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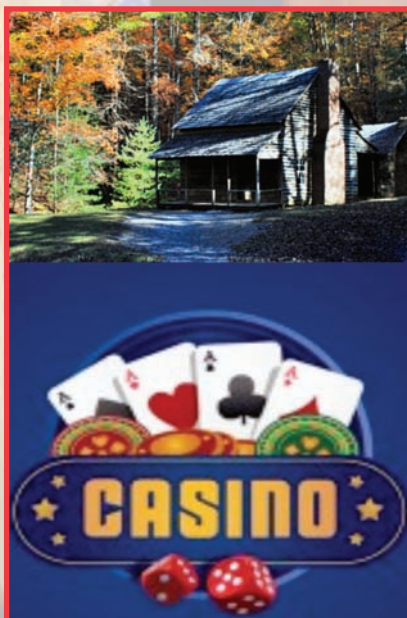
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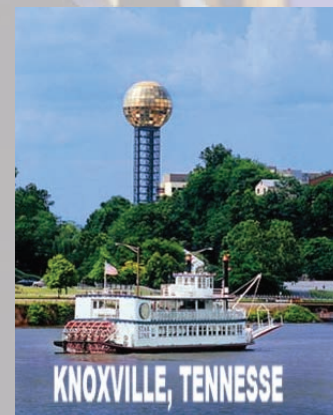
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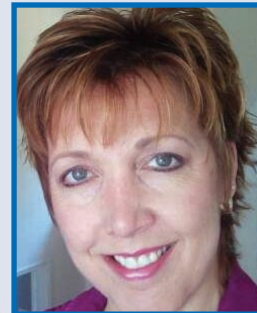
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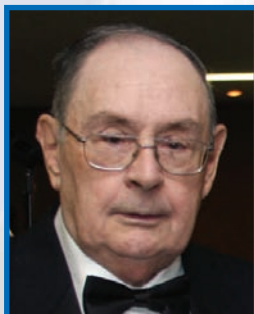
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**Air Traffic Controller
named as the 17th
Chief Master Sergeant of the
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BIOGRAPHY**



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES A. CODY

Chief Master Sergeant James A. Cody is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas. The command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, a numbered air force and Air University. AETC trains more than 293,000 students per year and consists of 12 bases, more than 67,900 active-duty, Reserve, Guard, civilians and contractors, and 1,369 trainer, fighter and mobility aircraft. Chief Cody advises AETC commanders, directors, and staff on the current and future training and educational methods used by the more than 600,000 total force Airmen. The chief is a key advisor to the command's corporate structure for budgeting, transformation, and execution of the AETC mission.




Chief Cody entered the Air Force in November 1984. The chief graduated from the air traffic control specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., in May 1985. His background includes various duties in air traffic control at the unit and major command levels. Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of additional duties ranging from First Sergeant to Directorate Superintendent. His assignments include bases in New Hampshire, California, Virginia and Florida. The chief also served overseas in Germany, Korea, Turkey, and deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 18th Air Force, Scott AFB, Ill.

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4. June 1988 - January 1991, ATC Watch Supervisor, 1916th CS, Pease AFB, N.H.
5. January 1991 - May 1993, ATC Watch Supervisor, 30th OSS, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
6. May 1993 - May 1994, ATC Watch Supervisor, 51st OSS, Osan AB, Korea
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8. June 1996 - March 2000, Superintendent, Airfield Operations, Readiness/Training, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.
9. March 2000 - May 2003, Chief Controller, Tower, 1st Sergeant, 6th OSS, MacDill AFB, Fla. (April 2002 - Jul 2002, Superintendent, Combat Airspace Management Cell, Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
10. June 2003 - July 2005, Superintendent, Directorate of Air and Space Operations and ATC Functional Manager, HQ ACC, Langley AFB, Va.

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New 24th Air Force Commander

On February 21, 2013, the Air Force announced the retirement of Major General Susanne "Zan" Vautrinot and named Major General James K. McLaughlin to be the 3rd Commander of the 24th (CYBER) Air Force. General Vautrinot was our guest speaker at the 2012 Convention/Reunion in San Antonio. We wish her all the best in her retirement and second career. General McLaughlin brings a wealth of experience in the space operations and intel worlds, and we wish him every success in his new assignment.



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From The Desk of the Executive Director



We're only about six months away from what promises to be another fabulous reunion for our group. Our hosts Hank Sauer and Bob Akard have been working hard to put together a great program, with everything from a riverboat cruise to a look back at the early settlement of the Great Smoky Mountains. Check out the latest information, pictures, schedules, etc. on the website (afcommatc.org).

Each time we meet I'm struck by the enthusiasm of our members. We come to the reunions to share memories and spend time with friends, but, beyond that, a thread that binds us all is the special pride we feel in having served our country. This comes through loud and clear whenever and wherever we gather. With the reunion coming up, now is the perfect time to reach out to your friends and invite them to join us in September. The annual gatherings are the centerpieces of our association and what better way to increase our numbers and increase our fun by bringing new members into the organization. The best way to make that happen is to reach out personally - make that phone call or send that email and plan to meet in Knoxville!

The Board of Directors is always looking for ways to improve our organization, so if you have some ideas, please send them along. If you're one of our members (or even a friend of the organization), perhaps you have a few ideas for ways that the organization could better serve our group.

Around the world, today's cyber warriors continue to build on the legacy of those of us that preceded them in the communications career fields. Despite the amazing changes in technology that we have seen over the years, their world, like ours before, still involves professionals making sure their leaders have the information they need to make decisions and the means to get those decisions to the warfighters whenever and wherever needed. And the Air Traffic Controllers? They still keep 'em flying!

Doug Donnell
Executive Director



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Maintaining Membership Numbers: New Members Important Renewals are Critical

If we are to maintain this association members must pay attention to membership expiration dates and renew their memberships in a timely manner.

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Please pay close attention to your membership expiration dates and renew in a timely manner. Your expiration date is indicated on your membership card and on the address label of your Communicator.

If you are due to renew please do so by 1 April 2014 to insure that you receive your June 2014 Communicator which will contain the 2014 Convention Information.

For those who make periodic or regular donations we appreciate your continued support. You can be assured that your donations are critical to the continued operation of this great organization.

Membership Director Report for June 2013 Communicator

We have gained 18 new members since 1 Oct 2012. Our current active membership stands at 1537. 80 members have renewed since 1 Oct 2012.

As of 1 Apr 2013 we have 127 whose dues will expire in 2013. To see when your dues expire check the address label on your latest Communicator or the expiration date on you membership card.

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THE COST OF THE NOV 2012 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

Printing, labeling, shipping (2,075 copies).....	\$3,051.60
Layout/Draft/Conversion.....	700.00
P.O. Bulk Mail charges (approx 2021 mailed).....	809.26
Annual P.O. Bulk Mail Permit.....	190.00
Overseas Mail & New or Renewals	26.90

TOTAL: \$4,777.76

It cost the Association approximately \$2.30 per-copy to publish and mail the NOV 2012 Communicator.

Remaining balance in PO Account: **\$ 146.95**
Remaining balance in Editors Bank Account: **\$ 129.86**

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The Web Site averages approximately **125 - 150** hits per-day. Since the web site was posted, there have been over **309,000** 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.

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

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**FROM THE CHAPLAIN FOR THE COMMUNICATOR
JUNE 2013**



A casual survey of today's churches can reveal that many of the sermons are focused on the happenings of the present day rather than on the hereafter, and more on living life here and now, but comparatively little on the life which will follow for eternity. After all, on the one hand we are dealing with immediacy and that produces a reasonable certainty. This life, with all its challenges and opportunities is immediately before us and we know a fair amount about how to deal with it. However difficult it may become, it always seems easier than having to cope with the unknown, the uncertain, the clouded and darkly shaded future. One little girl had a problem over the two worlds. The four year old was looking at a family portrait and asked her mother, "Why aren't I in this picture?" "Honey, you weren't born yet," answered her mother smiling. "What does that mean, that I wasn't born yet?" "It means you did not come along until after this picture was taken." "You mean, I was still in heaven with Jesus", she said. And her mother said, "That's right!" There's another story about a young girl whose father was with her at the clinic when she had to have some minor surgery. The doctor worked quickly and the child never even flinched. When it was over the doctor praised her for her courage. She replied, "I wouldn't have done it if I couldn't have put my hand in my daddy's hand!" Now just consider that half of the girls and boys in America do not have a father at home to hold their hand. How vital it is then, that we who attend church or synagogue seek out the children, and at least prayerfully hold each of their hands. Better yet if we get to know them, especially children from single parent families, and be a foster father or grandfather with our best efforts. I believe Heaven will be like that, for we are assured that in Heaven we will rest in the Hand of God. Jesus took great pains to teach us that God is like a loving, caring parent. Only once did Jesus ever call God anything but "Father".

It is imperative then, that we who have led responsible military lives show in our actions toward young people what a father's (or grandfather's) love can be like. For it is within the family of God that we find our true values and where we can catch a glimpse of Heaven. It is within the family of God where we can capture a vision for the future, both now, and the future yet to come. It is God's family where we will be for eternity, basking in the power and great glory of God's perfect love. "Once we were no people", writes Saint Paul, "but now we are God's people".

We Christians believe that if we stay close to Jesus, His Spirit of love will flow through our lives and our young people will see the difference. Thereby, the glory of Heaven will become more of a reality, especially to the young.

No poem or song or story ever can do justice to that truth, but some young folks I know have a song where they can give a good try. It goes: "Heaven is a wonderful place; filled with God's glory and grace. I'm gonna see my Savior's face, Heaven is a wonderful place, I wanna tell ya".

How wonderful it would be if all our nation's young had that faith, and at least partially so because you and I cared enough to love them like a father, whether natural or as a substitute.

"Let not your hearts be troubled ...(for) in my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am, you may be also."

That is a message for all of us, and most assuredly for the young.

Emerson P. Whaley

Emerson P. "Pete" Whaley called last night ... Pete used to be a control tower operator at King One Eight. He arrived there in mid 1952 and I hadn't talked to him face-to-face or on the phone since 1953.

Pete's last email to me was on April 21, 2008. He went "off the air" about the time his wife died. Hadn't heard from him since and then right after Ray Buday called last night ... here comes Pete's call ... a bolt from the blue ... what a pleasant surprise!

Our acquaintance at K-18 ... 59 years ago ... was brief but long enough for him to teach me a few things about my new job. For now let me say that I owe him a lot ... he says I don't ... I think I do. The last time I talked to him over the telephone was also 59 years ago.

His advice to me in that phone call, from his tent during my first shift in the tower at K-18, probably saved the lives what was left of an Invader crew ... a midwatch (00001 to 06001) ... very low ceiling with one engine feathered. The pilot was hit ... as I remember he was dead ... this is bad since the B-26 only carried one pilot ... the navigator in his right seat was driving. Pete advised me to turn on the ceiling light ... a search-light ... and tell the pilot to spiral down. This advice came after "nav" had missed two approaches. I think the application of power woke up the whole base including Pete since I vaguely remember one phrase from the conversation ... 'we're trying to sleep down here' or something similar.

The wreckage remained relatively intact ... and all but the pilot walked away. The AC&W guys, up on the hill, probably led the plane through the dark to K-18, as they did for many. I wonder if any of the pilots ever tipped their hats to those guys ... they were good ... I kinda suspect they were just taken for granted ...

Pete and I talked for a long time ... he told of his 26 years of service ... mostly in the USAF ... two tours in Vietnam ... his life in the country near Nacona, TX ... his dog with which he walks a lot and how he used to fish a lot. He retired in 1975 ... enlisted in 1951 ... had some earlier time in the Guard after he fibbed about his age ... his Guard unit discharged him (under age) when they were ordered to Korea at the start of the war.

He also said at K-18 he spent a lot of time with the USN guys at FASRON-11 ... they had a TBM Avenger ... they called it "The Turkey" and it was flown by a CPO. Pete was invited by the chief to fly up to Wonsan harbor ... an island emergency strip behind enemy lines to pick up a downed pilot. The chief said it was just a milk run. Pete couldn't find Lt. Roy Lane our detachment commander (DETCO) to obtain permission. Not being able to find Lt. Lane Pete went on the "milk run" to the island anyway.

Unknown to Pete ... the enemy had a huge railroad gun pointed at the strip on the island ... a beach ... when any plane landed they rolled out the gun and fired one round then rolled it back into the tunnel. Our cruisers laid for this gun but as far as I know they never got it.

The Seabees had constructed revetments near the strip and all aircraft were placed in one ... the enemy couldn't tell which one ... a shell game ... everyone took cover until the round was fired and work resumed. Bill Leisher, FASRON-11, filled me in on this.

Pete's welcoming "round" hit near the Avenger and peppered it good. Pete told the chief he'd be court-martialed if he missed his upcoming shift in the tower and off they went in a wounded "Turkey". Pete remembers they had gear problems approaching K-18 but got down OK. Bill says he remembered seeing the "battle damage" holes in the airplane.

Pete says he still remembers Lt. Lane's "words" when he learned about this "milk run".

Needless to say we talked a lot ... about K-18 ... our youth and subsequent life.

All-in-all July 17, 2012 was a great day for me ... Pete and Ray called ... Ray's gonna be OK after losing his home to the Colorado Springs forest fire; and Emerson P. Whaley is back in the fold ... The "Nats" won with a homerun in the bottom of the 11th and my daughter-in-law celebrated her birthday in Ocean City, MD and I remembered it in time to get her a card before she gets back.

After I made my plans to attend AirVenture 2012 (Oshkosh) ... got an invitation from DoD 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee. They are having a ceremony at Arlington on July 27th. The purpose is to remember the 59th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice ... and our "heroes". I'm flying back home early from Oshkosh and plan to be there. I'll take some pictures and share what I can with you. I'll be thinking of those that have gone on ... before us ...

Jim Davis, USAF 1952 - 1956 - CAA/FAA 1956 - 1990

A Tribute To Major Gray!

Ever since he began his Air Force career, Maj. Walter "Dave" Gray was someone to look up to. During his first time at the tactical air control party schoolhouse, classmates would go to Gray for help. "He took a lot of us under his wing," said Master Sgt. David Bickel, the Superintendent of Operations at the Joint Tactical Air Control Advanced Instructor course who went through technical school with Gray in 1995.

So it wasn't a surprise that, more than a decade after his commissioning as an officer, Gray went back through TACP school and was a leader in the first class of air liaison officers - known as 13 Limas because of their Air Force Specialty Code.

Gray, who was assigned to the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron out of Fort Carson, Colo., was killed Wednesday when a suicide bomber attacked his vehicle in Kunar province, Afghanistan. Gray, 38, is survived by his wife and three children.

"He was what a TACP officer should be," Bickel said. "We've been wanting TACP officers. We want guys who have been through the training and bled in the field. He was the epitome of what a 13 Lima should be."

Gray received his commission in 1997 through the ROTC after serving as an enlisted airman. He served for several years as an Airfield Operations Officer before becoming one of the first Air Liaison Officers as part of "Raptor 01," the first TACP class to include 13Ls.

Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro, a Tactical Air Control Party instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, said he had known Gray for 12 years, and was an instructor when Gray went through TACP school as an officer. Even though Gray had been through it before, Del Toro joked with him while he was training with the younger airmen, saying "you better keep up, dude."

"He liked to joke around, he was a joker," Del Toro said. "He was very good for his buddies." His peers and friends said everyone who served with Gray respected him. It was a respect that did not just come from the bars or oak leaves he wore, but from his actions and words.

"Once he became an officer, he realized his job was to lead guys into battle," Bickel said. "He was very confident, and he led by example, and the guys loved him."

Gray was one of the highest-ranking ALOs in the Air Force, and his comrades looked forward to him being a leader in the new career field.

"I'd follow him into a firefight, because I know he'd never lead us wrong," Bickel said.

BIENNIAL GEEIA-MDA-EI WORLD WIDE REUNION

3-6 October, 2013, at the Hotel Biltmore, Oklahoma City, OK.

Contact Jim Street at streetjames@att.net or Darrell Getchell at

304teamchief@geeia.net or 406 W. Curtis Dr. Midwest City, OK 73110-3006

for specific information about this reunion.

TREASURERS REPORT
(as of June 30, 2012)



Cash in Banks:

AFCOMMATC Checking Acct	\$39,670.65
Publisher's Account (TN Bank)	\$ 129.86
Cash Totals:	\$39,800.51

Certificates of Deposit:

6099 \$11,483.75 Maturity Date 12/05/2014	
CD Totals (1):	\$11,483.75

Grand Totals:	\$51,284.26
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The Bank of Georgia continues to be an excellent choice for this Organization, because there are no account maintenance fees and transactions are unlimited. My goal for the immediate future is to invest in CDs to continue to grow the membership funds. I want to thank those that have continued to donate through the mail and during the Reunion. As your Treasurer, my standing goals are: (1) Stable growth and (2) Security of Funds.

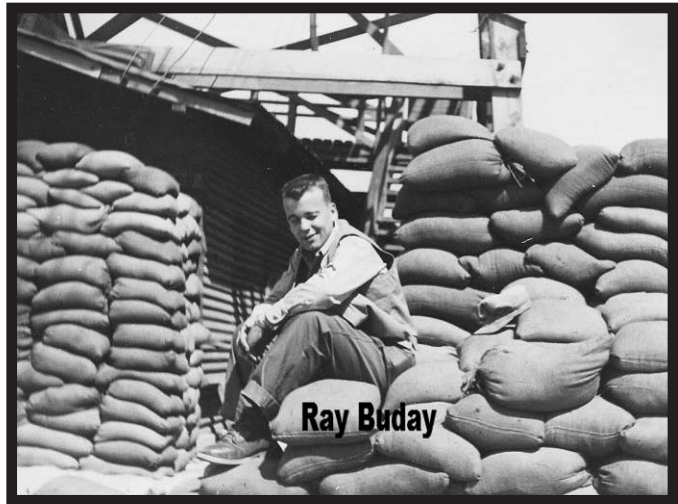
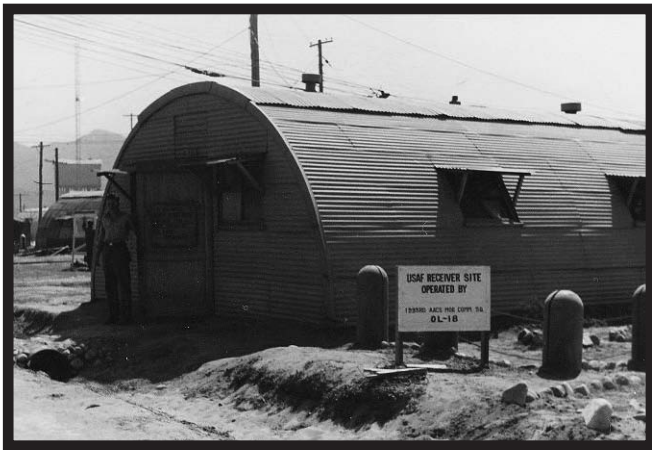
Cindy Allison, Treasurer

**Years of Election
For Board of Directors**

<u>Position</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		X		X*	
VICE DIRECTOR	X		X		X
EXECUTIVE SEC		X		X	
DIRECTOR FOR INFO	X		X		X
SERGEANT AT ARMS	X		X		X
TREASURER	INDEFINITE TERM OF OFFICE				
DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP	“				
EDITOR/PUBLISHER	“				

Note: The Executive Director can only serve for four consecutive years. He/she can run again after a break of service. The indefinite terms for the Treasurer, Dir For Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite once formally elected. The other directors must be reelected on a two year basis.

Members wishing to serve on the board or members wishing to nominate another member for a board position must view the Policy of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee (Copy is posted on the www.afcommatc.org 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 30th 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.



K-18 Kangnung

Our crew believes that we made the first 'Blue Tail Fly' in spite of what one of the CAGs claims!



(Bill Leisher)

Me on Yodo Island, Wonsan Harbour, to work on a downed AD-4. It had to be taken off by ship--big bullet hole through one of the engine cases.



A.K. Fullard & Dick Allen
1953

The teachers and children from a Kangnung orphanage that we supported by donations and scrap aircraft parts that could be melted down as scrap aluminum



MAJOR CHANGES TO THE GRANT BUILDING, SCOTT AFB, IL.

TO: Lt Gen Basla

Sir,

I want to give you an update on the Grant Building Refresh projects we have been working for the past year.

As you know we have worked hard to make sure all the projects continue to honor the history of the unit as well as respect the contributions of those who came before us while creating a modern look and feel. The projects have been orchestrated by my historian, Warren Neary. He has taken care of ensuring all the projects were done right and did not look amateurish. We have kept the costs very low by doing almost all the work as a series of self-help projects.

Here is a list of what we have completed so far:

- Removed and disposed of hundreds of pounds of deteriorating plastic plants
- Repainted Ludwig Hall
- Cleaned up the massive clutter of display cases in Ludwig Hall
- Reframed and moved the commander's portraits to a heavily trafficked hallway closest to my front office
- Modernized the main display case in Ludwig Hall; the TV screens now allow us to showcase dozens of photos of Lt Gen Grant, Lt Gen Ludwig and others that had previously been locked in our historical archives
- Created a Unit Heritage Hallway; the hallway is in front of the McClelland Conf Room entrance; most of these artifact were previously scattered around Ludwig Hall and other places in the building; all are now professionally displayed and grouped to showcase our unit heritage
- North Entrance of the Grant Building was in severe need of a refresh; the entrance was repainted to a modern, neutral color, new artwork was hung and a new portrait of Lt Gen Grant was hung; the previous Grant portrait had faded so badly that it was beyond repair
- Hall of Fame display was completely removed and replaced with a very modern display; the previous HoF ran out of space for additional plaques in 2011 and would not have accommodated the 2012 class; each HoF class is now grouped together on a dedicated which rotates the pictures every few seconds; we also produced a video for the HoF's central display which explains the HoF; we get people stopping by the HoF regularly to view the video and look at the HoF members

Here are a few additional projects we are still working:

- Air Force C&I/Cyber/ATCALs timeline; these display cases will be placed on the wall that previously had the commander's portraits; the vendor should have proofs to us in the next few weeks and then if they look good, it is ~6 week turnaround for them. We are looking at approximately Feb 13 for an installation
- Cyber Enlisted Heritage hallway; we are on the early stages of this so I don't have a good ECD, but expect it will be sometime late Spring 2013
- Replacing the outdated furniture in Ludwig Hall; the current furniture is as old as the building; we purchased new furniture with EOY funds and are awaiting delivery
- Installation of "QR codes" on many of the historical items including the HoF; this will allow people to scan the code with their smart phone and get additional information about the displays via our public web page

I have gotten a lot of positive comments about the whole building refresh especially the new HoF display and the main display cases. Attached is a slide-show with before and after pictures. Also, here is the link to the video that we produced which runs continuously on the center display of the HoF: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSLgzZsm2nw>

If you have questions, please let me know. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

v/r, Riz

RIZWAN ALI, Col, USAF

Commander, Air Force Network Integration Center

**More Names for the Class picture on page 18 of the
November 2012 Communicator**

HANK...

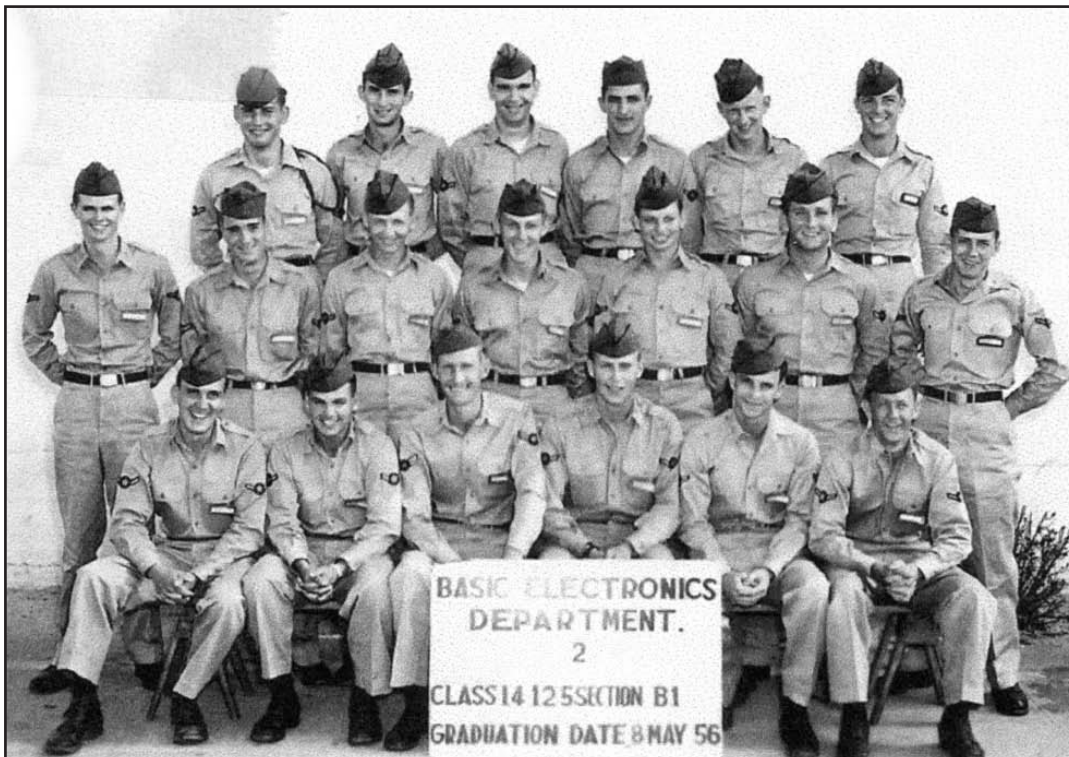
I hope I can help clear the mystery of one of the photos on page 18 of the November 2012 issue. Specifically, the class photo at the bottom right. It showed me and my classmates from Airborne Electronic Equipment Maintenance school at Keesler AFB, Biloxi , MS in 1956.

I am in the top row on the extreme left with the Barracks Chief "rope" on my left shoulder. Alex McEwan is on the opposite end of that same row and Jack Keenan is on the opposite end of that same row and Jack Keenan is to my immediate left. Ray Ballard is in the 2nd row immediately in front of me and Rich Reitano is 2nd from the left in the first row. I think Rene Fredette is 4th from the left in the middle row. My memory won't help me jog the names of the other guys at the moment.

In the wisdom of the Air Force I graduated from this course and was sent to Detachment 3 (Whealus AB, Tripoli, Libya) of the 1884th AACS I&M Squadron (Bordeaux, France) along with Alex McEwan and Rich Reitano where we installed ground ATC and Communications equipment throughout the Middle East and Southern Europe.

I hope this helps.

Best Regards, John Hansen, Hobe Sound, FL



**Chanel & Technical Control Training Course
2045th AACCS Gp, Andrews AFB, MD - February 1960
Submitted by Ralph Stiles**



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* all went to Sidi Elmain Morano
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 *** went to Clark, P.I.

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 SSgt Culter - Saudi Arabia
 SSgt Wilson - Lajes, Azores

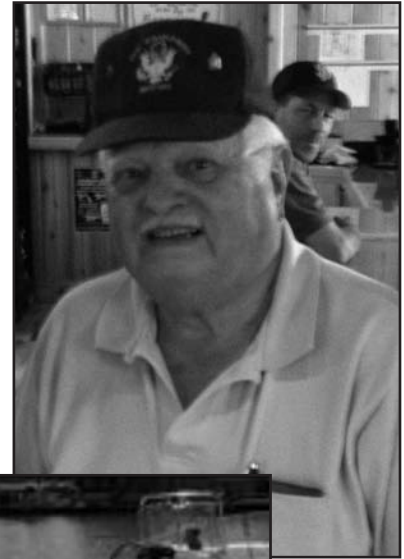
HANK
 I believe we were the first
 people to be cross trained
 in to the Chanel + Technical
 control field. This was before
 there was a formal class
 Room training.
 This was all OJT training

Ralph

My 2 year tour with a '16 Boston Whaler

Charles Christian

Embassy Muscat had a Dauntless model that was for the use of the embassy personal for pleasure and the great fishing nearby. We had it stored at the local yacht club with a great sandy beach, club house with bar, diner food, roofed picnic tables, and tables and chairs on the veranda out front overlooking the private beach. I had the control of the boat and the three membership passes which were kept by the USMC guard at Post 1 in the lobby of the embassy. They had a log book and also a waiting list to maintain. After a day use of the pass you had to turn it back in to the Marine the next morning. Once an Army Major took a pass and thought he would just keep it for awhile. As I was not military, and he had no connection with me other than the communications we furnished his office, I contacted him via office memo and told him he was to turn that pass in immediately back to Post 1. (I think I sent a CC copy of it to the Ambassador). Do not remember the Major ever speaking to me again.

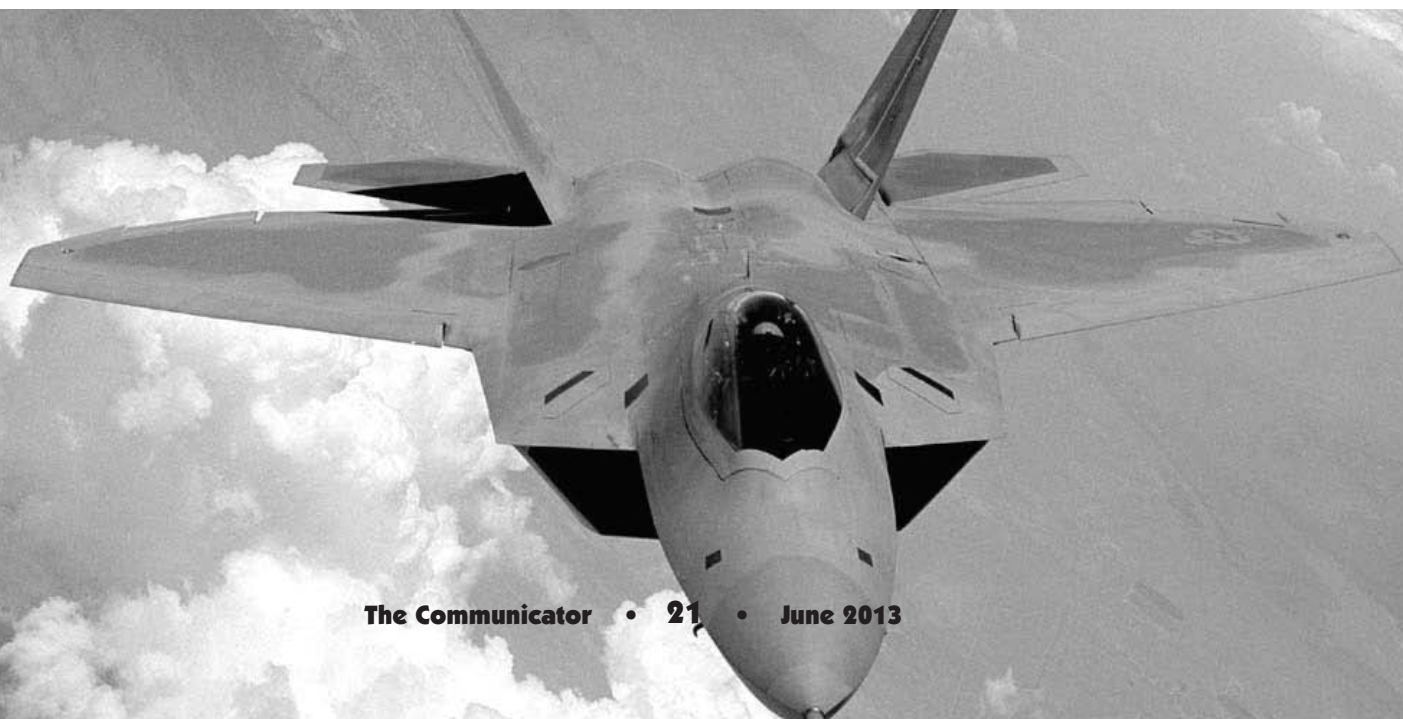


The boat was great in heavy seas and it was very controllable with a 100 HP Mercury outboard (6 HP backup engine). It was used close to shore up or down the coast with the south being the preferred direction for some unpopulated scenery of barren mountains, rocky islands, and a very nice deserted, sandy beach that was protected by a close-in rocky islet with narrow passage on one side to keep the small bay protected from wind and waves. Just behind the beach was a deserted native mud village from hundreds of years ago for exploring. It was always the favorite picnic beach for everyone. One of the 10 TDY communicators (all of them outranked me) I had during my tour (I was 6 months acting Communication Programs Officer) and I checked the boat out for an outing down the coast with some cold beer and snacks on a rare day off that we both had one week. We went to that sheltered beach where we just hung around for awhile, drinking, chatting, and watching a group of other Europeans swimming who had also boated down as getting there by vehicle was difficult. Soon it was getting late in the afternoon and a very strong wind came up making heavy seas in the narrow gaps to the open water. The others were so concerned that they said they would stay until it blew over no matter how long it took rather than risk swamping in the now violent ocean I knew the ability well of the Boston Whaler with that big engine. I felt confident that it would be a piece of cake to pass safely. I told my companion I was going to do it and he turned almost white and asked me not to. As I was the captain I acknowledged his concern and decided to go regardless. As I hit the violent waves and wind I gunned the engine. She went straight through with no hesitation or deviation from a straight shot out to sea. It was as easy as I had thought. We then went back to the club where soon a driver with a wheeled tractor brought our trailer. My friend had almost nothing to say during the time we went to my apartment for our Happy Hour and where I quickly broke out some quality bourbon . He drank almost half a fifth before I took him back to his hotel and still he had little to say to me. I guess he was pretty upset about the experience and held me in some contempt. He soon left town and, as he was not writing my next ER, my only concern was having his displeasure. I never had any contact with him during the rest of my time with the State Dept. (I am sorry Fred!)

HANK:

When I was stationed at Ft Meyer in 1948 I was at the old WWII South Post. At that time I never worked in the Pentagon but rather went to a teletype school. After school I went to National Airport and worked in an AACS tape relay center. Then in late 1948 we moved the National base to Andrews into the 1909 AACS Sq. Wasn't much at the National base, Hqs ATC and Hq AACS. Once at Andrews ATC became MATS, We made the National to Andrews move after SAC moved from Andrews to Omaha. At that time Andrews was way out in the boondocks. Most of us wasn't satisfied there and I volunteered for overseas and got Argentina, Newfoundland. Newfoundland was good duty. The local natives there was very nice folks. I was one of the first 25 AACS people that moved into Iceland in 1951 (TDY). At Argentina I was in the 1805th AACS Group with Al Lofchie. In 1951 I was TDY to the Pentagon working on the Plan 51 switching system. And, in 1952 I was back at the Pentagon TDY assisting with radio teletype operations. I did two tours in the DC area. In 22 years I was at only two ZI bases; DC and Sewart AFB TN. I did two 3-year tours at Hickam, 54 and 63. My unaccompanied 12 month remote tour was 59-60 at Sidi Slimane, Morocco. Longest 10 years of my life!! Retired AF in 1969 and then worked another 22 years for the Postal Service. All my AF time was in AACS/AFCS comm operations. When I started in 1948 we ran 55 WPM teletype off-line encrypted and 22 years later we were running as much as 6400 WPM on-line encrypted and error controlled, fully automatic relay with predetermined routing. I haven't been able to attend the reunions due to my wife's health issues. If and when her health is no longer an issue I plan to return.

Regards, Ben Doyle, MSgt USAF Retired, Murfreesboro, TN



Air Force Enlisted Widows Village



**CMSAF (Ret)
James C. Binnicker**



The Air Force Enlisted Village (formerly the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home Foundation), was founded in 1967 after the Air Force Sergeant's association conducted a survey and found that over 50,000 widows of enlisted men were living in poverty. A

group of active duty and retired Air Force noncommissioned officers with the assistance of former Air Force Chief of Staff General and Mrs. John D. Ryan set about to correct this deficiency. Their goal was to provide a home for surviving spouses of enlisted Air Force members. The Foundation was incorporated in Washington, D. C. in 1968 and granted federal tax-exempt status as a nonprofit 501(C)(3) corporation in 1971. The Village was

recognized as an official Air Force charity in 1973. Support through the Air Force Assistance Fund was granted that same year and those donations are earmarked specifically for indigent widows.

The Village's primary mission is to offer housing and financial assistance to surviving spouses of enlisted Air Force members. Those spouses with the greatest need have priority. Low pay and frequent military moves leave some dependants without the opportunity of careers, home equities, retirement plans or any significant assets. Surviving spouses applying for long-term residence at Bob Hope or Teresa Villages must be at least 55 years of age, have a valid identification card and must be able to live independently. Those who can no longer safely live on their own are now able to be at home in the Hawthorn House. Surviving spouse of enlisted members who served in other branches of the military are admitted on a space-available basis, but aren't eligible for financial assistance.

We also help active duty members as well. Temporary housing is available to spouses of enlisted members who die or who are killed on active duty. Adult dependents - typically parents of active duty members or their spouses - are eligible for permanent housing on a space-available basis.

Housing is provided at two locations - Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Bob Hope Village in nearby Shalimar and the Hawthorn House is located on the Bob Hope Village campus. Both are only minutes from Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field.

A 64-apartment assisted living facility - Hawthorn House - is a two-story facility, which features all the amenities of a top-of-the-line complex. The residence sits on five acres of land in the Bob Hope Village campus. The completion of this project has enabled us to realize a dream - to provide assisted care to the members of our military family who have given so much to our country.

Air Force Enlisted Widows Village

Ways to Give

People who share their hard earned resources with those less fortunate are the backbone of our American society. We'd like to thank all those who have faithfully supported and encouraged our efforts over the years to "Provide a Home." Through the vision and leadership of our CEO and President Jim Binnicker CMSAF #9, we have a variety of ways you can contribute in an easy manner.

**To make a donation over the phone or contact us
about the best way to give
call 1-800-258-1413 or email info@afev.us.**

Donation Opportunities

- **Donate online with a credit card**
- **Brick Paver Program**
- **Leave a Lasting Legacy**
- **Workplace Giving**
- **Participate in events and fund raisers, or Manage one of your Own**
- **Unique Gift in the honor or memory of a loved one**
- **Donation to Air Force Assistance Fund**
- **Text2Donate**

**Any type of donation is greatly appreciated and if you
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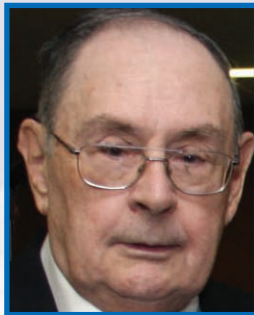
The Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc. (AFEV) is a 501(c)(3) organization. The Internal Revenue Service recognizes contributions made to AFEV as tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The Federal Tax Identification Number is 23-7078212.

Give via the website at <http://www.afev.us/WaystoGive.html>

37th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention
Holiday Inn Downtown, Knoxville, Tennessee
September 18 - 22, 2013
(Wednesday Early Check-In - Sunday Get-away Breakfast)

Hosts:

Hank Sauer & Bob Akard



Make Hotel Reservations NLT August 27, 2013
1-800-465-4329 - Reservation Code is:

ATC

Hotel Phone number is: 865-522-2800

BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A ROOM AT GROUP RATES
OF \$86.00 per-night - plus taxes.

Send your Registration and other forms to
Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830-7626
No Later Than ----- September 2, 2013

The AF Comm & ATC Hospitality Room is in the:
Dogwood & Mountain Laurel Rooms
2nd Floor (1 room is Overflow)
and will be officially opened at Noon (or shortly thereafter)
on Wednesday, September 18TH, 2013.

All Banquet Seating will be assigned by Table (max of 8). If you want to sit with someone (or Couple), make sure they are coming. Email Hank at DirAACS@comcast.net and we will try and make it happen.

PLEASE NOTE: Checks for the Convention must be made out to the "AF Comm & ATC Assoc 2013."

INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW

37th AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

September 18 – September 22, 2013

Holiday Inn Downtown, Knoxville Tennessee

525 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Hotel Direct Phone Nbr: (865) 522-2800, Fax (865) 523-0738

MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Book early! But NOT LATER THAN 27 AUGUST 2013

**Hotel Reservations can be made at: 1-800-465-4329 or at the
Hotel direct: 1-865-522-2800**

The Group Rate CODE is: ATC

The group room rate is **\$86.00 Per-Night - plus tax**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: AUGUST 27, 2013

(Rate good for 3 days prior and 3 days after)

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.

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

CHECK-IN TIME: 3 pm – 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 _____ Special needs _____

Special requirements: _____

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

Name on Credit Card _____ Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

(Print Name on the Card)

(Signature)

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL

The Knoxville Airport (McGhee Tyson) is 13.5 Miles from Hotel. Drive time is normally about 40 minutes.

SHUTTLE SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO AND FROM HOTEL:

**TAXI 1 Way: Approximately \$30 for 2 passengers
CHECK AT AIRPORT & HOTEL FOR PHONE NUMBERS**

DRIVING DIRECTIONS from the Airport

If renting an Airport Rental Car, Get Driving Instructions from Rental Car Company (routes may differ based on time of day) or use

Google Maps (Knoxville Airport to 525 Henley St, Knoxville, TN Approx 13.5 miles): Leaving airport turn Left on TN-115N/US-129N/ALCOA HWY, Keep right at fork and follow signs to I-40E/I-275N/ Asheville/Lexington, keep Left at the fork and merge onto I-40 East. See instructions going East below.

If Driving Interstate I-40 to Knoxville:

Going East on I-40 exit right at Exit 388 (downtown), stay LEFT onto Henley Street and after going thru the Tunnel, Get in the Right Lane and make an almost 360 degree right turn at the first Traffic Light into the Holiday Inn Hotel Parking area for checking-in and garage parking.

Going West on I-40, exit right at Exit 388A (James White Parkway) exit on Summit Hill drive , CAUTION (traffic merging from Right), Get into far Right Lane, and make Right turn at Light on to Summit Hill Dr. Get in Left lane (passing Gay St, TVA Towers, Crown Plaza Hotel, Walnut St and Locust St, get into LEFT TURN LANE where sign says BROADWAY & HENLEY ST LEFT. Get into RIGHT LANE FOR right turn at the FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHT and make an almost 360 degree right turn into the Holiday Inn Hotel Parking area for checking-in and garage parking.

If Driving Interstate I-75 to Knoxville:

Going North on I-75 merge Right onto I-40 East to Knoxville and follow I-40 East directions above.

Going South on I-75, take I-275 South to Knoxville. Exit right on Route 441 to Downtown/Henley Street. Take right exit to Downtown/Henley St. and stay in right lane going thru the Tunnel and turn Right at the FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHT and make an almost 360 degree right turn into the Holiday Inn Hotel Parking area for checking-in and garage parking.

There is limited hotel parking space (no hook ups) for Motor Coaches or RV's (Check with Hotel prior to arrival on available parking spaces).

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR MEMBERS PARKING.

(Check final bill to ensure that parking charges are not listed)

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE



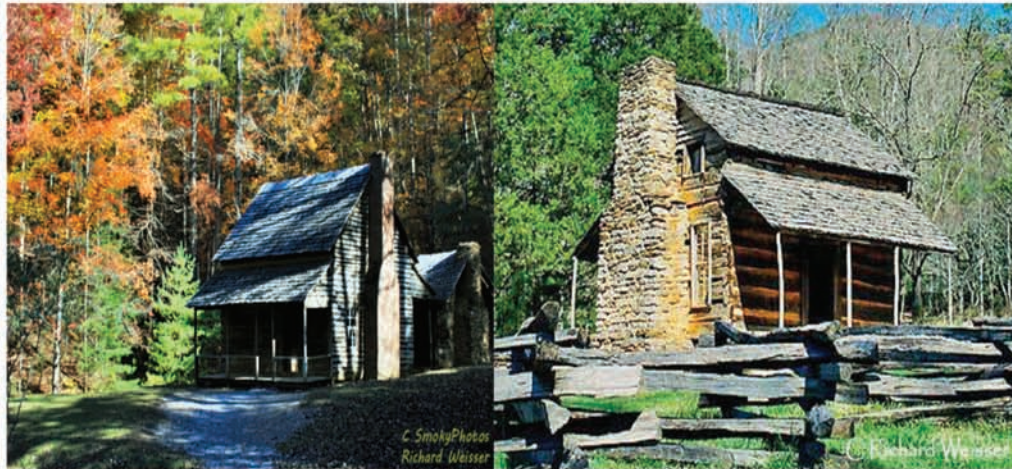
“The Great Smoky Mountains”

SCHEDULED TOURS

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

THURSDAY TOURS/EVENTS

CADES COVE



Your guide around the Cove will be Dwight McCarter, a retired US Park Ranger in the Great Smokey Mountains. Dwight is a master hiker, both on and off trail, rescuer, author of 3 books, humorist, and entertaining person.

Don't miss this opportunity for his company.

Cades Cove is a broad, verdant valley surrounded by mountains and is one of the most popular destinations in the Great Smokies. It offers some of the best opportunities for wildlife viewing in the park. Large numbers of white-tailed deer are frequently seen, and sightings of black bear, coyote, ground hog, turkey, raccoon, skunk, and other animals are also possible.

For hundreds of years Cherokee Indians hunted in Cades Cove but archaeologists have found no evidence of major settlements. The first Europeans settled in the cove sometime between 1818 and 1821. By 1830 the population of the area had already swelled to 271. Cades Cove offers the widest variety of historic buildings of any area in the National park. Scattered along the loop road are three churches, a working grist mill, barns, log houses, and many other faithfully restored eighteenth and nineteenth century structures. An inexpensive self-guiding tour booklet available at the entrance to the road provides in-depth information about the buildings and the people who built and used them.

An 11-mile, one-way loop road circles the cove, offering motorists the opportunity to sightsee at a leisurely pace. Allow at least two to four hours to tour Cades Cove, longer if you walk some of the area's trails. Traffic is heavy during the tourist season in summer and fall and on weekends year-round. While driving the loop road, please be courteous to other visitors and use pullouts when stopping to enjoy the scenery or view wildlife.

A visitor center (open daily), restrooms, and the Cable Mill historic area are located half-way around the loop road.

Numerous trails originate in the cove, including the five-mile roundtrip trail to Abrams Falls and the short Cades Cove Nature Trail. Longer hikes to Thunderhead Mountain and Rocky Top (made famous by the popular song) also begin in the cove.

Several designated backcountry campsites (camping by permit only) are located along trails.

Only bicycle and foot traffic are allowed on the loop road until 10:00 AM every Saturday and Wednesday morning from early May until late September. Otherwise the road is open to motor vehicles from sunrise until sunset daily, weather permitting

Time: Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8:30 AM for bus departure at 8:45AM

Return to Hotel: Approximately 3:45 PM.

Cost: \$35 Per Person - Includes a Box Lunch



➤ Harrah's "Cherokee" Casino Trip

Location: Harrah's Casino, Cherokee, NC.

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (bus will depart Harrah's at 1:45 pm)

Cost: \$35 - **ONLY 28 SEATS AVAILABLE !!!!**

*******REGISTER EARLY *******



Harrah's Cherokee Casino offers restaurants to satisfy every culinary whim. The recently new gaming space assures that your favorite games are always in plentiful supply. Harrah's Cherokee features lots of slots and video poker machines of every imaginable design. Harrah's Cherokee provides a number of the newest and hottest slots on the market, including ever-popular progressive machines. The casino also caters to the table games player, by offering an array of games, including blackjack, roulette, craps, Caribbean Stud and Let It Ride.



**SIGN UP EARLY AND SPEND AN ENJOYABLE DAY.
WE WILL BE BACK IN PLENTY OF TIME TO ENJOY
the "Prayer Dinner"**



"ANNUAL PRAYER DINNER"

*An evening meal of fellowship among equals with
some of "Gods" nourishment thrown in.*

Chaplain: Fr. Don Seek



Menu: "The Little Italy Buffet"

Traditional Caesar Salad, Mozzarella & Tomato Caprese Salad, Pasta Bar with Marinara & Alfredo Sauce, Italian Sausage & Meatballs, Chicken Parmesan, Sauteed Zucchini & Squash, Italian Green Beans, House Rolls & Butter, Gourmet Coffee & Iced Tea.

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Location: In the Hotel's Lower Level (to be announced at the reunion)

FRIDAY TOURS/EVENTS

This can't be an AACGS Golfer
can it?
It must be an AFC4A guy!!!



**** 37th Annual General Farman Golf Tournament ****

Tennessee Centennial Golf Course, Oak Ridge, Tennessee



The Tennessee Centennial Golf Course is a local Public Course and is a Gary Roger Baird designed course of 6,144 yards off the Green Tees. The course is approximately a 35- minutes drive from the Holiday Inn Hotel in downtown Knoxville. The 18-hole Golf Course is a par of 71.

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

Time: Meet in Lobby at 7:30 AM for car pool departure; Tee times begin at approximately 9:00 AM.

(Plan a 30-35 minute drive to Centennial Golf Complex)

Cost: \$45 (includes green fee & cart) On – Your own for lunch in the snack bar.

Rental Clubs: \$35



GOTTA' KNOW KNOXVILLE

This tour will entertain you with the highlights of the central city's most attractive and interesting sites. Starting just out the door of our hotel is a visit to the World's Fair Park and a memorial to fallen service men and women of all wars from Knox and surrounding counties. From there we will board our buses for a stop at the Museum of East Tennessee in the historic Customs House. We then walk across the street to one of the few remaining ornate Spanish-Moorish theatres. The Tennessee Theatre was built as a movie and legitimate theatre. After a \$30 million restoration it reopened in 2005 as a performing arts venue for opera, symphony, movies and all performances. A highlight will be our theatre guide, Dr. Bill Snyder UT Professor Emeritus of music. He will perform for us on a rare original Wurlitzer organ, which was refurbished as part of the total restoration. We will then lunch at award-winning Calhoun's On the River on world famous BBQ and sides. Afterwards we will visit Blount Mansion, also known as the birthplace of Tennessee, wherein the 16th State of Tennessee was formed in 1796. It was built in 1792 by William Blount who was appointed by President George Washington to be President of the U. S. south of the Ohio River. Our next and final outing will be Island Home Airport to be hosted by Stan Brock of worldwide fame as host of TV's Animal Kingdom. Stan is an organizer of the Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps, on which he flies a C47 Gooney Bird on disaster missions with doctors, nurses and medical supplies. Other notable locations will be pointed out and explained without making stops.

Cost: \$39 per person, includes a great BBQ Lunch

Time: 8:45 a.m. - Return around 4 PM (in lots of time to make the Riverboat dinner cruise)



Knoxville Riverboat Friday Night “Dinner Cruise”



The Star of Knoxville is an authentic paddle-wheeler with a capacity 285 passengers. The main deck seats 144 passengers and is fully enclosed, air conditioned, and heated for year-round comfort. The vessel is equipped with two (2)

bars, a dance floor and band stage. The atmosphere is functional as a casual clothes type of event for our AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers annual reunion in 2013.

Get ready to dance the night away on our Deluxe Dinner Cruise. This is an elegant and romantic cruise for this very special occasion. Entertainment consists of Jazz and/or contemporary music for our listening and dancing pleasure. This deluxe dinner cruise will feature a delicious Slow Roasted Prime Rib Buffet with Baked Breast of Chicken, Tossed Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Fresh Garden Vegetables, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Rolls, Coffee, Tea and a delicious dessert. There is a pay-as-you-go bar for beverages.

Cost per-person: \$49 per-person

**Times: Bus will leave Hotel by 6 PM - Board by 6:30 PM -
Cruise: 7 PM to 9 PM – Return to Hotel by 9:30 PM**



SATURDAY ON-YOUR-OWN VISIT TO MARKET SQUARE NO COST – ENJOY GREAT STORES & EATERIES

The Market Square Farmers’ Market (MSFM) is an open-air farmers’ market located on Market Square in the heart of downtown Knoxville. Everything at the MSFM is grown or made by the vendor in the East Tennessee region. Products vary by the seasons and include produce, eggs, honey, herbs, free-range meat, bread, baked goods, salsas, coffee and artisan crafts. There are unique shops in the square and on nearby Gay Street. With interactive fountains, delicious local food and entertainment, the MSFM is a perfect family destination. Knoxville’s Market Square area is host to an eclectic blend of culinary delights, has a variety of stores to suit your shopping needs with friendly merchants ready to assist you and features two water play fountains for the kids. Market Square is adjacent to the scenic Krutch Park.



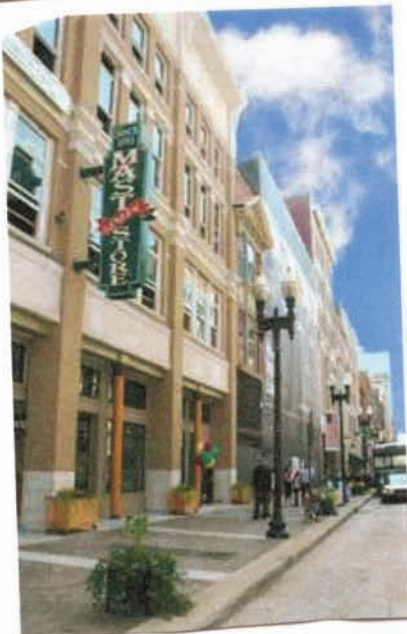
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Market Square
(See your registration package for detailed attractions)



2013 Guest Speaker **Lt. General Michael Basla** **SAF/CIO A6**

Lt General Basla was unable to join us in San Antonio, but has agreed to try again in 2013.

General Basla is a native of Syracuse, N.Y., graduating from Bishop Grimes High School. He received his commission in 1979 as a distinguished graduate of Officer Training School. General Basla has served in five operational communications units including commands at detachment, squadron and group levels. He has extensive joint experience including a tour as Director for C4 Systems, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia in Saudi Arabia where he delivered integrated network operations in support of United Nations security resolution enforcement against Iraq. He has served on the staffs of the Joint Staff, U.S. Transportation Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Air Mobility Command and Air Force Communications Command. In 2005, General Basla received the Eugene M. Zuckert Award, which honors one general officer or senior executive service member for outstanding management achievements by a Department of the Air Force Manager.



Prior to his current assignment, he has been the Vice Commander of the U.S. Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado, Vice Director for C4 Systems, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., where he supported the Director of C4 Systems in supporting the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out his duties as principal adviser to the President and Secretary of Defense and developing and providing guidance to the combatant commands on C4 systems and information capabilities as key enablers of combat forces.



MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

YOUR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED NO LATER THAN **SEPT 2, 2013.**

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

Make hotel reservations for the Holiday Inn Downtown Hotel at: 1-800-465-4329.

Group/Event Code: AFC 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 at Hotel (including guests) _____ Date of arrival: 9/18/2013 _____ 9/19/2013 _____ 9/20/2013 _____ 9/21/2013 _____ Other _____

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

Registration Fee:.....Number of people _____ @ \$89 per person = \$ _____

Banquet Only Fee**.....Number of people _____ @ \$45 per person = \$ _____

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

Thursday, Sept 19, 2013 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Number _____ @ \$35 per person = \$ _____

- ◆ Cherokee Casino, Smoky Mountains (only 28 seats available)

Thursday, Sept 19, 2013 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM Number _____ @ \$35 per person = \$ _____

- ◆ Cades Cove, Smoky Mtns Tour

Thursday, Sept 19, 2013 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Number _____ @ \$35 per person = \$ _____

- ◆ Prayer Dinner Buffet – In hotel

Friday, Sept 20, 2013 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM Number _____ @ \$45 per person = \$ _____

- ◆ General Farman Golf Tournament

Friday, Sept 20, 2013

◆ Gotta Know Knoxville City Tour 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM Number _____ @ \$39 per person = \$ _____

◆ Riverboat Dinner Cruise 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM Number _____ @ \$49 per person = \$ _____

Saturday, Sept 21, 2013 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM NO COST

- ◆ On-your-own walking tour of Market Square and other attractions (3.5 blocks from Hotel, less than a 9-min walk)

● **DONATIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE CONVENTION:** \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

Saturday Sept 21, 2013 Seated by 6:30 PM sharp

- ◆ **ANNUAL BANQUET** MENU SELECTIONS (Indicate quantity for all attending banquet):

_____ Beef Medallions _____ Chicken Piccata _____ Glazed Salmon _____ Special diet (explain) _____

Make check payable to: AF Comm & ATC Assoc - 2013. Mail with all forms to: HANK SAUER, 111 CARSON LANE,

OAK RIDGE, TN 37830-7626. CELL 865-705-0829, E-mail DirAACS@comcast.net. NLT September 1, 2013 .

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

BILL BETHEA
Crypto Maintenance
2044th Comm Sq/Hq DCA
Virginia



GOLF REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM

Your name: _____ **Handicap:** _____ **Male or Female** _____

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

Name of player: _____ **Handicap:** _____ **Male or Female** _____

Name of player: _____ **Handicap:** _____ **Male or Female** _____

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Tennessee Centennial Golf Course, Oak Ridge, TN

Club rentals are available at the course (\$35)

Cost per player: \$45 (includes green fee & cart)

On-Your-Own Lunch: There is a small snack bar with hamburgers/hot dogs, etc.

Total amount of golfing dollars included on your convention registration form \$ _____

Car pools will leave hotel lobby at 7:30 AM. First tee time: Approx 9:00 AM

Will you be willing to drive a car pool vehicle? Yes ___ No ___ Drive time is about **35 minutes** from hotel.



THE 37th ANNUAL AF COMM & ATC CONVENTION
Holiday Inn Downtown Hotel, Knoxville, Tennessee



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
EARLY CHECK-IN	\$89 per-person if not previously paid	Noon to 8 PM	Conference Room - next to Hotel Check-In Counter
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED W/FULL REGISTRATION	12:00 PM - Midnight	Dogwood & Mountain Laurel Rooms 2nd Floor (1 room is Overflow)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN	\$89 per person if not previously paid	10 AM - 7PM	Conference Room - next to Hotel Check-In Counter
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	Noon to Midnight	Dogwood & Mountain Laurel Rooms 2nd Floor (1 room is overflow)
ANNUAL BOD MEETING		12:00 - 4 PM	Meeting Room 2 (Lower Level)
<u>Cherokee Casino Trip</u>	\$35 per person ONLY 28 SEATS AVAILABLE	8 AM TO 4 PM	Bus will be back in plenty of time for all the "gamblers" to be able to attend the "PRAYER DINNER"
Cades Cove An early look At the opening of the West	\$35 per person Includes a Box Lunch	8:30 AM TO 3:45 PM	A great trip to see how early Americans settled in the valleys of the Smoky Mountains
ANNUAL PRAYER DINNER	\$35 per person	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Room to be announced at the Reunion. (In-Hotel)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN	\$89 per person if not previously paid	Noon to 8 PM	Conference room next to Hotel Check-In Counter
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	Noon to Midnight	Dogwood & Mountain Laurel Rooms 2nd Floor (one room is overflow)
General Farman Golf Tournament	\$45 per person Includes Green Fees & Cart	7:30 AM Car Pool 1st tee time 9 AM RETURN 4 PM	Tennessee Centennial Golf Course A Public Course in Oak Ridge, TN

KNOXVILLE CITY TOUR	\$39 per person	8:45 AM To 3:30 PM	Includes a great lunch and see the great sights of Knoxville
River Boat Dinner Cruise	\$49 per person	Lv 6 PM, board 6:30, return by 9:30 PM	Great food and sights

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

EVENT	FEE	TIMES	WHERE OR ROOM
BREAKFAST BUFFET/ ANNUAL GEN'L BUSINESS MTG	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	7 AM - 11 AM	Salon A-B (Breakfast 7:00 AM - 8:30 ONLY)
On-Your-Own Visit to "Market Square"	NO COST	Noon to ?	Less than an 8-9 minute walk to great shopping and eateries in Central Knoxville. Visit Front Desk if you need a ride
CASH BAR AT ANNUAL BANQUET	PAY-AS-YOU-GO BAR	5:45 PM	Outside of Salons A-B
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET	INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION or \$45 for Banquet Only	Be seated at 6:30 PM SHARP	Salons A-B **Remember to bring your Entrée Meal Choice Ticket to the Ballroom and place on your plate.
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	REOPENS AFTER BANQUET	Dogwood & Mountain Laurel Rooms (one room is overflow)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

EVENT	FEE	TIMES	WHERE OR ROOM
FAREWELL BUFFET BREAKFAST	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Salons A-B

HOTEL CHECKOUT TIME IS 12 Noon

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Saturday, September 21, 2013
Salons A/B
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 2012 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 1st time Convention Attendees

8:25 AM - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR OR MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & VICE DIRECTOR)

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

9:00 AM - Overview of 2014 Convention/Reunion

9:15 AM — Col (ret) Ken Reiff “The Data/Comm Integration”

9:30 AM - State of Air Force Air Traffic Control Presentation

(Speaker TBA)

**10:15 AM – Any announcements, reserved seating and REMINDER
TO BE SEATED AT 6:30 PM FOR THE BANQUET.**

11:00 AM - Call the 2013 General Meeting to a CLOSE.



2013 BOD Meeting

**Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor
37th Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 18, 2013
Noon-4 PM
Tentative Agenda**



- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Board Member Reports**
- **2013 Budget Review and Approval**
- **Income/Expense-12 Month Review**
- **Review and Approve Cost Reductions/Increases as appropriate.**
- **Donations Review**
- **2014/2015 Convention Location/Host(s), if applicable.**

- **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.**



DECEMBER 12, 2012
WEDNESDAY NIGHT



ALOHA,

NO, I DIDN'T RE-ENLIST IN THE AIR FORCE, BUT I PICKED UP THIS NICE STATIONERY AT THE HICKAM EXCHANGE. I NEEDED SOME AND GOT TIRED OF USING FLAIN OLD PAPER ALL THE TIME.

I RECEIVED THE COPIES OF THE 'COMMUNICATOR' A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO AND IT WAS WELL DONE + INTERESTING. SAW SOME OF MY OLD FRIENDS IN THE PICTURES OF THE REUNION. I SURE WISHED I COULD OF BEEN THERE. I LIKE SAN ANTONIO A LOT. KNOXVILLE WAS ONE OF MY FAVORITE REUNIONS AND I AM GLAD TO SEE IT WILL BE THERE NEXT YEAR. NICE CITY + GREAT AREA.

I CHECKED OUT THE 'NEW MEMBERS LIST' BUT DID NOT SEE ANY OF THE GUYS I TALKED TO ABOUT JOINING. THEY SEEMED INTERESTED, TOOK THE 'COMMUNICATOR BOOK' + ALL SAID THAT THEY WOULD CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE. NONE OF THEM WERE STATIONED HERE, OR RETIRED HERE AND SINCE THEY WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH OR GOING HOME FROM A VACATION HERE, I GUESS THEY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT BY THE TIME THEY GOT TO THEIR DESTINATIONS. ANYWAY, I WILL KEEP TALKING. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL JOIN LATER.

ON NOVEMBER 5TH THEY STARTED TO REMODEL OUR USO AND MAKE IT BIGGER AND THEY SAID IT WOULD BE DONE BY CHRISTMAS. I WAS OVER THERE ON TUESDAY AND THE PLACE LOOKED LIKE A WAR ZONE. IT WAS ONE BIG MESS. NOW I'M TOLD THAT THEY HOPE TO GET DONE BY THE END OF JANUARY. I'M GOING CRAZY DOING NOTHING AND EVERYTIME I GO TO HICKAM AND GO TO THE USO THINGS AT THE TERMINAL, I HELP OUT IF THEY NEED HELP. I SAW PLANS FOR THE NEW USO + IT IS GOING TO BE VERY MODERN WITH A TROPICAL HAWAIIAN THEME AND REALLY A BIG IMPROVEMENT. THEY PLAN TO HAVE A BIG GRAND OPENING.

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(OVER)

THE CHIEF MSGT WHO WAS SITTING NEXT TO ME ALSO GAVE ME THE OFFICIAL COIN OF THE 735TH AMS. BOTH COINS OR MEDALLIONS WERE REALLY BEAUTIFUL.

THIS SALUTE REMINDED ME OF OUR REUNION AT OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS IN 2005 WHEN YOU PRESENTED ME WITH THE 'LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD'. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT EVENING.

THEN THE USO DIRECTOR CALLED ME BACK TO THE STAGE AFTER OUR DINNER FOR QUITE A SURPRISE. SHE TOLD THE CROWD THE USO HEADQUARTERS IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA IS PRESENTING ME WITH THE USO LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SLOAN GIBSON, PRESIDENT + CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE USO IN A LARGE FELT COVERED FRAMED FOLDER.

THE 2 AWARDS I RECEIVED WERE MADE OF GLASS WITH MY NAME ETCHED ON THEM. THEY WERE BOTH DIFFERENT, LARGE + HEAVY.

- LIKE BEFORE, THE CROWD GOT UP AGAIN WITH ANOTHER LOUD, ROARING STANDING OVATION + WELL, BY THAT TIME I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK. WOW! IT WAS ALL JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME. IT WAS A NIGHT I WILL NEVER FORGET.

WELL, ENOUGH BRAGGING HANK. HA, HA. NOW EVERYTHING IS BACK TO NORMAL UNTIL OUR GRAND RE-OPENING AND I'M HEARING RUMORS THAT I WILL BE HONORED AGAIN. SO, NEXT WE GO AGAIN. HA, HA.

I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU AND THAT YOU ARE DOING FINE HEALTHWISE + OTHERWISE. YOU ARE ONE BUSY GUY + LIKE ME, YOU DON'T WANT TO RETIRE. OR DO YOU.

ON DECEMBER 1ST, THE USO HELD THEIR ANNUAL SIX STA SERVICE SALUTE WHERE THEY HONOR THE OUTSTANDING MEN OF EACH SERVICE FROM THE ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES, COAST GUARD + HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD AS USO HAWAII 2012 SERVICE MEMBERS OF THE YEAR. THIS YEAR THEY ADDED A 7TH STA AND THAT WAS THE USO PACIFIC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AND THAT TURNED OUT TO BE ME, WHICH CAME AS A SURPRISE. THEY DIDN'T TELL ME UNTIL I ARRIVED AT THE SALUTE.

THE SALUTE WAS HELD ON BOARD THE CRUISE SHIP, THE "STAR O HONOLULU" WHILE ON A SUNSET DINNER CRUISE AROUND THE HONOLULU HARBOR, WAIKIKI BEACH + DIAMOND HEAD. IT WAS A FORMAL SALUTE, SO EVERYBODY WAS DRESSED IN THE FORMAL DGS UNIFORMS OF EACH SERVICE. I WORE A SUIT ETC. I LOOKED OUT PLACE. THERE WERE 380 PEOPLE ON BOARD, MOSTLY ALL MILITARY AND LOTS OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS, GENERALS, ADMIRALS AND COMMANDERS ETC. THE CRUISE LASTED 3 HOURS. THE GUEST SPEAKER WAS AN ADMIRAL AND ALSO THE COMMANDER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD HERE. AFTER ALL THE SPEECHES + ALL, THEY GAVE OUT THE AWARDS ETC.

AFTER ALL THE MILITARY AWARDS WERE GIVEN OUT, THE USO DIRECTOR, PACIFIC AREA CALLED ME UP TO THE STAGE AND SHE TOLD THE CROWD THAT I HAVE BEEN WITH THE USO FOR 25 YEARS, WITH OVER 20,000 HOURS + WAS 85 YEARS OLD + STILL WORKING 4 OR 5 DAYS A WEEK. THE CROWD WENT CRAZY. I GOT A VERY LONG, ROUSING STANDING OVATION + I THOUGHT THEY WOULD NEVER STOP. IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE. I GOT LOTS + LOTS OF HANDSHAKES, HUGS + KISSES, PICTURES TAKEN WITH ALL THE HIGH-RANKING PEOPLE AND WELL, IT WAS JUST TOO MUCH. I WANTED TO GO BACK TO MY TABLE TO SIT DOWN SO BAD. I WAS AFRAID I WOULD GET SICK. FORTUNATELY I DIDN'T. THE SEA WAS VERY CALM, THERE WAS NO WIND + THE SUNSET WAS SPECTACULAR.

I HAD A LONG CHAT WITH THE COAST GUARD COMMANDER WHO HE CAME OVER TO MY TABLE TO SHAKE MY HAND AGAIN. I TOLD HIM I LIKED LIGHTHOUSES + HAVE BOOKS + PAMPHLETS ON ALMOST ALL THE LIGHTHOUSES OF THE U.S. WHICH THE COAST GUARD GAVE ME YEARS AGO HE FOUND ME SO INTERESTING BECAUSE THE COAST GUARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE LIGHTHOUSES + THAT I WASN'T IN THE COAST GUARD + HAD AN INTEREST IN THEM. WHEN HE SHOOK MY HAND, THERE WAS A COIN IN HIS HAND. IT WAS THE OFFICIAL COIN OR MEDALLION OF THE 14th COAST GUARD DISTRICT HERE. IT'S REALLY SHINY + HAS A LIGHTHOUSE ON IT.

I WAS SITTING AT A TABLE WITH 5 AIR FORCE GUYS FROM THE 735TH AIR MOBILITY SQUADRON AT HICKAM + ONE OF THEM WAS THE AIR FORCE HONOREE THAT NIGHT. 2

MY DOCTOR UP AT TRIPLER SAYS I'M DOING FINE WITH MY DIABETES, BLOOD SUGAR, BLOOD PRESSURE ETC. HE TOLD ME THAT OF ALL HIS DOZENS OF PATIENTS, I'M HIS HEALTHIEST. MOST OF THE OTHERS ARE ALL YOUNGER THAN ME. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MY SECREAT WAS + I TOLD HIM I READ "MENS HEALTH MAGAZINE" + WORK WITH THE YOUNG. HE JUST LAUGHED.

I DO FEEL GOOD WHEN I'M AT THE USO + I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THEY OPEN UP AGAIN. THIS DOING NOTHING IS NOT GOOD FOR ME. I STILL CAN'T DO ANY LONG DISTANCE FLYING. MY LEGS JUST CAN'T TAKE IT. THEY CRAMP UP SO FAST WHILE SITTING + IT IS VERY PAINFUL. BLOOD CLOTS ARE ALWAYS ON MY MIND. I WALK A LOT + THAT IS VERY GOOD FOR ME. I DON'T HAVE A CAR + SO I DEPEND ON BUSES.

WELL HANK, THAT'S IT FOR NOW. I THINK I OVERDID IT AND PROBABLY BORED YOU. SORRY IF I DID.

I DO HOPE YOU HAVE A VERY NICE CHRISTMAS AND THAT YOUR WEATHER WILL BE NICE ALSO.

TAKE IT EASY + UNTIL THE NEXT TIME —

ALOHA FOR NOW,

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'GEORGE'

New Members Since November 2012 Communicator

DATE JOINED	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
12/17/2012	ALI	1214-RIZWAN	O'FALLON	IL	62269
10/15/2012	BRACE	LM-RICHARD (DICK)	CANYON LAKE	TX	78133-4095
03/19/2013	BRYANT	LM-LEON	GALLOWAY	NJ	08205-4701
10/22/2012	BUCHOLZ	1014-BERNARD	LOMBARD	IL	60148-3436
02/15/2013	CRANE	0215-BILL	MOUNTAIN HOME	ID	83647
03/29/2013	DEL GIUDICE	0315-VINCENT	DENVER	CO	80206
10/26/2012	DIVITTORE	1014-ERCOLI	HERSHEY	PA	17033-1960
10/31/2012	ELDRIDGE	LM-JACK	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78239-2743
10/15/2012	FEIBELMAN	LM-JAY	GARDEN RIDGE	TX	78266-2600
12/18/2012	HEROD	1214-DONALD	MARIETTA	GA	30064-2799
02/25/2013	JOHNSTON	0215-DONALD	REEDS SPRING	MO	75737
11/03/2012	KOLTERMAN	1114-THOMAS	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78244
03/08/2013	LAWRENCE	0315-BILL	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL	62208
12/22/2012	LUKOWSKI	1214-CHARLES	WILLIAMSVILLE	NY	14221
02/11/2013	REESE	LM-JOEL	CEDAR PARK	TX	78613-3852
01/23/2013	SHEPUTA	0114-THOMAS	APO AE 09021		
10/30/2012	WASHINGTON	1014-CHARLES	CROWLEY	TX	76036-9555
01/07/2013	WELSCH	0115-WILLIAM (BILL)	O'FALLON	IL	62269-1228



The 3rd Herd Story Pg's 34-35-36, Nov 2012 Communicator

Dear Hank:

Reference the 3rd Herd story in the Nov 2012 issue. The forerunner of this organization began in May 1950. Approximately 1,000 personnel arrived at Tinker AFB, OK to form the 1850th AACS Mobile Communications Sq. I was assigned to the AACS Sq at Thule AQB, Grnld from Sep 51-52 & returned to the 1850th in Sep 52. Lt Col Walter Berg was the first Commander. In December 1952 we became the 3rd AACS Mobile Communications Sq and at that time the "3rd Herd" was born, not due to a Mascot Bull. During the period 1950-1955 we won all the sporting events at Tinker AFB including besting the base basketball team. I left the 3rd Herd in May 1955 and went to the 1938th AACS Sq at Ramey AFB, PR. No disrespect to the article, but the 1850th was the roots of the 3rd Herd & other future designation. Just want to clear up some minor discrepancies in the story.

**Duke Snyder
CMSgt (ret)**

Editors Note (Hank Sauer):

I was an original member of the 1860th AACS Mobile Communications Sq that was formed in May 1951 at Munich Riem Airport, Munich, Germany. In 1952 this unit was redesigned as the 2nd AACS Mobile Communications Sq and was based at Sembach AB Germany. The 1st AACS Mobile Communications Sq was also created and was based at times at Clark AB, PI and at Tachikawa, AB, Japan.

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

Notes:

- Local times remain but UTC time changes

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

Ham Report for June 2013
There is currently no "Ham Coordinator" to coordinate activities. If you want to volunteer, contact Dough Donnell, Executive Director.



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0115-ROBERT	BROWN	AUBURN	WA	98092-2521
LM-HAROLD	CAMPBELL	FOLLANSBEE	WV	26037-1316
0315-FRANK	CARTER	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78227-1723
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0315-CHARLES	CHRISTIAN	ROHNERT PARK	CA	94928
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0115-ARCHIE	CUMBEE	HOLLY SPRINGS	NC	27540
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0315-ELVIN	DAVIS	LARGO	FL	33778
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1214-KENNETH	DUNN	SARATOGA SPRINGS	NY	12866
1214-JERRY	DVORAK	VALRICO	FL	33596-6155
0315-LEWIS	ENAMA	SEYMOUR	CT	06483
1214-WILLIAM	ESTLUND	SIOUX FALLS	SD	57106
0415-DAVE	FELBER	FLORISSANT	MO	63034
0115-GEORGE	FERGUSON	BRANDON	MS	39047-8990
0315-THOMAS (TOM)	FORTUNE	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80909-3222
0215-DAVID	GARRETT	CHATTANOOGA	TN	37421-6304
LM-ROBERT	GLISTA	GAINESVILLE	VA	20155
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0115-LARRY	HAMMER	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46268-1757
0114-LEROY	HOGAN	MYRTLE BEACH	SC	29588
1214-FRANK	IMPINNA JR	HIGHLANDS RANCH	CO	80129-4621
0115-GERALD	JOHNSTON	KIRKLAND	WA	98034
1215-FRED	JONES	FAIRBORN	OH	45324
0115-MARTIN	KELLNER	ROARING RIVER	NC	28669-9318
0115-GLENN	KURZENKNABE	NEW CUMBERLAND	PA	17070-2302
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0315-DONALD	LIMOGES	CLAREMONT	NH	03743
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0115-JEROLD	MONTGOMERY	MOUNTAIN HOME	AR	72653-8869
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0115-ROBERT	PARKER	EVANSDALE	IA	50707-1543
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0115-REV JOSEPH	RAND	JENSEN BEACH	FL	34957-4787
0315-MAGDALENO	RODRIGUEZ	GRAND RAPIDS	MI	49506
0215-DORSEY	ROGERS	INVERNESS	FL	34453-0890
0315-ALLAN	ROSENBERG	SILVER SPRING	MD	20906-1579
0114-STANLEY	SCHNELL	JASPER	IN	47546
0315-IRA "Bud"	SEEL	JASPER	AL	35504-7460
LM-DAVID	SHAFFER	ESCONDIDO	CA	92029-7716
1214-JAMES	SHAW	RICHMOND	VA	23229-4914
1214-DONALD	SIMPKINS	POLAND	OH	44514-2678
0316-DENISE	SONNENBERG	BELLEVILLE	IL	62221-7933
0115-SIDNEY	SOSIN	BELLEVUE	WA	98008-2940
1214-KENNETH	SOUTHARD	NEW BOSTON	NH	03070
0315-RONALD	STROBEL	NORTH EAST	PA	16428-6146
0115-JOHN	STUCK	BRADENTON	FL	34209-3613
0315-PAUL	SWIETEK	APACHE JUNCTION	AZ	85119
LM-LLOYD	TADD	KINGMAN	AZ	86401-7961
0315-ROBERT	TAYLOR	ANCHORAGE	AK	99503
0615-JOHN	TOMKO	SHARON	PA	16146-2728
LM-ROBERT	WADE	VALLEY	NE	68064-8040
0115-WALTER	WASIELEWSKI	JACKSON	MI	49201-8631
0115-RICHARD	WAYTKO	CANTON	OH	44708-3242
0315-SID	WEINER	NEW BERN	NC	28562-9039
0115-ROBERT	WILKIE	BETHANY	OK	73008-3662
1214-BGEN B.(RANDY)	WITT	MIAMI	FL	33133-6533
1214-GARY	WOOLF	KNOXVILLE	TN	37909-3039
LM-GERALD	ZABLOCKY	JERSEY SHORE	PA	17740-8931
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The Beginning of RETGO

The beginning of the Retired General Officers (RETGO) Conference, that is now called the "Spring Update" was created in January 1976 and held in the Pentagon in what was then the Command, Control & Communications Directorate.

The old office symbol was PRC. Brig. General (later Maj Gen (ret)) Van C. Doubleday suggested to Maj Gen Bob Edge that they should invite some of the retired General Officers from the Communication Community to talk about current programs and get feedback from the problems they faced when on active duty.

*****The rest is history*****



Hank...

30 January 2013

I have faithfully kept diaries for the past 40+ years, so I have notes from literally every day I spent in the Pentagon, from my first day there (transferring from the J-6 job at the then U.S. Readiness Command forerunner of U.S. Central Command) on 24 July 1975, until I retired out of the JCS on 1 June 1980.

The background of the first Retired Generals Officers meeting goes like this, and you or anyone else should feel free to verify what I suggest here by checking with General Bob Edge.

Between Christmas and New Years of 1975, I suggested to General Edge that it might be useful to get the views of some of the generals who ran our business in the past about some of our current programs and the directions we were taking, to take advantage of their experience and wisdom. Since several resided in the Washington area it would be an easy trip for them to come in to spend some time with us: He agreed that I could set up a half-day program and invite those who might be interested to come back to the hallway and give us their response to what we were doing.

The first Retired Generals Officer's meeting took place just down the hall from 5B477, which had been the senior Air Force communicator's office, seemingly forever, on the morning of Wednesday, 21 January 1976, for a series of briefings/presentations that our staff had developed. We included materia up to and including the Secret level. I don't have a copy of the agenda, but the attendees are in the attached photograph. As it turned out, they were pleased that we wanted to hear from them. We steered the presentations toward some of the tougher issues we were facing. We were a little surprised at both their level of interest, and their enthusiasm. Clearly, they really enjoyed their time with us and, from my limited notes on the event, were not hesitant to give their opinions and recommendations. At the end of the activities we got such a positive response that we decided to make, what we now called simply the RetGo meeting, an annual event.

Once established its momentum has carried it forward, and it has had a most interesting evolution into a much broader activity.

If you have any questions about any of this do not hesitate to call and we can discuss it. Use this any way you want. I am certainly pleased, and indeed surprised, that such a simple idea has proven to have lasted so long and increased its value to our community.

Best wishes,

Van

AF Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Association (Formerly the AACCS Alumni Association)

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If you have any questions contact Walt McLain at 865-690-0479 or Cell 865-740-4127
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

Dallas Amateur Radio Club

Are you a "ham?" Thinking about becoming an amateur radio operator? Join us on the air for the Dallas Amateur Radio Club ("DARC") weekly Veterans Net, "VetNet". Over 27,000 veterans are back in North Texas from service around the world. The Dallas VA is helping 15,000 veterans. Many active-duty military, and reservists are interested in communications technology. That is what enables hams to communicate across the nation and the world. Amateur radio enables veterans to make their voices heard, reach out to a vibrant community on the air, and find new friends on the air.

The DARC VetNet welcomes vets to participate on the air to meet and share experiences, and to get announcements of area activities, job openings for vets, and news for veterans and military members. Those who check in discuss what they're reading or their take-away's from movies or news. VetNet ends with a roll call of participants so veterans will know other DFW area vets who are amateur radio operators.

Ham radio offers many things of value - to our ears, our minds, our hands, our understanding - to our friendships and social life. If you know a veteran who is looking for a way to get involved, or looking for a hobby, we're looking for a way to involve him or her.

If you have 2-meter FM capability, join us every Wednesday at 19:00 local time on the DARC repeater, 146.88 MHz with PL tone of 110.9 Hz, or join us via Echolink using the W5FC-R station ID or Echolink node 37247. We want to hear you on the air. If you don't have a license, you can listen in on the net via our live stream link, www.n5kd.org/webcast. You can also reach us at w9ve@arrl.net or ke5zcm@arrl.net.

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LOOKING FOR HELP

AIR NAVIGATION & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN GERMANY, 1945 and beyond - A call for assistance to AACS ATC veterans -

The second world-war was over in 1945. The victorious powers began to settle in their occupation zones in Germany and to establish their separate air navigation and air traffic services structures in fulfilling their air transport demands.

The AACS units were the ones to set up the required ground/ground and air/ground communication stations, radio navigation aids, such as direction finders, radio ranges, beacons, control towers and airways communication centres.

Looking back into air navigation history today, it becomes immediately apparent that most of these rules and procedures stem from the times of air navigation ground support services development in the pre-war years of the 1920's and 1930's. Leaders in this development mainly were the USA, the UK and Germany. But in 1945 still national rules and procedures applied in the four occupation zones. It, therefore, was only logic that most of the national air navigation rules of these countries found their way into the standards and procedures of ICAO in 1947; which became also applicable in the USAF in 1952. Many of them had already seen international application by ICAO's predecessor ICAN in 1919 and other international aviation organizations before WW II broke out.

After international standstill on procedures standardization during the war rapid development took place in this field in applying new technologies, systems and procedures, with Germany not participating. This resulted in an at least eight year long stagnation in Germany. As a result it was up to the occupation and then stationary forces to fill this gap in catering for their own flying needs and to provide corresponding air traffic services to airlines of other countries then operating into and through Germany. In this respect USAFE (AACS) played the major role and acted as the initiator for the set-up of a german air navigation administration, which became reality in 1953. Before then, all ATC units were operated by AACS units and the Allied CAB. BFS, the new administration, solely relied on AACS equipment, procedures and services.

But ATC being an English speaking service and profession remained to be a strange world to the public. In order to fill this gap in understanding, a documentation is being elaborated for the german national library and universities of the air navigation development during the years of 1945 to 1956 in explaining the role of the american and british activities, stations and services. In doing so I am searching for specific USAFE documentation of these years to help me explain the more detailed development. These documents are:

- * The Army, Navy, Civil - Procedures for the Control of Air Traffic (ANC-PCAT) of 1948**
- * The 5th AACS Wing Manual 63-1 of 1947+ (Air Traffic Regulations Europe)**
- * The USAF or USAFE AFM 60-0-1 of 1947+ (Air Traffic Regulations Europe)**
- * A USAFE pilot's radio navigation enroute chart for instrument navigation covering Germany during the 1947 to 1951 period; i.e. not a RAFAC.**

If anyone of the readers of the Communicator can help me in locating or providing any one of these documents then please inform me by e-mail to "fischer@atc-ansa.org" or contact Hank Sauer, the editor.

**Frank W Fischer
Air Traffic Controller, 52 years in ATC
BFS, ICAO, US AACS + FAA licences**

What's New on the Web Site

Our web site now carries four historical documents that provide interesting reading for our members, courtesy of the AFNIC History Office and retired Colonel Ken Reiff.

Under the "History" tab, you'll find "From Flares to Satellites" - A History of Air Force Communications; "AFCC: An Illustrated History, 1938-1991"; "Window to the Future" - AFCC Chronology, 1938-1988"; and "AFCC and the Aftermath of the Air Traffic Controllers Strike, 1981-1983".

On each document's page, you have the options to click on "Print" or view in "Fullscreen". We don't recommend printing the documents because of their size. Fullscreen will bring up an easy-to-read, scrolling document. Click on "Exit Fullscreen" to return to the web site.

(Lori Manske, Web Site Manager, www.afcommatc.org)

Missed Roll Call

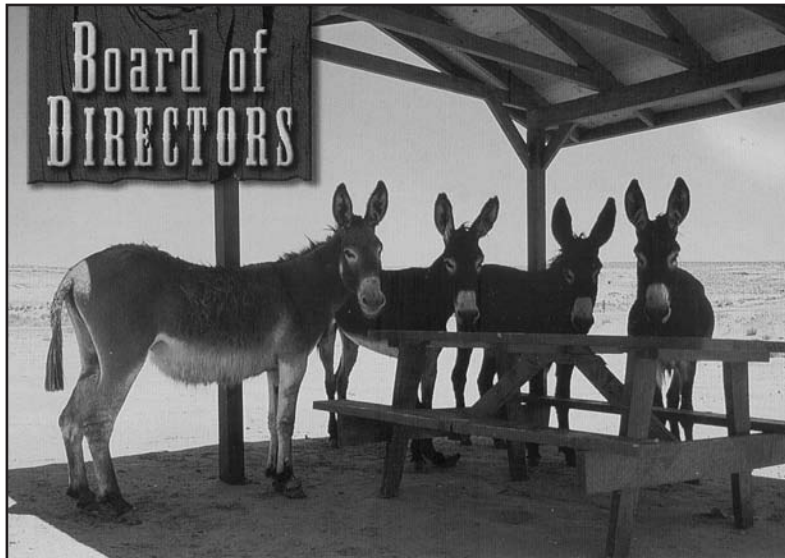
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**Wonder which three of the Board of Directors
are missing ??????**

The Story of Taps: 24 Notes That Stir Hearts

The traditional military day is studded with 25 bugle calls that regulate the lives of soldiers from rising to sleep, but few bugle calls are as famous as the last one of the day, and none as storied.

The stirring, mournful 24-notes of Taps say goodnight to the troops in life and wish them farewell in death.

One of the most enduring myths about Taps is that the tune was found in the pocket of a fallen Confederate soldier. But, according to bugle historian Jari A. Villanueva, this tale, repeated in newspaper columns for decades, is not true.

Villanueva's research shows that Taps was an inspired edit of an older bugle call, the Scott Tattoo, used in the 1830s to call the men to quarters at night. The editor was Union Civil War General Daniel Butterfield. In 1862, Butterfield, who did not like the 'Lights Out' bugle call and wanted something soothing, called his bugler Oliver Willcox Norton to his tent and had him play a new tune. This tune, soon to be called Taps, was then picked up quickly by other buglers.

Taps was officially adopted for use in military funerals in 1891. In 2000, Congress said all veterans could have military honors, including Taps, played at their funerals, if their families wished.

The unofficial lyrics:

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.*



**ABSTRACT A HISTORY
of the THE NAPLES DETACHMENT "ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE"
Capodichino Airfield, Italy, November 30, 1943 - March 15, 1947**

The Army Airways Communications Service (AACS) was created by the Army Air Corps on November 15, 1938, the result of a proposal by Lt. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, destined to become Chief of the Air Corps and General of the Army. Its purpose was to operate Air Corps radio facilities for the control of air traffic between Army Flying Fields in the Continental United States.

The tremendous expansion of air operations in World War II required the AACS to extend its services to all corners of the globe. By the end of the war over 700 detachments had been established creating a network providing a fast and reliable communications system connecting the United States to all theatres of operation.

This is the story of one of these detachments, the AACS Naples Detachment at Capodichino Airfield, Italy, the first AACS detachment on the European mainland. Its story began in North Africa in late 1942, when the 18th AACS Squadron landed at Casablanca, French Morocco, later establishing its headquarters at Algiers. Following the defeat of the German Army in North Africa and Sicily, the landing of US and British forces in Italy and the liberation of Naples in late September 1943, an AACS presence on the Italian mainland became necessary. The first step was to locate a team of eleven communications specialists and equipment at Capodichino airfield, located in a Naples suburb. The group, organized from the Squadron's North African and Sicilian detachments, arrived there from Algiers on November 30, 1943 in three C-47's.

The 18th Squadron's team was confronted with a challenging set of circumstances. Their generator equipment had been damaged on arrival; the only space available for installation and operation of their equipment was in the airfield's heavily damaged headquarters building. Despite these primitive conditions, the Naples detachment was operational by December 3.

As the Allied armies advanced north, the 18th Squadron continued to expand and, by early 1944, had established detachments at Bari and Foggia on the Italian mainland and on the islands of Corsica and Sardinia. When combined with its existing detachments in Sicily and North Africa, Squadron headquarters in Algiers found its command control and communications overextended. Consequently, the African Airways Communications Area divided the 18th Squadron, creating the European Sector with headquarters in Naples. The new Sector was responsible for the detachments at Palermo (8) and Catania (9) in Sicily, Naples (11), Bari (12) and Foggia (16) in Italy, Cagliari (13) in Sardinia and Ajaccio (14) and Borgo (17) in Corsica.

During February and March 1944 the Naples detachment's capabilities were upgraded and expanded. The Army Communications Service Plant Engineering Agency (ACS-PEA) engineered and installed the additional communications equipment which allowed the detachment to provide communications from the battlefield to various Air Force commands throughout the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations (MTO), to aid in the extension of air transport into Italy and beyond, to provide navigational aids, aircraft control and weather information and to coordinate with the Mediterranean Allied Air Force (MAAF) headquarters at Caserta, Italy. Support of tactical air operations by the 12th and 15th Air Forces was limited to liaison projects.

The Naples detachment became the largest and most important AACS detachment in the MTO. The detachment's headquarters, point to point and air to ground radio operations, teletype equipment and cryptography machines were located in an existing multi-story building near the main entrance to the airfield. The building also provided housing and recreational facilities. The detachment's remote facilities included the control tower and radio transmitters station, located on the west side of the runway at the north end of the field; the radio receivers station and the radio range navigational aid were located off the field. Diesel generators provided the primary source of power for the headquarters building and the remote facilities. The Italian commercial system provided a limited backup source.

The Naples detachment as a unit of the 18th Squadron's European Sector was short lived. On May 15, 1944, the world wide AACS organization was reorganized into Wings, Groups and Squadrons. The 18th Squadron European Sector became the 58th Group and remained in Naples. Its higher headquarters was the 2nd Wing located in Casablanca. The 58th Group included two squadrons, the 116th and the 117th, but only the 116th was activated on May 15. The Naples detachment was assigned to the 116th Squadron. The detachment's roster included four officers, a warrant officer and 91 enlisted men. By the end of 1944, the detachment numbered eight officers and 129 enlisted men; the unit designation had been changed to Detachment 155.

Detachment personnel included radio and teletype operators and mechanics, cryptographers, control tower operators, diesel and automotive mechanics and clerks. Radio operations were conducted by voice or coded carrier wave (CW) procedures in sending and receiving air to ground and point to point messages. Teletype messaging was in code using land lines connecting 58th Group headquarters and its detachments. Cryptographic operations were located in a separate secure room and used machine cypher (SIGABA), board cypher (strip) and RAF movement (code) systems in coding and decoding messages. Radio mechanics staffed the detachment's remote transmitters, receivers and radio range stations. Aircraft arrivals and departures were controlled by voice or light gun instruction.

One of the Naples detachments early assignments was to assist in an air assault to eliminate the Luftwaffe, cripple Germany's weapon production and destroy the transportation network and oil fields in the conquered areas of eastern Europe. The assault was based on a shuttle system allowing 8th Air Force and RAF bombers from England to attack targets in eastern Germany and then fly on to Russia. There, these planes would be refueled and rearmed and fly to bases in southern Italy, bombing enemy targets in Austria, the Balkans and southern Germany. From Italy, the Allied bombers would reverse the route. The 15th Air Force would operate from Italy to Russia to England and then reverse their route. The plan included a triangular radio navigational - weather data network to guide the bombers to their targets and bases in England, Russia and Italy. The corners of the network were AACS detachments at Widewing near London, at Naples and at Poltava, north of Moscow. The shuttle system did not deliver the desired results and was cancelled in late 1944. Throughout 1944 and into 1945, the Naples detachment handled an increasing volume of messages connecting the battlefield with the MAAF headquarters at Caserta and higher AACS headquarters in Naples, Casablanca and Asheville. The major increase in the detachment's operations occurred when the Air Transport Command's (ATC) Capodichino facility became a major transshipment hub for cargo and passenger operations in the MTO. As a result the detachment's capabilities continued to evolve. Four radio teletype channels, twelve point to point frequencies and three air to ground channels were in operation. The air to ground operating position had been improved and the aircraft distress frequency was being monitored on a 24 hour basis. Two new generators were installed at the headquarters building.

In August, the first radio teletype equipment was placed on line, connecting Naples and Algiers, and, in December, new type teleprinters were installed on the Foggia circuit. To accommodate an increase in radio teletype transmissions to France, a rhombic antenna array was installed at the remote transmitters station. Receiving antenna at the remote receivers station were replaced to provide optimum reception. The detachment's experience with both landline and radio teletype equipment set the pattern for detachment operations throughout the 58th Group.

The surrender of Nazi Germany on May 8, 1945 led to major reductions in the size, composition and capability of the US Army Air Corps in the MTO. The MAAF was dissolved on July 31, its functions taken over by a new command, the Army Air Forces in the MTO. This command was discontinued on October 1, 1945 and its activities placed under a new command, the United States Air Forces in Europe, with headquarters located in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The 58th Group was transferred from the 2nd Wing at Casablanca to the 5th Wing in Wiesbaden on June 1, 1945. The Naples detachment was redesignated Detachment 605, remaining a part of the 116th Squadron. The locations of Group and Squadron headquarters were unchanged. The changeover to the new command structure had minimum impact on the volume of ATC passenger and cargo traffic through Capodichino and the Naples detachment experienced little change in its operations.

In mid August 1945 the Air Corps implemented its post war demobilization policy, giving first priority to the discharge of its most experienced and expert men, continuing until March 1946 when men with two years service were scheduled for discharge. The loss of the more experienced and expert men compromised the effectiveness of every Air Corps unit, none more so than in the Naples detachment.

The exodus of experienced personnel continued into June as the remainder of the experienced staff reached the two year service level and were returned to the States for discharge. Their replacements had arrived in February 1946 and were scheduled for discharge in the fall. Although trained in AACS technical disciplines they lacked practical experience.

The number of personnel who arrived at Capodichino between September 1945 and June 1946 were never sufficient to offset the departure of the more experienced men. By mid June 1946 there were only 27 men on the detachment's permanent roster, which in September 1944 had numbered nearly 170 officers and men. It was a critical situation.

In addition to the continuing loss of its more experienced men, the detachment faced other challenges. The most significant was the lack of stability in the Detachment's post war leadership. Between June 1945 and October 1946 there were thirteen different commanding officers, the majority serving only one month. There were also equipment problems. The replacement of all types of communications equipment, from vacuum tubes to teletype machines to diesel generators had become a serious problem. Detachment personnel devised many unique and imaginative repairs to worn out equipment or, when all else failed, turned to the old army procurement method of scrounging or requisitioning from unofficial sources.

That the Detachment was able to continue to operate successfully during the post war period was a testament to the diligence and dedication of the young replacements in maintaining and upholding the unit's tradition of providing timely and reliable communications for its many users. Throughout 1946, the US Army Air Corps had been in a constant state of change, extending from major commands to the smallest unit, including the Naples detachment. In February 1946, the Rome, Athens, Vienna and Marseille (Istres) detachments were designated the 58th Group's major communications centers. The Naples detachment, once the aristocrat of the 58th Group, and those at Pisa and Foggia were relegated to a lesser responsibility and included with the facilities to be sold at a later date to the Italian government through the Foreign Liquidation Commission. It was the beginning of the end for the Naples detachment.

The 116th Squadron was relocated from Naples to Vienna on June 6, 1946 and the Naples and Foggia detachments reassigned to the 117th Squadron. Naples was designated Detachment 725 and Foggia 724. The Naples remote receivers station was closed and radio teletype operations discontinued. Point to point transmitters were reduced from twelve to three. The hourly broadcast of the latest Capodichino weather continued and the radio range, control tower, teletype landlines and air to ground operations remained in operation.

Even with a reduced capability, the detachment continued to provide reliable communications services to the ATC passenger and cargo operations at Capodichino. In July, the demand for communications services increased when the European Air Transport Service (EATS) established its headquarters and operational and maintenance facilities at Capodichino for its Mediterranean operations, utilizing the crews and C-47's of the 305th Troop Carrier Squadron.

On September 11, 1946 the command designation of the Naples detachment was changed again, from ACS (Air Communication Service) back to AACS (Airways and Air Communication Service). The Detachment's numerical designation was not changed. At the same time, the men who had arrived as replacements in February began to depart for the States and discharge. Their replacements were three year Regular Army enlistees, increasing the detachments strength to 70 men.

By the end of 1946, negotiations were well underway for signing the Peace Treaty with Italy, scheduled for February 10, 1947. The Treaty required that "all armed forces of the Allies and Associated Powers be withdrawn from Italy as soon as possible and in any case not later than 90 days from the coming into force the present Treaty."

Well in advance of Treaty requirements, the Naples detachment, together with the 117th AACS Squadron's detachments at Rome Ciampino, Pisa, Poretta, Foggia and Madrid, were deactivated on March 15, 1947. Total strength of the Squadron at the time was 19 officers and 128 enlisted men, slightly more than the strength of the Naples detachment at the end of 1944. The Air and Airways Communications Service mission in Italy had ended and the AACS Naples Detachment at Capodichino airfield, like many of the United States Army Air Corps' World War II units, large and small, heralded and obscure, each faithful to its mission, had passed into the "wild blue yonder."

John R. Hildebrand, Sgt., NCOIC, Remote Transmitters, Summer, 1946

February 14, 2014

The Detachment History also includes a list of Detachment Commanding Officers, a 1943 map and description of the Capodichino airfield and a bibliography.

PX /BX Sales Report for Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan

October:

1 AFCOMMATC Hat

1 Original AACS Patch

1 AACS Pin-on Patch

Income \$70.00 includes \$44.00 in donations

Postage \$5.26

November:

No Sales

December:

4 AACS Lapel Pins

4 AFCOMMATC Hats

3 AFCOMMATC Challenge Coins

3 AACS Pin-on Patch

2 Original AACS Patches

1 AFCOMMATC Jacket

1 AFCOMMATC Golf Shirt

9 Plaques

Income \$513.00 Includes \$15.00 in donations

Postage \$38.84

Plaques \$270.00 (\$20.00 ea plus \$5.00 ea shipping)

January:

1 Original AACS Patch

Income \$26.00 includes \$20.00 donation

Postage \$1.09



**2013 AF Comm & ATC
Association
37th Convention/Reunion Menu's**

Saturday Buffet Bkft

**(7:00 AM – 8:30 AM)
(Salons A-B)**

“The Traditional”

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Fresh Baked Biscuits & Gravy
French Toast with Warm Syrup
Bacon & Sausage
Breakfast Potatoes
Assorted Cereals & Milk
Assorted Yogurt Cups
Sliced Seasonal Fruit
Assorted Bread & Danishes
Butter & Jelly

Chilled Orange Juice, Coffee (Reg-Dec) & Tea

Saturday Night Banquet

**(6:30 PM)
(Salons A-B)**

Plated Meal with Choice of:

Chicken Piccata

Lightly Breaded Sauteed Chicken Breast
With a White Wine & Lemon Sauce over
Angel Hair

Beef Medallions

Medallions of Beef Tenderloin with a
Bordelaise Sauce

Glazed Salmon

Grilled Salmon topped with a
Savory Maple Glaze served over Rice Pilaf

**(A variety of sides will accompany
each meal)**

All meals include Dinner Rolls with butter,
Iced Tea & Gourmet Coffee

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**2013 AF Comm & ATC
Association
37th Convention/Reunion Menu's**

Sunday Get-Away Bkft

**(6:30 AM – 10:30AM –will be
restocked once)
(Salons A-B)**

“The Classic Continental”

Sliced Seasonal Fruit
Fresh Breakfast Pastries
Chilled Orange Juice
Assorted Bagels with Gourmet Spreads
Coffee, Tea & Decaffeinated Coffee

Prayer Dinner – Buffet

\$35 Per-Person

**(Thursday – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM)
(Where: To be announced at
reunion)**

“The Little Italy Buffet”

Traditional Caesar Salad
Mozzarella & Tomato Caprese Salad
Pasta Bar with Marinara & Alfredo Sauce
Italian Sausage & Meatballs
Chicken Parmesan
Sauteed Zucchini & Squash
Italian Green Beans
House Rolls & Butter
Gourmet Coffee & Iced Tea

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A typical Hospitality Room

Telling "War" Stories ???



A typical Banquet Table Setup



37th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention
The Annual General Farman Golf Tournament
Tennessee "Centennial" Golf Course, Oak Ridge, TN
Friday, 20 September 2013

The Tennessee Centennial Golf Course is a Gary Roger Baird designed course of 6,144 yards off the Green Tees. The course is approximately a 35 minutes drive from the Holiday Inn Hotel in downtown Knoxville. The 18-hole Golf Course facility of 6,144 yards of golf from the green tees is a par of 71.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	
Orange	72.1/130	548	369	173	376	417	378	343	189	430	3223
Green	69.9/127	507	343	135	350	391	344	327	171	399	2967
Black	67.0/120	390	317	131	323	355	299	308	134	370	2627
Handicap	2	14	18	8	6	10	16	12	4		

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total	Hcp	Net
397	518	391	203	381	398	164	547	411	3410	6633		
369	491	367	174	360	358	153	520	385	3177	6144		
336	458	335	141	334	330	141	484	332	2891	5518		
11	7	13	15	9	1	17	3	5				

USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY
except where modified by the following local rules

- Course Rules**
- Drop areas located on holes #1, #4 and #18.
 - All boundary fences are to be played as out of bounds. All other out of bounds is defined by white stakes.
 - No fixeesomes.
 - Distances are measured to the center of the green.
 - Proper golf attire and soft spikes are required at all times.
 - Obey cart path rule of the day.
 - Only two (2) riders allowed per cart.
 - Driver must present a valid driver's license.
 - Please keep carts on paths on holes #6, #18 and all par 3's and around greens and tees. Keep cart 50 feet from tees & greens.
 - Each player must have a set of golf clubs. Please be aware of pace of play. Keep up with the group in front of you.

Hole Locations

 Back Middle Front

Gary Roger Baird, Golf Course Designer



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 Oak Ridge, TN 37830
 865-483-2291
 www.centennialgc.com

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 holes 3, 8, 13 & 16, Par 3's or for the 11th hole, Par 5 on the back nine, these holes will be the closest to the pin's and longest drive). Once you have finished play give your score card to Walt McLain or Bill Bethea.

If playing golf, complete the Name Tag & Golf registration form, INCLUDE the \$45 GOLF COSTS ON YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
The cost per-player is \$45 (includes green fee, & cart) Lunch is on your own at the snack bar
Golf Club Rental Fee is \$35 (if needed, pay at golf course)
Car pools will leave the Hotel at 7:30 AM. First tee time will be around 9:00 AM.
If you are willing to provide a car pool vehicle, mark the Golf Registration form.
Driving time is 35 minutes from the hotel.

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

Name _____ Phone Nbr: () _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Quantity	Description	Total Cost
_____	AACS Logo Patch @ \$4.00	\$ _____
	(note: this patch has AACS, AFCS & AFCC EMBROIDED)	
_____	Original AACS Pin @ \$5.00	_____
_____	New: Old Blue Original AACS Patch @ \$6.00	_____
_____	Deluxe AACS Embroidered Pin-on Patch @ \$8.00	_____
_____	NEW AFCOMMATC CHALLENGE COIN @ \$7.00 each	_____
_____	Deluxe AFCOMMATC Embroidered Logo Hat @ \$12.00 (Blue Only)	_____
_____	New White "T" Shirts with AACS Original Logo @ \$9.00	_____
	Lady sizes only: M _____ L _____ XL _____	
_____	AFCOMMATC Embroided Logo Golf Shirt BLUE @ \$28.00	_____
_____	AFCOMMATC Embroided Logo Golf Shirt WHITE @ \$28.00	_____
_____	AFCOMMATC Shirt Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___	_____
_____	AFCOMMATC embroidered Wind Shirt (blue with gold trim) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ @ \$20.00 ea	_____
_____	AFCOMMATC Jacket (zipper) Sizes S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL @ \$30.00	_____
	AACS ITEMS ARE GONE EXCEPT FOR THE PIN & PATCH CLOTHING ITEMS WILL NOT BE RESTOCKED	
	DONATIONS (Tax deductible within the limits of the law): Receipt Yes ___ No ___ \$ _____	
	DO YOU WANT A RECEIPT YES _____ NO _____	
	GRAND TOTAL \$ _____	

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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 AACS WS with a new patch.

New Challenge Coin



AACS PIN



AFComm/ATC HAT



AFCommATC SHIRT



AF CommATC SHIRT



Deluxe Patch



Original Patch



Command Patch



T-SHIRT



AF Comm & ATC Items

Blue Shirt



White Shirt



Windshirts

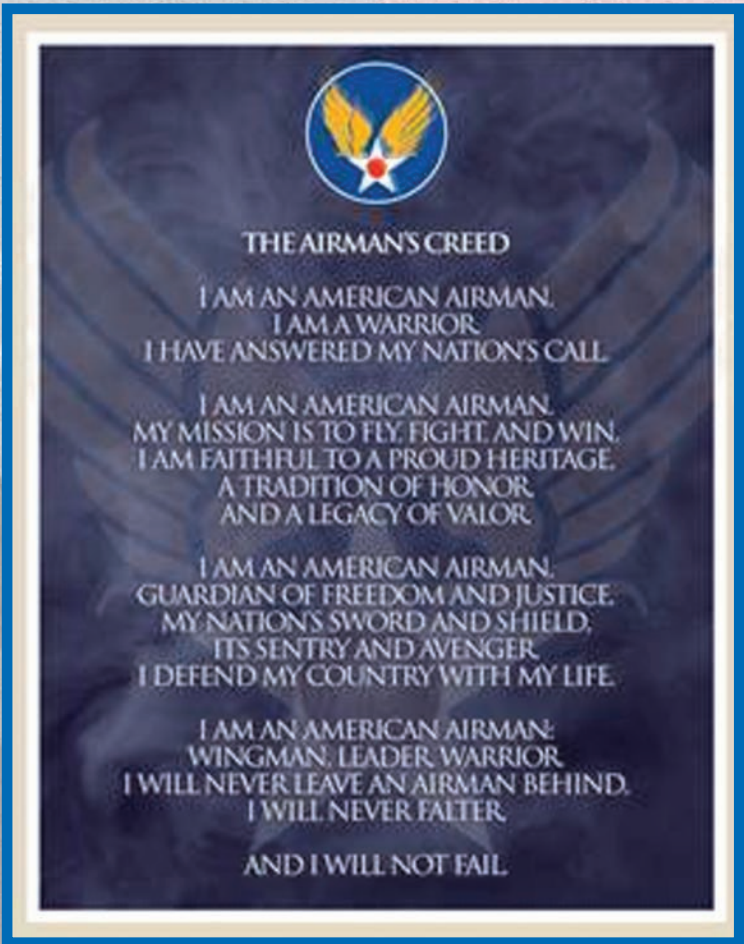


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I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
I AM A WARRIOR,
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN,
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR,
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER,
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN;
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR,
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,
I WILL NEVER FALTER,

AND I WILL NOT FAIL.

85 Year Old Starts College!

By Florence Cooke

Monday, August 20, is a special day in the life of 85 year old Charlie McGowan - HIS FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE. He will be attending Rappahannock Community College two days a week taking English and Human Services.

Mr. McGowan asked God what else was left for him to do on this earth. The answer came - go to college. Since he did not qualify for veterans benefits, Rappahannock Community College helped him get a Senior Citizens Grant.



Charlie McGowan

Please see McGowan, on page 8

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".

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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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