specifically for service either in a combat zone or

directly in support of combat operations.

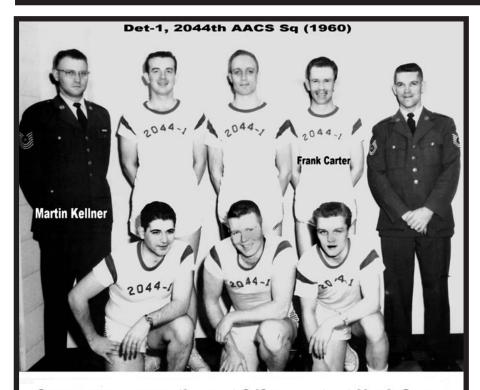
The award is given to units that display "outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions."

The award recognized the 5th's efforts from June 1, 2007 to May of this year.

Among the numerous accomplishments cited in the award package were the unit's efforts to improve communication and information sharing between U.S. and United Kingdom troops. Lieutenant Gallagher said it was a significant achievement for the 5th.

"We need to be able to talk to each other and work with each other, rather than just sit next to each other out in the desert," he said. The 5th CCG earns another award for Meritorius Service in Combat.

"Well done"



Can anyone name the rest? if so contact Hank Sauer





Archie League, the 1st Air Traffic Controller Provided by Joe Foppiano



PENNANT WINNERS-1233rd AACS recently won the American League intramural softball race by finishing far out in front of runnerup 624th AC&W. Front row left to right: Mansel Newman, Richard Orsini, Manager James Jacobs, Larry Vargas, and Joe Madrigano. Back row: Ed Chicoine, Charles Whidlock, George Anderson, and Bill Malone. (Photo by A/2C Harris)

Naha AB, Okinawa, 1955 Softball Champs
The players are members of the 1233rd AACS Sq.
Submitted by Charlie Whitlock (back row, 2nd from left)



Meet our New Chaplain

Fr. Donald Seeks is our new Chaplain, replacing Jim Burch, who was our Chaplain for many years, but for health reasons had to resign. We wish him a speedy & full recovery.

Resume of the Rev. Donald Austin Seeks

PERSONAL/FAMILY

Born: June 9, 1929 @ Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of James Donald and Helen Elizabeth Neff Seeks. One sister, Julana Lee Seeks Matson; one step-sister, Catherine Landis Married: (Barbara) Carol Ritchie, born Feb. 25, 1928 @ Elk Rapids, Michigan.

Married at Castle Air Force Base Chapel, Merced, CA. August 18, 1951 Children: James Frederic Seeks, Ann Elizabeth Seeks Rotella, Barbara Helen Seeks Pope EDUCATION:

Freeport High School, Freeport, Illinois
Control Tower School, Scott AFB, IL
National Technical Schools, Los Angeles
East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles
California State University, Los Angeles
Bloy Episcopal School of Theology, Claremont, CA
WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

U. S. Air Force 1947-1952 Air Traffic Controller (Tower, GCA) Highest rank held: Technical Sergeant

KLAS-TV, Las Vegas 1954 Broadcast Engineer

KERO-TV, Bakersfield 1954-1956 Technical Director

ABC-TV, Hollywood 1956-1977 Senior Video Engineer

Ordained Deacon - 1971 Diocese of Los Angeles

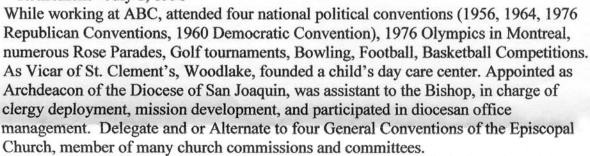
Ordained Priest - 1972 Diocese of Los Angeles

St. Clement's, Woodlake, CA 1977-1984 Vicar

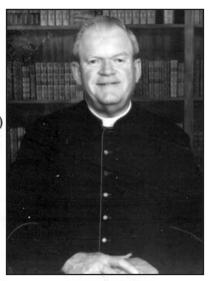
St. Stephen's, Stockton, CA 1985-1989 Vicar

Diocese of San Joaquin Fresno, CA 1989-1998 Archdeacon

Retirement - July 1, 1998



In December of 2007 the Diocese of San Joaquin voted overwhelmingly to leave The Episcopal Church (USA), and join the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone (So. America) because of the failure of TEC to be faithful to Biblical standards which has resulted in a pro-homosexual agenda, and failure to accept the uniqueness of Christ as Lord and Savior. I am now a clerical member of the So. Cone Province. In June of this year (2009) a new Anglican Province of North American was formed of which the Diocese of San Joaquin is a member. Our orders will be transferred from So. Cone to the new Province. We are recognized by the vast majority of Anglicans around the world.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Not having heard previously of what was then the AACS Alumni Association, the first gathering I attended was in Las Vegas two years ago. Immediately I was impressed with the quality of the Association Members. Then I thought, "well why not". These are men and women who assumed responsibility for the lives and well-being of fellow airmen almost without thinking seriously about it. After all,



who really did, when we were so young? We just carried out the mission, and probably had fun and got into mischief when the mission was over. I know I did!

Today many of us are in the senior citizen department, but the challenge of taking responsibility for the safety and welfare of others has not changed. Those characteristics which made for excellence in flight operations and communications can be applied to today's world. One particular example would be in setting a high personal standard for the present airmen and their families to emulate. Another would be the ministry of continuing encouragement. A third would be to keep the public aware of how honorable service to our country has been and continues to be. Finally, we can pray daily for the men and women who now serve, that they may be kept safe, in time of peace and times of conflict. So our mission continues, until we can hear those final words, "Well done, good and faithful servant'...enter the joy of thy Master."



Fr. Donald Seeks Chaplain

Hi Hank:

If nothing goes wrong this year, we will attend the Reunion. The first thing I do upon receiving The Communicator is to see if I come across anyone I had worked with over the years. On page 58 of the June 2009 issue is an article about the 15th anniversary of AACS. On the bottom of the page is a photograph of Westover AFB Approach Control. One of the controllers listed is Henry P. Boucher.

I left Westover in October of 1953 for an assignment to Frankfurt, Germany. This article must have been printed in November. Boucher was my assistant crew chief. A side note: To solve the problem of excess officers, they assigned one to each shift. Lt Monroe, brother of Vaughn Monroe, was assigned to our crew. The Vaughn Monroe band came to our area and he took us back stage to meet his brother, it was quite a thrill. I have had no contact with Henry since I left Westover.

Warmest Regards, Don Pastore

Editors Note: Don and Valerie celebrated their 59th Anniversary in June 2009. Not sure what the exact date was, but it has been a lasting and solid marriage and all that know them share their blessings.







7/22/09

To "HANK";

It was nice of you to send me the pic, of when I was in that part of WWZ.

1 will give you a little background of bow 1 ended up there in '45.

I had some to the training in South Dakota, and Madison Wisconsin. While at the latter, one fellow asked me to be his best man, since he wanted to set married before soing over. Which I did. Unfortunately, he and others I went to training with, were on the HMT Rhona, that went down with many AACS soldiers. Over a thousand, of different outfits, which I am sure you are aware of. As a result of that, the group I was with landed in fr. Morocco, Casablanca, and went across N. Africa on those boxcars. Then back on a transport in a convoy to Karachi...Then I worked a few fields in India, then Burma......

So at 86yrs, how did I remember all this...... could Hidemy own Easter eggs.

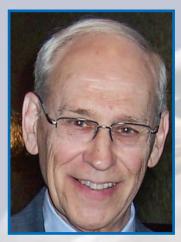
I ran across this old history, which was written by a crypto, James Whitman, and the names of others, who may still be around.

P.S. If you were to look up, the HMT Rhona sinking, it was kept a secret for many years.

mike norin Signed by: Mike Norin

The History Mike sent, (Tac Team 8-Burma)
had too many pages to publish and
too valuable for us to keep. I sent them to the
"Communications Archives" at Scott AFB, IL.

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(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association)

HALL OF HONOR

The AF COMM & ATC Association honored the following individuals for their outstanding support to the Association and for their superior performance and contributions to the Air Force.

Lt Gen William Donahue, Lt Gen John Woodward, Maj Gen George Lampe, Maj Gen John Stihl, Brig Gen Duncan Campbell, Col William Malec, Col Gil Sentimore & CMSgt James Sutton

Life Achievement Award

Major David Moore, (Deceased)

AIR FORCE HALL OF FAME 2010 AACS NOMINEE
CMSgt James Sutton (Ret)

Annual Recruiting Award CMSgt Ron Allison (Ret)

THOMAS F BUCKLEY AWARD

TSgt Gene Sheridan (Ret)

2009 Communications/Information Professional of the Year
SrA Stephen T. Janson - McGuire AFB, NJ

2009 ATC Enlisted Manager of the Year MSgt John, Kirby - Dover AFB, DE

2009 General Farman Golf Champion
Harold Leonard

WHAT YOU MISSED AT GRAND ISLAND, NY (Niagara Falls)

33ND ANNUAL CONVENTION/REUNION
The Holiday Inn Resort & Convention Center
September 23-27, 2009

All had a great time...

General Farman Golf Champion - Hal Leonard



50/50 Winners: Lynn Adams

George McConnell

Charles Gibbs

Travel Winners: Erica VanDyne

Jim Joyner

Monika Buckley

See what you missed in the photos to follow...

Plan on coming to the 2010 Annual Convention/Reunion
The Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, South Carolina
(Lots to do and SEE, More than just Golf)

Come & meet old friends and make new ones...

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2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION/REUNION ATTENDEES

(Some Guests are listed after hosts)

Basla, Michael Beaver, Kevin **Blaser, Catherine Blaser, David** Block, Red Born, Matthew **Collins, Chrisann** Collins, John Crawford, Marla **Crawford, Richard Dunn, Mark** Jaacks, David Jaacks, Kelly Janson, Stephen Licciardi, Robert **Marler, Vincent** McMahon, Peter Odey, John **Pfingston, Audrey** Venne, Samuel Aagesen, Edgard Aagesen, Mary Adams, Lynn Agan, Andy Akard, Bob **Akard, Trautchen Allison, Cindy** Allison, Ron **Amerine, Samuel** Bacchieri, Roger **Bacchieri**, **Edie** Bethea, Bill **Bethea, Pauline Brand, Charles Brand, Liv Buckley, Monika Cassatt, William** Claypool, Roswell Claypool, Janie Coleman, Jimmy **Coleman, Shirley** Dab-Row, Ken **Dab-Row** Bahr, Millie **Davidson, Dave Delgado, Frank Delgado, Sam Desmond, Robert** Dillon, Jesse

Billy, Phyllis

Doering, Charles **Domain, Frank Doain, Pat** Fink, Ralph Fink, Lorraine Menefee, Jim Menefee, Cyndie **Donnell, Douglass Twedt, Susie Doubleday, Van** Doubleday, Elizabeth Doyle, Claude Doyle, Flossie **Dumont, Alvin Dumont, Mary Ann Landosky, Norma Landosky, Virginia** Landosky, Rodger Stankiewicz, Dorothy IDunn, Mark Earl, Gerald Earl, Elizabeth **Eastley, Doug Eastley, Rose** Snow, Gail Raver, Jenny Elwell, Rex Elwell, Margaret Flaherty, John Braun, Julie **Forrestor, Richard** Eledge, Arlene Freeman, John Freeman, Betty Frye, Dick Frye, Pat **Gibbs, Charles** Gibbs, Maureen Shelswell, Roger Shelswell, Mary **Gunn, David Gunn, Elizabeth Hammett, Bill** Harper, Robert Harper, Brenda Hebner, Robert Hebner, Ann **Howard, Ronald** Howard, Delia

Jean, John Jean, Helen Jensen, Otto Jensen, Inge Joyner, James Joyner, Linda Kania, Gilbert Kania, Eileen Korynta, James Korynta, Mai-Lin Chiu, Brian Chiu, Julie Chiu, Jason Lampitok, Richard Lampitok, Rosemarie Leonard, Hal **Leonard, Marilyn** Lilly, Whitey Cody, Marian **Malec, William Martinson, David** McConnell, George McConnell, Gwen McCracken, Wilbur McCracken, Germaine McLain, Walter Metzger, Raymond Metzger, Kim Moore, Ann **Griffith, Sandra Morabito, Daniel Morabito, Barbara Ann**

Morabito, Kathleen Morabito, Nicole Mosley, William Nicoles, Ken Nicoles, Fay Nicolino, Stephen Nicolino, Mary Nicolino, Albert Nicolino, Valerie Niezgoda, Joseph

Niezgoda, Barbara Nobrega, Americo Parrish, Robert Parrish, Anne Pastore, Donald Pastore, Valerie

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Paytoniian, Richard Paytoniian, Susan Perenovich, Rodney **Phillips, Stan** Phillips, Jo-Ann Phillips, Steven Pristash, John Raduege, Harry Raduege, Julee Read, Robert Reid, Rick Reid, Maggie Roney, Frank Winter, Barbara Sauer, Hank Scaturo, Castenzo Scaturo, Louise Seeks, Donald Seeks, Carol Sentimore, Gilbert Sentimore, Judy **Sharpless, Raymond** Sheridan, Gene Sheridan, Irene Shorman, John Shorman, Denise Snyder, Robert L. Snyder, P.A. Spence, Bob Spence, Martha Spivey, Emerson Spivey, Olive Stihl, John Stihl, Catherine Sundholm, Bob Sundholm, Stephanie **Sutton, James** Sutton, Yoko Van Dyne, Erika



Hunter, Michael















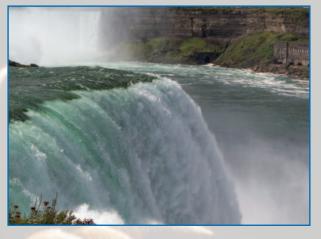




























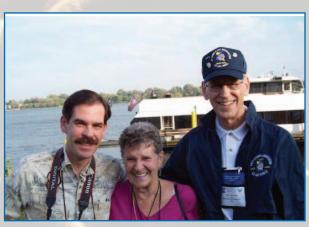




















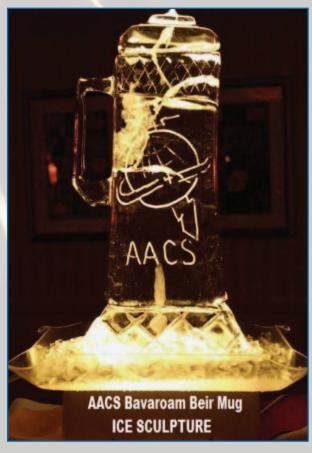


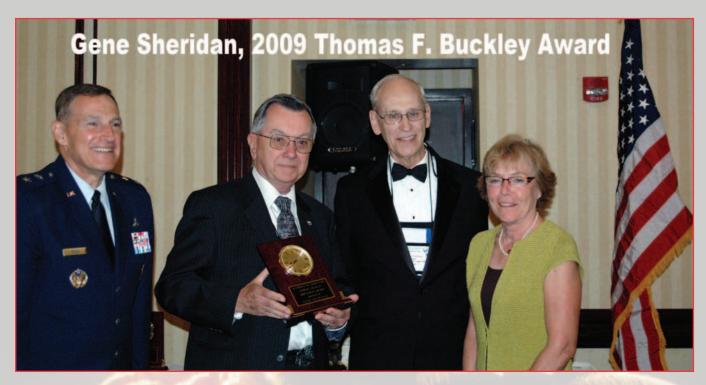






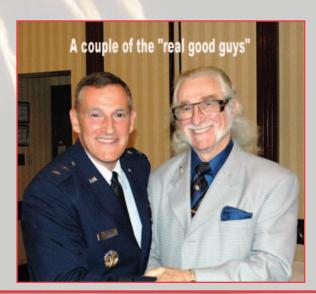








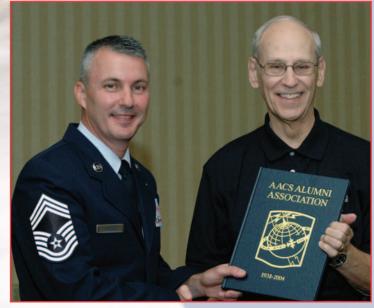




















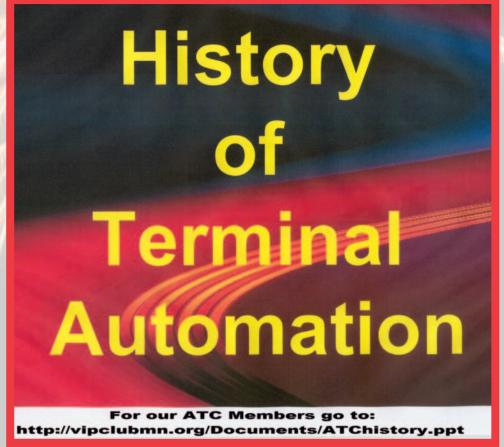


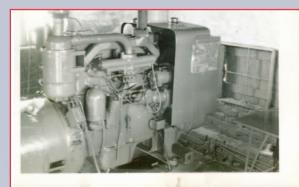














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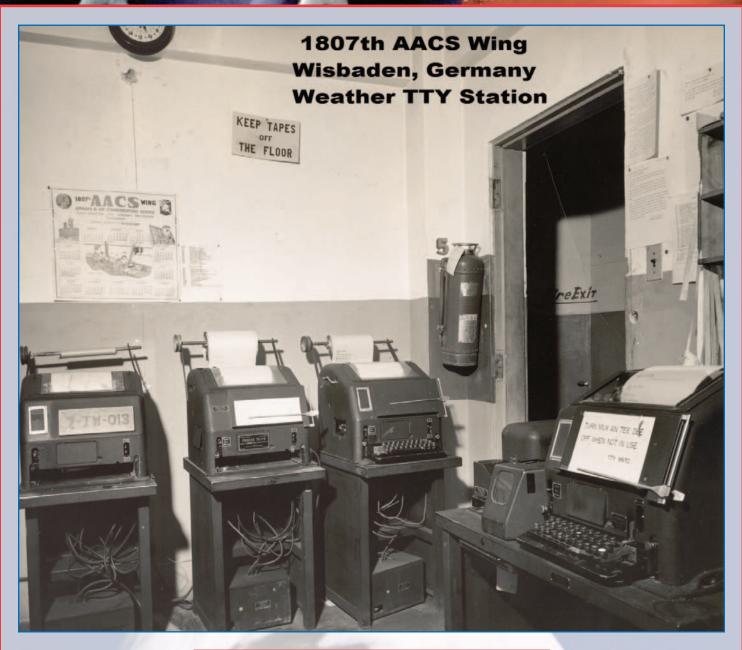
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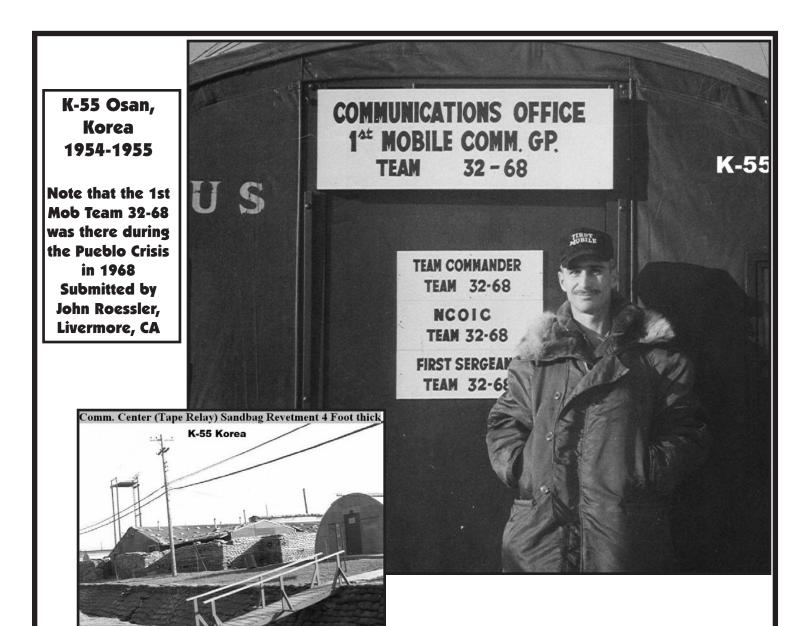


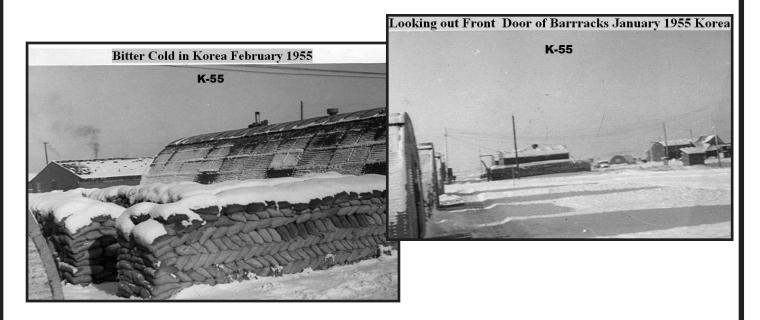
Bert Beecher wants to renew his operator permit to start up the generator for the Templehof AB GCA in the early 1950's. Also saw changing of the guard at Spandau Prison when Rudolph Hess was the only prisoner there.











RADAR IN ATC

History Page 18 June 2009



Dear Hank,

The enclosed picture of M/Sgts may have a history.

It was taken at a large 3 story cabaret in downtown Fukuoka, Japan. We were having a squadron party. We were from the AACS Squadron at Itazuke AB in spring 1949. It cost us a full footlocker of Japanese yen. I was the "designated driver" for the night.

The M\Sgts were from the GCA unit at Itazuke. They were gleaned from surplus WWII pilots who wanted to keep serving. They were allowed to reenlist at the highest enlisted rank of M/Sgt, to fill a desperate shortage of GCA operators. They were later replaced with civilian tech reps. (One as an 8th AF patch). Have you run across any of these?

The one in the middle is one of the first negro, M\Sgt non-coms to establish the 1948 desegregation of the military by Truman. He was my room mate.

I was promoted to S/Sgt March 1, 1949 so it had to be after that date. Had to be that rank or higher to live in the non-com quarters.

I want to thank you so much for all your help with the Communicator. I cannot say how many memories that these pictures and articles have recalled for me, and many others as well.

I just wish I could recall some of the names. Use any or all of this as you see fit.

With fondest regards,

Clarence Owens P112 Alumni

Hank

I have been meaning to write this for a while and something always comes up, so I just received my June issue and decided to send it in.

I believe I am the only air traffic controller to be awarded aircraft saves both as enlisted and as an officer.

The first I was working GCA at Laon AB, France on June 6th, 1961 and saved two German F-84's. I was a A1C (E-4). I working the surveillance radar and our radio beacon was two KC different than Amsterdam's. The F-84s were in a jet penetration to Laon and I could not find them. I had them squawking mode three and flash, no go. I went to the 200 mile IFF, yes IFF and found them at 14K going to Amsterdam. I vectored them to Laon and turned one over to either Fred Harrison or Gus Glidden, I don't remember who, for final and ran the other final myself. They flamed out on the runway. What was even more interesting was the leader became a General Officer and I met him again at George AFB, CA when they were getting F-4 Training.

The second was when I was a First Lieutenant at Kadena AB, Okinawa around April-June 1965. I was working surveillance radar in the RAPCON when a USAF C-47 lost an engine and could not maintain altitude, he was north of the island and could not reach any active airfield. I found an abandoned airfield on the north end of the island and got some Marine vehicles to light the runway with their headlights and ran a surveillances approach to the runway. While the ceiling was low, the visibility was good and he could see the headlights to land.

I had lucked out again. I went through the last class of OCS, 63D and retired as a Major. I had also been assigned to the CAA which became the FAA while I was there on January 1, 1959 I was working the midnight shift, 11PM to 7 AM when the change happened. This was in San Antonio Air Route Traffic Control Center.

By the way, the first save was either the last in AACS or the first in AFCS, since my save certificate was issued by AFCS which activated on July 1, 1961 I have the certificates buried in a box in storage.

You are doing a great job as usual.

Jerry M. O'Brien Major USAF, ret.

AUGUST 12, 2009

THE COUNTRY COURIER

Walkerton Day continued

A large crowd gathered in Walkerton on August 1st to celebrate Walkerton Day. This year Walkerton Day fell on the 65th anniversary of World War II so the focus was the veterans of the different wars who sacrificed for our country. The grand marshals of the parade were Charlie McGowan from World War II, Jim Tucker, Larry Pistole, H. Addington and Charles Absher from Vietnam, Larraine Strin and Vickie McEwein from Desert Storm, and Jessie Hirtz from Iraq.

After the parade the emcee, Gene Campbell, introduced the guest speaker, Jim Tucker, who is the past State Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars in Virginia. Robbie Coleman, chief, presented Mr. Tucker with a \$500 check from the fire department as a thank you gift to the Wounded Warriors, a project to assist handicapped veterans. Mr. Tucker presented the check back to the fire department as a gift of love.

Robbie Coleman and Florence Cooke presented the Harvey K. Cooke Fireman of the Year award to Ronnie Langston. They also presented the Junior Fireman of the Year to Jamie Mitchell. Robbie also recognized the firemen with perfect attendance: Charlie McGowan, Newell Randall, Kyle Wilson, Ronnie Langston, David Draine, and David Burrell.

Three young ladies were vying for Queen: Kaityln Gammon, daughter of Francis and Angela Gammon; Taylor Elliott, daughter of Kim and Doug Elliott, and Allie Mitchell, daughter of Scott and Linda Mitchell. The three girls collected \$23,012.42 that will buy new equipment for the new fire truck. Allie Pictures submitted by: Mitchell was crowned the queen.

Over 50 units participated in the Suzanne Campbell parade. In keeping with the theme of

veterans, Wayne Walker of Tappahannock was driving a camouflage hummer that was left in Saudi Arabia after Desert Storm. The awards for these participating units were presented at the fire house.

See Page 26 for a list of the winners









Florence Cooke, Gene and

Long time member, Charlie McGowan who is the "Chaplain" for the Walkerton, VA Fire Dept. Was honored as a WWII Veteran.

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Note: the Executive Director cannot run for reelection in 2011 as this term is limited to four consecutive years.

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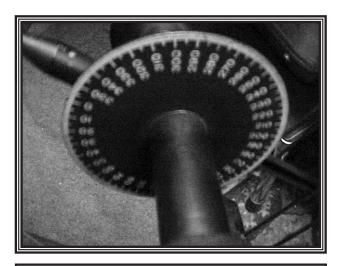
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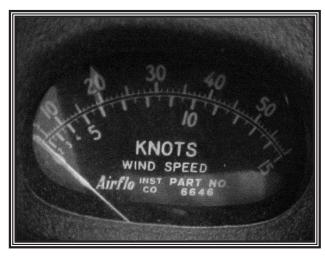
Can anyone identify this object ??

It appears to be a weather wind speed and direction unit.

It may have been affixed to a roof or maybe a railing on a control tower or on another building?. If anyone can identify this unit, please contact Marion Brimberry at mbrimberry1@charter.net or Hank Sauer at DirAACS@comcast.net











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8th Anniversary of AACS



AIRWAYS & AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
LANGLEY FIELD, VIRGINIA

HEADQUARTERS

15 NOVEMBER 1946
Submitted by CWO-4 Truman A. Billingsley, (USAF-Ret)



Major General H. M. McClelland Commanding General, AACS

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Friday, 15 November 1946 1030 Hours Langley Field, Virginia

PRELUDE

Incidental Music

INTRODUCTION

Introduction by Lt Col Gordon T Gould, Jr., Chief of Staff, AACS, ATC

Distinguished Guests:

Major General Robert M Webster, Commanding General Air Transport Command, AAF Brigadier General Francis L Ankenbrandt,

Air Communications Officer,
Headquarters Army Air Forces

Major General Harold M McClelland

Commanding General, AACS, ATC:

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Anniversary Greetings by

Major General Harold M McClelland

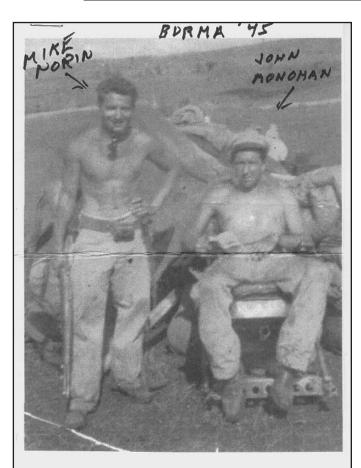
NATIONAL ANTHEM

POSTLUDE

Incidental Music



PA **AACS** 07/14-16 2009 DuBois, PA



One of our better dressed members (Mike Norin) upholding the dress code for "Radio Operators"



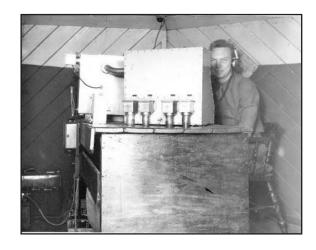
SSgt. Harry S. Kancyr, foreground, and TSgt. Peter S. Renaldo follow the flights of air craft on their scopes in Westover's radar Approach Control Facility. The pair recently 1917 Comm SgdN. logged two aircraft "saves." Sept. 22, 1973



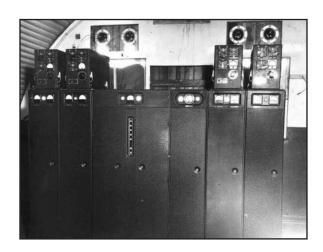
Bottom Row: L-R: Ed Mullaney, Joe Zimmer, Thurman Wyatt & Nicolas Glynos. Middle Row: Pete "the Italian Stallion) Renaldo, Pete Donley, John Carson & Morris Kansas, Back Row: Instructors, names unknown.

The following photos are from Stornoway, Isle of Lewis and/or St. Mawgan, Cornwall, airways stations. Brian Fortier of North Springfield, Vermont was stationed at these locations in the 1944-1945 time frame. He was also stationed at Portpatrick, Scotland & High Wycome, England.













More Y-80 pic's. MSgt Milton Rogers (bottom right) retired as a Major. Pic's taken during Berlin Airlift days.





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20 M	14.28 7mhz	1930/2030 hrs	1430 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
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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/Thu
		West Coast SSB		
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F

Local times remain but UTC time changes

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

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

On this Thanksgiving Day 1960, let us accept our blessings with a deep sense of gratitude and humility. May we be ever mindful of the sacrifices of so many who have gone before us to preserve our American heritage of freedom and justice.

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

We acknowledge Thee, O God, to be the giver of every good gift, Bless this food to our use and us to Thy service. In the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING MENU

SHRIMP COCKTAIL WITH CRACKERS

ROAST TURKEY

BAKED HAM

GIBLET GRAVY

SAGE DRESSING

CRANBERRY SAUCE

SNOWFLAKE POTATOES

GLAZED SWEET POTATOES

BUTTERED PEAS

RELISH TRAY

HOT ROLLS - BUTTER

FRUIT CAKE

PUMPKIN PIE

DECORATED ASSORTED CAKES

ICE CREAM ASSORTED FRUITS NUTS CANDY

HOT TEA

COFFEE

MILK



Thoughts from the Historian

Looking at the past seven "Reunions/Conventions", it appears to me that we could be doing better in our attendance. If everyone who has attended the past seven years could contact someone who has not and encourage them to attend, we would have to book the entire Hotel. Wouldn't that be great? In 2002 in Dayton, Ohio, we had 311 registered. That was the highest for this seven year period. Was it because of the Air Force Museum or was it because of the location? Realtors tell you its location, location, location. For our Conventions I think it's partly location and a little of "what is it for us to do" and a whole lot of "visiting with old friends". I personally have meet and made friends with a lot of mighty fine people and look forward to visiting with them each year. Of the 1975 members on our roster (as of August 3, 2009), I knew only one before joining the AACS Alumni Association. I recruited him and he has been to every convention since except the last one. I have recruited three more and two have attended and the third, this will be his first if his job allows. I have tried to recruit two more, but for various reasons they opted to not join. How many have YOU recruited? I know I'm not the highest recruiter and never will be, but I try, do you? If each one gained one, think what an organization we could have. I'm sure that you know of at least one friend that you haven't asked to join. Why wait any longer, we're not getting any younger.

For the record, our attendance has fluctuated. In 2003 at Falls Church, VA we had 264 registered attendees. 2004 at Scottsdale, AZ, it was 302. 2005 at Overland Park, KS, it was 254. 2006 in Covington, KY it was 251. 2007 in Las Vegas, NV it was 290. Last year, 2008 at Branson, MO it was 209. What will 2009 bring in Grand Falls, NY????

Call or email me your thoughts as I am truly interested. My phone number is (Cell) 816-863-0264, (Home) 816-373-3027, and my e-mail address is: afvetretired@att.net or write me at the address below. Gene Sheridan, 410 N.E. Point Drive; Lee's Summit, MO 64064-1561 Historian, AFCOMM&ATC Association

The Ham Report



The nets have been rather slow during the last few months. I have had to be off the air several times lately, but I have everything back together again. Propagation is still a problem, mostly on the 20 meter band.



Ray Hammitt (K5HWQ) and Harrold Dew (K4BCA) have been regulars on the 20-meter SSB nets. Fred Businger (W8FKD) and Bob Williams (KB3RHW) check in on the Tuesday morning 40-meter SSB net.

I am happy that the 2010 Reunion will be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. With a little bit of luck, I am planning there for this one. I have, for one reason or other, have had to miss that past several Reunions. If possible, I may take a week-end next Spring and make a trip down there to review the situation with an eye toward setting up a station for the event in September.

Speaking of the nets, I have tried a number of times to get on the Saturday CW net, but so far have never heard a reply to my slow call. However, I do find that at times there is a good bit of activity on the net frequency when there is a contest going on. A number of times there had been a strong station calling "CQ Contest" right on the net frequency. In cases like that, I just don't bother making a call. Maybe we should change the net schedule for this net to another day and time. If anyone has a suggested for another time, please let me know.

73 to all, George Reeves 73 to all, George Reeves WD4BMG@aol.com HAM Coordinator

8/3/2009

Hank Sauer Editor-Publisher AACS Publication

I know that AACS is not the current name, but it will always be AACS to me and my 8 years of service.

I graduated from the Gilfillan Factory AN/MPN-1 GCA school, 31 July 1948. The attached picture shows the 5th graduating class along with individual names. I returned to my assigned base Davis Monthan.

In late September 1948 I received my orders to report to the Embassy in London, England transportation instructions were to fly from Westover, Mass. We were passengers on a MAT C-5 with a air speed of 190 mph. The flight path was north to Goose Bay and onward to Meeks then southerly to Terceira, Azores, Glasgow and London.(we were forced to lay over in Iceland due to engine problems) Upon landing we soon realized there was several of us having to report to the embassy. Upon reporting they knew nothing about us or had no instructions. We eventually were put on a aircraft to Rhine Main where we were processed and within days several of us were sent to Burtonwood near Warrington England. As we were getting off the plane we were given temporary ID #'s as we signed in and told we were the first permanent party to arrive, my # was 37. Early in Nov. '48 I was transferred to RAF Marham along with 6 GCA operators. We had a RAF officer in charge of our small contingent. The GCA unit was manufactured by Bendix with some minor differences. I was the only PFC all operators were ex pilots S/Sgt and above. We were billeted in the English Sgt's building. I removed my stripes and lived very comfortably quietly.

While at RAF Marham I also was given the responsibility of maintaining the Racon Beacon @ RAF Sculthorpe until June or July 1950 when the base was taken over by the Air Force.

The 509th Bomb Wing out of New Mexico TDY arrived early November and they provided the Thanksgiving meal per menu enclosed with my notes from 61 years ago. I thought you might want to use it for your November issue.

The article "New Radar to Aid Air Safety in City" is from the Sacramento Bee newspaper which may/ may-not be of interest.

In August of '49 I was due for discharge and President Truman extended by service for a year. I was sent to Mildenhall and worked with others to install a GCA unit and inner and outer beacon equipment. While there I enjoyed working for the very best CO I ever had in the 8 years. He was from Chicago former Tuskegee airman.

Camaraillo, CA

5th GCA Familiarization Class March AFB, CA - July 31, 1948



New Radar to Aid Air Safety in City



WORKING on installation of the new ground controlled approach system at Mather Field, which will mean safer flying for all in this area, is Pfc. Robert W. Springette. Much of the intricate radar setup still is a deep secret with the armed forces, as witness the covered equipment in the foreground.

Radar Landing Of Fliers Starts At Mather Field

Mather Field completed its first test yesterday of radar to conquer inclement weather through guidance of planes from the ground, and officers said everything "came off fine."

Sacramento, through the field installation, consequently be-comes one of the first five cities on the Pacific Coast to attain this protection. It will, as a matter of course, be available to any air-craft—military on otherwise. craft—military or otherwise—in

craft—military or otherwise—in an emergency.

The method of Ground Controlled Approach, as the process is called, is simply a matter of "talking a plane down," officers explained. Any field with GCA radar equipment, plus trained personnel, and any plane with two-way radio, can use it.

Yesterday's test involved several landings, with a B-25 as the guinea pig, and each time the pilot got his orders from an operator on the ground.

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The tests were conducted by the Army and Airways Communication Service, the group of army specialists in communications, landing, etc. which is in charge of the GCA unit. Lt. Chester Notesteine, in charge of AACS at Mather Field. explained the method used in the practice the method used in the practice landings, which are the same as those to be used regularly later.



AT THE CONTROLS of the GCA radar landing set are M/Sgts. Fred Dettling, S. C. Baxter and Milton C. Rogers. Installation of the landing device should be completed within two weeks, according to Mather Field officers.

f|Factory Jobs Continue Rise, Exceed 1946

California manufacturing em-

Algonan Radar Mechanic

McChord Field, Wash—Glenn H. Sanders, son of Mrs. Nuelle L. Sanders, 204 S. Ridgeley, Algona, La, has been assigned to duty, as la, has been assigned to duty as radar mechanic with the altways and Air Communications Service at Mather Field, Calif. He has been especially schooled in Gound Controlled Approach (GCA), a radar system for landing aircraft lost in the overcast. Pft. Sanders organization, AACS, supplies the U.S. air force with air communications and aids to aerial arguments.

Device Takes Hazards Out Of Weather

By STANLEY WILSON

Flying safety for all in the Sacramento area soon will be improved greatly when ground controlled approach — a radar landing device—is installed at Mather Field.

This electronic "slidepole through soupy overcasts will bring this area close to an allweather flying status when the service is installed in the next

few weeks.
Commercial, armed forces and private pilots—whose greatest enemy always has been adverse

enemy always has been adverse weather conditions—will have the benefit of this service, which will "talk down" planes out of storm-filled skies.

GCA has only been in use in the United States about a year because of shortage of technical equipment, although it was used overseas considerably during the overseas considerably during the last stages of the war.

ESTABLISHMENT of

ESTABLISHMENT of the service is timely, coming at the beginning of poor winter flying weather which each year takes its toll of planes and lives.

In charge of GCA installation and operation at Mather is Lt. Chester W. Notesteine. He has 10 mechanics and seven operators in his unit.

Yesterday, Notesteine said final installation of the unit will be made as soon as expert civil-

be made as soon as expert civil-ian technicians arrive. They are expected late this week.

ployment continues to increase, except for seasonal fluctuations, and is being sustained at levels other fields using it on the West above a year ago, the State Department of Industrial Relations announced yesterday.

Notesteine said GCA will guide Notesteine said GCA will glude planes to a safe landing whether they are Cubs, P-80s or DC-6s, "All that is necessary is radio equipment," the Mather officer said, emphasizing that although the unit is manned by the army, it will be available to any and all pilots in emergencies.

THE 102ND SQUADRON,
732nd Base Unit, Air Transport
Command, Airways and Air Communications Service, will be in
charge of the service.
GCA is an accurate radar
which reveals height, distance
and direction of an aircraft regardless of clouds, fog, smoke,
haze or rain, Notesteine explained. plained.

GCA is used to "talk down"

"NOTICE"

Help support the "AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association"

"Donations" to help support the Association, will be gratefully accepted. The Board of Directors approved the soliciting of funds to support the long term goals of the Association. Because of the aging membership of our WWII, Berlin Airlift and Korean Veterans, coupled with the loss of Air Force Communications & Air Traffic Control Command/Unit integrity, our membership will continue to dwindle. While the number of Life Members continues to increase (close to 1,100), it results in a loss of annual operating funds. We have embarked on new ways to "recruit" ex- AACS, AFCS and AFCC veterans and those young officers and airman serving today. We want to pass on to them an "Association" that will be a viable organization when it's their time, 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 Tax-deductible as authorized by the IRS.

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AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

TAX EXEMPT STATEMENT

This is to certify that	of the AF Communicators & Air Traffic
Controllers Association, Inc., is a member in good	standing and was an official delegate to a
series of business meetings and communications a	and/or air traffic control seminars at the 2009
Annual Convention, from September 24 through S	eptember 27, 2009 at Grand Island, NY.
The meetings and seminars were conducted by an	d for the AF Communicators & Air Traffic
Controllers Association members for educational,	social and humanitarian purposes and includ-
ed the review and approval of charitable donation	ns as authorized for charitable organizations
under Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue	Code of 1994. In addition, the delegates
voted for individual members to fill Board of Dire	ctor positions that were scheduled for manda-
tory elections and the Delegates also voted on Ass	sociations Constitution and By Law changes,
and other administrative changes as required by t	he Constitution and By Laws No goods or
services were provided to the delegates.	

RAYMOND SHARPLESS Original/Signed/typed

Raymond Sharpless, Treasurer AF COMM & ATC Association, Inc. ID 501 (C) (19), Employee Nbr: 38-3053651 State of Michigan, ID 814649

Certified by: Executive Director

IF REQUIRED, SIGNED COPIES OF THIS FORM SHOULD BE REQUESTED FROM Ray Sharpless, 113 Airway Lane, Belton, MO 64012 or Email: rayshrplss@kc.rr.com

NOTE: CORE DATES FOR THE CONVENTION WERE THURSDAY - SUNDAY.

NOTE: Widows or Widowers of Life Members are Official Association Members.

Spouses of deceased members, who continue to pay annual dues are also Official Association Members.

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All Members are responsible for complying with all IRS rules when submitting US TAX FORM 1040.

For use with itemized U.S Tax Form 1040 submissions IAW IRS PUB 526.
Use the most current IRS authorized deductions for such things as:
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Convention registration and hotel gratuities. YOU MUST KEEP RECEIPTS.

AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION

(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MAIL TO: Mr. Walt McLain, 4514 Haverty Dr., Knoxville, TN 37931-3657 Email:aacsmbrship@comcast.net

Types of Membership

Life & Regular Membership is based on service (men and women) as a commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, enlisted or civilian, who has served or is serving in any Air Force/ANG communications/information or air traffic control unit or holds or held a MOS, AFSC or other skill identifier as a communicator/information/cyber, air traffic controller or support skill in any Air Force Major Air Command (AACS, ACS, AFCS, AFCC, AFC4A, AFCA, AFFSA, SAC, TAC, ADC, USAFSS MAC, etc., or the current commands) Spouses of a surviving member are also eligible for Regular membership. The Life Membership of a deceased member will transfer to the surviving spouse unless he/she requests otherwise. Associate Membership is subject to the approval of the Alumni Associations Executive Board for individuals who actively supported any communications/information or air traffic control activity, but otherwise does not meet the criteria for Life or Regular Membership. Associate Members are not eligible to vote or to hold office in the Association, but are treated like all other members.

Regular and Associate Membership dues are \$10.00 per-year, payable in two-year increments. Life Memberships are based on age:

To - 50 years of age = \$165 51 - 60 years of age = \$145 61 - 70 years of age = \$115 71 -- ? Years if age = \$ 75

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IF YOU ARE A SNOW-BIRD OR WILL BE AWAY FROM YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE AFTER THE NORMAL MAILINGS OF THE COMMUNICATORS ON APPROXIMATELY 1 MAY AND 15 NOVEMBER, YOU NEED TO CONTACT HANK SAUER AT DIRACS@comcast.net or call 865-482-3013 and PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND A MAILING ADDDRESS FOR THAT ISSUE. TO SAVE US MAILING COSTS YOU CAN READ THE COMMUNICATOR ON THE WEB SITE (YOU WILL NEED THE SAME USER NAME AND PASSWORD THAT IS USED TO ACCESS THE ROSTER).

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AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association PX/BX Order & Contribution Form

	Address	Phone Nbr: ()	
Quantity		Description	Total Cost
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	Deluxe AACS I	Embroidered Pin-on Patch @ \$12.50	
	Meta	al AACS Lapel Pin @ \$5.00	
	Deluxe AACS Emb	roidered Logo Hat @ \$13.00 (Blue Only)	
	Deluxe AFCOMMATC E	mbroidered Logo Hat @ \$13.00 (Blue Only)	
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		_ (Sizes: S_M_L_XL XXL)	
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	WE WILL CONTINUE	TO STOCK AACS ITEMS IF DEMAND FOR	
		CKETS, SHIRTS AND HATS CONTINUES.	

PX/BX ITEMS

We have added the new AF Comm & ATC Golf Shirts, a Wind-shirt and a Hat. We are keeping all the AACS pins and patches. The AACS Golf Shirts, Wind-Shirts and Hats will continue to be stocked as long as there is a demand for them. When the Deluxe AACS pin-on patch's are gone, they will be discontinued. The Wind-shirts are ideal for spring and fall outer garments. See PX/BX ORDER form on page 68 for prices, sizes and colors.

The AF Comm & ATC Wind Shirt is not shown, but it's the same as the AACS WS with a new patch. New AF COMM & ATC items are in STOCK

AFComm ATC HAT



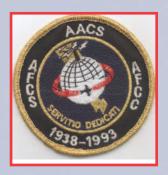
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AACS Hat



AACS Windshirt



Blue Shirt



White Shirt



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NEW AACS Jacket



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"The Airman's Creed"

I am an American Airman.
I am a Warrior:
I have answered my Nation's call.

I am an American Airman.

My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win.

I am faithful to a proud Heritage,

A tradition of Honor,

And a legacy of Valor:

I am an American Airman,
Guardian of Freedom and Justice,
My Nation's Sword and Shield,
Its Sentry and Avenger:
I defend my Country with my Life.

I am an American Airman:
Wingman, Leader; Warrior:
I will never leave an Airman behind.
I will never falter;
And I will not fail.



AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION (Formerly the 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 Air Traffic Controller and Communications/Information Professional of the year as selected by the Air Force. Of significant importance is to mange 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 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 will continue to drive the AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association and we owe them and all the individuals who attended that first meeting/reunion, a great big "Thank You"

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QUESTION: WHO OR WHAT WE ARE?

ANSWER: AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS COMPRISED OF OVER 2,200 MEMBERS WHO BEGAN THEIR SERVICE IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS AND/OR THE SIGNAL CORPS 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 CORPS 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" (AFC4A) AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WAS RENAMED THE "AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY" (AFCA). 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 AND TO THE MAJOR AIR COMMANDS. ON OCTOBER 1, 2008, THE AIR FORCE CREATED THE AIR FORCE CYBER COMMAND (PROVISIONAL) WHICH IN 2008, HAS BEEN RE-DESIGNATED TO BE A NUMBERED AIR FORCE **UNDER SPACE COMMAND.**

OVER THE YEARS SINCE THE AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED (1977) THE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA CHANGED FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO ONLY SERVED IN AACS UNITS, TO INCLUDE ALL COMMUNICATORS/INFORMATION/AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SUPPORT SKILLS REGARDLESS OF WHAT MAJOR OR JOINT COMMAND AN INDIVIDUAL SERVED IN, INCLUDING TODAY'S ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL.

BECAUSE OF THE HERITAGE OF PAST COMMANDS & AGENCIES, AND THEIR UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, THE ASSOCIATION HAS VOTED IN SEPTEMBER 2008 TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE "AIR FORCE COMMUNICATORS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION" AS IT BETTER DESCRIBES WHO WE ARE. THE TERM "COMMUNICATIONS" OR "COMMUNICATORS" IS ALL INCLUSIVE AND INCLUDES; ALL OPERATIONAL, MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS OF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING IN ANY AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT.

WHILE THE ANSWER ABOVE IS LONG, THE SHORT ANSWER IS "ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED OR IS SERVING IN ANY ARMY AIR CORPS OR AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT, IN ANY SKILL SET, FROM 1938- TO TODAY, "CAN BE" A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

THE 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 ASSOCIATION IS COMPRISED OF ABOUT 85% ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND 15% OFFICERS, WHICH INCLUDES OVER 50 GENERAL OFFICERS, ACTIVE AND RETIRED.



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