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(see address on Page 2)**

**This increase is needed because  
of the loss of active members  
and a significant reduction in  
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**Our Goal: Each member  
recruits at least 1 new  
member each year.**

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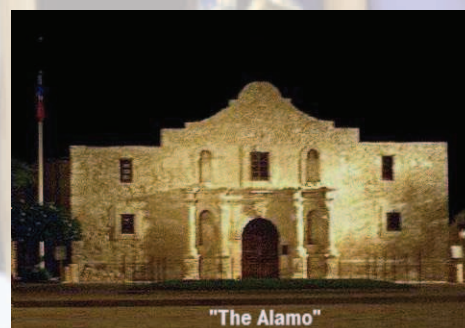
**San Antonio, Texas  
“The St. Anthony’s  
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**Sept 19 - Sept 23  
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**2012 Hosts  
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**2012 Air Force Cyberspace Hall of Fame**  
(Formerly called the "Communications/Information" Hall of Fame)

**The following individuals were inducted  
into The Hall of Fame - Class of 2012**



**Maj. General Dale Meyerrose**



**Brig. General Bruce J. Bohn**



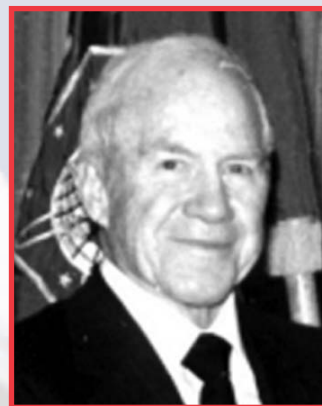
**Brig. General Avon James**



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**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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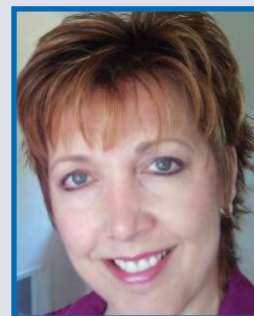
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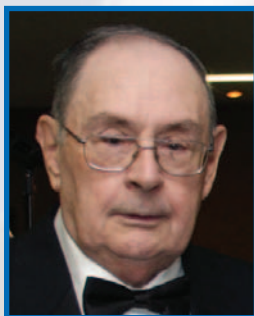
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**The 36th AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association  
ANNUAL CONVENTION/REUNION**

**WHERE: St. Anthony's Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas**

**WHEN: September 19 - 23, 2012**

**HOSTS**

**David & Cheryl Kovach**



**SEE: Information and forms starting on page 24**

**Please sign up early as San Antonio is a "vacation destination"**

**Visit [www.thestanthonyhotel.com](http://www.thestanthonyhotel.com) and see what the hotel looks like!**

**Come and make new friendships and renew old ones. Remember that you will enjoy  
"Fellowship in the Company of Equals"**

**Reunion Helpers Needed !!**

**If you want to Volunteer to work the Registration Table,  
Make Hospitality Room "booze" runs or help with the  
PX/BX sales during the 2012 San Antonio Reunion, Please contact:  
Dave Kovach, Reunion Host (email and phone number on  
bottom of registration form on page 33.)**

# PLAN NOW TO MEET US IN SAN ANTONIO IN SEPTEMBER 2012



## **New Brigadier General**

**Colonel Kevin B. Wooton, Commander of the 67th Network Warfare Wing (NWW), Lackland AFB, Texas has been nominated by the President in December 2011 for promotion. The 67th NWW is under the 24th Air Force and is the newest combat wing. Its mission is to operate, manage and defend global Air Force Networks. The Wing also trains and readies Airmen to execute computer network exploitation and attack.**



## **Lt. General Michael Basla, new Chief of Warfighting Integration (SAF/XC)**

**Lt. General Michael Basla is scheduled to replace Lt. General William Lord (who is retiring) as the SAF/XC & A6-CIO in June 2012. General Basla was the Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command. We wish General Lord continued success in his new endeavors and much success to General Basla in his new position.**





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



**While September may seem like a long way off when we're surrounded by cherry blossoms and tulips here in the Washington, DC area, Dave and Cheryl Kovach have been putting together a fabulous program for this year's reunion in San Antonio. Check out the details in this issue and make your reservations early! I'd like to encourage each member to not only plan to attend, but to sign up a friend as well. Those who have attended one of the conventions/reunions are well aware of the fun, fellowship, and camaraderie that enjoy each year, but there are lots of members of the Comm and Air Traffic Control communities that haven't yet enjoyed one of our get-togethers. What could be a better time than**

**now to join in? Most anyone associated with the Air Force has cycled through San Antonio - if only TDY - and knows how much the city has to offer. Adding to that, our reunion site, the St. Anthony's Riverwalk Hotel, is located in the heart of the city - no need to take a taxi or car ride to be strolling down the Riverwalk. So, call your friends and tell them to block out 19 - 23 September on their calendars and plan on meeting you at this year's reunion. It will truly be a special gathering by a special group.**

**Speaking of our special group, we're blessed to have a very dedicated Board of Directors that works behind the scenes to take care of the day-to-day functioning of the Association. But this is your organization, so if you would like to serve on a committee or just have some good ideas on how we could make the Association a little bit better, please let me know. Fresh perspectives and fresh ideas are always welcome.**

**I'd like to close with a few words about today's Air Force. It's different than the Air Force many of us grew up with. The operative terms today include such things as "cyberspace" - a broad term that encompasses computers, networks, and information technologies as a separate domain for our fighting Air Force. We not only have to prepare ourselves for combat in air and space, but also in the "virtual world" of computer networks. It's pretty heady stuff, but at the forefront of what our current day communicators - our "cyber warriors" do. At the heart of it all our young airmen carry out the cyber mission with the same commitment to the mission that we remember from days gone by. While the equipment and organizational structures may change, the soul of our communications and air traffic community lives on in a professional and dedicated force from a new generation. Our legacy is in good hands.**

**So come to the reunion and enjoy time with your friends and fellow comm and ATC'ers while hearing a bit about the Air Force of today (and tomorrow!).  
See you in San Antonio!**

**Doug Donnell  
Executive Director**





## Missed Roll Call (Since the November 2011 Communicator)



**Entwisle, Harry S**

**Hearn, John R.**

**Gallman, Ray L.**

**Gamble, James R.**

**Mock, Shellie**

**Morrissey, William E.**

**Rasmussen, Earl F.**



### My Last Parade

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

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

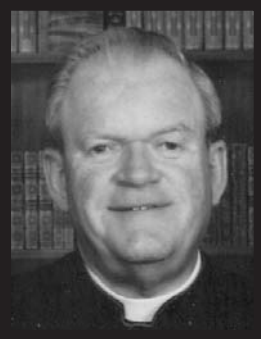
A lifetime of service passes in review  
As many good friends and exotic places too.  
As the waning sunlight begins to fade  
With martial music my last parade.

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

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

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

## The Chaplain's Corner



**A priest in an eastern parish once told of a woman who used to sit on the south side of their church balcony, right beside the thermostat. In every service she insisted on having the thermostat set to her personal needs. But she never was satisfied; the heat or air conditioning never was right for her. Finally the vestry even spoke of disconnecting that thermostat and putting in a working one somewhere else just to get rid of the problem. But it proved to be too expensive. The lady also complained about the music; this hymn was too fast, that one too slow. If a theological sermon was preached it was "too intellectual." If a contemporary theme was the subject, it was "too modernistic." Periodically she pulled her kids out of Sunday School because of what the teachers said or didn't say. No matter what the priest said or did, it never seemed to satisfy. Then one day while the priest was visiting at her home, the woman relaxed her guard and told him she had a**

**severely handicapped child whom she kept secreted away out of guilt and embarrassment. This made her very defensive about everything else and she was planting one bad seed after another. What's more, she had been sexually active before marriage and had been told that God had given her this badly deformed baby as punishment for her fornication. So the lady had lost her self-respect. She then projected all her guilt and anger and frustration on every safe target in her life--including her church family. Once she had shared this secret, she made her confession and received absolution from the bad seeds in her life. She became a changed woman--and never complained or criticized anyone after that. Jesus offers that kind of freedom to all who are sincere in their asking. We Christians are not called by God to identify the good and the bad seeds in Church--for we never know what lies deep within another person's life. We are, however, commanded to evaluate people others by the fruit they bear, but never to try to get involved in final judgments. The difference I call judgment to evaluation, and judgment to condemnation. We need to exercise the first, but never the second. The two key passages are: "By their fruit you shall know them," and "Judge not, that ye be judged." Next time you encounter someone who complains a lot, keep in mind there may be some bad seeds inside, try to listen with empathy, then pray for them. We could be an instrument of change for the better, and what a privilege that would be!**

**Fr. Donald Seeks**

**Years of Election  
For Board of Directors**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
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<b>VICE DIRECTOR</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SEC</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR FOR INFO</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>SERGEANT AT ARMS</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
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<b>DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>"</b>				
<b>EDITOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>"</b>				

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**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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Please contact Hank Sauer and photos with names will be republished.



## EDITOR-PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

### THE COST OF THE JUNE 2011 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

**AS OF: November 16, 2011**

Printing, labeling, shipping (2,200 copies).....	\$2960.00
Layout/Draft/Conversion.....	600.00
P.O. Bulk Mail charges (approx 2,140 mailed).....	858.75
Overseas Mail & New or Renewals .....	19.33
Annual PO Permit 189 Fee.....	190.00

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It cost the Association approximately \$2.01 per-copy to publish and mail the JUNE 2011 Communicator.

Remaining balance in PO Account: **\$41.80**  
Remaining balance in Editors Bank Account: **\$664.94**

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

The Web Site averages approximately **125 - 150** hits per-day. Since the web site was posted, there have been over **385,000** 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.

**LORI MANSKE IS THE NEW MANAGER OF THE WEB SITE. YOU CAN REACH  
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**REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW READ THE CURRENT "COMMUNICATORS" ON OUR WEB SITE  
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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 we can't get your stories/pictures in one issue, we will keep them for the next issue.  
In fairness to all members, we use a "first in-first published" policy. After scanning (into a hard  
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made. I will forward to Lori all articles and pictures sent to me that may have web site  
requirements, when she takes over.**

**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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Password: **mpn1aacs** (all lower case, with the number ONE “1” after the “n”)  
(YOU NO LONGER NEED THE **USER NAME**)

REMEMBER TO **PROTECT** THE PASSWORD AND DENY ACCESS TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL  
You need Adobe Reader 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 and Communicators using the PDF format as it is the “de-facto” internet standard and that the Adobe Reader program can be downloaded free. We now have Communicators archived on the web site starting in June 2006. The November 2006 issue is **not** available due to a corrupted DVD.

**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.

**Lori Manske is the Association web master. You can reach Lori at**  
**Manske5@charter.net** or call **618-210-9573**

If you have any problems getting to these files, contact **LORI** at [Manske5@charter.net](mailto:Manske5@charter.net) or **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 2012)



We have gained 15 new members since 1 Oct 2011. Our current active membership stands at 1640. 106 members have renewed since 1 Oct 2011. 156 member's dues expired in 2011. As of 18 March 2012 we have 214 whose dues will expire in 2012. Since Jan 2009 our membership has decreased from 1960 to 1640. This decrease of 321 members was caused primarily by dues expirations. Please check the address label on your latest Communicator to see when your dues expire. (i.e. 12-(first name) indicates dues expire 31 Dec 12. Some will show e.g. 0712 - (first name) which indicates 31 July 2012 expiration.) In order to receive your June 2013 Communicator you must renew by 1 April 2013. We changed the system slightly to insure that members get a full year term for each \$15.00 in dues paid and to help prevent all current year renewals coming due in December of each year.

Please refer all membership questions to Walt McLain 865-690-0479 or email [aacsmbrship@comcast.net](mailto:aacsmbrship@comcast.net)

**New Members and Renewals: Make checks payable to AF Comm ATC Assn  
Mail to: AF Comm ATC Assn 4514 Haverty Drive Knoxville, TN 37931-3657**

### RECRUIT - RECRUIT - RECRUIT

Applications are available in each Communicator, on our web site and from Walt McLain by calling 865-690-0479 or emailing requests to [aacsmbrship@comcast.net](mailto:aacsmbrship@comcast.net) .

### RENEW - RENEW - RENEW

**Walt McLain  
Director for Membership**

## TREASURERS REPORT

(April 1, 2012)



#### Cash in Banks:

New Treasurer Account (Bank of Georgia)	\$36,975.57
Publisher's Account (TN Bank)	\$ 4,702.36
<b>Cash Totals:</b>	<b>\$41,677.93</b>

*NOTE: Prior Treasurer Account (Bank of Belton) was Closed Dec 2011 and all remaining funds transferred to the New Treasurer Account (Bank of Georgia).*

#### Certificates of Deposit:

31385	\$ 5,103.30	.....Redeemed Jan 2012/Deposited to Bank of Georgia
31386	\$ 5,103.30	.....Redeemed Jan 2012/Deposited to Bank of Georgia
31392	\$ 5,103.30	.....Redeemed Jan 2012/Deposited to Bank of Georgia
5997	\$11,406.97	.....Redeemed Aug 2011*/Deposited to Bank of Belton
31391	\$ 5,103.30	.....Redeemed Jul 2011*/Deposited to Bank of Belton.
6099	\$11,406.42	..... Maturity Date 12/05/2012

*\*The Status of these CDs updated, previous Communicator treasurer report showed these CDs in effect; however, documentation supports CDs were redeemed and funds are accounted for. During the next few months, more CDs will be purchased from checking account funds.*

<b>CD Totals (1):</b>	<b>\$11,406.42</b>
<b>Grand Totals:</b>	<b>\$53,084.35</b>

The transfer of funds from the Bank of Belton to the new treasurer account here in Georgia took several months, but, I'm happy to report that all transfers are completed with the exception of one CD remaining at the Bank of Belton until Maturity. The Bank of Georgia was an excellent choice for this organization because there are no account maintenance fees and the transactions are unlimited. As the new treasurer, I am researching some alternative investment opportunities other than CDs, and will present these ideas to the Board of Directors (BOD) during our 2012 meeting. My two goals: (1) Stable growth and (2) Security of Funds.

**Cindy Allison, Treasurer**

## Meet our new Web Master Ms. Lori Manske



**Lori is the retired Chief of Public Affairs of the Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA). She started her comm career with AFCC and has had lots of jobs including the "Editor" of the Command magazine the "intercom".**

**If you have not visited our new web site ([www.afcommatc.org](http://www.afcommatc.org)) you need to do so soon.**

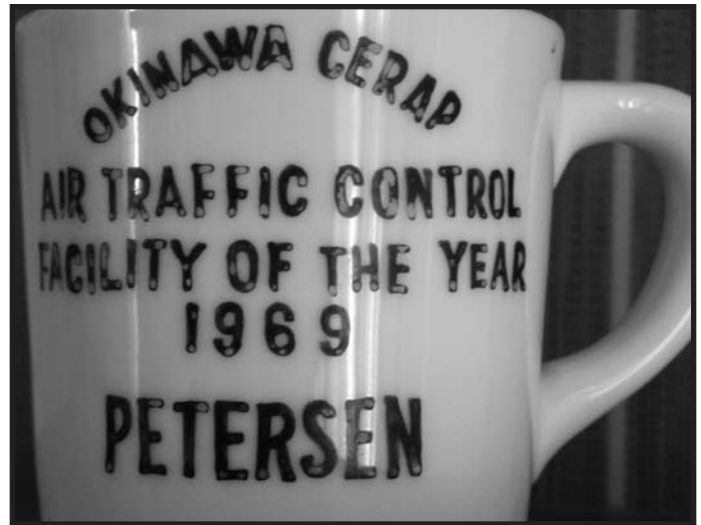
**Lori has put a lot of time in upgrading the web site to make it easier to navigate thru all the major sections and has preserved our history so all new members can see who and what we are.**



**Two GIs operate a ground control communications system in the Isley Field control tower on 7 July 1944. These men kept in constant contact with airplanes in the air.**



**Submitted by Robert Petersen  
(ATC Facility of the Year 1969 - 1962 Comm Gp)**



# Memories from days gone by!!

## 1860th AACCS Mobile Comm Sq - Munich Riems - July 1951 Practice exercise of putting up Squad tents



**SSgt Hank Sauer - Operations Sgt**

No. <b>B</b> 89729	
<b>EUCOM EXCHANGE SYSTEM</b>	
RATION CARD-EUROPEAN COMMAND Richard P. Sauer	
NAME	<i>Richard P. Sauer</i>
DATE ISSUED	31 Mar 49 ASN AF12300854 AGO
SIGNATURE	<i>Richard P. Sauer</i>
ORGANIZATION	TEMP CONTROL AT BASE APO 742-1
SIGNATURE UNIT C. O.	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Purchasers, except uniformed personnel of the US Armed Forces and Coast Guard, will present valid identification and this card to enter exchange installation.	
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<b>SOLDIER'S PERMANENT PASS—CLASS A</b>		
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL	ARMY SERIAL No.	GRADE
SAUER, Richard P.	12300854	Pfc
ORGANIZATION UNIT AND INSTALLATION		
3557th TTS (Adm) Ft F. E. Warren, Wyo		
DATE ISSUED	These cards are subject to restrictions on the range of travel permitted during the period covered by this pass, except for recognition that the individual named hereon be at his proper station when required to be present for duty.	
14 Aug 48		
OFF-DUTY HOURS		
NORMAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>[Signature]</i> Capt A Sauer	
(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER)		
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<b>MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATE</b>	
FIVE CENTS — FOR USE ONLY IN UNITED STATES MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS BY UNITED STATES AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS.	
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FIVE CENTS	
SERIES 481	

<b>SKYWAY'S AIRMENS' CLUB— 1812 AACCS GROUP MUNICH RIEM AIRPORT</b>	
<b>Membership-Card</b>	
This is to certify that:	
Name	Rank AFSN
SAUER, R. P. Pfc	12300854
Organization	
is a member of good standing in this club and is entitled to all Privileges and benefits of the club.	
Date:	<i>JUL 1</i> <i>[Signature]</i> Club-Manager
Fee:	<i>81.00</i> <i>[Signature]</i> Signature of member

<b>AIRMEN'S STARDUST CLUB</b>	
WIESBADEN, APO 633 US. AIR FORCE	
CARD	No 0065
This is to certify: <i>Sgt R. P. SAUER</i>	
is a member of the Stardust Club for the month	
AUGUST 1950	
This card must be presented for admittance to the Club and Club functions.	
(Over for schedule)	SGT WILLIAM STADAK Secretary

## Another GCA Save

John Towler's story in the November 2011 issue reminded me of 2 similar incidents in my ATC career, related as accurately as possible; they happened a long time ago, and the memory fades.

The night of March 24, 1954 was "a dark and stormy night" -- literally. The night shift at the Offutt AFB Rapcon had a skeleton crew--a trainee and I, because the military wasn't flying. Incidentally, my boss Sgt. Marvin Curry (still in contact with his German-born widow) was a GCA crew chief during the Berlin airlift.

Around 2200 hours, a call came in from United Flight 611 on our primary VHF frequency, "Charlie." It was raining so hard their navigation antennas had shorted out (Same thing happened to me in a twin Cessna over the Caribbean many years later). Flight 611 was lost enroute from MKC to OMA on the old low frequency airways, and needed radar direction to OMA just North of us (Civilian airports didn't

have radar in those days). After 2 identifying turns, I vectored the target for a back course approach to OMA's SE runway. Three months later, during a squadron meeting, our Rapcon crew was called by the squadron commander to approach him at the front of the hall. Being completely in the dark about the summons and being a rather wild bunch, we expected a royal ass chewing about something, but instead got a commendation (attached hereto).

It seems that the Manager of United Flight Operations had written the Air Force a letter which came down through the chain of command thanking us for "assistance" that night. The letter didn't admit that Captain Lovett and crew were utterly lost.

Years later, I had a similar situation happen with a Piper aircraft one snowy night working as a CAA/FAA controller at Topeka tower, alone and without radar, identifying him and talking him through an OMNI approach to the field.

**Richard Doyle**

UNITED AIR LINES  
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED AIR LINES BUILDING CHICAGO 38, ILLINOIS  
March 26, 1954

Brigadier General R. M. Montgomery  
Chief of Staff  
Headquarters S. A. C.  
Offutt Air Force Base  
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

During the evening of March 24, one of our Westbound flights, #611, flown by Captain John Lovett, was aided greatly by voluntary information given by the Radar Officer at your base. The information forwarded to our pilot permitted him to avoid two large thunderstorm cells of which he had no previous knowledge nor advice.

Captain Lovett was most appreciative and I wish to extend my thanks to you as an expression from the entire Flight Operations department of United Air Lines for such helpful assistance to our Flight Officers.

Sincerely yours,

t/s/ F. M. Chrismon  
Manager of Flight Operations

AACS, MATS, USAF, Washington 25, D. C. AACS-DF&2, Subject: Appreciation  
of Excellent Service

AACS-DF&2 (13 Apr 54)

4th Ind

DETACHMENT 1911-7, 1911TH AACS SQUADRON, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, 4 June 1954

TO: T Sgt Marvin D Curry, A/IC Milton Cassidy, A/2C Richard F Doyle, A/2C  
Robert J McDonald, 1911-7 AACS Detachment, Offutt Air Force Base,  
Nebraska

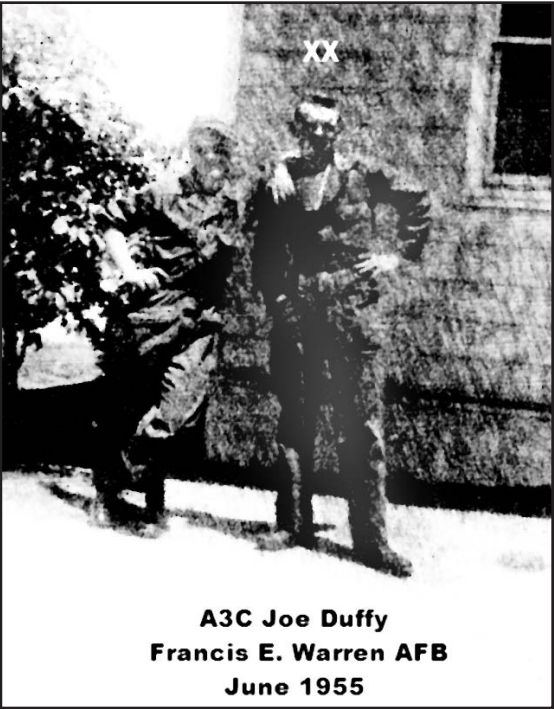
1. It is with great pleasure that I forward this letter of appreciation of the service rendered by you during your tour of duty 24 March 1954.
2. Through alertness on your part, a great service was rendered, and has once again shown your devotion to duty and the service.

2 Incls  
n/c

*James G Hall Jr*  
JAMES G HALL JR  
Major, USAF  
Commander




New Years Eve 2011  
Lunch, Colorado Springs



A3C Joe Duffy  
Francis E. Warren AFB  
June 1955

*Bob Hope's*  
**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**



1983 PHOTO CALENDAR  
Submitted by Bobby Garcia

**"Snow Birds & Others"**

**HELP us reduce costs by telling Walt McLain (aacsmbship@comcast.net) or Hank Sauer (DirAACS@comcast.net) if you are going to be temporarily away from your NORMAL MAILING ADDRESS in May or November. Just tell us what temp address to mail your Communicator to. We are PAYING the Post Office for telling us that you are temporarily away (they throw away your Communicator). The Communicators are normally mailed in mid MAY and mid NOVEMBER.**

**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 **\$15.00** per-year, payable in **two-year (\$30.00)** 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.” if necessary.)

Life Membership \_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_ Total money enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (pay regular & associate 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**)

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, Personnel, Commander, etc.)

NOTE: AACCS covers 1938-1961, AFCS covers 1961-1979, AFCC covers 1979-1993, AFC4A 1993-1996 AFCA 1996-2009, AFFSA covers 1993 to present. AFNIC 2009- Present. List other commands, agencies and/or numbered AF's as appropriate.

**If you have any questions contact Walt McLain at 865-740-4127 or 865-690-0479**

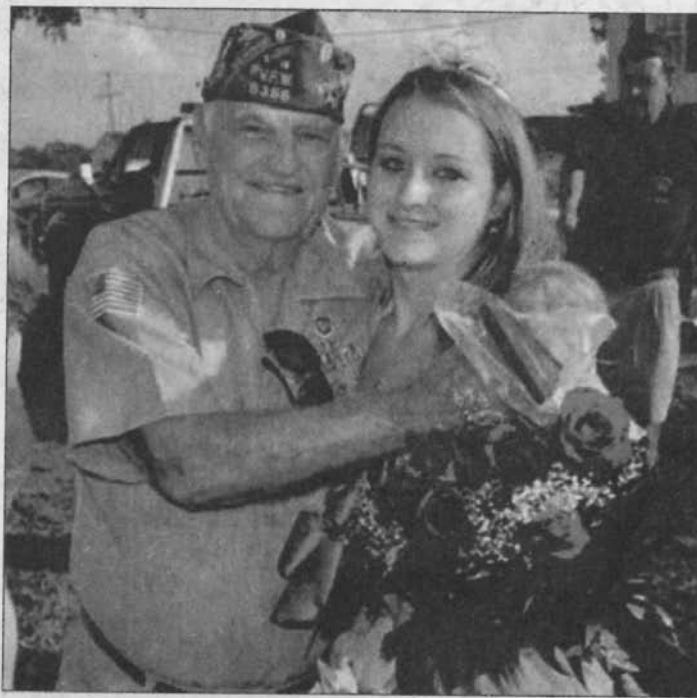
**Charlie McGowan, an Association Life Member,  
continues to be active in the Local Community**

# Congratulations to Miss Walkerton

Walkerton Fire Department member and World War II Veteran Charlie McGowan congratulates the new Miss Walkerton, Courtney Healey.

Photo by Gene Campbell

**Aug 2011**



**Munich Riem  
Airport  
1951  
Home of the  
1812th AACSGp**



## Pencil Drawings

Success, Susan Fryc found some information on the Artist "LANDIS". The AF Art Office in the Pentagon identified Mr. Landis as a Civilian AF employee who was a Visual Information Specialist at Scott AFB, Illinois. We published some of his pencil drawings in the June 2009 and the November 2011 Communicators to see if we could find some information about him. We did not have any success.



**36th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention**  
**St. Anthony's Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas**

**September 19 – 23, 2012**

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

**Hosts:**

**Dave & Cheryl Kovach**



**Make Hotel Reservations NLT August 27, 2012**

**(210) 227-4392 (in Hotel) or 1-800-996-3426 – Reservation Code is:**  
**AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION**

**BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A ROOM AT GROUP RATES**  
**(\$90 plus tax)**

Send Registration and other forms to (see address on bottom of Registration Form -  
**No Later Than ..... **AUGUST 27, 2012****

**The AF Comm & ATC Hospitality Room is in the**  
**“ALAMO/LASALLE”**

**and will be officially opened at Noon (or shortly thereafter) on**  
**Wednesday, September 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Checks for the Convention must be made out to the**  
**“AF Comm & ATC Assoc 2012.”**

**INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW**



**The 36th AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**

**September 19 – September 23, 2012**

**St. Anthony Riverwalk Hotel**

300 East Travis Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205  
Hotel Direct Phone Nbr: (210) 227-4392

Reservations via Wyndham/St Antony Hotel web site:

[http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2012/satst\\_afcomm/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2012/satst_afcomm/main.wnt)

Or Call 1-800-Wyndham (996-3426)

Group Reservation Code: 0919801AS or refer to 'Air Force Comm&ATC Association Convention'

**The group room rate is \$90 plus tax**  
**(Rate good for 3 days prior and 3 days after)**  
**Book early**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: AUGUST 27, 2012**

**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**

**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 HOTEL

**San Antonio Airport is 8 Miles from Hotel. Drive time is normally under 25 minutes.**

**SHUTTLE/TAXI SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO AND FROM HOTEL:**

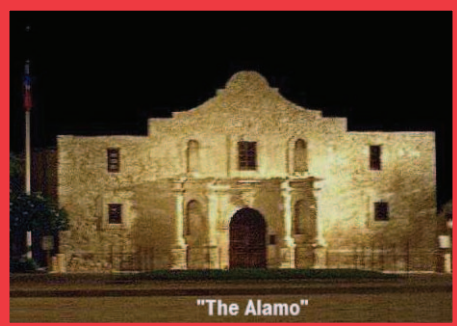
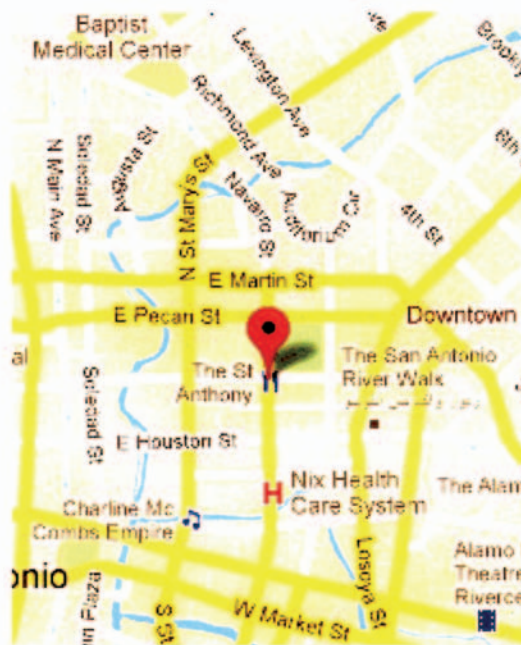
**SHUTTLE: 1 Way Approx \$18, RT \$32**

**TAXI: 1 Way \$22 to \$24 (ride, not per-person)**

**MORE DRIVING DIRECTIONS VISIT**

**[www.wyndham.com/hotels/SATST/mapanddirections/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/SATST/mapanddirections/main.wnt)  
For: from-to directions**

**St. Anthony's Riverwalk Hotel  
300 East Travis , San Antonio, TX 78205**



**Directions from Airport  
Take Hwy 281 South (H-37S)  
Exit Houston St and turn right. Follow to Broadway.  
Turn Left and follow to Travis St and turn right. Hotel  
is one block on left. 20 Minute Drive.**

## SCHEDULED TOURS

(Use the convention registration form to sign up for any of these tours)



## THURSDAY TOURS/EVENTS

### ➤ Gen Farman Golf Tournament

The Ft Sam Houston Golf Complex hosts two 18-hole courses, only 15-20 minutes drive from the St Anthony's Hotel in downtown San Antonio.

The 18-hole "Salado Del Rio" course at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course facility in San Antonio, Texas features 6,755 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72 . The course rating is 72.7 and it has a slope rating of 121 on Bermuda grass. Designed by A.W. Tillinghast/Kevin Tucker Design Group, the Salado Del Rio golf course opened in 1976. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command manages this facility, with Richard J. Bartel as the General Manager/Golf Professional.

The La Loma Course, designed by A.W. Tillinghast, is a Fort Sam Houston military base golf course in San Antonio, TX, and frequently hosted the Texas Open in the 1950s and 60s. The Fort Sam Houston Golf Club is a quality facility that operates much like a muni. Turf Conditions at La Loma are always kept well, even during dry-periods, and the course is great for higher handicap golfers.

Calloway handicap system for scoring –prizes include several closest to pin, long drive and other nominal competitions

**Time: Meet in Lobby at 6:45 AM for car pool departure; Tee times begin at 8:30 AM.**  
(Plan a 15-20-minute drive to Ft Sam Houston Golf Complex)

**Cost: \$55** (includes green fee/cart, a traditional boxed lunch – Turkey/Ham sub sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie – also a nice canvas golf shoe tote bag with a sleeve of balls, green tool, golf towel and other surprises) plus traditional competition prizes

**Location: Ft Sam Houston Golf Complex, San Antonio, TX**

### ➤ Fredericksburg, TX, Hill/Wine Country Bus Tour

Enjoy Fredericksburg, Texas, a colorful and cultural blend of architecture, cuisine, art, music and friendly people. For over a century, local artisans, winemakers, craftsmen and shop owners have been mixing German heritage with Texas hospitality to create the kind of iconic experience and place you will want to return to time and again. Spend the day browsing among an endless variety of one of a kind stores and boutiques. Shops sell handicrafts, antiques, quilts and of course food...and in September, all this during their traditional Octoberfest Celebrations, with live music, dancing, daily shows and other fun activities.

The jewel of this city is the Admiral Nimitz Museum. Visit America's only National museum of the WWII Pacific Theater and learn about Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz who commanded thousands of ships and planes and millions of men as Commander and Chief in the Pacific during World War II. Many of the exhibits are "hands on" and audio and video presentations allow you to hear stories first hand. The museum was founded with the mission to honor the eight million Americans who served in WWII and the more than 100,000 who gave their lives.



**Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (bus will depart Fredericksburg to return to hotel at 2:30 PM – four hours on the ground in Fredericksburg for lunch, tour and shopping)

**Cost:** \$30 per person for bus (includes tips)

**Location:** Tour departs from and returns to the St Anthony Hotel.

**Lunch in Fredericksburg is Pay-as-you-go, and there are many options of all cuisines and price ranges within a very short walk in the downtown area.**

**The National Museum of the Pacific War entry fee is \$10 for veterans and seniors. If we get a 20-person turnout, we'll qualify for an \$8 pp group entry fee.**

### ➤ Annual Prayer dinner

**Time:** 6 pm – 8:30 pm

**Cost:** \$35 per person

**Location:** St. Anthony Club



**Menu:** Caesar Salad, Tuscan Chicken, Three-Cheese Meat Lasagna, Grilled Vegetables, Garlic Bread Sticks, Chef's Selection of Dessert, Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Regular and Decaffeinated

➤ **Hemisfair Plaza/Tower of the Americas Dinner at the Chart House Restaurant**

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM (Taxis will depart the St Anthony hotel at 5:45 PM)

**Cost:** \$55 (includes taxi to the restaurant and return, and dinner at the very upscale Chart House Restaurant)

**Location:** Hemisfair Plaza's Tower of the Americas, downtown San Antonio



For more than 35 years, the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas has offered residents and tourists of San Antonio, TX the most breathtaking view of the Alamo City – visitors dine at the Tower's revolving Chart House restaurant and enjoy the scenery from the observation deck. Located in the heart of downtown San Antonio, enjoy the gorgeous panorama from the restaurant, take in the scenery from the Observation Deck and experience the thrilling 4D Theater Ride. For a taste of the best dining and fun that San Antonio Riverwalk restaurants have to offer, come take a flight with the Tower of the Americas.

Enjoy the Chart House's award-winning menu as you marvel at the breathtaking view of the city below. Since 1961, Chart House has built its reputation on delighting guests with spectacular views, outstanding cuisine, and exceptional service. Featuring fresh fish specialties such as macadamia crusted mahi, slow-roasted prime rib and the Original Hot Chocolate Lava Cake, renowned chefs have tailored a menu to complement local cuisine while introducing a hint of the exotic.

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## FRIDAY TOURS/EVENTS

➤ **Lackland AFB Bus Tour – USAF Basic Military Training Graduation Ceremony & View Static Aircraft Displays – Luncheon with 24<sup>th</sup> AF Commander and AFCyber/Information Operations Senior AF Leaders – Tour Lackland's Security Hill Campus and (former) Kelly AFB Flightline**



**Time: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM.**

**Cost: \$35 per person** (all inclusive... includes bus, tips, USAF BMT Graduation Ceremony, Luncheon w/AF Cyber senior leaders at Lackland AFB Gateway All-Ranks Club and base tours.)

**Location: Tour departs from and returns to the St Anthony Hotel (and lasts about five hours)**

USAF BMT Graduation Ceremony, Aircraft Static Displays, Luncheon Gateway All Ranks Club, base driving tour of Security Hill and other base campuses, plus former Kelley AFB (now Port San Antonio) Flightline area, possibly a tower tour.

**Maximum number of participants – 55 (so sign up early!)**



### ➤ **Casa Rio Tex-Mex Riverwalk Dinner and Rio San Antonio Riverwalk Barge Cruise**

**Time: 6 PM – 9 PM**

**Cost: \$25 per person (includes all-inclusive dinner and Riverwalk Barge Cruise)**

**Location: Short (5-10 minute walk) to Casa Rio, E. Commerce St Riverwalk entrance.**

**Note: Riverwalk Barge Cruise-Only Option is available for \$5.00. The River Barge Cruise Departs at the Casa Rio Riverwalk landing at 7:45 PM**

Over the centuries, all who found their way to this area have been blessed by the river and the abundance of life that its water has provided. For the native American hunters and gatherers, the river's abundance provided ample flora meat, fish and water fowl to grow and thrive. The Spaniards, exploring their way north out of Mexico through deserts and semi-arid South Texas, found the timber, fertile soil, and clear water well-suited for their purposes of settlement and colonization. The river, first named St. Anthony de Padua, was soon diverted into channels and acequias for irrigation of fields and household use.

The Casa Rio restaurant, founded in 1946 by Alfred F. Beyer, sits on land first granted title in 1777 by the King of Spain. The Spanish Colonial period hacienda became the core of the new business. The cedar door and window lintels, the fireplace, and thick rock walls are still evident inside the restaurant. Casa Rio was the first San Antonio business to open its doors to the River and take advantage of the River's setting. Canoes, gondolas, and paddle boats, evolving into tour and dinner boats, began here and helped create the Riverwalk of today.



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## SATURDAY TOURS/EVENTS

### ➤ **Mission San Jose, Alamo and El Mercado (old Spanish Market) Bus Trip and Tours**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.**

**Cost: \$25 per person. Lunch in El Mercado is a la carte, several individual choices.**

**Location: Tour departs from and returns to St Anthony Hotel. The Tour can also be joined at the Alamo (350-yard walk from the hotel) at 11:00 AM.**

Maximum number of bus tour participants – 55 (so sign up early!)

More than 2.5 million people a year visit the 4.2 acre complex known worldwide as "The Alamo." Most come to see the old mission where a small band of Texans held out for thirteen days against the Centralist army of General Antonio López de Santa Anna. Although the Alamo fell in the early morning hours of March 6, 1836, the death of the Alamo Defenders has come to symbolize courage and sacrifice for the cause of Liberty. The memories of James Bowie, David Crockett, and William B. Travis are as powerful today as when the Texan Army under Sam Houston shouted "Remember the Alamo!" as it routed Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

**Our Comm & ATC Conference Reunion Tour will include a dedicated, docent-guided presentation in the Alamo complex Amphitheater, followed by guided tour of the grounds and mission – the ‘Shrine of Liberty.’**



San Antonio, the ‘Mission City,’ is home to more early mission communities than any city in America. San Jose, regarded as the "Queen of the Missions", is the largest of the missions and was almost fully restored to its original design in the 1930s by the WPA. Spanish missions were not churches, but communities, with the church the focus. Mission San José shows the visitor how all the missions appeared and functioned more than 250 years ago.



The rich culture of San Antonio abounds throughout the plazas of Market Square. A three-block outdoor plaza lined with restaurants, shops and produce stands near San Antonio's city center, Market Square is the largest Mexican market in the U.S. It is one of America's top -ten outdoor markets, hosting dozens of shops selling everything from hand-embroidered dresses to leather belts. Market Square's working artists, musicians, dancers and major cultural events give it a rich and lively cultural atmosphere. Visitors browse through 32 shops at "El Mercado," and 80 specialty shops in the Farmers Market Plaza. Market Square is also the scene of many Hispanic festivals where food and beverage booths spring up alongside Guadalajara lamps while the sounds of mariachi music blends with the excitement of Mexican dances.



## **Additional activities/tours**

**Consider all that SAT, TX has to offer and enjoy on your own time**

We invite you to a city unlike any other—San Antonio—a land of epic battles, flowing rivers and a flourishing culture. From the stones of the Alamo and the meandering paths of the River Walk to Sea World San Antonio and Six Flags Fiesta Texas, San Antonio takes you on a journey through a land as grand as its reputation. Explore the rolling terrain of San Antonio's Hill Country, a lush oasis offering resorts with top-notch golf courses, spas and waterparks. So come, find for yourself that San Antonio is more than a convention destination.

**There's much to see and do in San Antonio and much of the joy is just a short walk from the ideally-situated St Anthony Hotel. Here is a sampling of what the 2012 Convention/Reunion has to offer.**

**And Visit:** <http://visitsanantonio.com/visitors/plan/itineraries-trip-ideas/index.aspx> for more info

**Within a short walk (5-10 minutes) of the St Anthony Hotel:**

- Alamo Plaza, open daily until 5:00 PM
- The San Antonio Riverwalk, with dozens of dining and shopping venues
- The Majestic Theater --- Broadway shows and special events
- Buckhorn Saloon and Museum, including the Texas Ranger Heritage Museum
- La Vallita – San Antonio's original city center, now the Arts/Crafts center of interest



- El Mercado – ‘Market Square,’ including many dining and ‘Mexican Border Town’ shopping outlets
- AT&T Center, home of the San Antonio Spurs and other major sports events
- The Menger Hotel at Alamo Plaza, San Antonio’s original ‘luxury hotel’
- IMAX Theater, featuring ‘The Alamo...the Movie
- Toussoud’s Wax Museum at Alamo Plaza
- Hemisfair Plaza, featuring the Tower of the Americas and the Texas Institute of Cultures
- Several world-class Art Museums, including the Witte, McNay and SAT Museum of Art

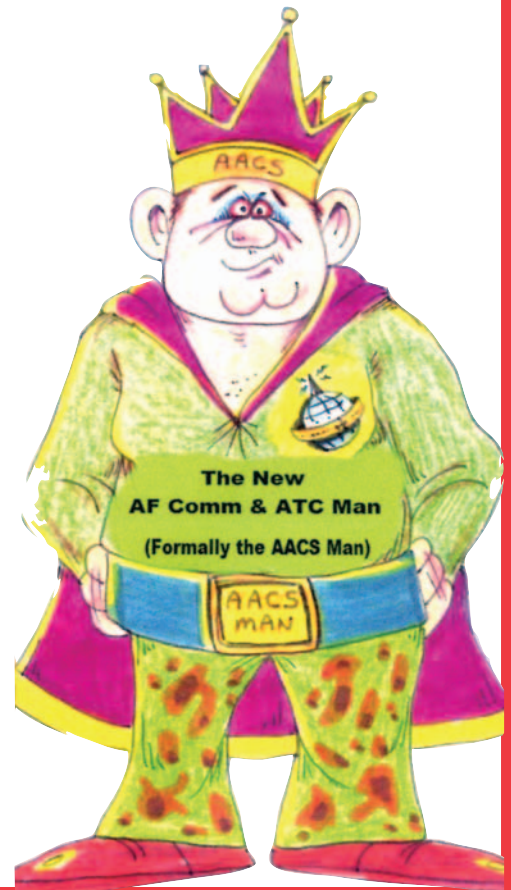
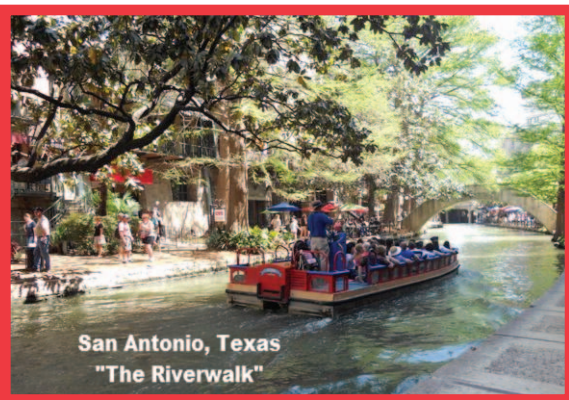
**Within a short drive of downtown:**

- Sea World
- Fiesta Texas (a Six Flags amusement part property)
- San Antonio traditional Missions tours
- San Antonio Missions Baseball at Wolfe Stadium (Class AA)

**Note: Outside the St Anthony Hotel front entrance, there is a San Antonio VIA Trolley stop -- \$4.00/day unlimited trolley rides to most stops of interest in the downtown areas**

**Please refer to the 2012 Comm & ATC Convention/Reunion web site for additional info regarding these entertainment offerings, and additional info such as:**

- RV park options
- Local Churches
- Local Hospitals
- Local Military Base VOQ contact info



**36<sup>th</sup> AF Comm & ATC Association  
Convention/Reunion Menus  
St Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, TX  
September 19-23, 2012**

**Saturday Buffet**

**Breakfast**

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

**(Anacacho Ballroom)**

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)**

**(Anacacho Ballroom)**

Rosemary Roasted Top Sirloin, or  
Herb-Infused Chicken Breast, or Tilapia with  
Lemon Butter Sauce  
Garlic Whipped Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetable Medley  
New York Style Cheesecake Topped with  
Mixed Berry Sauce  
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee,  
Regular and Decaffeinated

**Sunday Get-Away**

**Buffet Breakfast**

**(6:30 AM - 10:30 AM)**

**(Madrid Room Restaurant)**

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

**Prayer Dinner - Buffet**

**(Thursday - 6 PM - 8:00 PM)**

**(St Anthony Club)**

(\$35.00 Per Person)

Caesar Salad  
Tuscan Chicken  
Three-Cheese Meat Lasagna  
Grilled Vegetables  
Garlic Bread Sticks  
Chef's Selection of Dessert  
Iced Tea  
Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee, Regular  
and Decaffeinated

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

## MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM



YOUR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED NO LATER THAN **AUG 27, 2012**

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

Make hotel reservations via St Anthony Hotel web site: [http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2012/satst\\_afcomm/main.wnt](http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2012/satst_afcomm/main.wnt) or call 1-800-WYNDHAM (996-3426) Group/Event Code: [0919801AS](#) or say 'Air Force Comm&ATC Assoc Reunion'

**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 ___		
# Of Rooms Booked for Hotel (Including Guests) ___ DOA 9/19/2012 ___ 9/20/2012 ___ 9/21/2012 ___ 9/22/2012 ___ 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 _____ @	\$100	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 20, 2012	6:45 AM or 7:00 AM	Number _____ @	\$55	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Gen Farman Golf Tourney, Ft Sam Houston GC				
Thursday, Sept 20, 2012	9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Number _____ @	\$30	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Fredericksburg Hill/Wine Country Bus Trip (WWII Military Museum, Lunch, Oktoberfest, Shopping, a la carte)				
Thursday, Sept 20, 2012	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Number _____ @	\$35	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Prayer Dinner Buffet				
Thursday, Sept 20, 2012	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Number _____ @	\$55	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Hemisfair Plaza/Tower of the Americas Chart House Restaurant Dinner				
Friday, Sept 21, 2012	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Number _____ @	\$35	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Lackland AFB - BMT Graduation, 24 <sup>th</sup> AF Luncheon, Base/Flightline Tour				
Friday, Sept 21, 2012	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Number _____ @	\$25	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Casa Rio Tex-Mex Riverwalk Dinner & Rio San Antonio Riverwalk Barge Cruise				
	9 Riverwalk Cruise Only	7:45 PM	Number _____ @	\$5 Per Person = \$ _____
Saturday, Sept 22, 2012	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Number _____ @	\$25	Per Person = \$ _____
9 Mission San Jose & Alamo Tours and El Mercado Bus-Shopping (a la carte lunch in the Market)				

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

GRAND TOTAL: = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Sept 22, 2012**

**ANNUAL BANQUET**

**SEATED BY 6:30 PM SHARP**

**MENU SELECTIONS** (Indicate quantity for all attending banquet)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Top Sirloin    2. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken    3. \_\_\_\_\_ Talapia    4. \_\_\_\_\_ Special diet (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: AF Comm & ATC Assoc 2012 (postmark no later than **AUG 27th** and send with all forms to):

**DAVID KOVACH**, 27631 AUTUMN TERRACE, BOERNE, TX 78006. PHONE: 210-455-3333, David.kovach@telos.com

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



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 (\$20)

**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 8:30 AM**

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

**36<sup>th</sup> AF Comm & ATC Association Convention**  
**The Annual General Farman Golf Tournament**  
**Ft Sam Houston Golf Complex**

**Thursday, 20 September 2012**

The Ft Sam Houston Golf Complex hosts two 18-hole courses, only 15-20 minutes drive from the St Anthony's Hotel in downtown San Antonio.

The 18-hole "Salado Del Rio" course at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course facility in San Antonio, Texas features 6,755 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72 . The course rating is 72.7 and it has a slope rating of 121 on Bermuda grass. Designed by A.W. Tillinghast/(R)Kevin Tucker Design Group, the Salado Del Rio golf course opened in 1976. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command manages this facility, with Richard J. Bartel as the General Manager/Golf Professional.

The La Loma Course, designed by A.W. Tillinghast, is a Fort Sam Houston military base golf course in San Antonio, TX, and frequently hosted the Texas Open in the 1950s and 60s. The Fort Sam Houston Golf Club is a quality facility that operates much like a muni. Turf Conditions at La Loma are always kept well, even during dry-periods, and the course is great for higher handicap golfers.

**Read More: Fort Sam Houston Golf Course | Salado Del Rio Golf Course <http://www.golflink.com/golf-courses/course.aspx?course=1069556#ixzz1q9kHeTfW>**

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

**Welcome to the 36th 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.

There will be four 'closest to the pin' hole competitions, and longest drive and longest putt awards. 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 boxed lunch)**

**Golf Club Rental Fee is \$20**

**Car pools will leave the Hotel at 7:00 AM. First tee time will be 8:30 AM.**

**If you are willing to provide a car pool vehicle, mark the Golf Registration form.**

**Driving time is 15-20 minutes from the hotel.**

**THE 36th ANNUAL AF COMM & ATC CONVENTION**

St. Anthony Riverwalk Hotel

San Antonio, TX

September 19-23, 2012

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b>EARLY CHECK-IN</b>	<b>\$100</b> per person if not previously paid	<b>9 AM TO 9 PM</b>	<b>Peacock Alley</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>12:00 PM - Midnight</b>	<b>Alamo/LaSalle Room</b>

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
<b>REGISTRATION CHECK-IN</b>	<b>\$100</b> per person if not previously paid	<b>9 AM - 7 PM</b>	<b>Peacock Alley</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Noon to Midnight</b>	<b>Alamo/LaSalle Room</b>
<b>ANNUAL BOD MEETING</b>		<b>12:00 - 4 PM</b>	<b>LaFitte Room</b>
<b>GEN. FARMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>\$55</b> per player (includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes)	<b>7:30 AM Car Pool Departure 8:00 AM First Tee Time</b>	<b>Ft Sam Houston Golf Complex Salado Del Rio or La Loma Golf Course  Former Texas Open Host Site</b>
<b>Fredericksburg Hill/Wine Country Bus Trip</b>	<b>\$30</b> per person Pay-as-you-go lunch and WWII museum tour	<b>9 AM - 3:30 PM</b>	<b>An iconic Texas-style German Hill Country village National WWII Pacific War Museum (\$10 pp or \$8 pp if we have 20 participants) Great shops, local eateries, Octoberfest</b>
<b>ANNUAL PRAYER DINNER</b>	<b>\$35</b> per person	<b>6 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>St. Anthony Club</b>
<b>Hemisfair Plaza Tower of the Americas Dinner</b>	<b>\$55</b> per person incl taxi, Chart House Restaurant dinner	<b>6 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>World Famous Revolving Restaurant  Upscale dining in San Antonio's most famous modern landmark</b>

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>WHERE OR ROOM</b>
<b>Lackland AFB Bus Tour and USAF BMT Graduation Ceremony</b>	\$35 per person Includes Lunch at Gateway All Ranks Club	8 AM – 3:30 PM	-Attend AF BMT Graduation Ceremony -Luncheon Meet/Greet with 24 <sup>th</sup> AF Commander and AFCyber leaders -Tour Lackland AFB's Security Hill an former Kelly AFB Flight Line area
<b>REGISTRATION CHECK-IN</b>	\$100 per person if not previously paid	9 AM – 7 PM	Peacock Alley
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	Noon to Midnight	Alamo/LaSalle Room
<b>Casa Rio Tex-Mex Dinner and River Barge Cruise</b>	\$25 for Dinner and Cruise Inclusive (\$5 for Cruise-Only Option)	6 PM – 9 PM	SAT's oldest/most popular Tex-Mex cuisine, Private Room with Riverwall balcony  Guided one-hour river barge cruise, Cruise-only option (\$5) departs Casa R river landing at 7:45 PM

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>WHERE OR ROOM</b>
<b>BREAKFAST BUFFET/ANNUAL GEN'L BUSINESS MEETING</b>	<b>INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	7 AM – 11 AM	Anacacho Ballroom BREAKFAST 7:00 AM – 8:30 ONLY
<b>Mission San Jose &amp; Alamo Tours and El Mercado Bus-Shopping (a la carte lunch in the Market)</b>	\$25 Pay-as-you-go lunch in El Mercado (old Spanish Market)	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Bus Tour to 'The Queen of SAT Mission  Alamo Docent-led Group Amphitheate Presentation and Texas Shrine of Liber Tour  A la carte Lunch and Shopping in famo Old Spanish Market, El Mercado
<b>CASH BAR AT ANNUAL BANQUET</b>	<b>PAY-AS-YOU-GO</b>	5:45 PM	Anacacho Ballroom
<b>ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET</b>	<b>INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION or \$45 for Banquet Only</b>	Be seated at 6:30 pm SHARP	Anacacho Ballroom  ** Remember to select entrees on Registration Form
<b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b>	<b>INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	REOPENS AFTER BANQUET	Alamo/LaSalle Room

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012**

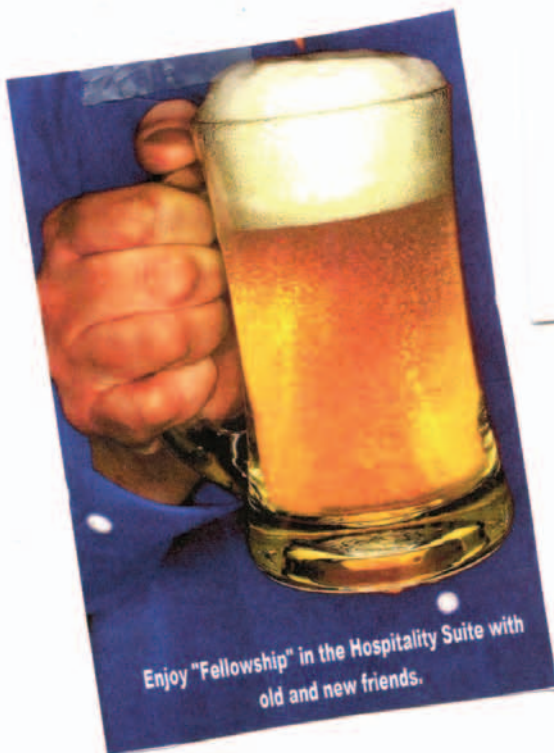
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>WHERE OR ROOM</b>
<b>FAREWELL BUFFET BREAKFAST</b>	<b>INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION</b>	6:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Madrid Room Restaurant

**HOTEL CHECKOUT TIME IS 12 Noon**

# Visit the Hospitality Suite

Where: The Alamo/Lassalle Room

Come Join us and enjoy "Fellowship with Old & New Friends"  
Enjoy one of General Prather's famous "Bloody Mary's"





**2012 BOD Meeting**  
**Meeting will be held in the LaFitte Room**  
**36th Annual Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 20, 2012**  
**Noon-4 PM**  
**Tentative Agenda**

- \*Old Business**
- \*New Business**
- \*Board Member Reports**
- \*2012 Budget Review and Approval**
- \*Income/Expense-12 Month Review**
- \*Review and Approve Cost Reductions/Increases as appropriate.**
- \*Donations Review**
- \*2013 Convention Location/Host(s)**
- 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. Noon-1 PM**

**Association members who are in the Hotel on Thursday are welcome to attend the meeting after 1 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.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 22, 2012**  
**Anacacho Ballroom**  
**7AM – Breakfast (line Closes at 8:30 AM)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS & TIMES ARE ESTIMATES**

**7:00 AM - Breakfast**

**7:30 AM - ED Calls Meeting to Order**

(Logistics, Emergency exits, Announcements, welcome guests & VIPs)

**- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

**7:40 AM - BOD Reports (not more than 5 minutes for each report)**

**Executive Secretary (Vote on 2011 minutes)**

**Membership**

**Treasurer**

**Director for Information**

**Editor/Publisher**

**Any Committee Reports**

**Executive Directors Comments**

(Any major BOD decisions from Board meeting)

**8:15 AM - Recognize 1<sup>st</sup> time Convention Attendees**

**8:25 AM - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR OR MEMBER OF COMMITTEE**

**(VICE DIRECTOR, DIR FOR INFORMATOION AND SGT-AT-ARMS)**

**8:45 AM - AF Comm & ATC Association Memorial Service**

**9:00 AM - Overview of 2013 Convention/Reunion**

**9:15 AM - State of Air Force Air Traffic Control Presentation**

**(Speaker TBA)**

**10:45 AM – Any announcements, reserved seating and REMINDER  
TO BE SEATED AT 6:30 PM FOR THE BANQUET.**

**11:15 AM - Call the 2011 General Meeting to a CLOSE.**



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

## New Member Listing For the June 2012 Communicator

LAST	FIRST	Email Address	UNIT &	DATES	SERVICE	STREET	CITY	STA	ZIP CODE
ALLEN	1213-BOB		AFCS			31 RIDING PATH	HAMPTON	VA	23669
BLACK SEAFORD	1113-WILLIAM VA	BILBLACK@COX.NET 23696-2479			AFCS, AFCC,	67-93	PLANS AND	302 LUDLOW DRIVE	
DEBELL	LM-JOE	jjdebell@suddenlink.net	AACS, AFCS, TAC50-66		GCA, RADAR	107 PAINTED	GEORGETOWN	TX	78633
DONOHUE	1113-PAUL	pdon1127@comcast.net	AACS, AFCS,	54-74	TECH CONTROL	PO BOX 554	TENINO	WA	98589-0554
FITZSIMMONS	LM-JOHN	kayangjohn1@yahoo.com	3390/3394 SSQ,	55-75	GCA RADAR	28 HAWTHORNE DR	WARRENTON	MO	63383
GATWOOD	1213-GENE		AFCS			3800 STONEWALL	ATLANTA	GA	30339
HOMOLESKI	1113-ROBERT	RHOMOLESKI@GMAIL.	1918CS, 1931 CG,	65-73	362X4 TEL MAINT	P O BOX 71346	FAIRBANKS	AK	99707-1346
JONES	1213-FRED	JDERFED@GMAIL.COM	AACS, 1889CS,	66-78	MAT CONTROL	PO BOX 333	FAIRBORN	OH	45324
MCCOLLOUGH	1113-JAMES	LORDBUDPA@YAHOO.	2ND MOB	61-65	GCA MAINT, GCA	1202 UPTON CIRCLE	WEST CHESTER	PA	19380-5860
MILLIS	1213-B.		AFCS			2502 BARKWOOD	AUSTIN	TX	78748
SPEARS	0314-JAMES					1804 MYRTLE	KANSAS CITY	MO	64127
WELGE	1213-JOHN	NJWELGE@AOL.COM	314TAW,	64-06	WAR PLANS, ICBM,	PO BOX 2007	LAWTON	UT	84041-7007
WHIPPLE	1013-GERALD	fst4bos@aol.com	AFCS, AFDSC,	62-85	CRYPTO OPS,	3733 RICHARD AVE	FAIRFAX	VA	22031-3535
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## **A look back at a Great Communications Sq Commander**

**Lt Colonel John Carson was the Commander of the 1876th Comm Sq,  
Tan Son Nhut AB , Vietnam from June 1968 till June 1969.**

**He took over a communications unit of over 1,000 airmen that was still reeling from the Tet Offensive of early 1968. Many veterans of this unit during his tenure, have always said that "he was the right man, at the right time".**

**He was directly responsible for restoring morale, instilling a new "can do" attitude, and taking one of lowest communications squadrons in rankings to one of the top communications squadrons in the Air Force. His leadership during the period that the war was significantly escalating along with the increases in the number of American military units, was outstanding. "He was one of a Kind"**



**Looking for Help !!!!**  
**"Transmitter Site outside Fairbanks, Alaska"**

**Jim Kolhoff, at kolhoffthompson@aol.com is looking for help. He is looking for any information about this facility near the present day Eielson AFB, Alaska. It was located at the end of the "transmitter site" road. At one time, in the 1950s it was a transmitter site. If any of our members have any information about this site (was it a transmitter or receiver site ?), please contact Jim by email and if you do not have email capability, write to me.**

**It appears to have been a 24/7 facility, with sleeping quarters on the 2nd floor and had a messing facility. There was a 20' ceiling in what could have been an operations area. It had lots of cable runs all over the building.**

**Thanks, Hank Sauer  
Editor/Publisher**

**" Info on William J. Welter of the 65th AACS Group"**

**cmwelter@aol.com is looking for info on his father, William J. Welter (35358543T42) who was in the 65th AACS Group. His father's records were lost in the fire at the St Louis records depository. He was stationed in Scotland and London with the 65th AACS Group and spent some time in "communications".**

**Not much to go on, but maybe one of our members who served in the 65th will remember him.**

**A Short Story**  
**By Jack Kelly, Arlington, Texas**

Here's a short story you also might be interested in. During the late 1960's I was president of the Arlington Chapter 7, Sons of the American Revolution. One day a rather frail elderly gentleman appeared at my door and told me he wanted to join the SAR. I gladly invited him in since we were always happy to accept members. Introducing himself as Major Bradford, he told me he had all his application papers filled out, but asked me to check them over. We chatted while I checked the paper work and he mentioned he had retired from the Air Force . I can't remember what job he told me he had in the Air Force, but whatever it was I replied,"you must have been in AACS". He immediately asked what I knew about AACS. I told him I had spent three years in AACS, all at Haneda Air Base in Tokyo, as a Radar Mechanic, and the last one and one-half years as as NCOIC of GCA Radar Maintenance. He said he and his commanding officer were the first people transferred into AACS in 1938. Major Bradford said he was a Corporal at the time, and his Commander was a First Lieutenant. I don't remember the lieutenant's name. I only saw Major Bradford one time after that. That was when I took his SAR membership certificate to him. He appeared very weak and his wife said he needed to rest, so I didn't stay long. I invited him to attend our meetings but he never came. After about a year I lost contact with him entirely and have no idea what happened to him. It would be interesting to know more about him.

## Does anyone remember Donald Everett ?

**Laurent Loizy, of France, who is a member of the 317th Troop Carrier Group Veterans Group is looking for any information on the owner of a B-4 bag from the 1950's.**

**The name on the bag is "Donald Everett" and writings on the bag are; "AACS, Rhein Main, Corbigny, Paris, Lyon, Dijon". Our records show Dets and Sq's Of the 132nd AACS Sq, 133rd AACS Sq, 134th AACS Sq and the 1945th AACS Sq at Rhein Main were the AACS units that were at these locations in the 40s. In 1948, the 3 digit designations were changed to 4 digit unit designations, so the time frame may have been earlier than 1950. You can reach Laurent Loizy at email: [lolo.sub@wanadoo.fr](mailto:lolo.sub@wanadoo.fr)**



**The Southern Pines PILOT, N.C., Friday July 19, 1946**  
**"Pate On Paris-Munich Hop Finds "GCA" a Lifesaver"**  
( Lt. Pate is Bill Bethea's Uncle)

1st Lt. Arthur Pate dropped by the "PILOT" (the newspaper) last Saturday to see his ex-GI brother, Jim, but as all printers will tell you if you ask, or even if you don't, they were busy back on the presses and Jim couldn't give younger brother Arthur much time.

"Go on up the front where they never work" said Jim with a noble scorn. So Lt Pate came up front where we were having tea and crumpets and saccharine. Lt. Pate has a juicy streak in tow, but never loosened firm grip on it.

One thing led to another, a few Pacific memories swapped for ones of London, Paris, and Munich. Then Lt Pate got to talking about a mission when he had to fly a C-47 through thick stratus clouds and ice from Paris to Munich, landing by the new GCA that promises to revolutionize blind flying. It had already saved lots of lives, and Lt Pate had 5 passengers with him who never saw the ground until they felt the plane land.

Said Pilot Pate.. "At Paris the weather wasn't too good. But they told me I'd top it at 7500 and be in the clear"... but at 9500 I was still in the soup. After I got out from Paris maybe 75 miles I went in between layers, still plenty of weather but you could see the cloud layers.

"When I got over the Rhine you could can always tell that even if you can't see the ground because of the hills that rise about 4500 feet giving you build up cumulus over the area-well it was soupy but smooth on to Munich. When I got down near Munich somebody was on the Munich frequency sending code. I got worried because about 80 miles past Munich the Alps rise 6 to 8,000 feet. The code coming in caused my radio compass to swing, but I was only using it for a check. The closer I got the clearer the signal got and I knew exactly when I came over the cone.

"They told me to fly over the North Leg, and right then I had about three minutes of clear vision, saw it snowing on the ground. The soup closed in tight again. "The tower switched me over to GCA. GCA picked me up on their radar scope and gave me direct headings to fly and the procedure on letting down to traffic altitude." They kept telling me. "Have you in sight now, have you in sight now and then "Pick up heading seven zero degrees". I knew I was flying parallel with the runway then. The heading was 160 and after that 350 and then they told me "You're on your base leg now"  
"You head into the runway about seven miles out, holding your altitude and coming in at 120 mph. They tell you to descend at the rate of 500 feet per-minute. All the time they give you your heading correction, keeping up a running chatter. "Your altitude is good, your heading is correct, your looking good now. Your right on the glide path. Your looking good. We were coming down and could not see a thing".

"I finally broke out at about 50 feet from the ground and 50 feet from the runway. It was snowing hard and the only way I could tell I was headed exactly straight for it was the runway markers sticking up out of the snow". "All I had to do was pull the power off and set her in". After I got on the ground, I couldn't see the terminal it was snowing so hard". "And then we all wiped the sweat away"  
"That GCA is really fine. It has saved lots of lives", added Pate. And then I left to go play ball with the SP team in Siler City.



## **Air Force's cyber leader says communication, information role shifting**

**JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas (AFNS) -- The Air Force's leader in cyberspace operations and support told communications and information career field members here how emerging technology and the information superhighway are changing their roles and providing them with challenges and opportunities.**

**Lt. Gen. William T. Lord, the Air Force chief of warfighting integration and chief information officer, presented CyberVision 2020, an initiative to transform the communications and information community, during a town hall meeting here Jan. 11 sponsored by Headquarters Air Education and Training Command A6.**

**Lord called the transition to cyberspace operations and support a "culture shift" from traditional information assurance to mission assurance. He compared the journey of communications and information service members and civilians to a roller coaster ride.**

**"I used to say that the roller coaster ride was on the incline," he said. "I think the roller coaster ride you are on, whether you want to be on it or not, is at the top and it's begun to free fall. What we want to do is shape where we're going in cyber so that, one, we get there safely; two, that maybe you can enjoy the ride while we're at it; but three, that the important things we have always done don't get lost on the ride and at the same time we arrive in a new place."**

**A video that preceded Lord's address and slide show presentation traced the communications and information career field's evolution from its role in the U.S. Army Signal Corps before World War I to cyberspace today. Now effects can be achieved "on the battlefield with nonkinetic tools" through five core competencies: cyberspace operation, knowledge, cyberspace operation support, warfighting integration and cyberspace governance.**

**Lord said the Air Force is "at that aspect of cyber between World War I and World War II."**

**"We figured out that we can use it for other things," he said, just as airplanes were later used "for other things than just moving information."**

**Lord said the technology that is embraced by young people plays an important role in the Air Force's cyber mission.**

**"Great new capability comes from some of those new devices," he said. "We have to be able to figure out how to deliver that capability. You've got to deliver it fast, and we also have to deliver it securely, and sometimes those are in direct confrontation with one another."**

**Lord said the tools used in the communications and information career field are already at play in the operational realm -- on the flightline, where fiber optics can be found in maintenance bays, and in the aerial battle ground, where sophisticated devices such as the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node employed on airplanes are important to Army ground combat maneuver units.**



**"We're going to be at wars that have maybe more capable platforms, but not as many of them," he said. "You all are part of the community that ties that stuff together, that requires you to know some other skills that perhaps we haven't paid as much attention to in the past as we go forward in the future."**

**Lord said Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's recent remarks on the future of the military in an age of budget cuts and manpower reductions underscored the importance of technology and the need to excel in cyberspace.**

**Cyberspace operations and support are such a priority, he noted, that the field now has its own four-star advocate, Gen. William L. Shelton, Air Force Space Command commander, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.**

**"How cool is it that for the first time ever, we have a four-star operator who is the champion of this business?" he said.**

**Lord said the cyber mission faces challenges as the Air Force "gets a little smaller in the future."**

**"You have an environment where we have to tie innovation together that we never thought about how to do in the past or modernize that which hasn't been modernized for 30 or 40 years," he said.**

**The initial steps in the transformation are being taken by the air staff and the Air Force Space Command, Lord said.**

**"There's a couple of hundred action items that are being assigned, and that work is being staffed now to get after how we get from where we were to where we're going," he said.**

**Lord, who also answered questions from the audience, said communications and information professionals will need the "three C's: courage, competence and creativity." He urged them to innovate, a "wonderful mantra" from Air Education and Training Command.**

**"You are figuring out the mechanism by which we train all our replacements," he said. "And it's one of the strengths of our Air Force. There are no dumb ideas. The only dumb idea is the one that wasn't expressed."**



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## RENEWALS SINCE THE NOV 2011 COMMUNICATOR

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### **A "Stanza" from Years Ago !!! By Life Member: Abraham J. Iakovides**

**Abraham served during the Korean War and two of his units listed in our Database are the 1950th AACS Sq, Tripoli, Libya & the 2045th AACS Gp, Andrews AFB, MD. The "Stanza" was written when they build the Viet Nam Memorial as he felt that there were no memorials for the Veterans of WWII and the Korean War. (Memorials were built in later years).**

**"Eternal be their Memory"  
Who visits me ?  
Who thinks of me ?  
Who mourns for me or visits my memory on sacred sculptured stone ?**

**The memory fades -  
I lost the first (Korea)  
The "Flower Children" and others  
With the "Video Eye" lost the second (Vietnam)**

**Who will speak for me ?  
Where does my nation mourn  
Except at the "Unknown"**

**In a distant land at a now distant time  
The memory fades as should all wars,  
But, should not someone visit my "Stone"  
And say well done -----  
But, there is no "Sacred Stone"**

## Looking for Information



**Does anyone have info on MSgt William Welter? He served under Col Dux LeDoux, Commander of the 65th AACS Group in the United Kingdom during WWII. His Son, Cyril Welter can be reached at [cmwelter@aol.com](mailto:cmwelter@aol.com). In his Dads letters, he refers to Larry Camp and a Capt Kniskern, Capt Parr, Sgt Libby and a Maj McDavitt. Cyril would like to know what his dad did in AACS. He may have been a cryptographer and was stationed in Central London.**



**MSgt William Welter  
65th AACS Group**



## Ham Report for November 2011



It has been decided that due to the lack of interest in Ham activities and low attendance, the "Ham Room" has been discontinued. If attendance is up, a table will be set aside for the hams in the Hospitality Room.

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

There is currently no "Ham Coordinator" to coordinate activities. If you want to volunteer, contact Dough Donnell, 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 Cost SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F

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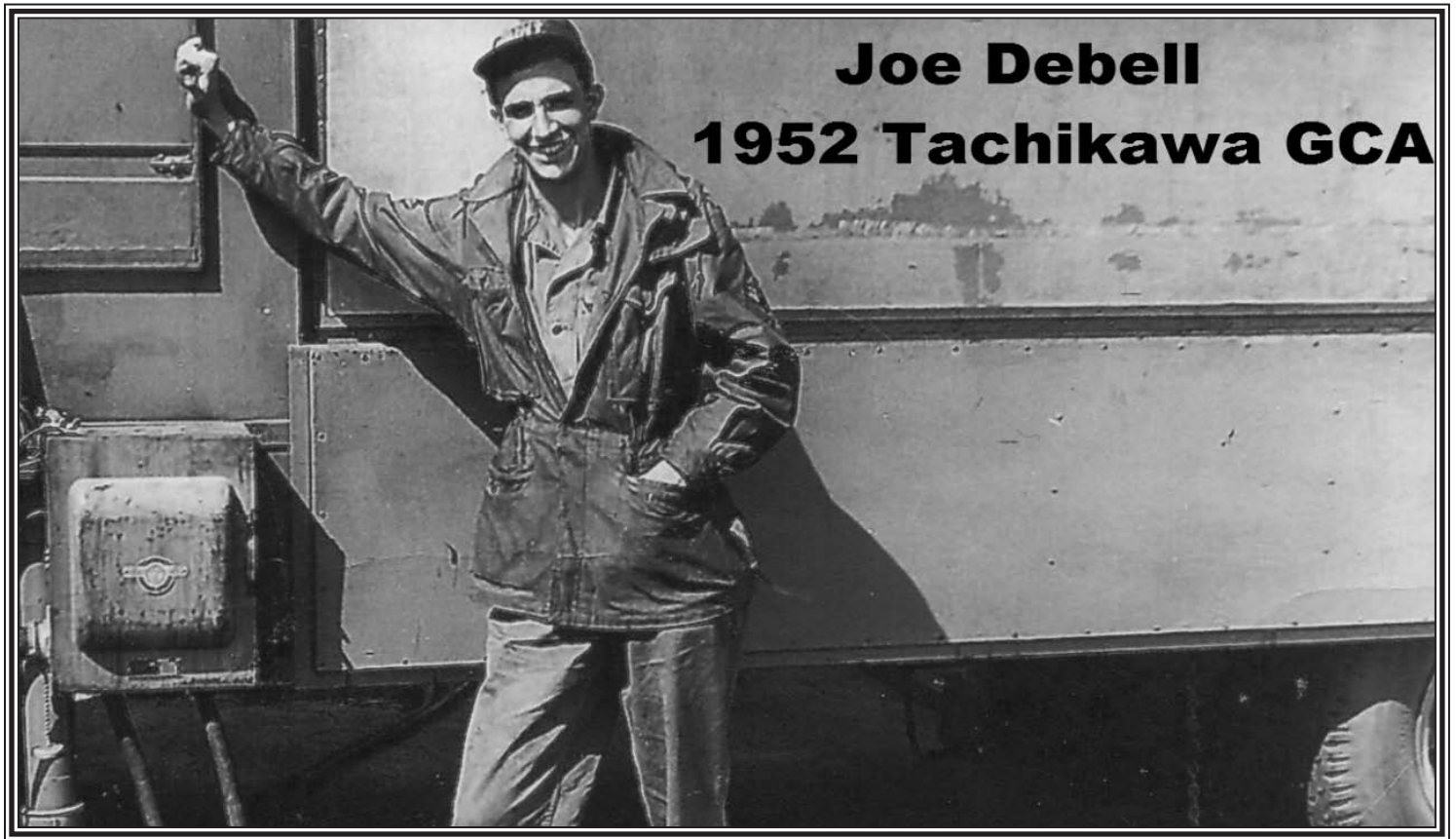
**There is no Ham coordinator available at the present time. Volunteer's should contact the Executive Director.**

## A New Cyber Operations Unit

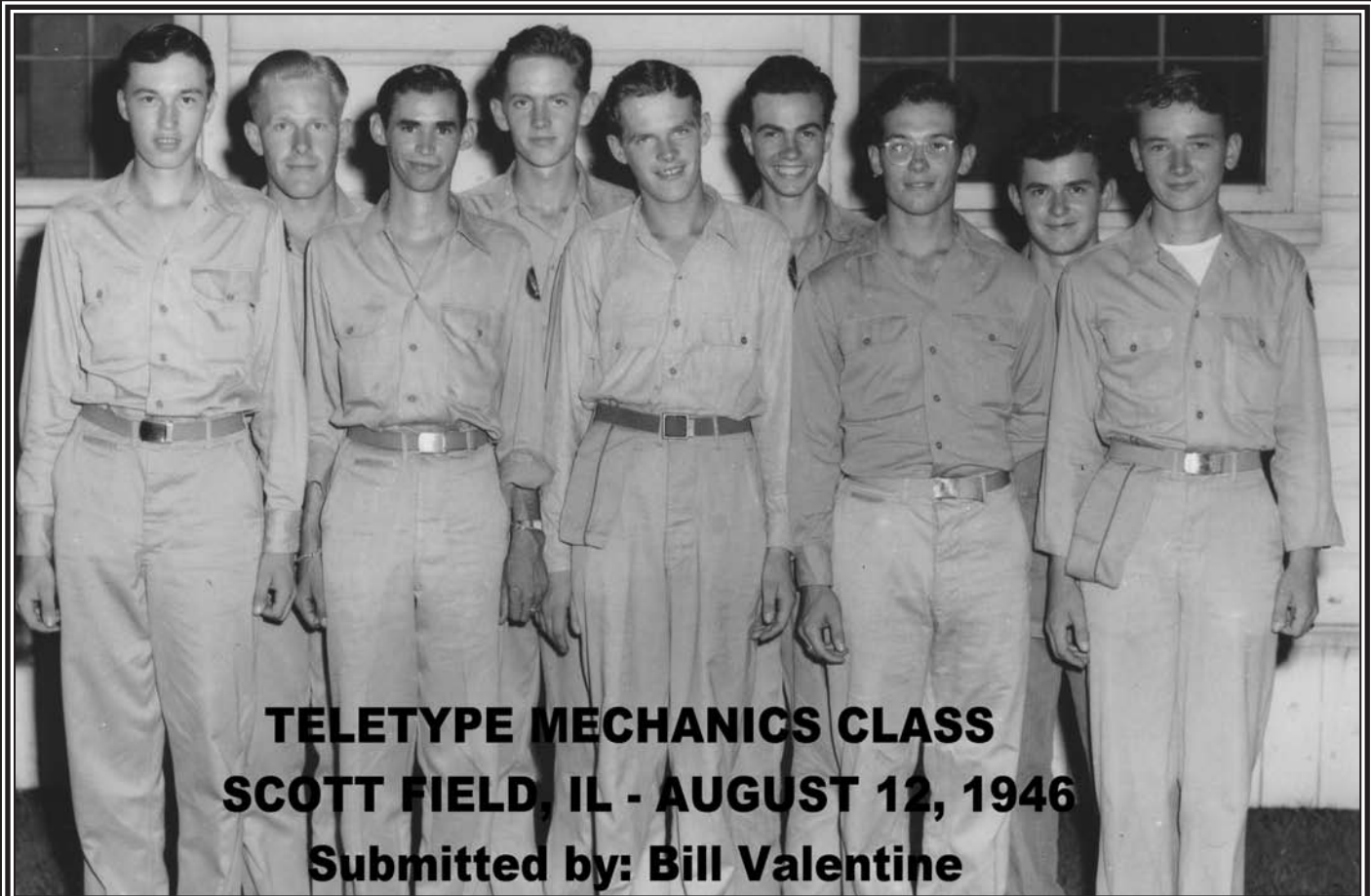
### Risen on the Cyber Tide

Air Force Reserve Command's 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown ARS, Ohio, added a new squadron by elevating the 910th Communications Flight to squadron status. "With the increased focus on cyber operations, we've experienced an increase in staff to help shoulder the workload," said Lt. Col. Pete Milkovich, 910th CS commander, at the chance-of-status ceremony at the wing's headquarters on Jan. 7. "We have already been functioning at a squadron level, so the change from flight to squadron is kind of a formality," he added.





**Joe Debell**  
**1952 Tachikawa GCA**



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## NEW WEB SITE

### New design offers simplicity, ease of use

Last November we launched our shiny, new web site at [www.afcommatc.org](http://www.afcommatc.org). The new site has much of the same information as the previous site, including our Communicator newsletters. It is designed to make everything easier to use and find. More than 4,000 have visited since the site went live in November 2011. If you are not one of those, please visit soon and check it out. The site's improved navigation includes topic-focused sections and subsections to allow viewers to quickly drill down to subjects they are looking for. The clickable headings run across the upper section of the home page in a blue bar: Home, History, Join, News, Contacts/Links, Photos/Videos, Members Only, Resources, and Sign our Guestbook. **Home.** Our home page describes the who, what, and why of our Association. It includes links to Facebook and our Guestbook. A subsection identifies our board of directors, non-voting positions, and current Air Force comm/info/cyber/air traffic control leadership. A second subsection features our Hall of Honors, dedicated to our award recipients and to members who recently passed away. **History.** Here we lay out the history of our organization, going back to 1977 and the beginning of the AACS Alumni Association. On this page you'll find our legacy commands and agencies and past leadership. We include a link to the Air Force Network Integration Center's heritage web site. **Join.** We need new members to continue our great organization. This page has membership forms and information about renewals and address changes. **News.** Read articles, hot topics, and items of interest regarding our Association and the Air Force communications, information, air traffic control, and cyberspace communities. Check back often for new items and links to related topics. As a subsection, we also post everything you need to know about upcoming conventions. **Contacts/Links.** We provide the appropriate point of contact for questions/comments on a variety of topics--from membership, to PX/BX orders, to the Communicator newsletter. Links include the Cyberspace Operations and Support Hall of Fame; Air Force web sites; other alumni sites, and a link to the Rohna survivors memorial association. A subsection directs you to a PX/BX order form and photos of items for sale. A second subsection allows visitors who are looking for a person, place, or thing to post information or questions. Click on "comments" to see posts. Check in...you just might be able to help someone. **Photos/Videos.** Take a look at who attended recent conventions, or watch a video tribute to communicators, or view short videos of interest to our community. **Members only.** This page is password-protected and accessible only to our members. Since you're reading this in the Communicator, you are obviously a member. The password is "mpn1aacs". You have access to current and past Communicator newsletters and the membership roster. **Resources.** This page offers easy-to-follow instructions to accomplish various tasks within our organization. Click on any subject to open a Word document with specific guidelines/instructions. Topics include

"how to host a convention," "how to prepare/submit an award nomination," and more. You'll also find position descriptions for our board of directors and our Association's policies and charters. **Guestbook.** You can start an online conversation or reply to questions posted by other former or current communicators. You never know who you might find. To post a comment, simply enter your name, Air Force specialty, location, and e-mail, and type in your comment. Then check back to see if anyone has commented on your post. Be sure to explore the new web site to check out these features. Please tell us what you think by e-mailing any constructive comments or questions to [manske5@charter.net](mailto:manske5@charter.net), or simply use the comment box on the web site.

**Lori Manske,**  
web site manager

### Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association



Click on Contacts ... Visit the PX/BX ... Buy now and s

#### Who we are...

Welcome to the new web site of the Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association. And many thanks to Hank Sauer, former web site editor, for his dedication in managing the previous web site for so many years.

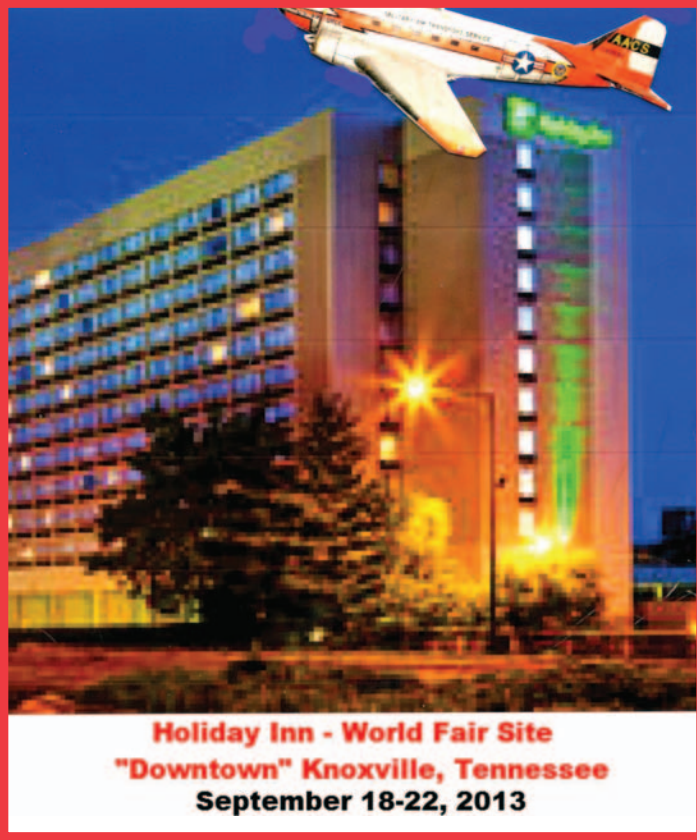
Our association is comprised of about 2,000 members (Communicators, Information/Cyber, Space Operations, Air Traffic Controllers, Air Field Managers, Maintenance, Engineering and Installation and related support personnel) who have served or are serving in any communications or air traffic control unit. (This includes those who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps) or hold or held a communications, information/cyber, air traffic control, maintenance, engineering and installation or related support skill set.

The term Communicators includes ALL operational, maintenance, administrative skills and other skills in the U.S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force (including Reserve and Air National Guard) communications or air traffic control units.

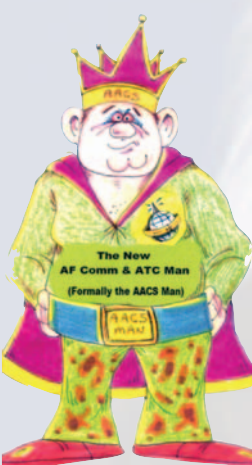




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**1st Time Reunion Attendees at St. Louis, 2011**

## AACS Legacy - Korean War

AACS troops in Korea began supporting a Korean Orphanage in 1950 and support spread to all the AACS units in the Far East. The photo's were taken by Ray Buday who worked in the K-18 Control Tower. Thanks to Jim Davis of Sterling, VA for providing the photo's.



Ray Buday Collection – AACS Orphanage – Korea - 1952\_1953



Ray Buday Collection – Seoul – 1952\_1953 (Ewah Women's University)



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KING 18 CONTROL TOWER  
KNEELING VIEWER RIGHT

Ray Buday Collection – Seoul 1952\_1953 – AACS Group Headquarters (Ewah Women's University)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Nbr: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Quantity	Description	Total Cost
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_____	AACS Logo Patch @ \$4.00 (note: this patch has AACS, AFCS & AFCC EMBROIDED)	\$ _____
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_____	New: Old Blue Original AACS Patch @ \$6.00	_____
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_____	Deluxe AACS Embroidered Pin-on Patch @ \$8.00	_____
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_____	<b>NEW AFCOMMATC CHALLENGE COIN @ \$7.00 each</b>	_____
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_____	Metal AACS Lapel Pin @ \$4.00	_____
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_____	Deluxe AACS Embroidered Logo Hat @ 7.00 (Blue Only)	_____
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_____	Deluxe AFCOMMATC Embroidered Logo Hat @ \$12.00 (Blue Only)	_____
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_____	<b>New White "T" Shirts with AACS Original Logo @ \$7.00</b> <b>Lady sizes only: M _____ L _____ XL _____</b>	_____
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_____	AACS Embroidered Logo Golf Shirts @ \$10.00 Blue _____ (Sizes: S ___ XXL ___) <b>NO MEDIUM OR XL</b> White _____ (Sizes: S ___ XL ___ XXL ___) <b>No MEDIUM OR LARGE</b>	_____
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_____	AFCOMMATC Embroided Logo Golf Shirt BLUE @ \$28.00	_____
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_____	AFCOMMATC Embroided Logo Golf Shirt WHITE @ \$28.00	_____
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_____	AFCOMMATC Shirt Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	_____
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_____	AACS embroidered Wind Shirt (blue with gold trim) S ___ XXL ___ @ \$8.00 ea <b>No Medium, LARGE OR XL</b>	_____
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_____	AFCOMMATC embroidered Wind Shirt (blue with gold trim) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ @ \$20.00 ea	_____
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_____	AACS Jacket (zipper) Sizes: S ___ @ \$12.00 <b>ONLY SMALL</b>	_____
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_____	AFCOMMATC Jacket (zipper) Sizes S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ @ \$30.00	_____
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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 Challenge Coin



### CUP



### AFComm/ATC HAT



### AFCommATC SHIRT



### AF CommATC SHIRT



### AACS ITEMS

#### Deluxe Patch



#### Original Patch



#### Command Patch



### AACS Pin



### T-SHIRT



### AACS Hat



### Windshirts (BOTH)



### Blue Shirt



### White Shirt



### NEW JACKET (BOTH)



**"NOTICE"**

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

"Donations" to help support the Association, will be gratefully accepted. Because of the aging membership of our WWII, Berlin Airlift and Korean Veterans, coupled with the loss of Air Force Communications & Air Traffic Control Command/Unit integrity, our membership will continue to dwindle. We want to pass on to our younger and new members an "Association" that will be a viable organization when it's their time, and one that will provide them with the same fellowship and comradely that we have enjoyed since 1977. If you care to give, only give what you can afford. Other than the names of those who donate, no dollar amounts will be published. **ALL DONATIONS** are IRS Tax-deductible as authorized by the IRS.

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

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

**Please make checks out to: AFCOMMATC and mail to:**

**Cindy Allison  
691 Lawshe Road  
Senoia, GA 30276**

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



# **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 Officers/Airman/Civilians serving today.

## **The Beginning**

The initial meeting of what turned out to be the first AACS 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 initial group established the high standards that continues 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".

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

### **AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association** **(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association - 1977 - 2008)**

<b>1977 - 1978</b>	<b>Hack Neal (BGen)</b>
<b>1979 - 1980</b>	<b>Bob Dickerson (Col)</b>
<b>1981 - 1982</b>	<b>Joe Beler (Col)</b>
<b>1983 - 1984</b>	<b>Don Donnell (Col)</b>
<b>1985 - 1986</b>	<b>Wally Bailey (Col)</b>
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**ANSWER: An Association that is comprised of approximately 2,000 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 Network Integration Center" (AFNIC) 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, maintenance and support skills regardless of what Major or Joint Command an individual served in, including today's active duty personnel. All Honors & awards still reside with AFNIC.**

**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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