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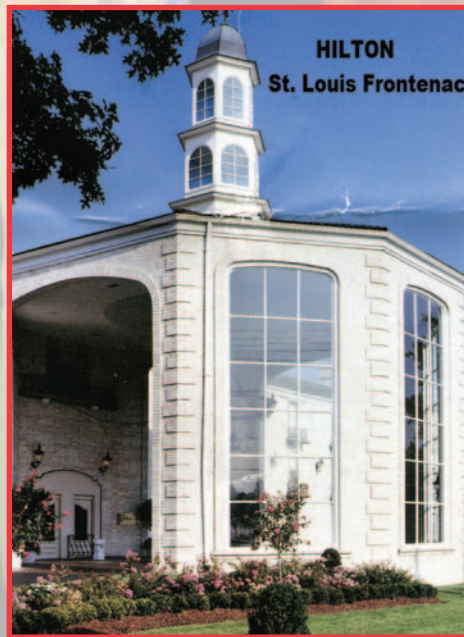
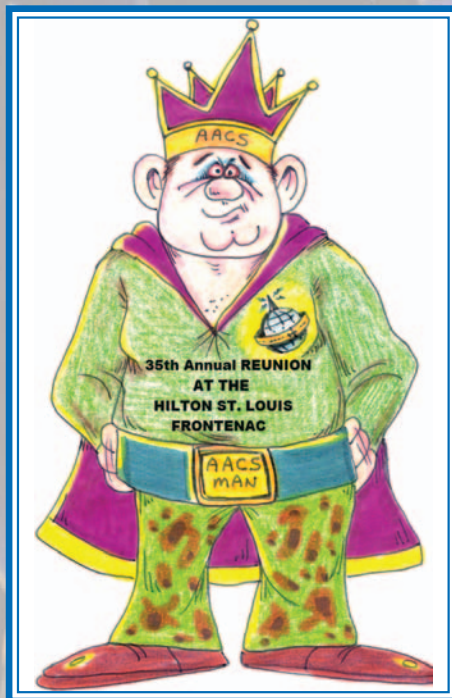


## THE COMMUNICATOR

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**September 2011**  
Plan now on coming to  
the 35th  
Convention/Reunion in

**St. Louis, Missouri**  
“The Hilton St. Louis  
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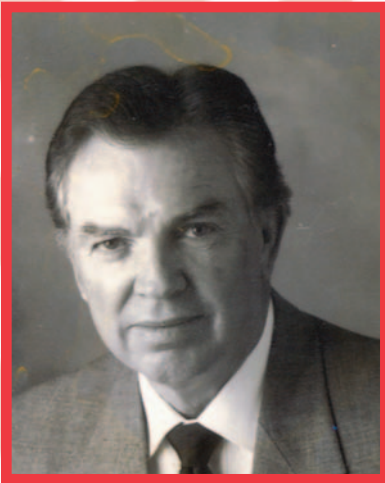


# 2011 Air Force Cyberspace Hall of Fame

(Formerly called the "Communications/Information" Hall of Fame)



The following individuals were inducted into  
The Hall of Fame - Class of 2011



**Mr. Cecil Harvell**



**CMSgt Richard Etchberger**  
(Deceased)



**CMSgt Bill Mosely**  
(Deceased)



**LT. General Harry Raduege**



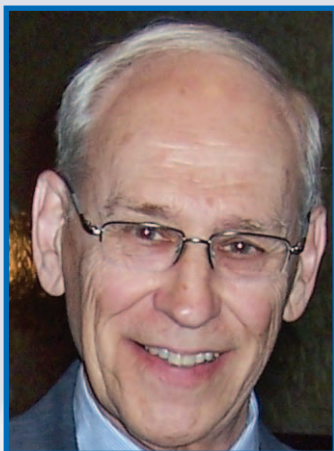
**Colonel Lloyd Watnee**  
(Deceased)

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

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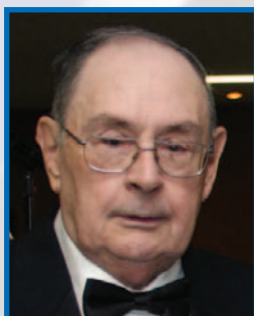
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# **35th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention**

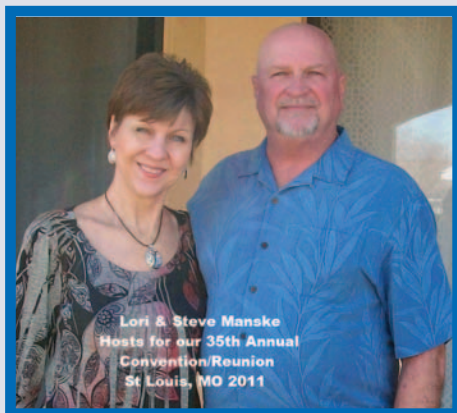
**Hilton St. Louis Frontenac**

**September 21 - 25, 2011**

**(Wednesday Early Check-In - Sunday Get-away Breakfast)**

**Hosts:**

**Lori & "Husband" Manske & Denise and Jerry Sonnenberg**



**Make Hotel Reservations NLT August 31, 2011**

**1-800-321-3232 or 1-314-993-1100 (in Hotel) - Reservation Code is: ATC**

**BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A ROOM AT GROUP RATES  
(\$75 plus tax)**

**Send Registration and other forms to  
(see address on bottom of Registration Form)  
- NO LATER THAN September 1, 2011 -**

**The AF Comm & ATC Hospitality Room is in the "Clayton Ballroom  
(follow signs)**

**and will be officially opened at Noon (or shortly thereafter)  
on Wednesday, September 21st, 2011.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Checks for the Convention must be made out to the  
"AF Comm & ATC Assoc 2011."**

**INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW (start on Page 24)**

# PLAN NOW TO MEET ME IN ST LOUIS



## 2011 CONVENTION



### **Radar Approach Control Members:**

**SrA Amy Schilt, TSgt Vedan DeJamette, MSgt Zelda Montoya, SSgt Mark Woolley, A1C Robert Hunter, Maj Doug Strand, SSgt Melissa White, SSgt Charles Spratt and MSgt Michael Frederick**



### **WHY DO WE GO TO REUNION'S?**

**"From all across the land we come, with just one thought in mind:  
To share again the memories of the days we left behind.  
Tis ten, or sixty years ago since we stood together at different places,  
And said goodbye to friends we'd known in service, sweat and toll.  
We are people, friends, and brothers of many different kinds;  
But just for now we're veterans of this place and another time.  
Our friendships forged in danger and sometimes under fire,  
The bond will last forever, explanation not required.  
We will bow our heads in tribute to those not here today;  
Those men whom we once knew as friends, who fell along the way.  
Our ranks are growing thinner now, the passing years will tell;  
We're brothers and we're veterans, who served our country well.  
And so we meet, embrace and talk, and remember days of yore;  
For there is just this deep desire to see our friends once more.  
This may well be our last reunion, for some our last goodbye,  
Till we meet again in heaven at the St. Louis Reunion in the SKY"**

**(Original author unknown)**



## From The Desk of the Executive Director

June 2011 Communicator



This will be my final message "From the Desk of", as my four year tenure as your Executive Director concludes this September. I will "pass" the gavel and leadership to the new incoming Director at the closing of the Convention/Reunion in St. Louis. It has been an honor and privilege to have served in this position.

I would like extend my appreciation and gratitude to the many individuals whom have given of their time and talent to make our Association a strong and viable organization. My thanks go to: the Board of Directors for their support, guidance and dedicated service through the years; the Chair Persons and Committee Members involved in "behind the scenes" activities that contribute to our overall success; the Convention/Reunion Hosts/Co-Hosts whose year long planning and hard work come to fruition each year for the benefit of all the attendees at our annual gatherings; the members who "pitch in" at the Conventions selling raffle tickets, manning the Registration Desk or stepping behind the bar in the Hospitality Room to dispense a favorite "libation".

A special word of thanks is extended to the men and women of today's active duty Air Force, the "Blue Suitors", who have graciously accepted our invitations through the years to attend our Annual Conventions to share their insights and experiences with all of us. We look forward to a continued strong relationship with the U.S. Air Force and appreciate their assistance in helping the Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association achieve its mission and goals.

Members and friends of the Association that need to replace or add to their wardrobe of "official" hats, jackets and related items with our logo should be aware that "selected" items are being sold at reduced prices in our PX/BX at the Convention/Reunion in St. Louis. As previously mentioned in the November 2010 Communicator, we are not restocking any clothing item with the AACS Alumni Association logo. Don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase your favorite article that will eventually become collectors items.

As with most organizations of our type, volunteers are a vital component for the ongoing successful management and maintenance of its programs. We continue to invite inquiries from members to volunteer as perspective: Convention/Reunion Hosts; Board of Directors; Committee Members. A "Host Request Form", along with the various "Position Descriptions" is listed on our website that explains the criteria for these important jobs. We have an immediate need to identify a Host and location for the 2013 Convention/Reunion.

Our St. Louis Hosts Lori and Steve Manske, along with Co-Hosts Jerry and Denise Sonnenberg have put together a broad variety of attractive tours and activities that should appeal to the majority of our members and their guests. This Convention/Reunion should be one of our more memorable gatherings. I look forward to seeing you at the Hilton Frontenac Hotel this September.

Stan Phillips  
Executive Director



## Missed Roll Call (Since the November 2010 Communicator)

**Cipicchio, Tom**

**DiNovo, Peter F.**

**Koerber, Lawrence N.**

**Logan, James "Jim"**

**Robbins, Jack MGen**

**Willey, Charles E.**



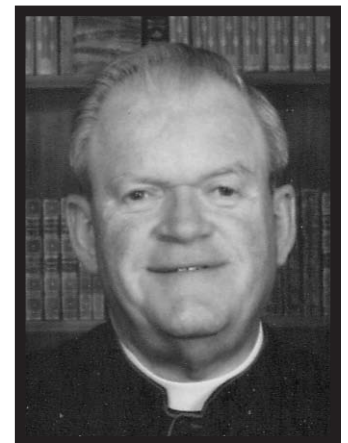
### The Chaplain's Corner

June, 2011 - A book I've just finished reading discusses the three temptations of Jesus which He encountered in the desert following His baptism. The first was to turn stones into bread which would end a 40 day fast. The second was to throw Himself down from the Temple wall unhurt so as to impress the crowd. The third was to be offered power over all the kingdoms of the earth. In his first letter, the disciple John tells us temptation most often comes in the same areas, which he calls, "the lust of the flesh" (desire for material things), "the lust of the eye" (pride), and "the pride of life" (power). In Eden Eve was tempted because the fruit was pleasing to the eye, was good to eat, and the eating would make one as wise as God. Here is the same pattern.

Having spent 25 years in the broadcasting business, I have seen plenty of commercials, more than most of you. And I find it interesting that the advertising industry seems to use the same themes. How many times have you been informed that unless you owned a bigger home, car, more expensive clothes, etc., you were just not with it? Buy this item and you will be the talk of the neighborhood, or the office, or on the golf course. Then there are the advertisements for sexual enhancement, beauty aids, hair restoration, dietary menus, life-extending drug formulas, and so on and so on. Go with this stock broker and get rich and powerful. In the process, of course, the advertisers and the media will be happy to capture our dollars as they tempt us with what they have to sell.

It is inevitable we will be tempted. As a Christian, I believe these three characteristics of temptation have a demonic origin. I understand that not everyone agrees, but the fact remains that the psychology is similar whether your temptations have a supernatural or a secular origin. Look carefully and evaluate the media for yourself. Listen carefully to the pitch. I think you will agree that the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and pride of life are thrown at us each and every day. Knowledge can help with temptation. Succumbing to temptation can cause lots of trouble.

Fr. Donald Seeks, Chaplain



**Years of Election  
For Board of Directors**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
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<b>EDITOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>“</b>				

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

**The indefinite terms for the Treasurer, Dir For Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite once formally elected. The other directors must be reelected on a two year basis.**

**Members wishing to serve on the board or members wishing to nominate another member for a board position must view the Policy of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee (Copy is posted on the [www.afcommatc.org](http://www.afcommatc.org) web site) or obtain a copy from the Executive Secretary. Also on the web site are the Position Descriptions for each position and the qualifications required. All nominations must go through the Chair of the Nominating committee and be submitted Not Later Than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. There are no nominations allowed from the floor at the Annual General Meeting in order to ensure that all nominees are aware of the commitment and the requirements of the position.**

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

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## **CITATION**

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded, in the name of The Congress, the Medal of Honor to

### **CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT RICHARD L. ETCHBERGER**

#### **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

Chief Master Sergeant Richard L. Etchberger distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism on March 11, 1968, in the country of Laos, while assigned as Ground Radar Superintendent, Detachment 1, 1043d Radar Evaluation Squadron. On that date, Chief Etchberger and his team of technicians were manning a top secret defensive position at Lima Site 85 when the base was overrun by an enemy ground force. Receiving sustained and withering heavy artillery attacks directly upon his unit's position, Chief Etchberger's entire crew lay dead or severely wounded. Despite having received little or no combat training, Chief Etchberger single-handedly held off the enemy with an M-16, while simultaneously directing air strikes into the area and calling for air rescue. Because of his fierce defense and heroic and selfless actions, he was able to deny the enemy access to his position and save the lives of his remaining crew. With the arrival of the rescue aircraft, Chief Etchberger, without hesitation, repeatedly and deliberately risked his own life, exposing himself to heavy enemy fire in order to place three surviving wounded comrades into rescue slings hanging from the hovering helicopter waiting to airlift them to safety. With his remaining crew safely aboard, Chief Etchberger finally climbed into an evacuation sling himself, only to be fatally wounded by enemy ground fire as he was being raised into the aircraft. Chief Etchberger's bravery and determination in the face of persistent enemy fire and overwhelming odds are in keeping with the highest standards of performance and traditions of military service. Chief Etchberger's gallantry, self-sacrifice, and profound concern for his fellow men at risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

## EDITOR-PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

### THE COST OF THE NOV 2010 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR **AS OF: NOVEMBER 13, 2010**

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### **AS A COST SAVINGS, THIS ISSUE OF THE COMMUNICATOR IS ONLY 64 PAGES INSTEAD OF 72.**

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Remaining balance in Editors Bank Account: **\$514.94**

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The Web Site averages approximately 125 - 150 hits per-day. Since the web site was posted, there have been over **287,000** 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 **900+** new members. The **2010** Cost for the web site was **\$359.40** (most work is done by the Editor/Publisher).

**REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW READ THE CURRENT "COMMUNICATORS" ON-LINE  
([WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG](http://WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG)) AND SOME PAST ISSUES. YOU MUST USE THE NEW USER NAME AND  
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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.**

**Try to get stories and pictures to me Not Later Than: 1 April and 15 October of  
each year. But the earlier, the better, as the limit is reached  
early.**

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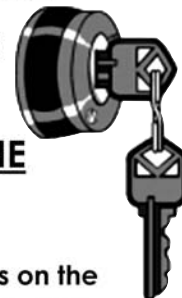


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**“ YOU NEED THE NEW USER NAME AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE WEB SITE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER & COMMUNICATORS”**



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 Membership Roster is in a PDF and WORD format. To READ OR DOWNLOAD the roster you need to know the following:

**WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG (go to the Members section)**

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

Password: **mpn1aacs** (all lower case, with the number ONE after the “n”)

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

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 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. The Communicators are in a PDF format only as that is the format we have use to have the Communicators printed. We now have Communicators archived on the web site starting in June 2006. The November 2006 issue is **not** available due to a glitch on our part.

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

**SUGGEST before you start, you may want to FIRST** create a folder on your hard drive and name it “Membership Roster” and/or “Communicators”. When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file “Membership Roster” and/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 ([aacsmbship@comcast.net](mailto:aacsmbship@comcast.net)) or HANK SAUER ([diraacs@comcast.net](mailto:diraacs@comcast.net)) to remove your name from the mailing list. It takes up to 30 days for Communicators to be delivered after the initial mailing. We announce putting up new issues of the Communicator on our web site GUEST BOOK before they are mailed in May and November.

**CHANGES WERE EFFECTIVE 14 JANUARY 2011**

If you have any problems getting to these files, contact Hank Sauer at [DirAACS@comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@comcast.net)



I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs?  
*She said Depends.*

[www.pmcaregivers.com/Humor.htm](http://www.pmcaregivers.com/Humor.htm)

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT (June 2011)



**We have gained 28 new members since 10 Oct 2010. Our current active membership stands at 1886. 64 members have renewed since 10 Oct 2010. As of 18 March 2011 we have 134 members whose dues expire 30 April 2010. Please check the address label on your latest Communicator to see when your dues expire. (i.e. 11-(first name) indicates dues expire 31 Dec 11. Some will show e.g. 0911 - (first name) which indicates 30 Sept 2011 expiration.) Please refer all membership questions to Walt McLain, 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free or email [aacsmbrship@comcast.net](mailto:aacsmbrship@comcast.net) .**

### The Growth of the Association Depends on Members Recruiting Members

**Applications are available in each Communicator, on our web site and from Walt McLain by calling or emailing requests to 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free or Email [aacsmbrship@comcast.net](mailto:aacsmbrship@comcast.net) .**

### RECRUIT - RECRUIT - RECRUIT

**Walt McLain  
Director for Membership**

#### Treasurer's Report as of March 20, 2011

Finances are stable. Our main sources of income are membership fees, donations, BX sales, and moneys from our annual conventions. Our charitable donations continue to assist the Air Force Village and the Air Force Enlisted Village and are much appreciated by these organizations. Following is the current financial statement for our organization as of March 20 2011.

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



#### Assets

Checking Account		\$8935.50
(Includes \$2051.00 in Convention Search Account)		
Convention Advances (2011)		00.00
Communicator Publisher's Account		514.94
CD's (2 @ \$10,000 and 4 @ 5,000)		43099.77
Inventory Assets		
AF Comm/ATC Inv	7286.00	
AACS Inv.	6914.50	
		12086.00
Equipment (Book Value)		1246.64
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b><u>\$66882.85</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2009 Convention Commitment	\$40,000.00	
Net Assets		\$26882.85
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		<b><u>\$66882.85</u></b>

**A look back at a "Young" Andy Agan**

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STARS  
STAMPES**

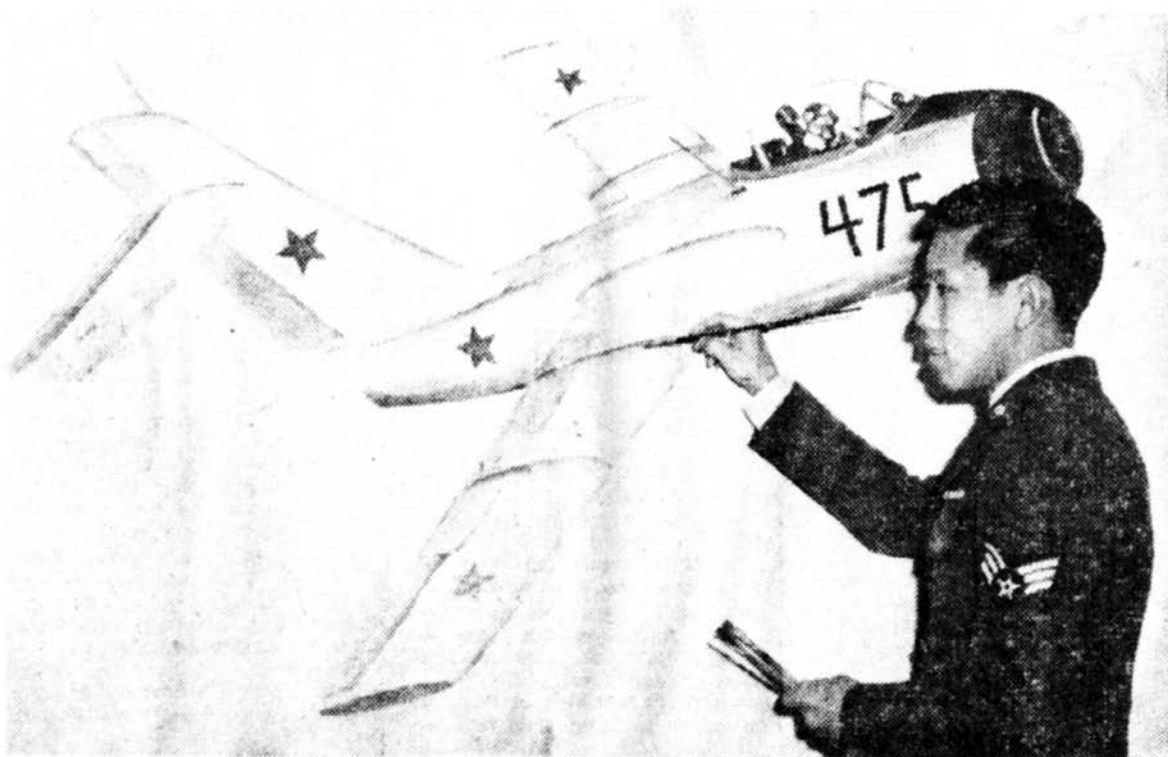
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**Our Own ANDY AGAN**  
**Yokota AB Gets a MIG**



**WALL DECORATING**—A/IC Andres Agan Jr. of the Yokota AB, Japan, Communications Center, puts the finishing touches on one of several murals on the walls of the new 1227th Airways and Air Communications Service Sq. day room that

opened Friday. "Air Force In Action" is the theme of the murals, which depict men and aircraft from World War I through the Korean War. The mural Agan is painting is of a north Korean MIG-15 jet. (USAF Photo)



## Andy is still at it, he is now a Master Sergeant

### Andy's talent brings smiles to MONITOR

The 2081's MSgt. Andy Agan has given the base an early Christmas present — Agan will be submitting his artistic talent for MONITOR publication.

Agan is the civil engineer operations superintendent for the communications squadron — and is an avid artist. The native Hawaiian arrived here in June from NATO Headquarters Oslo, Norway. The 22½ year Air Force veteran has never taken formal art training other than a few high school courses. "I've loved art since I was very young," the dark haired sergeant said smilingly. "I started with stick men and progressed to oil paintings. It's something I've grown into — something I like."

There are two "masterpieces" in Agan's handwork collection. "My first was a mural," he remembered fondly. "It took up a whole wall. It was my interpretation of the Code of Conduct." His other work is more recent and soon to be familiar to base people. It's the 3480 Technical Training Group emblem. "It took me about three to four hours to finish," Agan said. "I was trying to symbolize the base mission, communications intelligence."



"Sergeant Farkas, welcome to the 2081 Communications Squadron. I understand you were in Norway for five years . . ."

MONITOR readers will be seeing Agan's work in future issues.



### 3480th Technical Training Wing emblem gets AF OK

The 3480th Technical Training Wing's new emblem has been approved by Headquarters Air Force.

The emblem is based upon a design originally submitted by MSgt. Andy Agan of the 2081st Comm. Sq. His design was chosen from several entries submitted by Goodfellow artists last fall.

Although the wing emblem was approved in November, 1978, at the local level, Air Force approval was not received until last month.

Each part of the new emblem has a special significance. Clockwise from upper left: the earth, on a field of light blue, illustrates the wing mission's world-wide impact; a white lone star clearly shows the wing's location, with the starkly contrasting black field denoting the nature of the intelligence business; a yellow lightning bolt cuts through the shield as the communications experts trained at Goodfellow cut through the distances and difficulties of transmitting information; a white diploma signifies success and the white lamp of knowledge burns with a shimmering flame; the red field illustrates the courage shown by those members of the Air Force security community who gave their lives in the performance of duty.

### VIP Visit, 1960?

Yakota Air Base, Japan, Communications Center operations. M-19 teletype machines.

# AACS



"The Good Old Days"  
(60 wpm - ugh)

# Tax break for N.J. veterans doesn't measure up

**W**hen is a veteran not a veteran? Answer: It depends on where you live.

For example, most but not all of New Jersey's veterans get a property tax reduction of \$250 and veterans who have been given a 100 percent disability rating by the VA for injuries, or illnesses, that are service-connected get a waiver on their property tax, which saves them thousands of dollars every year. Other states offer different packages.

Some veterans have asked the questions: How did the \$250 property tax reduction come to being? Why don't all New Jersey veterans get the property tax reduction? How is the veterans property tax reduction handled in other states?

It all started shortly after the Korean War when there was an effort by the New Jersey veterans to get some benefit from the state for serving in World War II and the Korean War. Finally, the state legislators, in their finite wisdom, decided to put the question on the ballot for the voters to decide. The question was whether there should be a 10 percent property tax reduction for veterans, or should there be a flat \$50 reduction?

Although it might not be believable, the \$50 tax reduction was higher than the 10 percent that most people were paying in

## THE NEW JERSEY VETERAN



By Carl J. Asszony

property tax and the \$50 flat rate was voted into law.

Despite rapidly rising property taxes, the rate stayed steady for a great many years until there was another movement to raise the veteran's property tax reduction. Again, the state legislators decided they didn't want to raise the amount by too much. Their collective minds came up with the idea to increase the amount by increments, and it took many more years for the veteran's property tax reduction to rise to the incredibly small amount of \$250 — which still stands today.

Why don't all veterans get this property tax reduction? To quote from the New Jersey Veterans' Guide, "The New Jersey Property Tax Exemption and Deduction require veterans to serve during a specific war period," and to have "received an honorable discharge or under honorable conditions."

This provision also includes other state veterans' benefits as well.

For example, a young woman from New Jersey who served in the Army during the Iraq War (a specified war period) was assigned to duty in England. During her stay there, she was injured in a military accident. When she was discharged, she received a 20 percent disability rating from the VA.

According to the laws in New Jersey, she isn't considered a veteran because she did not serve two weeks in a combat zone as outlined in the law concerning war periods after the Vietnam era. This also applies to others who served in the military in between war periods. They, too, do not qualify for New Jersey veterans benefits.

How do other states handle the veteran's property tax reduction or exemption? It varies from state to state. Some states will reduce the estimated assessed value (EAV) of the property by \$10,000-\$50,000 for tax purposes and base the veteran's property taxes on the reduced amount. Some states will give a flat reduction of \$1,000-\$2,000 dollars off the property tax. One state offers a 15 percent tax exemption for veterans and an additional 10 percent tax reduction for those who served in a war period, which translates to 25 percent tax reduction for wartime veterans.

Most states will waive property taxes for those veterans who have a 100 percent service-connected disability. Some states will even adjust veteran's property taxes based on the degree of service-connected disability. Many of the states use the "war period" criteria, or age and income to determine the veteran's tax reduction.

There seems to be no standard method among the states to determine the veteran's tax reduction and/or veteran state benefits. Each state makes the decision of who is considered a veteran.

There have been discussions in the past to raise New Jersey veterans' property tax reduction to be in line with other states. However, based on New Jersey's present financial situation, it isn't likely that the New Jersey Legislature will increase the veterans' property tax reduction, or change the requirements for veteran's status.

Even if the 600,000 veterans in New Jersey would raise their voices in harmony to persuade the state legislators to raise the veterans' property tax, it would still be an uphill battle.

*Carl J. Asszony of Piscataway is the former veterans services coordinator for Middlesex County and host of the former radio program The Veterans Roundtable on WCTC 1450 AM.*

## "The Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award"

Carl has been given the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor award in recognition of his service to all people regardless of race or faith. He also was presented with a lapel pin that is a Star of David with the Cross in the center. The "Four Chaplains" were Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. This is a high honor and only given to outstanding individuals.

## **Communications and Information Hall of Fame to stay at Scott AFB "Wall of Fame"**

**(Now called the "Cyberspace Hall of Fame  
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.** – Air Force Space Command officials announced this week that the Communications and Information Hall of Fame will remain at its current location at the Air Force Network Integration Center's Ludwig Heritage Hall in the Grant Building on Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Furthermore, the nomination and selection process remains unchanged from last year.

The Communications and Information Hall of Fame was established in 1999. Through the sponsorship of organizations like the Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers and the Air Force C4 Association, this program recognizes the historic achievements of past military personnel and civil servants for their technical creativity, application of emerging technologies, and innovative solutions in support of Air Force missions and the national defense.

"The Hall of Fame selection committee will be taking nominations again this year and a new crop of communication visionaries will be inducted next spring," said Brig. Gen. Ian Dickinson, AFSPC director of communications and information. "The wall of fame recognizing these legends in the communication and information fields is at AFNIC headquarters at Scott AFB, where it will remain."

"It's a privilege to house the Hall of Fame in our center," said Col. John Odey, AFNIC commander. "The hall serves as an inspiration and reminder of our heritage. We're proud to build upon these innovators' prestigious achievements as we help to shape the future of Air Force cyberspace operations."

For more information contact Air Force Space Command Public Affairs at (719) 554-3731.



*Mr. and Mrs. James Sauer -*

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**to be held at**



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**AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION**  
**(Formerly the AACCS Alumni Association)**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**MAIL TO: Mr. Walt McLain, 4514 Haverty Dr., Knoxville, TN 37931-3657**

**Email: [aacsmbrship@comcast.net](mailto: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, space operations, air traffic controller or support skill in any Air Force Major Air Command (AACCS, 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

**I AM A NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ A MEMBER MAKING A CHANGE IN MY PROFILE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_**

(check one category of membership and make check out to “AF COMM & ATC ASSOC.”)

Life Membership \_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_ Amount of money enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (dues in 2 yr increments)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSES FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HAM SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

St.Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (9 digits)

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date or year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (**Important**)

UNIT(s) AND COMMAND(s) (For the Membership Roster – limited to approximately 3 units and 3 abbreviated Commands)

**\*\*DATES SERVED IN AF or Armed Forces:** \_\_\_\_\_ (44-46, 48-75, 50-54, 95-99 etc) (**IMPORTANT**)

**War Periods are:**

**Dec 7, 1941 - Dec 31, 1946**

**Jun 27, 1950 - Jan 31, 1955**

**Feb 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975**

**Aug 2, 1990 - When Congressional Approves end date.**

ERA's Served: \_\_\_\_\_ (WWII, Korea, RVN, Gulf, Iraq, etc)

Service Status: Officer \_\_\_ Warrant \_\_\_ Enlisted \_\_\_ Civilian \_\_\_ Tech Rep \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Magazine \_\_\_\_\_ (provide name) or other \_\_\_\_\_

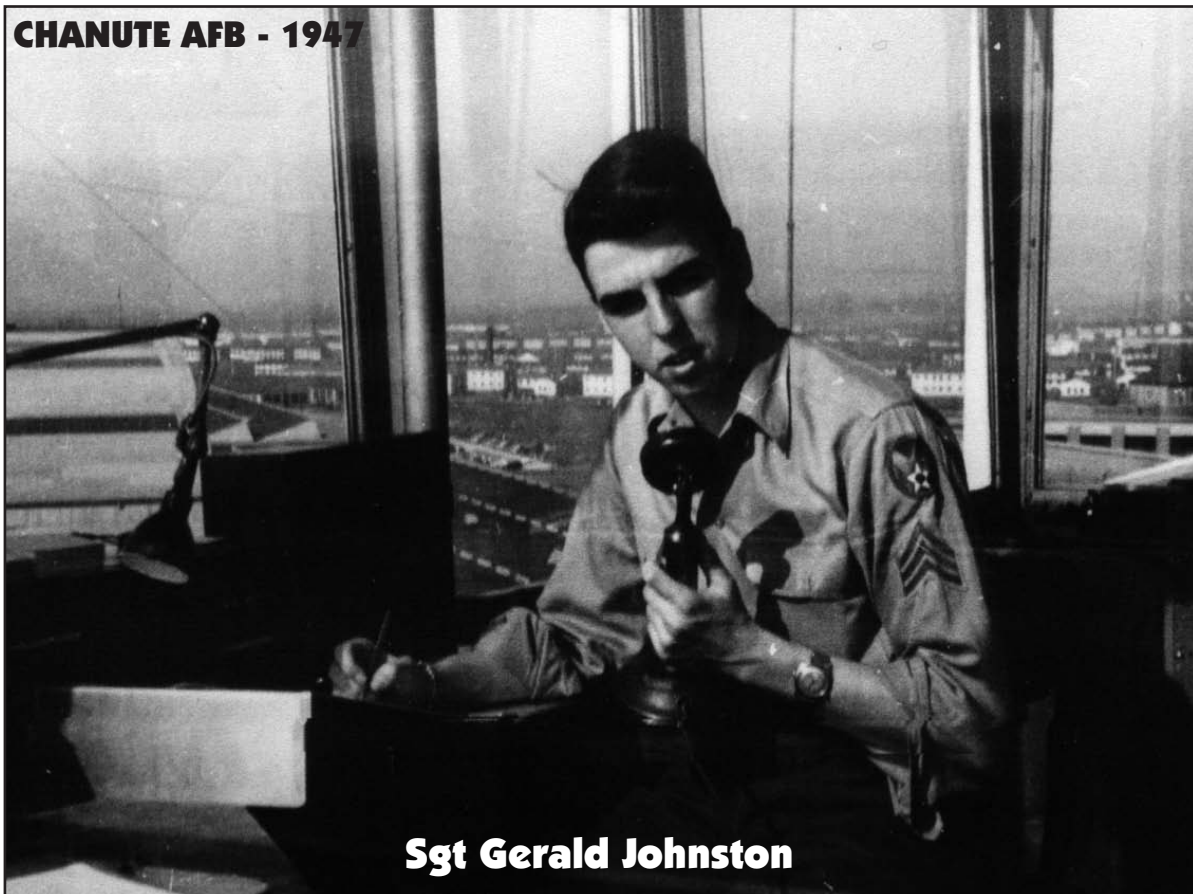
Combat area or Base: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Comm/ATC units \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do or do in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. Tower, GCA, Crypto, Information, Cyber, Space Operations, Radio/Radar/Crypto/Teletype Maintenance, Space Opns, Cyber Opns, Personnel, Commander, etc.)

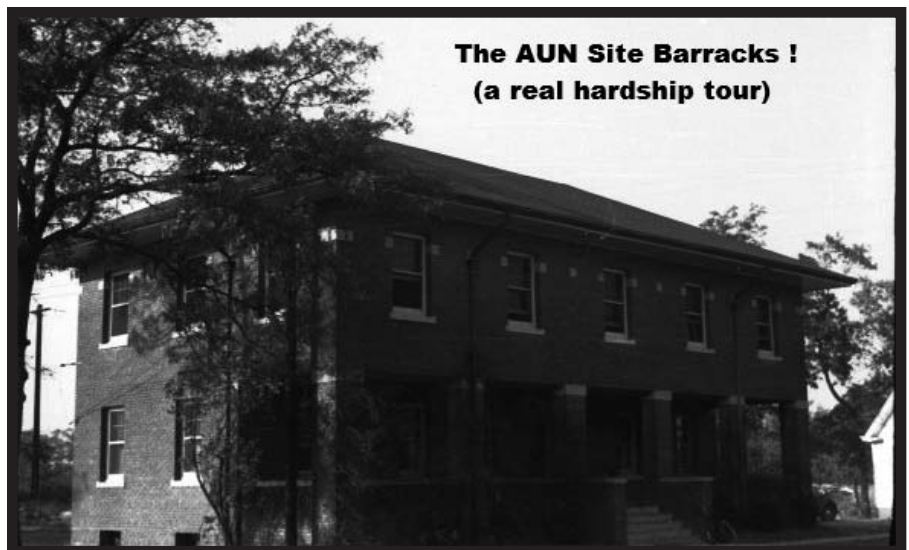
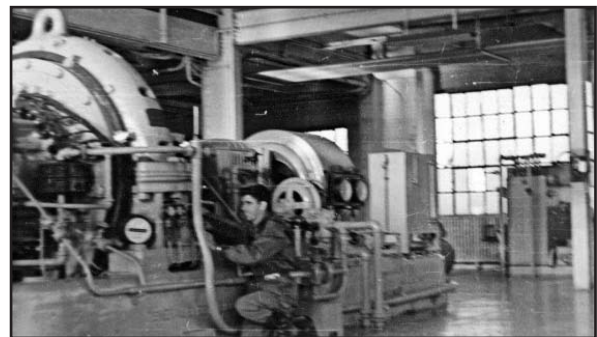
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**If you have any questions contact Walt McLain at TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045**

**GERALD JOHNSTON**  
**"Looks Back"**



**Due to the Editors Oversight, the following pictures submitted by Gerry Quellette  
Were overlooked in the Nov 2010 Story of the AUN SITE (1950)**



**35th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention**  
**Hilton St Louis Frontenac**



**September 21 – 25, 2011**

**Hosts:**

**Steve & Lori Manske and Jerry & Denise Sonnenberg**

**Make Hotel Reservations NLT August 31, 2011**

**1-800-321-3232 (Hiltons) or 1-314-993-1100 (Frontenac Hilton direct)**

**Reservation Code is: ATC**

**or stlouisfrontenac.hilton.com**

**BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A ROOM AT GROUP RATES**

**Send registration and other forms to Lori Manske (see address on bottom of Registration Form)**

**No Later Than September 1, 2011**

The AF Comm & ATC **Hospitality Room** is in the **Clayton Ballroom** (follow signs)

and will be officially opened at Noon (or shortly thereafter) on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

**PLEASE NOTE: Checks for the Convention must be made out to the  
“AF Comm & ATC Assoc 2011”**

See the **pages 39 & 40** for the Registration & Name Tag/Golf Registration Forms.

**INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW**



**The 35th AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

**September 21 – September 25, 2011**

**Hilton St. Louis Frontenac**

1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., Saint Louis, Missouri, United States 63131  
Tel: 1-314-993-1100 Fax: 1-314-993-8546

**RESERVATIONS NUMBER: 1-314-993-1100 (in Hotel)**

**<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/STLFHHF-ATC-20110921/index.jhtml>**

**Group Reservation Code: ATC**

**The group room rate is \$75 plus tax  
(Rate good for 3 days prior and 3 days after)**

**Book early**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: AUGUST 31, 2011**

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

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

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

**Cancellations must be made 72 hours before booked arrived time.**

**CHECK IN TIME: 3:00pm – CHECK OUT TIME: 12 Noon**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE HOTEL HAS AN OUTDOOR POOL (SEASONAL)**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Print Name on the Card)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

## Directions to Hilton St Louis Frontenac Hotel

1335 South Lindbergh Blvd.

St Louis, Missouri 63131

Phone: 1-314-993-1100 Fax: 1-314-993-8546

[http://www1.hilton.com/en\\_US/hi/hotel/STLFHHF-Hilton-St-Louis-Frontenac-Missouri/directions.do#localmap](http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/STLFHHF-Hilton-St-Louis-Frontenac-Missouri/directions.do#localmap)



**From Highway I64/40 Eastbound** Exit Lindbergh Blvd Exit #28A.  
Turn right at intersection. Hotel is on the immediate right.

**From Illinois/city center** take Highway I64/40 westbound about 12 miles. Exit at Lindbergh Blvd #28A. Turn Left at intersection and then right 100 yards to Hilton St. Louis Frontenac.

**From airport, I-70 eastbound**, take exit # 238B / I-170 South to exit 31A for I-64/40 West. Take the Lindbergh Blvd exit #28A. Turn left, hotel is on the right side 100 yards.

**From Kansas City**, I-70 eastbound, take exit#232B/ I-270 7.6 miles. Take exit #12 for I-64/40 east. Go 2.5 miles. Take the Lindbergh Blvd exit #28A. Turn right. Hotel is on the right.

### Transportation to and from the Airport:

Courtesy Bus	Complimentary 7 AM -11 PM. Call 1-314-993-1100 when you arrive at the airport.
Limousine	Call hotel for pricing
Rental Car	Available at airport
Taxi	\$30.00 est.

### Hotel Parking

Self Parking: Complimentary

Parking Information: Outside/covered parking with 24-hour security.

Complimentary RV parking

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## SCHEDULED TOURS

(please use registration form to sign up for any of these tours)

### THURSDAY TOURS/EVENTS

#### ➤ SCOTT AFB tour/Air Force Network Integration Center/ATC facilities

Time: 10:45 am – 4:30 pm (bus will depart Scott AFB at 4:30 pm)

Cost: \$15 per person for bus (includes tips)

*Tour departs from and returns to the Hilton Frontenac lobby and takes about 5 hours.*

**Scott AFB tour still being finalized; AFNIC tour includes Ludwig Heritage Hall; Technology Integration Facility; tour of air traffic control facilities still being finalized.**

A pay-as-you-go lunch will be available at one of Scott AFB's dining facilities.



#### ➤ St. Charles shopping trip

Time: 10:45 am – 3:30 pm (bus will depart St Charles at 3:30 pm)

Cost: \$15 per person for bus (includes tips)

Tour departs from and returns to the Hilton Frontenac lobby and takes about 5 hours.

*Comfortable walking shoes and a camera are recommended.*

**The ten-block, 200-year-old Historic Main Street is Missouri's first and largest historic district. It lies closest to the Missouri River and Saint Charles' frontier history. A trolley travels the streets of more than 125 one-of-a-kind shops. Dress up your home with framed art, antiques, old and reproduction signs, Victorian accessories, lamps, collectible figures and plates, stained glass, quilts, pottery, floral arrangements and decorating accents from every period. Or dress up yourself with textile/craft specialty shops, classic silks, and custom and costume jewelry.**

A pay-as-you-go lunch is available at a number of restaurants in St Charles.



➤ **Annual Prayer dinner**

Time: 6 pm – 7:30 pm  
Cost: \$26 per person  
Location: Hilton Le Café Room



*Tossed Salad with Two Dressings*  
*Grilled Salmon with Lemon Caper Buerre Blanc*  
*Bowtie Pasta with Grilled Chicken, Broccoli, Asparagus and Tomatoes*  
*Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Mushrooms, Onions and Mozzarella*  
*Seasonal Vegetables*  
*Carrot Cake and NY Cheesecake*  
*Garlic Breadsticks*  
*Freshly Brewed Coffee and Decaffeinated Coffee and Selection of Teas*

➤ **Harrah’s Casino/dinner trip**

Location: Harrah’s Casino, Maryland Heights MO  
Time: 5:30 pm – 10:00 pm (bus will depart Harrah’s at 10 pm)  
Cost: \$25 (includes bus, dinner voucher for one of several Harrah’s dining establishments, and \$5 cash gaming coupon)



Harrah's St. Louis offers restaurants to satisfy every culinary whim. The 120,000-square-foot of gaming space at Harrah's St. Louis assures that your favorite games are always in plentiful supply. Harrah's St. Louis features more than 2,800 slots and video poker machines of every imaginable design. Harrah's provides a number of the newest and hottest slots on the market, including ever-popular progressive machines. The casino also caters to the table games player, by offering a dedicated Poker Room and more than 90 table games, featuring an array of games, including blackjack, roulette, craps, Caribbean Stud and Let It Ride.

<http://www.harrahstlouis.com>

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## FRIDAY TOURS/EVENTS

➤ **City Tour/Riverboat Cruise/lunch at Favazza’s on The Hill**

Time: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. *Tour departs from and returns to the Hilton Frontenac lobby and takes about 5 hours.*

Cost: \$50 per person (all inclusive... includes bus, tips for driver and tour guide; lunch; and riverboat cruise). A camera is recommended.

Maximum number of people – 53 (sign up early!)

**Discover St. Louis**--Meet your Discover St. Louis tour guide at our hotel for a great day in the Gateway City exploring the city's most beloved neighborhoods, Soulard, Lafayette Square and Forest Park. We'll see the city the easy way—in an air-conditioned bus. Stops include the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell, home to 83,000 hand-laid mosaics and one of the most breathtaking architectural feats in St. Louis, and the Soldier's Memorial at 15<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut. Lunch will be included at Favazza's on the Hill and you will get a special take-home dessert from Missouri Baking Company. You will also enjoy a narrated one-hour riverboat cruise on the Mighty Mississippi.



### ➤ Gen Farman Golf Tournament

Spencer T. Olin Golf Course, Alton IL (*an Arnold Palmer designed and managed facility. It is one of the premier golf courses in the Midwest and hosted the 1999 USGA Men's Public Links National Championship televised on ESPN*)



#### **Calloway handicap system**

Time: Meet in Lobby 7:00-7:15 am for car pool; t-times starting at 9 am. 45-minute drive to Alton  
 Cost: \$55 (includes green fee/cart, sleeve of balls and tees, prizes, light lunch--choice of sandwich, brat, or cheeseburger, and chips and drink)

### ➤ Bus to downtown for annual Taste of St Louis

Time: 6 pm – 9 pm (bus leaves downtown 9 pm)  
 Fee: \$15 per person (includes bus and tips)

Maximum number of people – 53 (sign up early!)



The award-winning **Taste of St. Louis** is a celebration of the best food, art, music and culture our great city has to offer. There is something for everyone, as the array of activities and participants grows each year. The event takes place at **Soldiers' Memorial** (12th & Market), with a beautiful park atmosphere and a great view of the Arch.

- ❖ 45 Restaurants on Restaurant Row. Restaurant Row offers the opportunity to purchase an array of culinary delights from 45 of St. Louis' most upscale and mouth-watering dining establishments. All restaurant vendors take cash and menu items usually range from \$3-\$7.
- ❖ The Master Chef Competition, celebrity appearances and the Taste of St. Louis Pizza Games on the Culinary Stage
- ❖ National and local music on the Main Stage
- ❖ Juried artist booths and wine sampling at the The Art & Wine Walk
- ❖ St. Louis Blues icons on The Blues Stage ([www.tastestl.com/](http://www.tastestl.com/))

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## SATURDAY TOURS/EVENTS

### ➤ Union Station shopping trip

Time: 11 am – 3:30 pm. *Tour departs from and returns to Hilton Frontenac lobby and takes about 4.5 hours*

Fee: \$15 per person

Maximum number of people – 53

St. Louis Union Station is a shopper's delight with 80+ shops and restaurants. An important part of the Station's special appeal is the variety of unique retail shops, offering everything from fine fashions to one-of-a-kind gifts.

From its magnificent 65-foot, barrel-vaulted ceiling in the Grand Hall to its Victorian-engineered train shed totaling more than 11 acres, St. Louis Union Station remains one of our nation's true architectural gems. Numerous places to grab a light lunch, but remember to save room for the Saturday night banquet. <http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/>



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## Things to do on your own

There's much to see and do in St. Louis. Your convention hosts can only give you a sampling of what St Louis has to offer.

➤ *To plan your own fun, visit “25 Things to do in St Louis”*  
<http://www.explorestlouis.com/visitors/25thingsOne.asp?pt=1>



## Useful info:

### ➤ *Cabs:*

Yellow Cab Company: Phone: (314) 993-TAXI

County Cab Company: Phone: (314) 991-5300

### ➤ *Area Hospitals:*

Missouri Baptist Medical Center  
3015 North Ballas Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63131  
(314) 996-5000

Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
One Barnes-Jewish Hospital Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 747-3000



### ➤ *Area Churches:*

Visit <http://www.stlouischurches.org/Category/West-St-Louis-MO-Churches/Des-Peres-MO-Churches-63131/>

Cathedral Basilica: <http://cathedralstl.org/site/>

or

[http://www.usachurch.com/missouri/st\\_louis/churches.htm](http://www.usachurch.com/missouri/st_louis/churches.htm) to search for churches by denomination.

## *RV parks*

<http://www.sundermeierrvpark.com/> (111 Transit St, Saint Charles, MO 63301-0949, **(800) 929-0832** ~ **Office: (636) 940-0111** 18 miles (23 minutes) from Hilton Frontenac

Scott AFB FamCamp RV Park: **(618) 256-2067**

<http://www.militarycampgrounds.us/milcamps/44-illinois/105-Scott-ABF-FamCamp> OR

<http://old.armymwr.com/portal/travel/paths/il.asp#ScottAFB>

37 miles (45 minutes) from Hilton Frontenac in Illinois

<http://www.stlouisrvpark.com/> \* 900 N Jefferson Ave. St. Louis, MO. 63106, **(800) 878-3330**  
or **(314) 241-3330** 12 miles (17 minutes) from Hilton Frontenac



**THE 35th ANNUAL AF COMM & ATC CONVENTION**

Hilton St Louis Frontenac

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
<b>EARLY CHECK-IN</b>	<b>\$85</b> per person if not previously paid	<b>Noon to 8 PM</b>	<b>CLAYTON BALLROOM OR HOTEL LOBBY</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Noon to Midnight</b>	<b>CLAYTON BALLROOM</b>
<b>ANNUAL BOARD MEETING</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>The Montmarte Room</b>

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Noon to Midnight</b>	<b>CLAYTON BALLROOM</b>
<b>REGISTRATION CHECK-IN</b>	<b>\$85</b> per person if not previously paid	<b>9 AM - 8 PM</b>	<b>HOTEL LOBBY</b>
<b>ANNUAL BOD MEETING</b>	<b>SEE Wednesday</b>	<b>NOON - 4 PM</b> <b>SEE Wednesday</b>	<b>MONTMARTE ROOM</b> <b>SEE Wednesday</b>
<b>SCOTT AFB/AFNIC/ATC TOUR</b>	<b>\$15</b> per person pay-as-you-go lunch	<b>10:45 AM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>SCOTT AFB/AFNIC/LUDWIG HERITAGE HALL/ATC Tower (LUNCH AT A SCOTT DINING FACILITY)</b>
<b>ST CHARLES SHOPPING TRIP</b>	<b>\$15</b> per person pay-as-you-go lunch	<b>10:45 AM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>HISTORIC MAIN STREET IN ST CHARLES; 125 ONE-OF-A-KIND SHOPS</b>
<b>ANNUAL PRAYER DINNER</b>	<b>\$26</b> per person	<b>6:00 - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>LE CAFÉ ROOM</b>
<b>HARRAH'S CASINO/DINNER TRIP</b>	<b>\$25</b> per person incl bus, dinner voucher & \$5 gaming coupon	<b>5:30 - 10:00 PM</b>	<b>HARRAH'S HOTEL &amp; CASINO MARYLAND HEIGHTS MO</b>

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
<b>GEN. FARMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>\$55</b> per player	<b>CAR POOL LEAVES 7 - 7:15 AM</b>	<b>Spencer T. Olin Golf Course Alton IL (Arnold Palmer-designed course)</b> <b>INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, AND LUNCH</b>



<b>REGISTRATION CHECK-IN</b>	<b>\$85 per person if not previously paid</b>	<b>9 AM – 8 PM</b>	<b>HOTEL LOBBY OR CLAYTON BALLROOM</b>
<b>CITY TOUR /RIVERBOAT CRUISE/ LUNCH ON “THE HILL”</b>	<b>\$50 per person INCLUDES BUS, LUNCH, &amp; CRUISE</b>	<b>Bus pickup 9:30 AM Return to Hotel approx 3:30 PM</b>	<b>DISCOVER ST LOUIS!</b> Explore the city’s most beloved neighborhoods; see Cathedral Basilica and Soldier’s Memorial; cruise on a riverboat; lunch at Favazza’s. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Bus limited to 53 persons. We need a sizable load for a second bus.</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>NOON TO MIDNIGHT</b>	<b>CLAYTON BALLROOM</b>
<b>TAKE A BUS DOWNTOWN TO “TASTE OF ST LOUIS”</b>	<b>\$15.00 per person</b>	<b>6 – 9 PM</b>	<b>Annual celebration of the best food, music and culture St Louis has to offer. 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; Market, downtown</b> <b>45 restaurants on Restaurant Row; menu items range from \$3 – \$7</b>
<b>Cyberspace Hall of Fame</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Seminar by Hank Sauer Hospitality Room</b>

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
<b>ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING/BREAKFAST</b>	<b>INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>7 AM – 11 AM</b>	<b>AMBASSADEUR 246 BREAKFAST 7 AM - 8:30 AM ONLY</b>
<b>UNION STATION SHOPPING TRIP</b>	<b>\$15 per person</b> <b>SIGN UP EARLY</b>	<b>11 AM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>A TRUE ARCHITECTURAL GEM and a shopper’s delight with 80+ shops and restaurants</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Noon – 4 PM After Banquet - ??</b>	<b>CLAYTON BALLROOM</b>
<b>CASH BAR AT ANNUAL BANQUET</b>	<b>PAY-AS-YOU-GO</b>	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>AMBASSADEUR 246</b>
<b>ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET</b>	<b>INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION or \$45 for Banquet Only</b>	<b>Be seated at 6:30 pm SHARP</b>	<b>AMBASSADEUR 246</b> <b>Remember to select entrees on Registration Form</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED IN FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>REOPENS AFTER BANQUET - ???</b>	<b>CLAYTON BALLROOM</b>

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
<b>FAREWELL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>7 AM – 10 AM (Restocked til 9:30 AM)</b>	<b>AMBASSADEUR 246</b>

**HOTEL CHECKOUT TIME IS 12 Noon**

## **2011 AF Comm & ATC Association 35<sup>th</sup> Convention/Reunion Menus**

### **Saturday Buffet Bkft**

**(7 AM - 8:30 AM)**

**(Ambassadeur 246)**

**Seasonal fresh fruit and berries  
Freshly baked danish, muffins and bagels  
Selection of dry cereals with milk  
Butter, cream cheese and fruit preserves  
Scrambled eggs with aged cheddar cheese  
Apple-wood smoked bacon  
Choice of sausage links or country ham  
Freshly baked biscuits with country gravy  
Roasted hash brown potatoes  
Southern grits with cheese  
Freshly brewed coffee and selection of teas  
Selection of fresh chilled juices**

### **Saturday Night Banquet**

**(6:30 PM)**

**(Ambassadeur 246)**

**Charlotte's house salad (spring greens with sliced Granny Smith apples, walnuts bleu cheese crumbles with raspberry vinaigrette)  
6 oz. beef filet  
or stuffed chicken breast with prosciutto, sage and fontina with marsala demi glace  
or grilled salmon with lemon caper reduction  
Garlic whipped potatoes  
Green beans  
Chocolate Lava Cake**

### **Sunday Get-Away Bkft**

**(7 AM - 10:00 AM - will be restocked till 9:30 AM) (Ambassadeur 246)**

**Continental Breakfast  
Seasonal fresh fruit and berries  
Freshly baked danish, breakfast breads, bagels  
Butter, cream cheese and fruit preserves  
Selection of dry cereals with milk  
Freshly brewed coffee and selection of teas  
Selection of fresh chilled juices**

### **Prayer Dinner - Buffet**

**(Thursday - 6 PM - 7:30 PM)**

**(Le Café Room)**

**Tossed salad with two dressings  
Grilled salmon with lemon caper beurre blanc  
Bowtie pasta with grilled chicken, broccoli, asparagus and tomatoes  
Penne pasta with meat sauce, mushrooms, onions and mozzarella  
Seasonal vegetables  
Garlic breadsticks  
Carrot cake and NY cheesecake  
Freshly brewed coffee and selection of teas  
(\$26 per person)**

**Come and enjoy "Friendship in the Company of Equals"**

**35<sup>th</sup> AF Comm & ATC Association Convention**  
**The Annual General Farman Golf Tournament**  
**Spencer T. Olin Golf Course**



Spencer T. Olin Golf Course was built to offer a number of scenic views of the surrounding countryside. It is about 30 minutes from downtown St. Louis in the 750-acre Gordon F. Moore Community Park. This nearly 7,000-yd. 18-hole championship layout challenges golfers of all skill levels. Arnold Palmer designed this course layout at the request of his life-long friend, Spencer T. Olin, founder of Olin Industries. Mr. Palmer's goal was to design a course challenging enough for the skilled golfer, yet enjoyable for the average golfer. Proving its high "Palmer" standards, Spencer T. Olin hosted the 1996 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Link Championship and the ESPN televised 1999 U.S. Men's Amateur Public Links Championship.

**The format will be captain's choice using the Callaway one round scoring system. A light lunch will be provided at the course.**

**Welcome to the 35th Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association General Farman Golf Tournament. Our goal is to have fun tempered by a little friendly competition.**

**Rules of play:**

The format will be medal play (each golfer plays their ball from the tee to the cup on each hole). The Callaway System will be used for scoring.

To speed up play no score over double par for a hole will be counted so if you reach double par pick up and start play again at the next hole.

One, no-cost mulligan may be used for the front nine and one for the back nine but not for prizes on the par threes or longest drive holes.

Closest to the pin holes are # 5, 8, 12, & 16

Longest drive and longest putt holes will be determined later.

A player is limited to **one prize for closest to the pin on par threes.**

Once you have finished play give your score card to Steve Manske.

**If playing golf, complete the Name Tag & Golf registration form, INCLUDE COSTS ON REGISTRATION FORM**

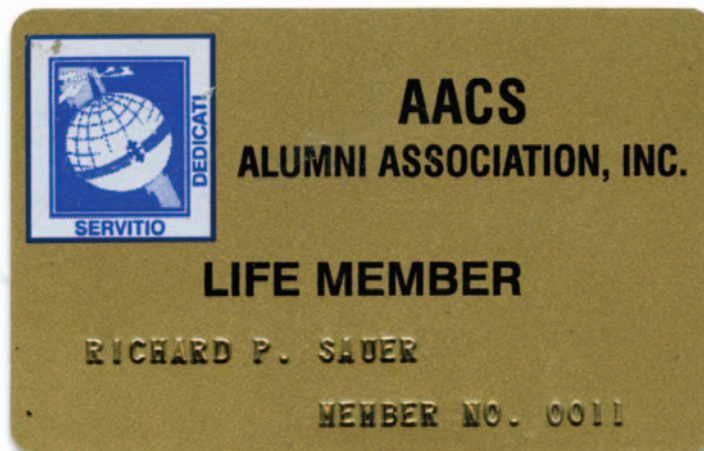
**The cost per-player is \$55 (includes green fee, cart and snack lunch)  
Car pools will leave the Hotel at 7 - 7:15 AM. First tee time will be 9 AM.  
If you are willing to provide a car pool vehicle, mark the Golf  
Registration form.**

**Driving time is 45 minutes from the hotel.**

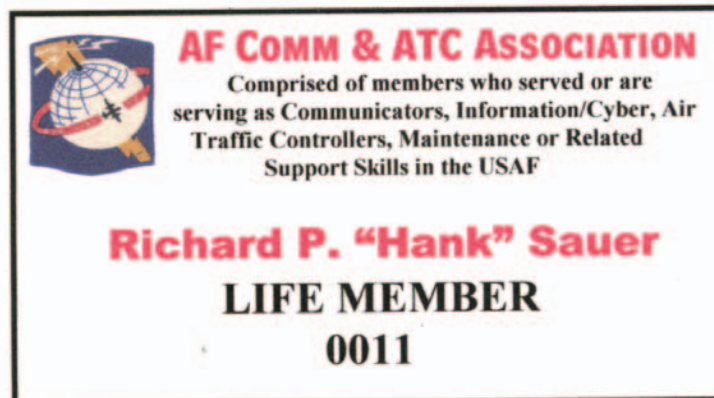
**Charles McGowan from Rookie to Chaplain**



## Association Life Member Cards



**Our original Life Member cards.**



**New Life Member cards**

### Correction to the November 2010 Communicator

**On PAGE 48. The name of the Member of the 139th AACS Sq who was with the 2nd group to land in Japan after WWII and set up the Kanoya radio site, should have been CECIL L. THOMASSON**

## Proposal to Host a Convention/Reunion

For potential convention/reunion hosts, the following are some of the minimum things that must be considered in order to Host one the Associations annual conventions/reunions:

- 1 A location that has a number of attractions to offer the majority of our members.
- 2 A major airport, easy Interstate access, golf courses, etc.
- 3 A hotel that can book 125-175 rooms, can seat up to 300-350 for breakfast and banquet and the Annual General Meeting.
- 4 Are there other association members locally that can assist the host.
- 5 Potential hosts must be computer literate (you need minimum skills to enter and retrieve convention information)

If a potential host feels that he/she can nominate a city that meets the above minimum requirements, he/she should contact the Executive Director (who is also the Chair of the Convention/Reunion Committee).



## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



### The House of Representatives

#### Citation

**Whereas**, The House of Representatives of Pennsylvania is always pleased to recognize those individuals who contribute in a meaningful way toward the well-being of their communities and ultimately to all the people of this great Commonwealth, and

**Whereas**, Lloyd K. Mosemann II is being honored upon his induction into the United States Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame, Class of 2010; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Mosemann is being recognized for his innovation, creativity and application of new technologies. Only the second civilian inducted into the Hall of Fame, he served in the United States Air Force for thirty-eight years before his retirement in 1996. During his tenure as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Communications, he was instrumental in the United States Air Force's integration of computers into its already robust command and control capability. Mr. Mosemann earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago, and he is listed in *Who's Who in the United States* and *Who's Who in the World*.

**Now therefore**, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates Lloyd K. Mosemann II upon his richly deserved recognition, heartily commends his exemplary record of service, leadership and achievements, in keeping with the highest ideals and traditions of this Commonwealth; offers best wishes for every future success and happiness;

**And directs** that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable John C. Bear on November 22, 2010, be transmitted to Lloyd K. Mosemann II, 257 Heatherstone Way, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601.



# MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

YOUR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED NO LATER THAN SEPT 1, 2011

**(COMPLETE THIS FORM EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY GOING TO THE BANQUET)**

Make hotel reservations via Frontenac Hilton web site: <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/STLFHHF-ATC-20110921/index.jhtml> or call 1-314-993-1100 direct or 1-800-321-3232 (Hilton)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Member Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_  
 1st Guest Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Guest First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_  
 2nd Guest Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Guest First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_  
 3rd Guest Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Guest First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_  
 4th Guest Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4th Guest First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: - - \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Convention - YES \_\_\_ Mode of Travel: Air \_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_ RV \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_  
 Staying at Hotel - YES \_\_\_ Date of Arrival: 9/21/2011 \_\_\_ 9/22/2011 \_\_\_ 9/23/2011 \_\_\_ 9/24/2011 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Below find all dinner, golf and tour costs as well as registration fee. Enter the number of people who will be participating in each event and total that amount. Add up the total due for all events, including registration fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$85 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only Fee\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*For Members or Guests attending only the Banquet and who did not pay a registration fee.*

Thursday, Sept 22, 2011 10:45 AM-4:30 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ Tour of Scott AFB/AFNIC  
 Thursday, Sept 22, 2011 10:45 AM-3:30 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ St Charles shopping trip  
 Thursday, Sept 22, 2011 6 PM – 7:30 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$26 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ Prayer Dinner Buffet  
 Thursday, Sept 22, 2011 5:30 - 10 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ Harrah's Casino/Dinner  
 Friday, Sept 23, 2011 7:00 AM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ Gen Farman Golf Tournament  
 Friday, Sept 23, 2011 9:30 AM-3:30 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ City tour, lunch & riverboat cruise  
 Friday, Sept 23, 2011 6 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ Transportation to "Taste of St Louis" downtown  
 Saturday, Sept 24, 2011 11 AM -3:30 PM Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 Per Person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 ↳ Union Station shopping trip

DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE CONVENTION: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 GRAND TOTAL: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Sept 24, 2011 SEATED BY 6:30 PM SHARP**  
 ANNUAL BANQUET MENU SELECTIONS (Indicate quantity for all attending banquet)  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Beef    2. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken    3. \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon    4. \_\_\_\_\_ Special diet (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: AF Comm & ATC Assoc 2011 (postmark no later than Sept 1 and send with all forms to):  
LORI MANSKE, 665 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Breese IL 62230 Phone: (618) 210-9573; E-mail: [manske5@charter.net](mailto:manske5@charter.net)

Name & phone number of emergency contact while you're at convention: \_\_\_\_\_

# Name Tag Form

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

**Member's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Spouse or Guest name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Favorite Comm unit, command or location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State of residence:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Is this your first convention? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_

## Example of Name Tag



## GOLF REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM

### Spencer T. Olin Golf Course

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male or Female** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name of player:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male or Female** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of player:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male or Female** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of player:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Handicap:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male or Female** \_\_\_\_\_

Club rentals are available at the course.

**Cost per player: \$55** (includes green fee, cart and a light lunch)

**Total amount of golfing dollars included on convention registration form \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Car pools will leave hotel lobby at 7 – 7:15 AM. First tee time: Approx 9 AM**

**Will you be willing to drive a car pool vehicle? Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_ **Drive time is about 40 minutes from hotel.**





## HAM REPORT

### Ham Report for November 2011

George Reeves has spoken with the Director of the Association and suggested that, with the low interest in the ham activities a "Ham Room" is going to be a waste of time and money the September 2010 convention/reunion. A table set aside for the hams in the Hospitality Room might serve as a place for hams to meet. Also, he will be trying to get someone to take over the post of "Ham Coordinator".

The Board of Directors voted to delete the requirement for a Ham Room at future conventions/reunions. We will continue to publish the radio frequencies until we know that there is no activity on the net.

If George Reeves cannot find a Ham Coordinator, and you want to volunteer for this position, please contact the Executive Director.



73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS AACs ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES				
BAND	FREQ	UTC TIME*	LOCAL TIME	DAY
National SSB				
20 M	14.287 mhz	1930/2030 hrs	1430 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
National CW				
20 M	14.061 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1200 CDT/ST	Sat
East Coast SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F
Notes:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local times remain but UTC time changes</li> </ul>				
The AACs Radio Coordinator is George Reeves, Jr., (WD4BMG). His email address is: <a href="mailto:WD4BMG@charter.net">WD4BMG@charter.net</a> All HAM/Radio news & questions should be coordinated With George.				



## A look back of George's WWII days !!!!

Dear Sir:

I am an 87 year old veteran of World War Two. In the final years of the war I was sent to Saipan and then on to the Marcus Island. During that time I had taken my old camera with me. All of my relatives stateside sent me film when they could buy it. After I took the pictures, I made a deal with the photo developers, who developed my pictures with those brought back by our bombers; and - the deal- they developed these pictures, keeping a copy for themselves.

Later I transferred these pictures into slides, sending copies to a couple of WWII museums. Then I transferred them into tapes and finally these CDs.

The first two or three pictures are of our assembly field in Kearns Utah from which we were sent overseas, via Portland, Oregon. The next set of pictures were taken on Marcus Island, where the Japanese surrendered, We were then first assigned to bring in their equipment and placed it in back of the bombed cement barracks. We used their control tower until we built our own ( you see both in the pictures)

Marcus Island was about a mile long and three-quarters of a mile wide- only a few feet above sea level. It had one miserable palm tree next to the bombed Japanese commander's building (note picture) and had these huge naval guns. Their Shinto Shrine contained small rubber bags of the slain cremated Japanese. The runway extended the whole length of the island. When the treaty was signed in Japan, several of our planes landed here at our "Marcus Airport." before going to Japan for the ceremony. We were there several months before I had enough points to return home.

The last set of pictures are of Saipan - where we first landed from Oregon. The set begins with maps I photographed in our control tower there. The permanent buildings were those built by the Japanese military. From Saipan I was then sent to Marcus. All the while we were over on the islands we were on detached service with the navy in their control towers.

I do not know if you want to use the pictures in your magazine, but I am sending you this CD. Maybe they should be stored somewhere. I have made several CDs for my grandchildren.

After my service time, I used my GI bill to go to Rutgers where I majored in English and German. I have been a college professor teaching both subjects - and this is my 62<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching. The college where I taught has a program in aviation and has a copy of this CD. If you want any information about any particular pictures, let me know.

I often wonder if any of my fellow companions are still living.

I have enjoyed your magazine and the articles written by the many veterans.

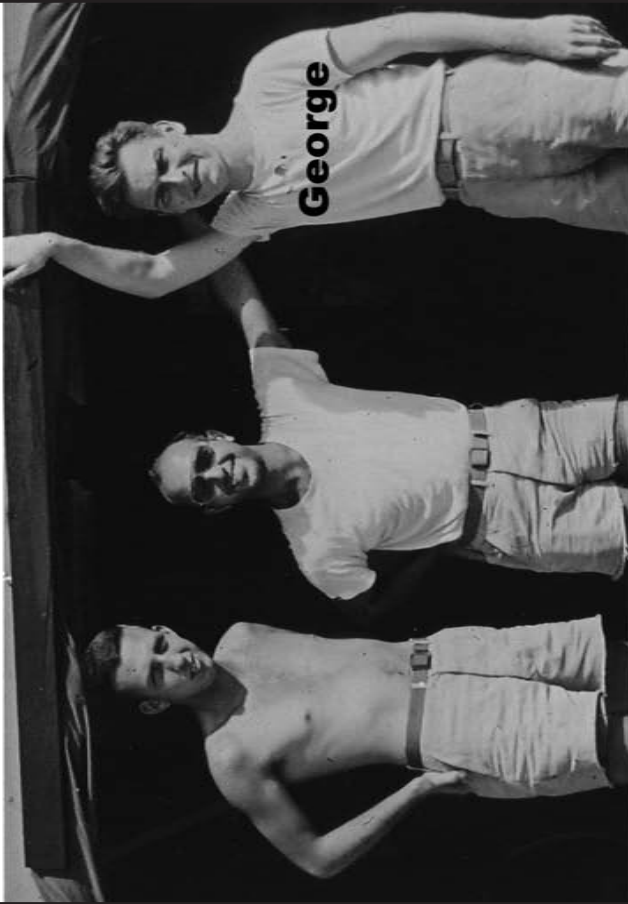
Sincerely yours,

*George W Ingenbrandt*  
George W Ingenbrandt

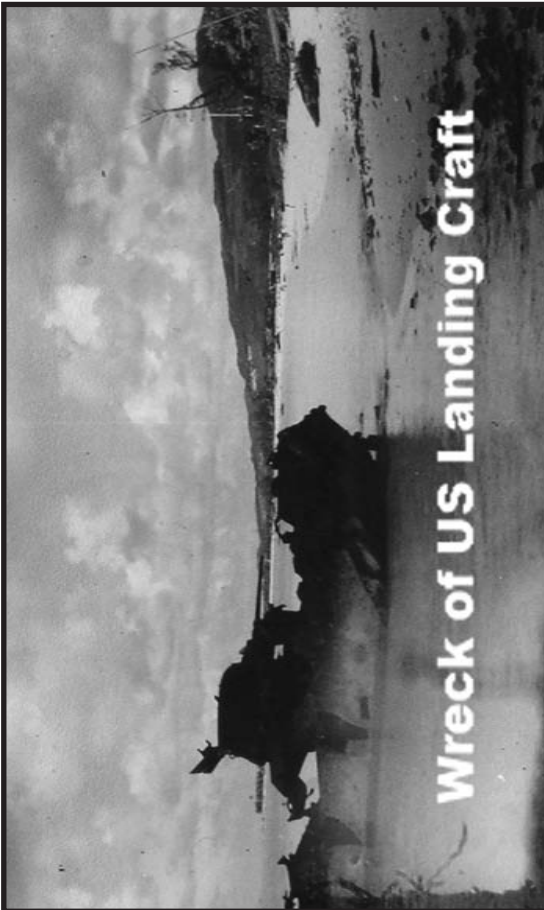
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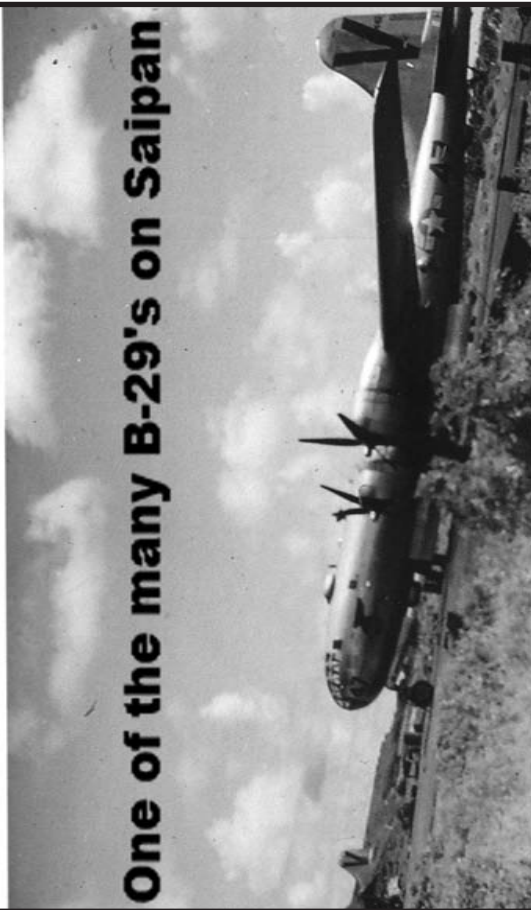
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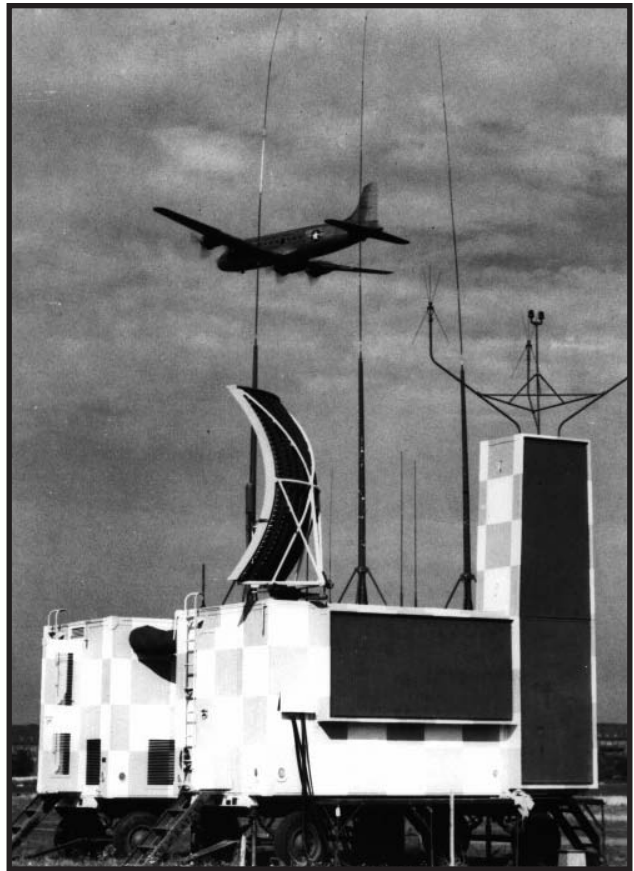
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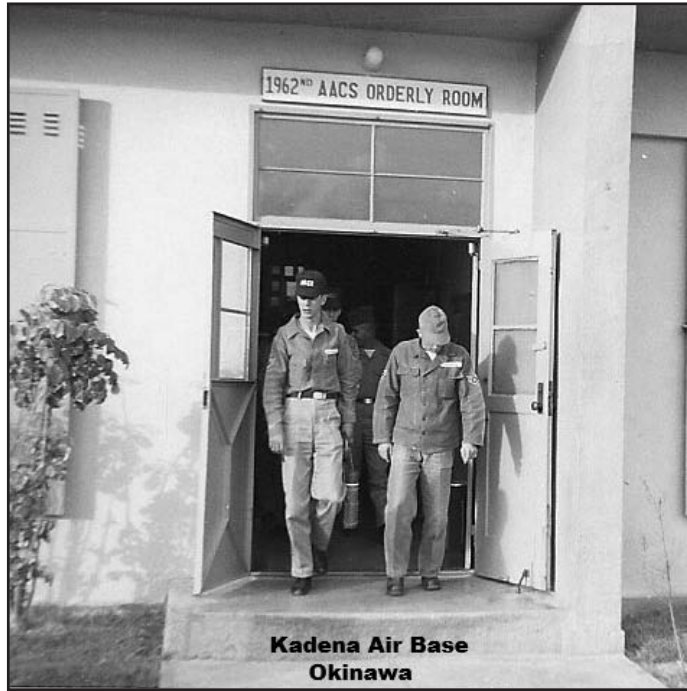


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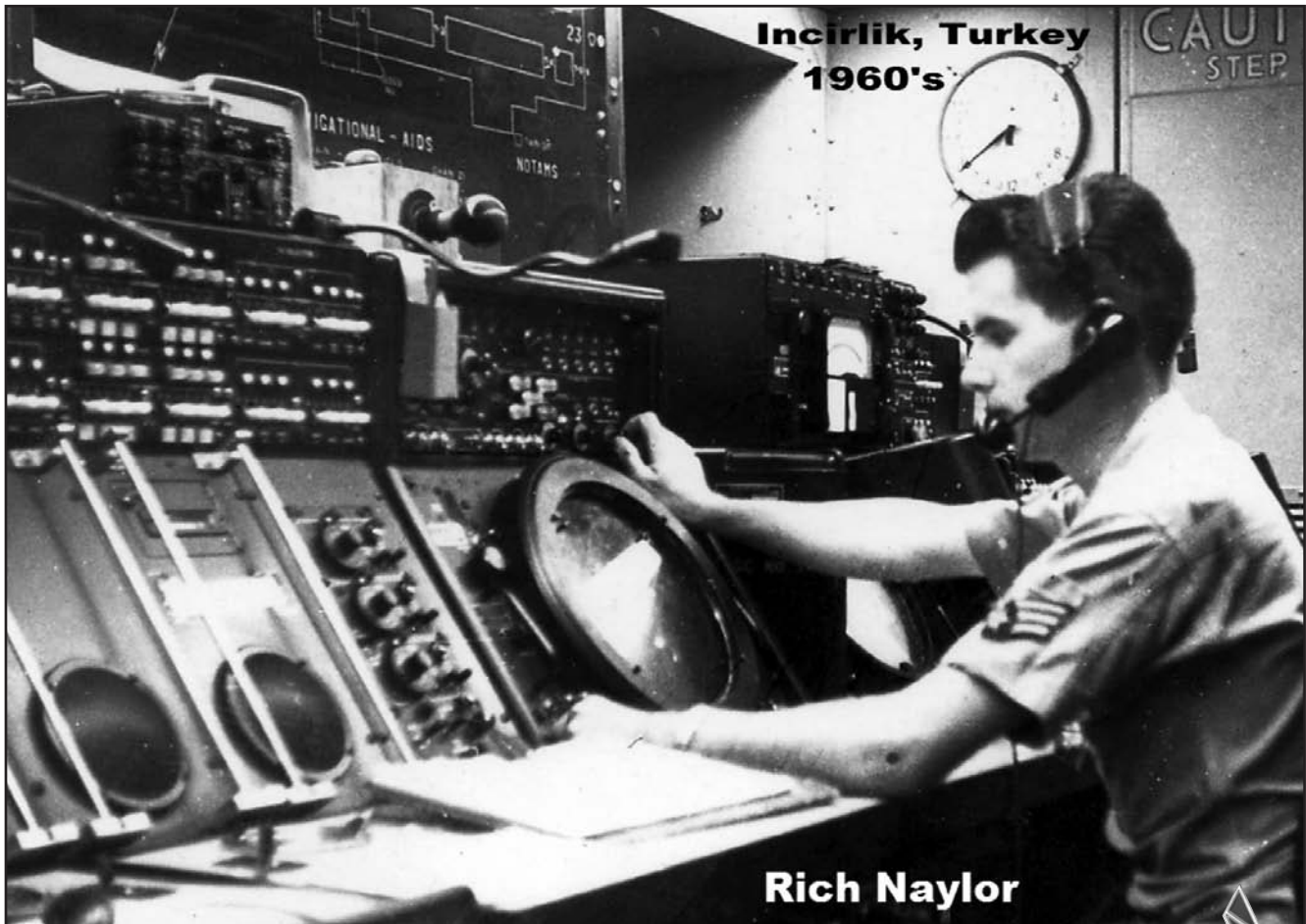


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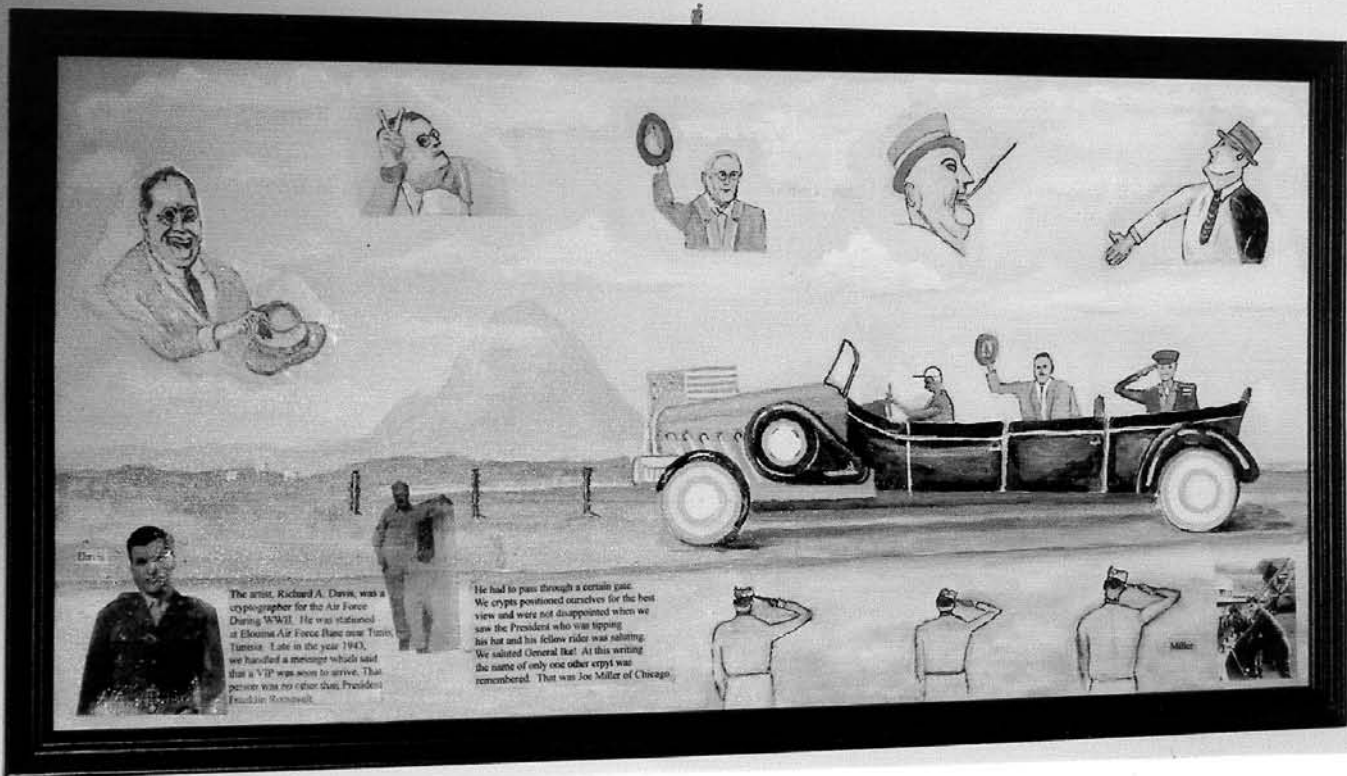


**Kadena Air Base  
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**Rich Naylor**



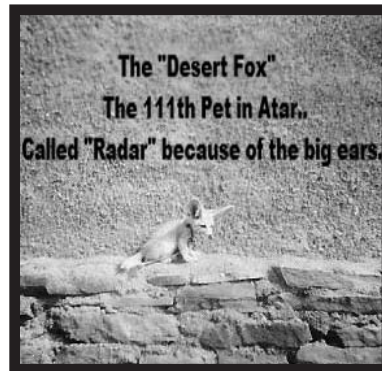
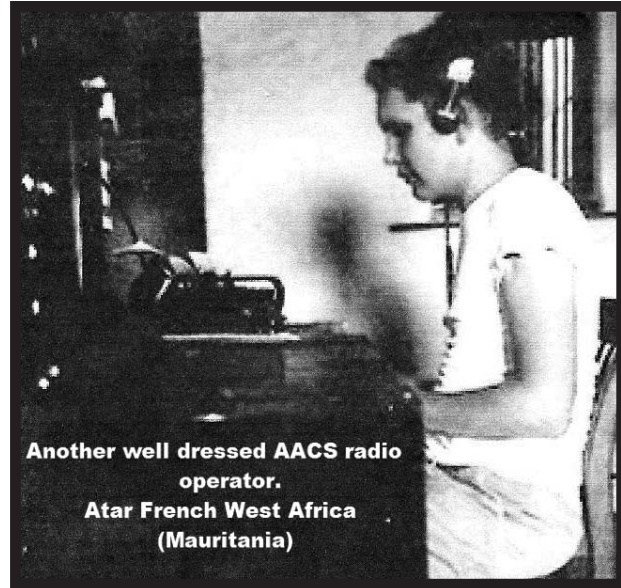


The artist, Richard A. Davis was a cryptographer for the air force during WWII. He was stationed at El Aouina Air Force Base near Tunis, Tunisia. Late in the year 1943, we handled a message which said that a VIP was soon to arrive. That person was no one other than Franklin D. Roosevelt.

He had to pass through a certain gate. We cryptos positioned ourselves for the best view and we were not disappointed when we saw the President tipping his hat and his fellow rider was saluting. We saluted General Ike! At this writing the name of only one other crypt was remembered. That was Joe Miller of Chicago!

**Submitted by "Dick" Davis of  
Oxnard, California**

## BILL BLEDSOE (111TH AACS SQ) LOOKS BACK

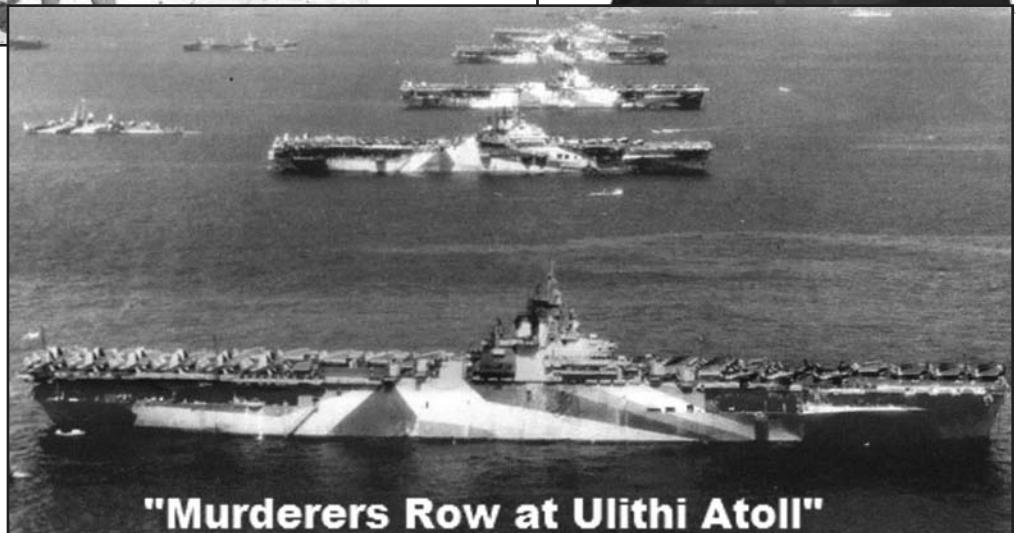
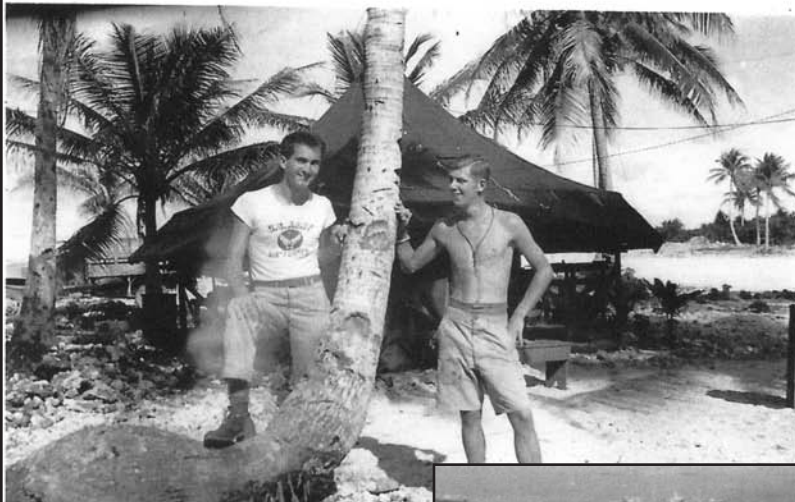


# AACS

Now Hear This ! **"From our Otto Jensen"**

During WW-2 the Ulithi Atoll was one of the largest fleet anchorages in the Pacific. It was a top secret Allied base which had as many as 15 allied aircraft carriers and support ships at its base.

Otto Jensen of the US Army Air Force was stationed at a Radio Range station on the island of Falalop for many months during WW-2. ( a USAAF manned base for aircraft control). Many years later while looking up some info on the internet He found out some startling info about two Jap Monster Subs 400 ft long and 40 ft high ,capable of housing two or three aircraft ,which could be launched at sea. The Mission they were assigned to was to drop chemical, plague & bacteria on such places as the Panama Canal & the Ulithi Anchorages. As the Atom Bomb helped end the war in the Pacific, and the Japs gave up, two Honorable Jap Commanders of the Subs surrendered, this resulted in the saving of many lives. This info was discovered by the University of Hawaii during a diving investigation many years later.



**"Murderers Row at Ulithi Atoll"**



# Mission accomplished

## Veterans get long-sought health clinic at NUMC

By MIKE CAPUTO

It seemed as if something always stood in the way of local veterans and their quest for a new health clinic at the Nassau University Medical Center.

Their wish came true last week, as the Nassau County Legislature voted on a lease agreement that authorized the move of the Veterans Administration community clinic from an aging Plainview office to a new home at the NUMC in East Meadow.

At first, politics on almost every level was a major barrier for the veterans to jump. Petitions were signed, and trips were even made to Washington, D.C. to speak with members of Congress.

"Back then there seemed to be a lesser effort toward spending for veterans services," said Al Covino, a past commander for the East Meadow VFW Post No. 2736.

Local veterans desired the NUMC as the new home of its clinic because of its central location and the ability to provide emergency services when necessary.

A decade-long effort was temporarily abandoned by the veterans in the mid-90s. After a year or two without any movement on the project, Post No. 2736 leadership relaunched the effort.

During the second go-around, there were at least some politicians listening with interest. But it was county Legislator Norma Gonsalves, the veterans said, who worked hand-in-hand with post leadership until the vision came to fruition last week.

Leading that endeavor was current Post Commander Sal Pellegrino, who had one wish.

"I wanted to see this place before I died," he said.

**'We never threw in the towel. I think they were shocked.'**

**SAL PELLEGRINO**  
Commander, VFW Post No. 2736



Courtesy Nassau County Legislature

**MEMBERS OF VFW POST NO. 2736 CELEBRATED** the approval of a new health clinic for veterans at the Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow. Joining Legislator Norma Gonsalves was, from left, Otto H. Jensen, Steven Gismondi, Commander Salvatore Pellegrino, Robert E. Herrmann and Albert Lusardi.

The second effort that began in the '90s took another 10 years to progress, as Gonsalves secured important funds last year and the Northport-based V.A. signed on earlier this summer.

"We never threw in the towel," Pellegrino said. "I think they were shocked."

He said that in addition to a political stalemate on both the local and federal fronts, there had been disinterest on the part of past hospital administrations. Pellegrino said Arthur Gianelli, who became president and CEO of the Nassau Health Care Corporation in 2006, continually showed an interest and played an instrumental role in the process.

The NUMC will host the veterans clinic in an 11,000 square-foot space in Building Q. There will also be sufficient on-site parking available for the veterans. The Plainview clinic, used primarily by veterans for preliminary consultation and prescription of medication, is 5,000 square feet.

When it comes to urgent matters, the sole option for East Meadow veterans in need of health-care is to travel 35 miles to the Northport V.A. Medical Center in Suffolk County. Having a new home in East Meadow significantly cuts down on

that travel, not only for those who live in the community. The clinic also would operate on the same property as a center for healthcare that includes emergency services if a veteran was in need.

"In an emergency, you can get stabilized [at NUMC] and then transported to the Northport hospital," said Otto Jensen, also a former post commander.

Construction on the clinic has begun, as NUMC officials aim to open the facility next winter.

"Hopefully everyone is aware of it and uses the services that it provides to veterans," Covino said.

While senior veterans from World War II and the Korean War plan on utilizing an expanded and increasingly accessible medical center, Pellegrino explained that the clinic will provide much-needed services to the soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The clinic is not for me, and it's not for him," Pellegrino said while pointing at Covino. "It's for the younger generation."

Comments about this story? [MCaputo@litheraid.com](mailto:MCaputo@litheraid.com) or (516) 569-4000 ext. 287.

## Hail Columbia!

As an Air Force Airman assigned to the 2045th Comm. Group, I was selected for duty to the White House Communications Agency. I reported for duty in January 1980. After months of training and testing I was awarded the position of Presidential Communicator; operating the tactical switchboard and radio network for the President, Vice President, Secret Service, and the Senior White House staff. I arrived early for work on the morning of April 12, 1981 and went to the break area to witness the history making first launch of the Columbia Space Shuttle which occurred at 7:00:03 a.m. EST. After watching the liftoff, losing sight of the shuttle, then seeing a streak of light racing to the stars I was called to the morning briefing. I was assigned to the Special Operator position and my duty was to respond quickly to the President, VP, & Senior WH staff, patching calls by telephone or radio anywhere in the world. At 0712 Vice President George H. W. Bush called from his car-phone and wanted to speak to the crew of the space shuttle Columbia. He instructed me that he wanted to take the call in his office and would arrive in 10 minutes. I responded to the Vice President like he had asked me to call his chief of staff not having a clue how to make the call. How do you call a spacecraft? I asked my supervisor and he didn't have a clue either. Being born and raised around Washington DC with a family working within NASA I knew Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt Maryland was a communications tracking facility. With approval from my supervisor I called the commercial number in the public phonebook and told them who I was, what I wanted, and if they could help. The next thing I knew I'm patched to the Pilot of the space shuttle Columbia, Robert Crippen. It happened so fast we had 5 minutes to spare so I asked NASA and the Pilot if they could hold the line for 5 minutes. NASA responded by saying sure no problem. With that, Pilot Crippen asked if we could patch some music up to them while they waited, I said sure and patched country music up to the space shuttle. On an earlier trip with the President to Cleveland, Ohio I discovered a radio station with country music that you could dial into and get their broadcast. I'm sure that was a first. Anyway when the Vice President picked up his office phone I had to drop the music patch, answer the Vice President, and introduce the Space Shuttle crew. Easy huh, not when making the introductions the Pilot interrupted thanking me for the music and the VP is wondering, what music? I didn't respond to Pilot Robert Crippen but instead re-introduced the crew and assured the Vice President the crew was on the line. The Vice President spoke to the crew, congratulated them for a successful launch, and wished them Godspeed (from one Veteran pilot to another in my humble opinion). In the first 20 minutes of my shift I made communications history by making the first phone call to a space shuttle for the Vice President of the United States and providing music for the space shuttle crew.

Wm. Larry Bethea, Jr.

Sgt U.S. Air Force Veteran 1978-1982





**2011 BOD Meeting**  
**(Meeting will be held in the MONTMARTE Room)**  
**35th Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2011 6:30 PM - ?**



**Tentative Agenda**

- \*Old Business**
- \*New Business**
- \* Board Member Reports**
- \*2011 Budget Review and Approval**
- \*Income/Expense-12 Month Review**
- \*Review and Approve Cost Reductions/Increases as appropriate.**
- \*Donations Review**
- \*2012 Convention Location/Host**

**Award Nominations:**

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

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

**A light meal is included for the Board of Directors.**

**Because of the interest for Board Members to go on the Scott AFB Tour on Thursday, the annual Board of Directors meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday night. Members who are in the Hotel on Wednesday are welcome to attend the meeting after 7:30 PM. Please remember that when formal votes are being held, non-board members are asked to leave.**

**Board members are asked to be prepared on the subjects to be addressed as discussions will be limited prior to actual votes.**

# New Member Listing Since the Nov 2010 Communicator

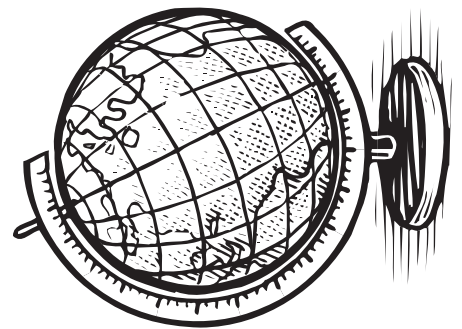
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BARNHART	1112-JAMES	HANSFORD@FLASH.NET	1ST COMBAT	64-68	RADIO RELAY	5612 NW 111 ST	OKLAHOMA	OK	73162-3515
BLEDSE	0213-BILLY	MARYANDBILLY1@CO	AACS, 11TH,	44-46	AIRCRAFT POINT	1707 WESTCHESTER	FT COLLINS	CO	80525-2980
BROWN	CLYDE	CLYDEBFROWN7569@Y	1230 AACS, 1978	56-69	RADIO OPERATOR,	718 LARA RD	NORMAL	IL	61761-4092
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LEM	LM-FRANK	FSLEM@HOTMAIL.COM	234CCS,	72-00	GROUND RADIO	2850 AETNA WAY	SAN JOSE	CA	95121-2301
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SCHIRMER	0113-JACK	DDACE99@OTELCO.NET	1232 AACCS,	56-60	AIR TRAFFIC	126 MCDERMONT RD	UNION GROVE	AL	35175
SMITH III	LM-ELDON	lorines@smithfamily.net.us	ADC, SAC, NSA	91-11	SPACE	330 NATUREWALK	PASADENA	MD	21122-1179
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SWIETEK	0313-PAUL	1966lincnl@mchsi.com	AFCC, AFNIC,	93-	MARS	5427 E. BROADWAY	APACHE	AZ	85119
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THOMPSON	1112-CHAR	cthom91545@aol.com	AACS, SUWON	46-53	GCA MAINTENANCE	1216 APPLEGROVE RD	MELBOURNE	FL	32901-2804
VONHOF	0213-GEORGE	GVONHOF@VERIZON.	1946 AACCS, 1945	55-58	AIR TRAFFIC	1615 JILL ROAD	WILLOW GROVE PA		19090-4230
WARD	LM-RICH	rward6170@sbcglobal.net	HQ AFCC,	66-91	AIR TRAFFIC	204 HENERETTA DR	HURST	TX	76054-2224
WHITE	1112-RICH	RAWPAINTER@PEOPL	3709MTW, 3385	57-61	AIR TRAFFIC	4790 TALL TREE LANE	HAZELWOOD	MO	63042

# AACS





Last year, during the Bavarian dinner, Martha and I were seated with Bill Bethea and his wife. The discussions revolved around many subjects and the POW CEREMONY came up. I told Bill I enjoyed this item on the banquet agenda, as I had known a number of individuals who had endured this deprivation and sympathized with them. I mentioned a person with whom I had served about 60 years ago. As Bill was going to be one of the hosts of this years reunion, I said, if he and the other hosts approved, I would tell this story as the lead in to the POW CEREMONY. This individual was an AACS member at the time I knew him. This should make his story appropriate for this gathering. Has anybody here known a troop by the name of WILD BILL BEGLEY? He is the person I am going to talk about. Throughout the first six months of 1951, Bill, and his middle name was Bill, and I were attending the Advance Radio Repair, Ground Equipment course at Scott AFB. During the course of the school, we all shared our past experiences. Bill had by far the most intriguing story of all. He had enlisted some time before WWII. He had been assigned to a pursuit sqdn and proceeded to do his boot camp in the sqdn to which he was assigned. Now Bill, if you hadn't assumed by now, was American Indian. He had enlisted with some of his friends and they were now ready for OJT on some skill needed in the unit. This was before HR People. The First Serg would have them line up alphabetically by rank (pvt) and then he would have them come by his table, state their name, rank and what field they wanted to train in. With Bill, it was Wild Bill Begley, I want to be a radioman. The First Sarg became upset because Bill used his middle name. When things cooled off, he accepted Bill. Next in line was Buffalo Bill Cody. It was not a good day for the first shirt. Things rocked along and the unit was shipped overseas. They arrived in Manila, PI in Nov of 1941. You know what happened Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Their planes had not arrived, so along with several other AAF units they were formed into provisional infantry regiments under the command of an infantry officer. From there, they were first placed in the lines defending the approaches to Bataan, and then in the defense lines on Bataan. When the troops on the peninsula surrendered, his unit was separated from the rest of the force, and for awhile fought as guerillas. They thus missed the death march. However, with their





limited knowledge of the area and lack of support, they soon became a group of starving, weak and unarmed men. They then began to look for survival opportunities. They were pretty desperate by this time. They came on this group of American prisoners who were on a detail under guard. The officer in command of Bills small unit was able to recognize the Japanese officer in charge of the guard detail. They had been classmates at a college in the States before the war. He was able to work into a position where he could talk to the Jap without being seen. After describing their predicament, the Jap told him to wait until they started back to camp and just fall in with his detail. They were losing prisoners all the time and would not be noticed. And that is how he became a POW. Now I have no details of his imprisonment so we can only surmise the misery he went through. I was telling his story to a friend of mine and said it is a strange tale and I really find it hard to believe. This friend of mine, a WWII vet told me, there are many strange things that come out of a war and most of them are believable. A few days after I had told this story I was digging through some of my old papers and ran across this SO copy. Lo and behold, Bill and I were on this set of SO. We were shipping out of Scott, he to Reese AFB, and I to Ellington. In 1951 the Hq's publishing orders included data not included in later orders. Here is where I began to put some hard facts to Bill's history. Bill's serial number 19051934, tells me he enlisted not too long after the changeover from the seven digit numbers issued since WW1 to the eight numbers with corps area numbers the second digit. Bill came from the western part of the country and had a low sequential number. The other keys on the orders were his date returned to ZI, 28 Oct 1945, and his foreign service credits-47. This indicated Bill had spent 47 months overseas and had returned 28 Oct 45. I attempted to query the personnel records system to add documentation to this, but got an answer that his records like a lot of ours, were burned up in the fire that destroyed the St Louis Center. I then pulled a history of the loss of the Philippines, published by the US Army, from my local library. It verified the facts that several AAF units had arrived before Dec 7<sup>th</sup> without their aircraft. The need for manpower, necessitated that these personnel be used as infantry. In the text, and on a number of maps, provisional AAF infantry units were identified. I can only state that what Bill told me 60 years ago is true. We have at least one AACCS brother that we honor here tonight. There are undoubtedly many others. We may hear of those at later reunions.

Thank you **Robert "Bob" Spence**



**"A long look back"  
(before any of us saw Lindsey in later years)**

*Welcome*

**CMSgt (Ret) "Walt" McLain**

**Mar 5, 1992**

Lindsey Air Station

Wiesbaden, Germany

*"The Oldest Military Installation in the United States Air Force"*

This is a photograph of Lindsey Air Station taken in 1912. These buildings were first used as part of a German garrison hospital complex from 1912-1918. The picture is made from a postcard sent by a patient in the hospital, with a postmark of 26 August 1915. The building on the extreme right was bombed in 1945 by the U.S. Army Air Corps and today is a parking lot located by the backgate, where Lucas Avenue exits onto Homburger Strasse.

The center building now houses the Defense Reutilization Marketing Region-Europe and the far left building is the base chapel. The cobbled street remains, buried under the pavement.

**CMSgt Steve Beckman  
Senior Enlisted Advisor**



**Lindsey Air Station**

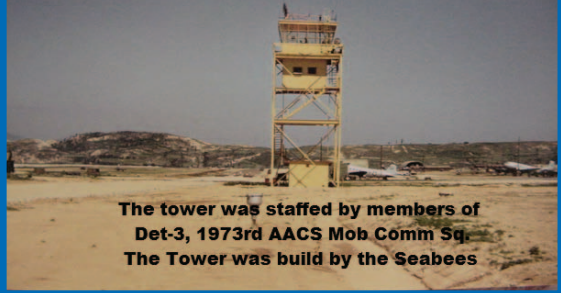
**Wiesbaden, Germany**

**1912**





K-3, PoHang, Korea (1953)  
1st Marine Air Wing



The tower was staffed by members of  
Det-3, 1973rd AACCS Mob Comm Sq.  
The Tower was built by the Seabees

**Lt Col Mike "Groucho" Callender**  
**Airfield Operations Flight Commander**  
**Joint Base Balad in Iraq.**



**Mike Norin is better dressed than in past Communicator Issues, but is still the "magnet" that gets the GIRLS !!!!!**



If anyone knows who this is.....contact [fchivers@pldi.net](mailto:fchivers@pldi.net)  
K-3 Tower Korea 1953



## 86TH Comm Sq Does it Again

For the 2nd year in a row, the "King Comm" team from Ramstein won the USAFE FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. There were 12 spouses present and you can see the son (Grant) of Lt Col Steven Sweeney reaching to touch the trophy.



### The 86th CS, Ramstein, Germany "KING COMM"

11/15/2010 CAMP DARBY, Italy- For the second year in a row the 86th Communication Squadron from Ramstein, Germany has won the title of USAFE Flag Football champions. In what looked almost like last year's lineup and scores, Kingcomm beat out nine other teams to go up against 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron out of Spangdahlem, Germany in the finals.

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

Effective Oct 1, 2009, some prices were raised due to postal increases

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_____	Deluxe AACS <u>Embroidered</u> Pin-on Patch @ \$12.50	_____
_____	<b>NEW AFCOMMATC CHALLENGE COIN @ \$7.00 each</b>	_____
_____	Metal AACS Lapel Pin @ \$5.00	_____
_____	Deluxe AACS <u>Embroidered</u> Logo Hat @ \$13.00 (Blue Only)	_____
_____	Deluxe AFCOMMATC <u>Embroidered</u> Logo Hat @ \$13.00 (Blue Only)	_____
_____	<b>New White "T" Shirts with AACS Original Logo @ \$17.00</b> <b>Lady sizes only: M_____ L_____ XL_____</b>	_____
_____	AACS <u>Embroidered</u> Logo Golf Shirts @ \$28.00 Blue _____ (Sizes: S_____XL_____XXL_____) <b>No Medium</b> White _____ (Sizes: S_____M_____L_____XL_____XXL_____)	_____
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**GRAND TOTAL**..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**WE WILL NO LONGER STOCK AACS ITEMS WHEN ITEMS ARE GONE.**

## PX/BX ITEMS

See PX/BX ORDER form on page 60 for prices, sizes and colors.

The AF Comm & ATC Wind Shirt is not shown, but it's the same as the AACCS WS with a new patch.

New AF COMM & ATC COINS are in STOCK

New Challenge Coin



**AFComm/ATC HAT**



**AFCommATC SHIRT**



**AF CommATC SHIRT**



### AACCS ITEMS

**Deluxe Patch**



**Original Patch**



**Command Patch**



**AACCS Pin**



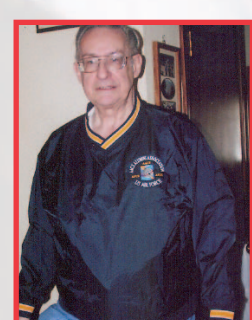
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# **AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION** **(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association)**

## **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 ATC Enlisted Manager and Communications/Information Professionals of the year as selected by the Air Force. Make charitable contributions to worthy veteran organizations or related causes. Of significant importance is to manage our Association to be a viable Association 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 are we ?**

**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. In 2009, AFCA was renamed the "Air Force Integration Center" and placed under the AF Space Command along with the newly created 24th Air Force (for Cyber functions). 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/cyber/air traffic control and support skills regardless of what Major or Joint Command an individual served in, including today's active duty personnel.**

**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 many General Officers, both active and retired.**



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