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and to help “Tend Bar”
at the 2014 Reunion.
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+ **If you want to donate to
help the Association, contact
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**General John E. Hyten
Commander Air Force Space
Command**

September 2014

**Plan now on coming to the
38th Convention/Reunion in**

**Colorado Springs, CO
“The Marriott Hotel”**

**Sept 24 – Sept 28
(Early Ck-in)
(Get-away Bkft)**

**2014 Hosts
Jim & Fran Weber**



Visit our Web Site : www.afcommatc.org

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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE - CYBERSPACE HALL OF FAME
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Air Force Cyberspace Hall of Fame
(Formerly called the "Communications/Information" Hall of Fame)
2014

**The following individuals were inducted into
The Hall of Fame – Class of 2014**



Lt. General Charles E. Croom



**Brig. General Wallace G. Smith
(Deceased)**



Colonel David J. Kovach



**CMSgt Larry Holifield
(Deceased)**

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



A typical photo of incumbents after the Hall of Fame Banquet



General Shelton – 2014 Guest Speaker

General William L. Shelton is Commander, Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. He is responsible for organizing, equipping, training and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command and other combatant commands around the world. General Shelton oversees Air Force network operations; manages a global network of satellite command and control, communications, missile warning and space launch facilities; and is responsible for space system development and acquisition. He leads more than 42,000 professionals assigned to 134 locations worldwide. General Shelton also served as Chief of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. As commander, AF Space Command, he also leads the 24th Air Force, the “Cyber Air Force” and AF Network Integration Center.



General Shelton entered the Air Force in 1976 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has served in various assignments, including research and development testing, space operations and staff work. The general has commanded at the squadron, group, wing and numbered air force levels, and served on the staffs at major command headquarters, Air Force headquarters and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Prior to assuming his current position, General Shelton was the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff and Director, Air Staff, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

**Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster**

NOTICE

There is a possibility that General Shelton may not be available in September. If so, then we may have General John Hyten, who has been nominated to become the Commander of AF Space Command.



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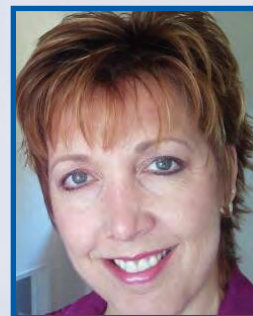
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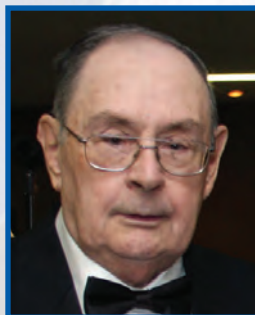
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"A photo that survived"

New member Joe Kricho, sent this photo (that survived a fire) to the editor (Hank Sauer) who did not remember Joe. Alas !! here is a photo of a Squadron party during our tour in Viet Nam. (it really is a small world)



Hank

1955 photo of eight Air Traffic Controllers on TDY mission to Thule AB Greenland in support of a SAC training mission to recover KC97 tankers after refueling B47's over the North Pole using FPS3 long range radar equipment located on P-mountain high above Thule AFB. Mission successful.

Pictured are Mac Maginnis on left, next Bill Morrissey, standing in rear Bill Bryce and extreme right Don Foss.....names of others Jack Ward, C.F. Messenger, L.E. Jakobby and Larry Ross.

(My memory fails me matching faces to the other four)



Mac & Bill

Mac Maginnis and the late Bill Morrissey reunited after the Berlin Airlift in Thule, Greenland

From The Desk of the Executive Director



Our long winter is finally coming to an end. Here in the Washington, DC area, like much of the east coast, we've had so much snow that they're talking about extending school just to get the required number of days on the books (I'm sure students will be very attentive those last few days in June). Even the government was shut down for five days over the past few months. And, of course, bitter cold was commonplace throughout the country. But, the good news is that the cherry blossoms are coming out, the grass is turning green, the daffodils are starting to bloom, and it's time to start thinking about our next reunion! This year's gathering in Colorado Springs is shaping up to truly be a special one, so mark your calendars now. Also, with such a great location and plenty of interesting activities already lined up, this is the perfect time to invite your friends to join us. When I speak with former colleagues and others in the

comm/info systems/cyber/ATC communities, most are still not aware of our group. Those that attend the reunions tend to do so because they were invited by a friend. So please reach out to others and suggest that this year's get-together in the Springs would be the perfect time to check us out.

As any quick glance at the news will tell you, these are times of great change for the US military. Our forces are being reduced in size and are being realigned to new mission priorities. The face of the communications field continues to evolve with more and more "cloud-based" applications and centralized management and control of our communications resources. For those of us who grew up in an Air Force where the base communications squadron was locally responsible for almost everything electronic on the base, today's way of doing business would be barely recognizable. There are plenty of changes on the horizon in the Air Traffic Control system as well, with the "next generation" of ATC a hot topic and discussions about direct routing of aircraft and the increasing use of drones bringing up some very interesting and unresolved questions. At the heart of it all, however, our outstanding men and women in blue continue to support the operational mission with excellence and dedication. The equipment may change, but the devotion to duty of those in uniform is unwavering.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Colorado Springs – and in 2015 down in Myrtle Beach (planning for that reunion is coming together as well). Reach out to your friends and invite them to join us in September. Have a wonderful, safe summer.

Doug Donnell
Executive Director

From the Web Site Manager

Our Association web site has a few minor updates. We added documents under the History tab about GEEIA and Data Automation.

Information about the September convention is now available on the web site.

It is your alternative starting point for information, including: How to Register/Hotel Links; Registration/Name Tag Forms; Tours and Events; Schedule of Events; FAQs about Convention; and Golf Tourney information.

Our goal remains to keep information cleanly organized and make it easy for you to find what you're looking for.

Check back often for the latest information about the convention and Association news in general.

****THERE IS AN AF ACADEMY FOOTBALL GAME ON SATURDAY THE 27TH BOOK YOUR HOTEL EARLY****

Keep in mind that your ideas for improvements are always welcome. Send your comments to Lori Manske at manske5@charter.net. Visit www.afcommatc.org.



Membership Director Report for June 2014 Communicator



We have gained 19 new members since 15 Oct 2013. Our current active membership stands at 1493. 42 members have renewed since 15 Oct 2013. As of 1 April 2014 we have 137 members with dues expiring in 2014. To see when your dues expire check the address label on your latest Communicator or the expiration date on you membership card.

Please refer all membership questions to Walt McLain
865-690-0479 or email aacsmbship@comcast.net

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Applications are available in each Communicator, on our web site and from Walt McLain by calling 865-690-0479 or emailing requests to aacsmbship@comcast.net .

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.

Walt McLain
Director for Membership



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EDITOR-PUBLISHER REPORT

THE COST OF THE NOV 2013 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

Printing, labeling, shipping (1,975 copies).....	\$2,936.29
Layout/Draft/Conversion.....	700.00
P.O. Bulk Mail charges (approx 1,898 mailed).....	785.45
Annual PO Permit.....	200.00
Overseas Mail & New or Renewals	37.10

TOTAL: \$4,658.84



It cost the Association approximately \$2.36 per-copy to publish and mail the NOV 2013 Communicator.

Remaining balance in PO Account: \$ 43.33

Remaining balance in Editors Bank Account: \$ 162.61

NOTE: Monthly reports for the Editors Bank Account are submitted to the Treasurer & audited by the Chair of the Fiscal Management & Budget Committee,

The Web Site averages approximately 125 - 150 hits per-day. 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.

Visit the web site guest book and send an email to people who sign, thank them for taking the time to visit. Try to recruit them using a SOFT SELL approach. It has worked for the editor since the web site has been posted. YOU CAN HELP ALSO

REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW READ THE CURRENT "COMMUNICATORS" ON OUR WEB SITE (WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG) AND SOME PAST ISSUES. YOU MUST USE THE PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND THE COMMUNICATORS. THE PASSWORD IS "mpn1aacs"

PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS COMING. THEY ARE WHAT MAKE THE COMMUNICATOR A "MEMBERS" PUBLICATION. SEND YOUR STORIES AND PICTURES EARLY. If we can't get your stories/pictures in one issue, we will keep them for the next issue. In fairness to all members, we use a "first in-first published" policy. After scanning (into a hard drive) any pictures you send, we will return them if requested. You do not have to have copies made. I will forward to Lori Manske all articles and pictures sent to me that may have WEB SITE potential.

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.

Hank Sauer

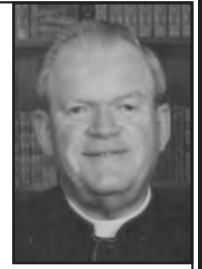
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



All around us there is conflict, terror, inhumanity, and almost every sin that seems to deny the sense of peace which most of the world would like to see.

In Isaiah's day, there was the same kind of human chaos. International conditions were grim, and Judah was being threatened by powerful enemies who eventually prevailed over that nation. Yet Isaiah prophesied that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore", and "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks". He cried, "O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord". It was a plea to begin to live as though God's ideal for them was present and active right now. The same is true for you and me several thousand years later.

Eschatology is the word used when discussing the end times. The term "realized eschatology" means to live as if God's kingdom has already been established. If we try to live in that condition, it means we will focus on living with purer minds and more loving hearts. We will work with the help of the Spirit of God to suppress anger, impatience, the tendency to gossip or tell lies, be covetous, or selfish. We will focus on trusting that the Light of the World will bring light and truth to us in ways that we can share, as if we are already before the throne of God.

How can that happen? We invite the Lord to come deeper into our lives, to fill all our spiritual nooks and crannies, even the ones we have been holding back from Him.

God has revealed Himself to us in human form. In our prayers, we ask to discover ways in how we can become a new creation in the likeness and image of His only Son. For when we take the Son deeper into our lives we get it all. Again to quote the prophet Isaiah, "...let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths." Let us learn also from the errors of ancient Judah.

Fr. Donald Seeks
Association Chaplain

Attention Convention/Reunion Attendees!!



If you want to attend the "Air Force vs Boise State" Football Game on Saturday afternoon, September 27, 2014 at the Air Force Academy. You can call 719-472-1895 on August 4th when tickets go on sale to the general public. The game should be over by 3:30 PM which should be plenty of time to make the Banquet that evening.

BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NOTE: Game time has changed to 5 PM and will end much too late to attend the Banquet.

TREASURERS REPORT (as of June 30, 2013)



Cash in Banks:

AFCOMMATC Checking Acct	\$11,373.23
Publisher's Account (TN Bank)	\$ 162.61

Cash Totals: \$11,535.84

Certificates of Deposit:

6099	\$11,547.10	Maturity Date 12/05/2014
**129	\$10,000.00	Maturity Date 03/31/2015
**130	\$ 5,000.00	Maturity Date 09/30/2014
**131	\$ 5,000.00	Maturity Date 03/31/2016

CD Totals (4): \$31,547.10

Grand Totals: \$43,082.94

The Bank of Georgia continues to be an excellent choice for this Organization! There are no account maintenance fees and transactions are unlimited. Funds have been transferred from checking to Certifications of Deposit. Although the rates are not that high with the current economy, the investment instrument is a secure investment, protecting our member's funds. Again, that all of those that continue to donate through the mail and during the Reunion! **Cindy M. Hintz, Treasurer**

Years of Election For Board of Directors

<u>Position</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		X*		X		X*
VICE DIRECTOR	X		X		X	
EXECUTIVE SEC		X		X		X
DIRECTOR FOR INFO	X		X		X	
SERGEANT AT ARMS	X		X		X	
PROTOCOL OFFICER		X		X		X
WEB MASTER	X		X		X	

POSITIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ARE BEING PROPOSED. SEE VOTE FORM IN THIS ISSUE.

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.

A WWII AACS Picture ?

A man from Virginia purchased a picture at a flea market and was researching where it came from. He posted a note on our web site and here it what he told us.

"The ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM stands constant vigil in aiding Allied aircraft in flight by operating control towers , radio stations and navigational aids over the world's airways. This allegorical idea depicts the constant struggle of aircraft against the elements. The central figure being Thor, "God of Thunder," in Nordic mythology. An eagle riding the beam through a storm infested sky with aircraft hovering safely between it's protective wings- symbolizes the vital war job being done by the AACS. There is only has wordage, no pictures".

Charles Vick, Richmond, Virginia

IF WE GET A PHOTO, WE WILL PUBLISH IT IN A COMMUNICATOR.

NOTICE – NOTICE – NOTICE –NOTICE - NOTICE

YOU NEED THE PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE WEB SITE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER & COMMUNICATORS"

The AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association's posts the "Communicators" and the Membership Roster on our WEB SITE. The Communicators & Roster formats are in a PDF format only. To READ OR DOWNLOAD the roster you need to know the following:

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

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

REMEMBER TO **PROTECT** THE PASSWORD AND DENY ACCESS TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL
You need Adobe Reader to read or download to your computer. If you do not have Adobe Reader, there is a link to **Adobe.com** so you can download a free copy. We can allow more members to read or download the Membership Roster using the PDF format as it is the "de-facto" internet standard and that the Adobe Reader program can be downloaded free. We have Communicators archived on the web site starting in June 2006. The November 2006 issue is **now** available.

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

We have removed email, mailing addresses and phone numbers from the Roster posted on the Web Site. This was done to protect privacy and deny attempts to steal members personal information.

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

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Candy Bomber Returns 65 Years After Berlin Airlift Nov 14, 2013

Air Force News: by Staff Sgt. Jerilyn Quintanilla

HONDO, Texas -- It was 1948, World War II was over and the Cold War had begun. For many German families, living conditions were tough and food was scarce. But for the children of Berlin, there was a glimmer of hope, and it came from the sky.

Army Air Corps 1st Lt. Gail Halvorsen, a C-47 pilot stationed in Germany in support of the Berlin Airlift, handed two sticks of gum to local children peering through a fence near a local airport. That small gesture at Berlin's Tempelhof Airport led to Operation Little Vittles, a humanitarian mission that continued for 15 months.

After that first meeting with the children, Halvorsen decided to collect his candy rations and fasten them to parachutes made with cloth and string.

"The look in their eyes, I could see their appreciation for something so small," Halvorsen recalled. "I wanted to do something more so I told them to come back later." His plan was to fly over and drop the candy to the children.

"They asked how they would know it was me," Halvorsen said. "I told them I'll wiggle the wings." From that point on, he was known to the children as "Uncle Wiggly Wings." To the rest of the world, he would become the "Candy Bomber."

On Nov. 9, at age 93, retired Col. Gail Halvorsen took part in a re-enactment of the Berlin Airlift at the South Texas Regional Airport in Hondo, Texas. The community and service men and women gathered to participate in the event, watching as more than 160 children ran to gather the 2,000 candy bars, which descended from a vintage C-47 Skytrain.

Among the crowd was a special visitor, Berlin-native Heike Jackson. Jackson, who lived in Germany during the Berlin Airlift, remembers what it was like to see Halvorsen's plane approach and the candy drop from above.

At age 6, Jackson, like other children in the local area, would anxiously await the plane with the wiggly wings. "He was our savior," Jackson said. "We had nothing to eat; we would've died." Jackson later married a Army soldier and moved from Berlin to the United States while he was still in the service.

Jackson never thought she'd come face-to-face with "Uncle Wiggly Wings," but 65 years later, she did. What did she do to commemorate the event? She brought some candy along.

"It's kind of like déjà vu," she said. "The feeling is hard to describe. To see that wonderful man alive is amazing. It's a full circle somehow. I'm very touched and overwhelmed."

"I did it for the children, to see the smiles on their faces," Halvorsen said.

And 65 years later, halfway around the world, he managed to get one more smile from a surviving child of the Berlin Airlift.

"I Can Hear You!"
By Col (ret) Bill Malec

My first assignment out of ground radio operator school at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi was to the Comm Group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Out on the periphery of this massive group was situated a small cadre of radio operators. We were housed in a tiny brick building known as the "base MARS station" in the area of this expansive base known as "Wood City." It was 1969 and business was pretty brisk at the Military Affiliate Radio System station running phone patch and MARS gram traffic with radio stations in Southeast Asia as well as Greenland, North Africa and various stateside locations.

I was but a young 2 striper at the time just learning the radio operations business and being trained by veteran NCOs along with other first termers there.

On one otherwise ordinary duty day I received a call from A-I-R, a net control radio station located at Andrews AFB, Maryland. They advised they were having equipment problems and would not be able to come up on the net at the appointed time. They asked if I could perform temporary net control station duties in their absence. I jumped at this, my first chance to be in charge.

As the time grew near to open the net I set up on the assigned frequency. I took special care to ensure my radio equipment was properly tuned and loaded in order to operate at peak efficiency for my big chance to shine. I had my KWM-2A transceiver and accompanying 30L-1 linear humming and ready to go.

Precisely when the minute hand struck 12 on the clock I keyed my mike and began transmitting my opening salvo. "ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, THIS IS AG3FF, ALPHA GOLF THREE FOXTROT FOXTROT, ACTING NET CONTROL STATION, OPENING THE NET AT THIS TIME. ANY STATION ON FREQUENCY WITH TRAFFIC PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF...OVER" Pen in hand I un-keyed my mike and waited with great anticipation for my first customer to respond.

Suddenly through the light static on frequency a heard a radio transmission, "ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, THIS IS AG3FF, ALPHA GOLF THREE FOXTROT FOXTROT, ACTING NET CONTROL STATION, OPENING THE NET AT THIS TIME. ANY STATION ON FREQUENCY WITH TRAFFIC PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF...OVER"

My jaw dropped! Who was transmitting on frequency and doing a rather bad impersonation of me, the acting net control station? I keyed my mike and transmitted, "STATION ON FREQUENCY THIS AG3FF, ACTING NET CONTROL STATION, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF...OVER."

Just a few seconds after I un-keyed my mike I again heard the, "ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, THIS IS..." broadcast in its entirety again.

By now I was positively fuming at this outright disrespect for my net control station authority. I again keyed my mike and demanded that the station on frequency mimicking me identify itself and face my wrath. Again I unkeyed and within seconds the ""ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, THIS IS..." broadcast began again.

Fortunately just before my head exploded the light bulb in it came on. Through my exasperation I realized that the voice on the radio was not a copycat. It was me! Some prankster had recorded my initial transmission and was playing it back at me. I had consequently been talking to myself! After minutes of welcome silence on the frequency I gradually regained my composure. Fortunately the rest of my acting net control station experience passed uneventfully and I closed the net when the time came.

Looking back I have to wonder if there were other radio operators monitoring the frequency and heard my radio exchange with myself. They were probably laughing just about as hard as the radio operator who initiated the prank by recording me and then repeatedly playing it back.

Moral to the story: Really listen before you speak!



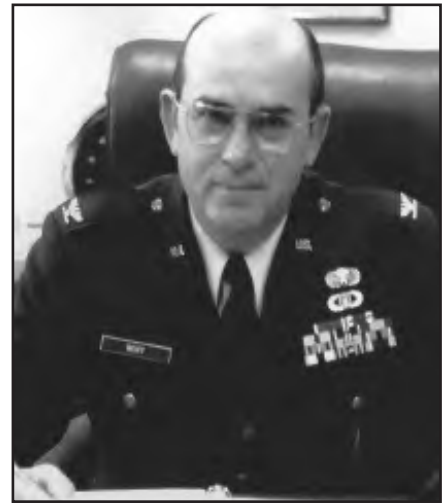
**Congratulations to Brigadier General (Select)
Michael H. Butikofer**



Colonel Butikofer, was nominated by the President on January 8, 2014 for the grade of Brigadier General. Col Butikofer is currently serving as the Director, Policy and Resources, Office of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon. The Colonel has a long history in a number of key communications assignments and we congratulate him on his selection and wish all the best in his future assignments.

LEADERSHIP—1962 STYLE

After checking into the 389th Communications Squadron at F.E. Warren AFB, WY and dropping off the customary calling card at the Commander's home and inevitable invitation for lunch with the Commander and his lady, I began settling into my new job. After the first week, received notice of appointment with the Commander, Lt. Col. Virgil Lindsey. The usual salute and pleasantries exchanged, Colonel Lindsey got down to the business at hand. First, he gave me a loose leaf notebook with instructions that I was to record every positive leadership experience of my future supervisors/commanders on the left side of the notebook and every negative experience on the right. Colonel Lindsey had made the first entry on the left. "Never take military leave during Christmas. That is the time young airman are most vulnerable, especially those that are way from home the first time. Be seen in the work centers, chow halls, work center Christmas parties, etc. Ask the young unaccompanied folks to volunteer for shifts so that those with families could have time off and reward volunteers with 3 day passes." He said when I reached a position to command or supervise I needed to look at the left side of the notebook. Over the years, I kept up the notebook, but unfortunately it was lost during a PCS move. Second, Colonel Lindsey took a 3" by 5" index card from his desk and wrote my name on it and put it in a file box on his desk labeled "Additional Duties". I noticed there were names of other officers in our unit in his box. My first additional duty was to inventory the glasses at the Officer's Club. I had to account for those that were broken during a Dining Inn when they were chucked into the fireplace. I calculated the number that were broken, cost of replacement, and assessed each member of the club their fair share of the cost. Not paying was unthinkable. The second additional duty was as a "Report of Survey" for one of our airman who lost his tool box and to determine if he was financially liable. The next one was a real learning experience. I was assigned as paymaster. Strapped on a 45 and signed for the cash at the finance office. Our airman lined up and reported in to obtain their pay. Each signed the pay sheet. Next to my desk was the First Shirt with the duty roster. He had several things he was collecting (donations) money for; Air Force Assistance Fund, Unit Fund, Red Cross, etc. Those who did not contribute were at the top of the duty roster for KP and other squadron duties. The additional duties continued as the months passed. I served on the squadron promotion board, assigned to coach the squadron basketball team, and wrote a staff study. Some duties were remarkable. In those days each base had an "Officer and NCO of the Day". We were the Base Commander's representatives for after duty hours and on weekends. Usually it was uneventful, but on a few occasions we had to go downtown Cheyenne and work with the local police to get a wayward man (no gals in the unit) out of jail. In my final year at the squadron I served as a Summary Court Officer for an airman who had committed suicide and learned a lot about that process. Had to prepare a draft of the letter to parents for Colonel Lindsey; next was assigned as a Summary Court Martial investigative officer, and finally served on a Special Court Martial. When I was to depart the squadron for my next assignment, Colonel Lindsey gave me a copy of the additional duty card. After reviewing it, I saw that I had pretty much come into contact with every functional area on the base and had a pretty good understanding of what they did to support the mission. Finally, a few words about my job assignments in the unit. Although I was an AFSC 3034 Maintenance Officer, that



did not mean much to Colonel Lindsey. As with the other junior officers in the unit, Colonel Lindsey changed our job assignments every six months. During the Cuban Missile Crisis I worked the squadron command post. Next, in Operations learned to cut tape in the communications center/worked the switchboard, Plans and Programs to learn about budget and dealing with GEEIA for new installations under the guidance of CWO Smith, Outside Plant Cable supervisor to set up a training program for the new 361x0s that we were getting as by pass specialists and I went through that training program myself learning to splice cable, wipe lead sleeves, trouble shoot lead cable with soap, and climb poles (yes, Staff Sergeant Rickard, I will not act like a super jock with gaffs and get the splinters out of my bleeding legs). My last assignment was as the first Wing Communications Officer for the 90th Strategic Missile Wing (Minuteman) working for a super Wing Commander, Colonel Floyd Wickstrom. Colonel Lindsey went on to command other units; especially GEEIA squadrons in Germany. I hope some of our members had the opportunity to get "trained" by this super leader.

Ken Reiff, Col (ret) USAF



What Are You Doing to Keep Our Association Going?

If every member recruited one (1) new member, we would have close to 3,000 members or more. There are many ex-communicators, air traffic controllers, data automation, and other skills that were in communications and/or air traffic control units from the 1930's right up to today. It's up to us to work hard at recruiting new members or one day, one of us will be the last man standing.

Our 2013 CMSgt Ronald Allison Recruiter of the Year award winner recruited 10 new members.

As of 1 April 2014, and this recruiting year does not end until 1 August 2014, he has already recruited 13 new members.

The Board of Directors offers this challenge to all members: Recruit at least one new member each year and encourage lapsed members to return.

If anyone needs to send a Communicator or a membership application to a potential new member, contact Walt McLain or Hank Sauer (mailing addressees, phone numbers and email addressees are on page 2 of this issue.)

Also, potential members can register through our website at <http://www.afcommatc.org>

**DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, JUST DO IT !!!
Don't forget the active duty folks – they are the future**



WE WANT YOU!

"Just a Radio Operator"

Oh, I'm winning the war with a telegraph key,
Thought I as I finished a "stack",
I hope this is not all the action I see
Just wearing my pants out in back.

I idly shuffle the blanks in my hand
And glance at the five letter groups.
I think of my brother in far foreign land
Fighting up front with the troops.

I check my watch – where the heck's my R.J.
I'm getting as hungry as sin.
An eight hour trick is enough for the day,
And I'm practically deaf from the din.

The "trick chief" gets up from the teletype chair
And says that he has one for me.
"Get your key oiled up, get that rig on the air,
Here's a honey – a lone one O.P."

My relief gets a curse on his unknowing head
For his tardiness costs me my chow.
And this is a hell of time for a sked,
The net's QJZ about now.

But I slip on the cans and I rattle the key
And the rig is again on the air.
I give with the dits and the dahs just to see
If the station I'm calling is there.

A couple of calls and sends "QRU"
So I tell him I have an "O.P."
He sends me a "K" and I start a tattoo –
Pounding brass on my telegraph key !

I pass the first fifty, then wait for a sec,
While he starts the next block on the sheet.
I've found if you don't make an op break his neck
You get fewer requests to repeat.

A hundred and fifty and then fifty more.
She's long, I've a thousand to go.
My head's getting tired, my wrist's getting sore.
Can't use "bug" for this guy is too slow.

I'm passing a thousand, my fist is near beat,
Do I want an RJ form TC ?
Not a chance, Chief, you know once my sign's on
The sheet
No one's sending that message but me.

We finally clear and I send him "AR"
And get one from him with "ack"
The look that I give my relief leaves a scar
As I grab for my hat on the rack.

Later.....

I read how a shipment of arms saved a corps
Because it arrived there in time.
The corps that it saved was my brother's. What's
more
The message that was sent was mine!

Oh, I'm fighting the war with a telegraph key
But as long as they want me I'll stay.
It may not be combat but now I can see
How a message can help save the day.

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Glossary:

Ack – Acknowledgement
AR – End of Transmission
Bug – semiautomatic telegraph key
O.P. – Operational Priority
K – Invitation to transmit
R.J> – relief operator
QJZ – on stand by
QRU – have you traffic for me
T.C. – Trick Chief

Submitted by:
Al Lee, W6KQI



Flight Checkers Meet in Oklahoma City

About the same timeframe as the Comm and ATC folks met in Knoxville for the September 2013 Reunion, the USAF Flight Checkers Association gathered in Oklahoma City.

Just over 50 former Flight Checkers and family members came together at a downtown hotel. OKC was selected as that is the location of today's AF Flight Check mission where they are co-located with the FAA's Flight Inspection mission at the FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.

Also co-located there now is the Air Force Flight Standards Agency (it moved from its original location at Andrews) which took over many of the responsibilities of the Hq AFCC Air Traffic function. An in depth briefing on current status of USAF ATC and NAVAIDS, including deployed assets, was provided to the group by long time air traffic officer Lt Col (USAF retired) Ed Wright, presently serving as the AFFSA deputy commander. This was followed by an update on current flight inspection activities by Lt Col Ken Noojin, 375 AW, Det 1/CC. Active duty aircrews are assigned to the 375th at Scott, and fly with the FAA crews on day to day flight inspection activities to maintain training and currency. Crews then may be all civilian, all military or totally integrated. But when a radar or navaid flight inspection is needed in a combat designated area, the military crew members are dispatched. The former flight checkers were escorted out to an FAA hangar to tour several of the aircraft there, including a Challenger 601 scheduled for deployment to Afghanistan the following week. Many old friendships were renewed there as many former USAF flight checkers currently work for, or are retired from, the FAA. During that same time, the spouses gathered together for a tour of their own. They toured the close by Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum, memorializing the 1995 Federal Building bombing. They also wandered through the historic and touristy Brick Town where they enjoyed lunch.

A business meeting also was held for reports, election of officers, and discussions for the future of the organization. Col (USAF ret) Mike Ball, and former 1866 FCS/CC, acted as the reunion coordinator and chaired the meeting, acting for Marlin LeGault who was unable to attend for health reasons. Retired flight checkers Chuck Barbeau and Tony Jones, living in the OKC area, were instrumental in assisting with many of the chores and details of setting up the meeting. A closing "banquet" was held, where the recommended attire was the blue flight check polo shirt with C-140 JetStar emblem from the last reunion two years ago. A number of "war stories" were shared both at the banquet and in the hospitality suite. Several current members of the active duty Flight Check Det joined the group in the hospitality suite and accepted a variety of historical information, patches and ball caps to add to the Detachment's "memory wall". Discussion is ongoing for the next reunion tentatively proposed for the September 2015 time frame in the Scott AFB area.

EDITORS NOTE: We are hoping that the Flight Checkers can make our 39th Annual reunion in Myrtle Beach in Sep 30 – Oct 4, 2015.

PX / BX Sales Report (Oct 2013 – Mar 2014)

<u>Items Sold</u>			
Hats	11	AACS Logo Patch (AACS, AFCS, AFCC)	2
Original Patches	4	Lapel Pins	6
Challenge Coins	5	Plaques	4
Jackets, M	1	Jackets, XL	1

Sales: Approximately \$450.00

38th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention
The Marriott Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado
September 24 – 28, 2014

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

Hosts:

Jim & Fran Weber



Make Hotel Reservations NLT September 2, 2014

1-800-932-2151 – Reservation Code is:

ATC or AF COMM

Hotel Phone number is: 719-260-1800

BOOK EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A ROOM AT GROUP RATES OF \$95.00 per-night - plus taxes.

Send your Registration and other forms to Jim Weber, 4018 Slice Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80922

No Later Than ----- September 2, 2014

The AF Comm & ATC Hospitality Room is in the:

Aspen Leaf room on the main floor

Will be officially opened at Noon (or shortly thereafter) on Wednesday, September 24TH, 2014.

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. See Registration Form. Email Jim at JWeber8217@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 2014."

INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW

38th AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

September 24 – September 28, 2014

Marriott Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado
5580 Tech Center Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Hotel Direct Phone Nbr: (719) 260-1800, OR Fax (719) 260-6911

MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Book early! But NOT LATER THAN 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

There is an AF Academy Football game on Saturday THE 27TH BOOK EARLY

**Hotel Reservations can be made at: 1-800-932-2151 (in-Hotel) or
at the Hotel direct: 1-719-260-1800**

The Group Rate CODE is: AFC

The group room rate is **\$95.00 Per-Night - plus tax**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

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 **24 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 COLORADO SPRINGS MARRIOTT

FROM DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DIA)

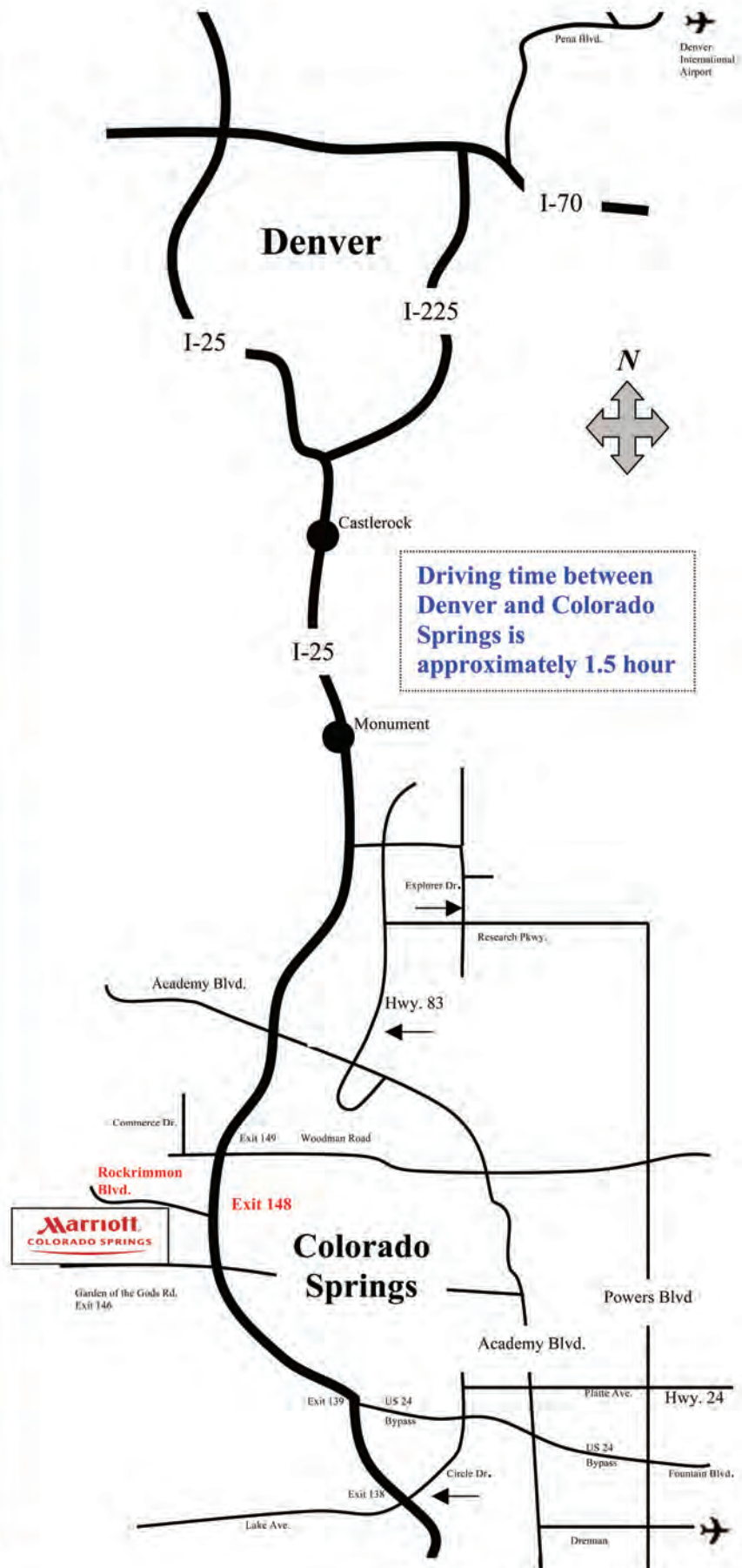
It takes approximately 90 minutes to drive from DIA to Colorado Springs. Exit DIA terminal and proceed on Peña Blvd. approximately 10 miles to I-70. Continue west on I-70 approximately ½ mile and exit on I-225 south to Colorado Springs. Continue on I-225 for 12 miles until it intersects with I-25 and follow the signs to Colorado Springs. To reach the Marriott, take Exit 148 Rockrimmon Blvd. Exit and make a right at the second stop light Rockrimmon Blvd. Make a left onto Tech Center Dr (just past the Shell gas station on the right). The Hotel is on the right hand side.

Front Range Shuttle from Denver airport to COS Marriott \$49.00, Round trip \$89.00. Prices go down for 2 or 3. Call in advance 1-719-237-2646

FROM COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT (COS)

Depart terminal and proceed west on Drennan Road to Powers Blvd. Turn right on Powers Blvd. and proceed north to Fountain Blvd (Hwy 24). Turn left (west) and continue until you reach I-25. To reach the Marriott, take I-25 north until you reach Exit 148, Rockrimmon Blvd. Exit and make a left at the first stop light Rockrimmon Blvd. Make a left onto Tech Center Dr (just past the Shell gas station on the right). The Hotel is on the right hand side.

"FROM" AND "TO" THE COS AIRPORT IF YOU WANT TO USE THE MARRIOTT SHUTTLE, YOU MUST CALL ONE (1) WEEK IN ADVANCE TO RAY MARTINEZ AT 719-268-4220 OR HOTEL 719-260-1800 & GIVE THE FOLLOWING: DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, AIRLINE(S) AND FLIGHT NUMBER(S).



COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

"The Great Rocky Mountains"

SCHEDULED TOURS

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

THURSDAY TOURS/EVENTS

*Air Force Academy
Tour Includes visitor's center, Chapel
and Cadet areas*

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AT THE CRACKER BARREL

**Time: Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8:00 AM for bus departure at 8:30AM
Return to Hotel: Approximately 1:00 PM.**

Cost: \$25 Per-Person



Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak Cog Rail Tour

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN AT UNCLE SAM'S IN MANITOU SPRINGS

**Time: Meet in Hotel Lobby at 8:00 AM for bus departure at 8:30AM.
Return at 5:30PM. Bring Warm Coat for Pike's Peak Cog Rail.**



Cost: \$45.00 per person

Cripple Creek Casino Trips

Location: Cripple Creek, CO.

Take hotel shuttle to casino pickup point. Pay \$25.00 to casino bus driver and get \$25.00 back in play from casinos. Pick up casino bus schedules at sign in.



Time: See casino schedules available at check in.
Also available on Friday

*** * Annual Prayer Dinner * ***

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

Chaplain: Fr. Don Seeks



Menu: BBQ Buffet

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Location: In the Hotel's Outdoor Patio/Backup Room Inside

**Live Music in Hospitality Room Provided
By "The Old Dogs Band" 8-10PM
Come Listen,
Dance and Have a Good Time**

FRIDAY TOURS/EVENTS

This can't be an AAC5 Golfer
can it?
It must be an AFC4A guy!!!



**** 38th Annual General Farman Golf Tournament ****

38th AF Comm & ATC Association Convention
The Annual General Farman Golf Tournament
Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Course
Friday, 26 September 2014

Eisenhower Blue Course

Recently ranked #1 in the Department of Defense by Golf and Travel magazine, the Blue Course stretches over 7200 yards and offers its guest a majestic view of the Colorado Rockies.

This Robert Trent Jones layout was ranked in Golf Digest's top 100 courses and top 10 in the state of Colorado.

Dedicated and named after President Dwight Eisenhower in 1963, the driver used by Ike to hit the ceremonial tee shot, as well as the original dedication letter, are proudly on display in the Eisenhower banquet room.

Eisenhower is home to the Air Force Academy's golf team that is fresh off its best season ever. The course also hosts an NCAA event, and is home to one of the PGA Jr. Series stops.

The secret here is putting, sometimes the break will defy your eye, keep a close eye on the mountains, the ball will break away from them.

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 \$64 GOLF COSTS ON YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

The cost per-player is \$64

(includes green fee, range balls, cart & lunch)

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.

Bill Bethea is Golf Director

Driving time is 20 minutes from the hotel.



Eisenhower Blue Course

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN (NORAD) AND WORLD WAR II MUSEUM TOUR

**Time: Meet in Hotel Lobby at 7:45 AM for bus departure at 8:00AM.
Return at 4:30PM. Lunch included at Peterson AFB Club. Cost:
\$45.00 per person.**



➤ **DINNER AT THE EDELWEISS GERMAN RESTAURANT**

➤ **6:30-9:00 PM**

➤ **Depart Hotel 6:00 PM**

Cost: \$40.00 per person



**Live Music in Hospitality Room Provided
By "The Old Dogs Band" 8-11PM
Come Listen, Dance and Have a Good Time**

SATURDAY EVENTS

**On your own. Hotel shuttle will take
anywhere within 8 miles.**

Things to See and Do in Beautiful Colorado Springs



Tourist Attractions

PRO RODEO HALL OF FAME Located just below us at 101 Pro Rodeo Dr. Just off of Rockrimmon Blvd. The only Museum in the world devoted to the sport of Rodeo and its star, the rodeo cowboy. Open Thursday – Sunday 9AM – 5PM. Prices: Adults \$6.00, Military \$4.00 (with Military ID), Seniors \$5.00 (55 & up), Youth \$3.00 (6- 12), Kids Free (5 & under), Members are Free. For more information call (719) 528-4764 or visit www.prorodeohalloffame.com

PIKES PEAK HIGHWAY TOLL ROAD West of city off US 24. Open 9AM – 3PM daily (weather permitting). Prices: adults \$12, children (15 and under) free. There is a maximum charge of \$40 for private vehicles. Nineteen-mile scenic drive ascends to the summit of 14,110' Pikes Peak. Due to the slope, we suggest you use a rental car. For more information call (719) 473-0208 or visit www.visitpikespeak.com

CAVE OF THE WINDS Choose from three enjoyable tours for three different perspectives of the geological wonders of Colorado. Prices (Vary): adults \$15 (military \$14.00, children (6-11) \$7.00. Please call the Cave directly for a full description of each tour. For more information call (719) 685-5444 or visit www.caveofthewinds.com

SEVEN FALLS Located just minutes from downtown via Cheyenne Mountain Boulevard in South Cheyenne Canon, Seven Falls cascades 181 feet in seven distinct steps down a solid cliff of Pikes Peak granite. Prices: Days – adults \$9.25, children \$5.25; Evenings – adults \$10.75, children \$6.75. For more information call (719) 632-0765 or visit www.sevenfalls.com

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ZOO Located at 4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Road. America's only mountain zoo. Will Rogers' Memorial on site. Open 9AM – 5PM daily, year round. Prices: adults \$12, children (3-11) \$6, 2 and under free. For more information call (719) 633-9925 or visit www.cmzoo.com

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY Located north on I-25 at the Briargate Exit. A non-profit organization that produces radio shows, books, and magazines. Open Monday-Saturday, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Tours are free. For more information call (719) 531-3400 or visit www.focusonthefamily.com

GLEN EYRIE CASTLE Tour this Tudor “castle”, built by General William Jackson Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs. After the tour, be sure to have a traditional English Cream Tea in the Music Room. Open Daily times may vary. Tour Pricing \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$3 Children. For more information call (719) 634-0808 or visit www.gleneyrie.com

Note: Please visit websites listed for each attraction as some have closed or changed hours of operation due to fires or flooding.

Dinner Theaters

IRON SPRINGS CHATEAU Located at 444 Ruxton Avenue in Manitou Springs, a short walk from the Pikes Peak Cog Railway Station. Enjoy a fun-filled exciting evening of vaudeville-style comedy, dance, and music. Special rates for seniors, children and groups. For more information or to make reservations call (719) 685-5104 or visit www.pikes-peak.com/attraction/15.aspx

Shopping

THE PROMENADE SHOPS AT BRIARGATE Outdoor Mall. Shops include Ann Taylor, Sharper Image, Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, and Yankee Candle Factory. Casual and Fine dining. North on I-25 to the Briargate exit. Open Monday – Saturday 10:00am to 8:00pm, Sunday 11:00am – 6:00pm. For more information call (719) 265- 6264 or visit www.thepromenadeshopsatbriargate.com

CASTLE ROCK OUTLET CENTER One hour north of Colorado Springs in Castle Rock, Colorado. Exit Meadows Parkway and go west 2 miles. 130 outlet stores. For more information call (303) 688-4494 or visit www.outletsatcastlerock.com

CITADEL MALL 170 stores including JCPenney, Macys, Dillards, and a Food Court. Open Monday-Saturday 10:00am to 9:00pm, Sunday 11:00am-6:00pm. For more information call (719) 591-5515 or visit www.shopthecitadel.com

CHAPEL HILLS MALL Numerous stores with Macys, Dillards, Sears, and K-Mart as anchors. North on I-25 to Exit 150. Turn left onto Chapel Hills Drive. Open Monday-Friday 10:00am to 9:00pm. Saturday 9:00am to 9:00pm, Sunday 11:00am to 6:00pm. For more information call (719) 594-0111 or visit www.chapelhillsmall.com

OLD COLORADO CITY West Colorado Avenue between 24 th and 28 th Street. Famous shops include the Simpich Character Dolls, Michael Garman Sculpture Gallery, and Maketi Mua Marketplace. Restaurants include The Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Colorado City Creamery, and Paravicini's Italian Bistro. For more information call (719) 577-4112 or visit www.shopoldcoloradocity.com

TEJON STREET Great shopping downtown from Colorado Avenue on the south to Boulder Avenue on the north.

Sports Attractions

U.S. OLYMPIC COMPLEX Olympic training center and sports facilities. Unique gift shop, tours of the facilities that host as many as 17,000 athletes a year. Video shows from 9AM – 5PM (Mon – Sat), and 10AM – 4PM (Sun). Free Olympic complex tour and events hotline (recording) (719) 578-4644.

Outdoor Activities

ACADEMY RIDING STABLES Experience the year-round pleasure of horseback riding in the spectacular Garden of the Gods. One to three hour guided tours. Open Daily 9:00am to 5:00pm. 1-hour ride \$38, 2-hour ride \$55. For further information or to make reservations call (719) 633-5667 (Reservations are recommended) or visit www.academyridingstables.com



Remember!! There is an AF Academy Football game on Saturday, the 27th. BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM EARLY

MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

YOUR REGISTRATION SHOULD BE MAILED NO LATER THAN **SEPT 2, 2014.**

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

Make hotel reservations for the Marriott Hotel at: 1-800-932-2151 or 719-260-1800, or use link on web site.

Say 'Air Force Comm & ATC Assoc Reunion' or Code AFC

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 _____
2 nd Guest Last Name _____	2 nd Guest First Name _____	Banquet Only _____

If additional space needed for guests, add separate page. **Who would you like to sit with at The BANQUET:** _____

Only if you are sure they are attending. If you list names who don't attend you may lose preferred seating (8 chairs per table). Register early; seating plan can't be changed at last minute.

Member Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

First Convention?: YES _____ Mode of Travel: Air _____ Auto _____ RV _____ Other _____

of hotel rooms booked (including guests) _____ Date of arrival: 9/24/2014 _____ 9/25/2014 _____ 9/26/2014 _____ 9/27/2014 _____ 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 & the registration fee.

Registration Fee Number of people _____ @ \$95 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 25, 2014 8 AM – Noon Number _____ @ \$25 per person = \$ _____

- ♦ AF Academy tour includes Chapel and Cadet areas. Lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel

Thursday, Sept 25, 2014 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM Number _____ @ \$45 per person = \$ _____

- ♦ Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak Cog Rail Tour. Lunch on your own at Uncle Sam's in Manitou
- ♦ Casino trip to Cripple Creek. Use Hotel Shuttle to Pick Up Point (Pay \$25 to Casino Bus Driver)

Thursday, Sept 25, 2014 6 PM – 9 PM Number _____ @ \$35 per person = \$ _____

- ♦ Prayer Dinner Buffet – In hotel

Friday, Sept 26, 2014 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM Number _____ @ \$64 per person = \$ _____

- ♦ General Farman Golf Tournament (Includes cart, green fees, range balls and lunch)

Friday, Sept 26, 2014 8 AM – 4:30 PM Number _____ @ \$45 per person = \$ _____

- ♦ Cheyenne Mountain (NORAD) and World War II Museum Tour (Lunch included at Peterson AFB Club)

Friday, Sept 26, 2014

♦ Dinner at Edelweiss German Restaurant 6:30 PM – 9 PM Number _____ @ \$40 per person = \$ _____

Saturday, Sept 27, 2013 11:30 AM – 3 PM No cost

- ♦ On your own. Marriott bus will take you anywhere within 8 miles of hotel. Many antique shops and malls in range.

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

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

Saturday Sept 27, 2014 Seated by 6:30 PM sharp DE Salon

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

_____ Broiled Top Sirloin _____ Seared 6 oz Chicken Breast _____ Vegetarian Wellington w/Gorgonzola Cream

Make check payable to: AF Comm & ATC Assoc - 2014. Mail with all forms to: Jim Weber, 4018 Slice Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80922 Home: 719-344-5966/CELL 719-332-1402, Email: JWeber8217@Comcast.net

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

Name Tag Form

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

Member's name: _____

Spouse or Guest name(s): _____

State of residence: _____ Is this your first convention? Yes ___ No ___

Specialty: _____

(Commander, Tower, GCA, Crypto, Comm/Maint/Staff, Radar/Radio Maintenance, Personnel, etc. or OTHER)

Ham Call sign: _____ Comm unit: _____ Command: _____

Favorite Location _____

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

2014 GOLF REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM

Your name: _____ Handicap: _____ Male or Female _____

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

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

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

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



Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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

Cost per player: \$64 (includes green fee, range balls, cart and lunch)

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 AM

Will you be willing to drive a car pool vehicle? Yes ___ rebuf ___ Drive time is about 20 minutes from hotel.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE "CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN" TOUR

1. Full Legal Name: _____

2. SSN: _____

3. Citizenship: _____

**2014 AF Comm & ATC
Association
38th Convention/Reunion Menu's**

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Saturday Buffet Bkft

**(7:00 AM – 8:30 AM)
(DE Salon)**

Fresh Bakery Basket
Butter & Jam
Orange & Cranberry Juice
Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee and
Hot Tea
Sliced Fresh Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Links and Smoked Bacon
Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes
Cold Cereals & Milk
Assorted Yogurts

Saturday Night

Banquet

**(6:30 PM)
(DE Salon)**

All meals include:
Rolls, Butter, Coffee & Tea
Mixed Green Salad
Roasted Potato
Chefs Choice Vegetables
Chocolate Cake

Choose one from the following:

- Seared 6-Ounce Chicken Breast with Boursin, Tomato & Artichoke with Lemon Garlic Butter
- Broiled Top Sirloin with Burgundy Mushrooms and Demi Glace
- Vegetarian Wellington with Gorgonzola Cream

**Come & Enjoy "Friendship in
the Company of Equals"**

Sunday Get-Away Bkft

**(8 AM – 10:00AM)
(DE Salon)**

Orange & Cranberry Juice
Assorted Muffins
Fruit Danish
Sliced Fruit
Butter & Jam
Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaf Coffee and
Hot Tea

Prayer Dinner – Buffet

**(Thursday – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM)
(Back Patio) (\$35.00)**

Prayer Dinner: BBQ Buffet
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Watermelon
Boneless BBQ Chicken Breast
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Bacon Baked Beans with Molasses
Corn On The Cob
Peach Cobbler

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the Company of Equals"**



THE 38th ANNUAL AF COMM & ATC CONVENTION
Marriott, Colorado Springs, Colorado
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
EARLY CHECK-IN	\$95 per-person if not previously paid	Noon to 8 PM	Conference Room on the right as you enter the hotel
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	12:00 PM - Midnight	Aspen Leaf

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>FEE</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>WHERE OR ROOM</u>
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN	\$95 per person if not previously paid	10 AM - 7 PM	Conference Room on the right as you enter the hotel
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	Noon to Midnight	Aspen Leaf Live Music with "The Old Dogs Band" 8-10 PM
ANNUAL BOD MEETING		12:00 - 4 PM	2nd Floor Board Room
<u>Air Force Academy Tour</u>	\$25.00 Per Person	8 AM TO 1 PM	Bus will leave the Marriott at 8:15AM and return at 1:00 PM. Lunch on your own at Cracker Barrel. Please provide need for special assistance if required (wheelchair, etc).
Cripple Creek Casino Trip	\$25.00 paid to Casino Bus driver. Get \$25 back in play from Casino's	Buses Start at 6:30 AM Return when ready	Hotel shuttle to be used to Casino bus pick up point. Casino bus schedule will be available at check in.
Garden of the Gods and Pike's peak Cog Rail Tour	\$45.00	8:30AM-4:00PM	The tour will start with the Garden of the Gods 08:30 to 1030 including a visit at the gift shop. At 1130-1230 we will go to Uncle Sam's Pancake House for lunch (on your own). We need to arrive at the cog rail depot NLT 1:PM. Train departs for Pike's Peak at 1:20PM Note: Bring walking shoes for Garden of the Gods and a warm jacket for Pike's Peak Cog Rail Trip
ANNUAL PRAYER DINNER	\$35 per person	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Back Patio of Hotel (Weather Permitting) or room to be announced

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014

EVENT	FEE	TIMES	WHERE OR ROOM
REGISTRATION CHECK-IN	\$95 per person if not previously paid	Noon to 8 PM	Conference Room on the right as you enter the hotel
HOSPITALITY ROOM	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	Noon to Midnight	Aspen Leaf Live Music with "The Old Dogs Band" 9-11 PM
General Farman Golf Tournament	\$64 per person Includes Green Fees, Lunch, & Cart	7:30 AM Car Pool 1 st tee time 9 AM RETURN 4 PM	Air Force Academy Eisenhower Golf Course Bill Bethea, Golf Director
Cheyenne Mountain (NORAD) and WWII Museum Tour	\$45.00 Per Person (Lunch included)	8:00AM-4:00PM	After the NORAD tour we will go to Peterson AFB Club for lunch and then on to the WWII Museum. Remember to fill out the information required to enter NORAD. This information must be to NORAD security NLT 20 Sep 2014
Dinner at Edelweiss German Restaurant	\$40.00 Per Person	Buses leave hotel at 6PM	Order from 6 choices on the great "German Menu in the "Rathskeller" Buses leave hotel at 6PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

EVENT	FEE	TIMES	WHERE OR ROOM
BREAKFAST BUFFET/ ANNUAL GEN'L BUSINESS MTG	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	7 AM - 11 AM	DE Salon (Breakfast 7:00 AM - 8:30 ONLY)
On-Your-Own	NO COST	1130-3PM	Marriott shuttle available to any location within 8 miles of the hotel.
CASH BAR AT ANNUAL BANQUET	PAY-AS-YOU-GO BAR	5:00 PM	Outside of DE Salon
ANNUAL ASSOCIATION BANQUET	INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION or \$45 for Banquet Only	Be seated at 6:30 PM SHARP	DE Salon **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	Aspen Leaf

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

EVENT	FEE	TIMES	WHERE OR ROOM
FAREWELL BUFFET BREAKFAST	INCLUDED WITH FULL REGISTRATION	7:00 AM - Noon	DE Salon

HOTEL CHECKOUT TIME IS 12 Noon

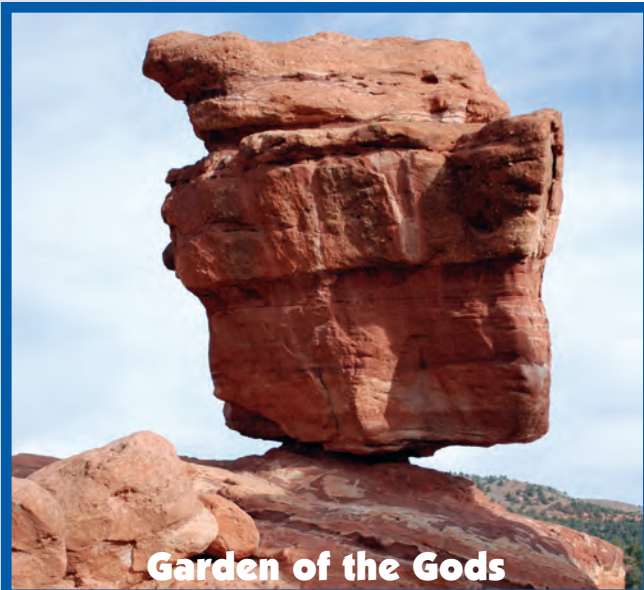
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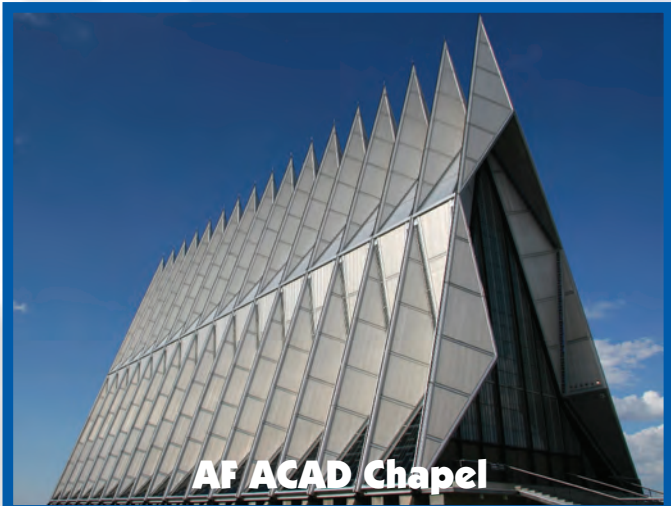
Pikes Peak



Cheyenne Mountain



Garden of the Gods



AF ACAD Chapel



COS Train



Broadmoor Hotel

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, September 27, 2014
DE Salon**

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 2013 minutes)
Membership
Treasurer
Director for Information
Editor/Publisher
Web Site
PX/BX
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
(Vice Director, Director of Information, Protocol Officer & Web Master)**
- 8:45 AM - AF Comm & ATC Association Memorial Service**
- 9:00 AM - Overview of 2015 Convention/Reunion**
- 9:10 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.**

2014 BOD Meeting

**Meeting will be held in the 2nd floor Board Room
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2014
Noon-4 PM
Tentative Agenda**

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Board Member Reports**
- **2014 Budget Review and Approval**
- **Income/Expense-12 Month Review**
- **Review and Approve Cost Reductions/Increases as appropriate.**
- **Donations Review**
- **2016 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.**

Invited Attendees

Executive Director	Vice Director
Treasurer	Executive secretary
Dir for Membership	Dir for Information
Editor/Publisher	Protocol Officer (elect)
Sgt-at-Arms	Web Master (elect)
PX/BX Officer	



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO
THOSE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT TELL US OF CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

The Number of members who do not advise us of their change of mailing address continues to grow.

For those members who move and do **NOT** advise us that they have a new address, the Post Office will TELL US THAT YOU MOVED, GIVE US YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND CHARGE US FOR THIS SERVICE. HOWEVER YOU WILL **NOT** RECEIVE A NEWSLETTER. When you email us or call us to complain about not receiving your Newsletter, please understand that there is a cost to mail you a second newsletter. We have already paid the Post Office once to mail you the original Newsletter, once to tell us you moved and now if you want your Newsletter, we have to send a second one.

For your information, the Post Office will throw away the NL for those individuals who have moved or for some reason cannot deliver the Newsletter.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL TO SEE IF WE HAVE YOUR 9 DIGIT ZIP CODE. The Post Office has advised us that the 9 Digit Zip Codes should be used and in the future may reject zip codes with only 5 digits.

In almost every Newsletter we ask you to please keep us advised of your current mailing address. We have placed an on line notification for changes on the AACCS Web Site, but a significant number of members continue to ignore our "Pleas". All changes of mailing and/or email addresses should be sent to Walt McClain, 4514 Haverty Dr, Knoxville, TN 37931-3657, 1-865-740-4127 or visit the www.afcommatc.org web site for the automatic change Form.



DONATIONS

**Records reflect the following donators since
publication of the November 2013 Communicator
through April 1, 2014.**

**Albert Banker
Tom Fletcher
Hank Sauer
Robert Snyder
James Shaw**

**Some memories of "Mel Aldridge"
1962nd AACCS Sq – Kadena AB, Okinawa – 1951/1952**



Barracks Area – Yonton, Okinawa



Mel Aldridge Continued!



Mel Aldridge
Teletype Operators School, F.E. Warren - 1951



**Mess Hall - Yontan AB,
Okinawa**

New Members Since the November 2013 Communicator

	MI	LAST NAME	YRS IN AF	CITY	STATE	DATE JOINED
LM-JAMES "TIM"	L	ALF	64-90	LEBANON	IL	02/14/2014
LM-AMY		ARWOOD	1989-	BELLEVILLE	IL	03/17/2014
0116-JEFFREY	K	BEIL	76-82	MOHNTON	PA	12/10/2013
LM-RALPH	C	BOWLEY	62-92	MILLSTADT	IL	02/19/2014
LM-ED		BROESTL	70-90	BERTHOUD	CO	02/17/2014
LM-EUGENE	H	BURRESS	51-71	MELBOURNE	FL	01/30/2014
1015-C. (MARTY)	M	CODDINGTON	55-58	PRIOR LAKE	MN	10/15/2013
0116-PHILIP	W	CORBETT	63-93	COLUMBIA	SC	01/07/2014
0316-WALTER (JODE)	E	HUGHES	71-98	TRENTON	IL	02/28/2014
0116-JOSEPH	S	KRICH	66-90	SHELBY TOWNSHIP	MI	01/27/2014
0216-LISA	M	MARTINEZ	95-	PEMBROKE PINES	FL	02/11/2014
LM-WILLIAM (BILL)	R	MC HARGUE	67-95	WAYNESBORO	PA	12/16/2013
0116-ROBERT	A	NEWBERN	64-06	CHOCTAW	OK	01/17/2014
LM-HENRY		PRIDEAUX	61-88	TULSA	OK	02/04/2014
LM-STEVEN	F	ROGERS	72-94	TUCSON	AZ	01/21/2014
LM-STEVEN		RONEY	69-73	BUFFALO	NY	11/20/2013
LM-ROBERT	G	SAVAGE	70-90	FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS	IL	02/26/2014
LM-HERMAN		SCHOENER	63-94	BELLEVILLE	IL	03/01/2014
0116-GLENN	M	WITTGE	55-58	KERRVILLE	TX	12/18/2013

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Membership Renewals Since the November 2013 Communicator

FIRST NAME LAST NAME	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
0316-MELVINALDRIDGE	FORT WAYNE	IN	46804-2212
0216-ROBERT AUVIL	SPOKANE	WA	99203-4021
0116-JAMES BARNHART	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73162-3515
0215-BILLY BLEDSOE	FT COLLINS	CO	80525-2980
1115-MGEN & PHILLIP BRACHER	ANNANDALE	VA	22003
0216-ROBERTBRADSHAW	BELLEVUE	NE	68123-2173
0616-ALBERTCAMPEAS	PAYSON	AZ	85541-3836
0216-CHARLESCARLSON	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	73107-5241
0116-JIMMY COLEMAN	GRIFFIN	GA	30224
0116- LARRYCOLEMAN SR	CHELTENHAM	MD	20623-1241
0216-ROBERT DEW	SATELLITE BEACH	FL	32937-3021
LM-HARRY DIETZ SR	SEGUIN	TX	78155-5236
0115-RICHARDDOYLE	FOREST LAKE	MN	55025
0116-ED FENDELL	LEAGUE CITY	TX	77573
0116-THOMASFLETCHER	LEWISTOWN	PA	17044-1727
0316-PAUL GACKENBACH	CANTON	MI	48187
LM-CHESTER GROCE	PLAINFIELD	IN	46168
LM-ROBERT HOMOLESKI	FAIRBANKS	AK	99707-1346
0216-DENNIS E.A.KEESE	LAGUNA NIGUEL	CA	92677-4757
0116-MERLE KIDD	KETTERING	OH	45420-1449
0116-LARRY KOERBER	TROY	IL	62294-2924
LM-RUDOLPH LANDRY	WATERVILLE	ME	04901-4927
0316-JAMES "JIM"MC CLELLAN	SAN CARLOS	CA	94070
LM-LESLIE MCCORMICK	KISSEE MILLS	MO	65680-8476
0715-VICTORMUSICK JR	ALDELPHI	MD	20783-1225
LM-BYRON PARCENUE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78230
0117-A C "GENE"QUERI	EDMOND	OK	73003-3402
0116-DAVID REESE	MARICOPA	AZ	85139-8895
0115-DONALD REESE	CLINTON	OH	44216-9350
0116-WILLIAMRUSCHAK	NORTHVILLE	MI	48167-3010
0114-HARRY SANDIFER	LOS ALAMITOS	CA	90720-2950
0216-CONRADSCHMIDT	OAKLAND	NJ	07436-3401
0215-STANLEYSCHNELL	JASPER	IN	47546
0216-ROBERTSELMAN	AUBURNDALE	FL	33823-5834
1216-JAMES SHAW	RICHMOND	VA	23229-4914
0116-HOWARDSHOUP	HENDERSONVILLE	NC	28792
0216-TONY SPAGNOLIA	EWING	NJ	08638-2028
1015-PAUL TREXLER	STRONGSVILLE	OH	44136
0116-ROBERT WEST	APACHE JUNCTION	AZ	85119
0116-GEORGE WHITE	BAKERSFIELD	CA	93314-9547
0116-GERALDWILKISON	KENNETT	MO	63857-0055
0316-BILLY YATES	BAYONET POINT	FL	34667-2135

A Berlin Airlift Story

(An interview by the Parkersburg News & Sentinel of West Virginia of our Paul Hawkins)

PARKERSBURG: Twenty-year old Pfc Paul Hawkins watched as four Soviet planes forced down an allied plane. "it wouldn't have happened if he hadn't been where he wasn't supposed to be," said Hawkins, now 78, of Parkersburg.

Hawkins said the pilot flew over a Soviet Air force Base. "Four fighters came up after him, two on top and two on the bottom," he said. "They escorted him home" and forced him to the ground. Now retired from the National Guard, Hawkins was part of the Berlin Airlift in 1948, after WWII ended.

The Berlin Airlift began because the Soviets wanted to force the Allied countries of France, England and the U.S. out of Berlin. The Soviets controlled all the area around Berlin, so it cutoff highways, canals and trains into the city on June 24, 1948.

President Truman said the Allies would not leave the people of Berlin to communist control. He searched for away to deliver 4,000 tons of food, coal and gasoline needed for the city's 2 million people, according to information on the web site at www.spiritoffreedom.org/airlift. The Allies countries began flying supplies into the city. "It was the first battle of the Cold War", he said.

Hawkins said no planes were shot down but weather caused several crashes. About 70 men died during the Airlift, including 31 Americans. Lt Gen Turner "wanted to see a flow of planes like an assembly line", Hawkins said. Turner set up a system to have three airplane lanes, two flowing into Berlin and one flowing out. Planes flew three minutes apart at five different heights, Hawkins said.

Bad weather made it difficult for planes to fly sometimes, so Turner decided to set up a new radar system that allowed the operators to track moving targets. Hawkins was one of five men who had studied the system and were ready to move. He started setting up the radar system on Nov 1st after spending 24 hours traveling from the US to Berlin.

He arrived in Berlin on Oct 31 and was told "you go to work tomorrow." Hawkins said a platform had been constructed on a seven story building. The radar was build on the platform. "We couldn't talk to anyone about it, It was that important," Hawkins said. "We made it possible for the operators to pick up the planes as the entered West Germany," and the Soviets controlled the Area.

After the two month installation process, Hawkins and the four other men maintained the satellite. "We had a lot to learn," Hawkins said. "We didn't even have spare parts." He said the radar system he maintained was the first air traffic control system in the world. "it was the beginning of something great", Hawkins said.

The blockade continued until May 1949. The Airlift continued until September. "we wanted to have enough Supplies that if the Soviets changed their minds, we'd have time to set it back up," Hawkins said.

Several times Hawkins saw things like the plane forced down. "we didn't usually know what we were seeing until we read about it," he said. Once, the satellite started spinning uncontrollably when Hawkins was working on it. "I unplugged it and flames short out . . . and burnt my hand," he said, adding that he knew he had to stop the antenna or it would have seriously damaged the system.

Hawkins met his wife as a blind date on New Years Eve, 1948-49. We didn't talk much because I spoke English and she spoke German," he said. He said they both declared they had no plans to marry the other. Two years later, at the earliest possible date, they married and came to the U.S.

Hawkins attended college, then began teaching at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. He retired from that position in the 1990s. Hawkins said he hoped the German government will have a celebration for the 60th anniversary of the Airlift next year. Many of the men involved are getting older and less able to travel, he said. Editors Note: June 2014. There was a free trip in 2008 and many of our members attended.

Dear Hank:

In some recent communicators I have read letters from John Hays and William Gilpin and their comments about Wheelus AB. Seems there has not been a lot of mail about the 1950th AACS Sq. I was transferred from the 4th AACS I&M Sq at Freising, Germany to Wheelus in April 1953. Left Germany in class "A" Blues, very cold and arrived in Tripoli about noon and 98 Degrees.

I remember Tripoli as hot, dry, sandy, windy, flies and various other not so good stuff. On the bright side we had a nice beach to go with the Lido club with Beer and sandwiches, lots of nice swimming and sunshine to lay in.

I retrained in Germany from high speed code to a multiplex operator. We had land lines to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Sidi Slimane, French Morocco, Athens, Greece and South Ruislip, England.

Wheelus had the most and best all year flying weather in the world. Mainly we had Fighter Sq's come down from Europe for flying and target practice. Some of them were so good they shot down the plane towing the target. Had a F-86 crash on the runway. One other main duty was to feed and refuel planes that were hauling French troops to Viet Nam (Dien Bien Phu).

Notable events: Oct 53 we were visited by the Chief of Staff, Gen Nathan Twining and Secretary of the AF, Harold Talbot; Nov 53 we had a flood, believe it or not. The finance Office, Bank and Officers Club was knee deep in water; Dec 53 we were visited by V.P. Richard M. Nixon and his wife Pat; Dec 26, 1953 we were entertained by a USO troupe.

The old city of Tripoli was off limits at all times but parts of the city were very nice and beautiful. People were not overly friendly but the base help were usually good. We did have one incident of them trying to land by row boat and destroy our fuel tank farm.

I have rambled on about my time at Wheelus, but it was not bad duty and we could go to Rome for R&R. I shipped out for the USA in July 1954.

**Myron A. Lensch, SSgt, 1950th AACS Sq
Davenport, Iowa**

Editors Note: In 1949 and 1950, the old 1812th AACS Group Baseball team at Munich Riems flew down to Wheelus for spring training practice as the weather in Germany was too cold to play baseball in April. It was nice in those days when you had your own Flight Check "gooney birds". Any other stories from Wheelus ???



In Hindsight

An air traffic control officer realizes encouragement and mentorship could have made all the difference in the world to a young second lieutenant who was not selected for promotion.

In the early 1980s, I was stationed at Homestead AFB, Fla., as a young air traffic control (ATC) officer. I use the word “young” loosely, as I was prior enlisted and not commissioned until my early 30s, so I was thus older and wiser than most of my fellow junior officers.

ATC was under the tenant Air Force Communications Command (AFCC) communications squadron on base. Controllers were thrown in with communicators, so my peers were in different career fields.

I first met Paul, a second lieutenant communications officer, when he arrived fresh out of technical school. He was assigned a key leadership position as officer-in-charge of the base communications center. As an Army ROTC product, he had some cultural challenges to overcome. Either through arrogance, ignorance, or both, he made a series of blunders that landed him in the doghouse with our commander.

Eventually, he committed a sin that broke the commander’s back and was unceremoniously relieved of his duties. His security clearance was suspended, and he was assigned gofer duties.

When the base canvassed for a junior officer to help lead its annual Combined Federal Campaign, Paul’s name was offered up. He really took to the challenge. He cochaired the effort, and the result was a record-breaking campaign.

Thrilled, base leadership awarded Paul’s cochair an Air Force Achievement Medal.

Because Paul was in a tenant unit, his medal submission was sent through the AFCC chain of command for approval.

Paul waited, but the much-anticipated medal never came. Adding insult to injury, when the results of the captain’s promotion board were announced, Paul’s name was not on the list, ending his short-lived career.

I got to know Paul much better during his last months on active duty. I realized he would have fared better had someone provided mentoring and encouragement.

Meanwhile, I was attending classes working toward a master’s degree in community counseling. The curriculum included a 25-hour counseling practicum, for which Paul volunteered. We spent time recording his feelings and my attempts to

mentorship

analyze them. Near the end of the session, I asked whether he had any final thoughts.

He did. With time, he understood why he had not been selected for promotion. But one thing really stuck in his craw: “I earned that medal fair and square, and they damn well should have given it to me,” he said. **MO**

— **William A. Malec** is a retired Air Force colonel. He lives in O’Fallon, Ill. For submission information, see page 6.

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Don Cobb – 5 Aircraft Saves

Don Cobb a veteran Air Force Air Traffic Controller, and a long member of our Association, had a total of five (5) aircraft saves during his career. Aircraft saves were/are hard to come by and there was a complicated formula for how a "save" was confirmed. Not all events, including getting a plane down safely, even in emergency situations, does not always qualify as a save.

WELL DONE, DON !!

This certificate is awarded in recognition of exemplary services rendered in saving a distressed F-100 on 18 June 1961 while performing duty in the Kindley AFB RAPCON.

POB: One

Value of Aircraft: 696,989

ACS FORM 63B, JUL 61
(REPLACES AACS FORM 63B, NOV 58 WHICH IS OBSOLETE)

This certificate is awarded in recognition of exemplary services rendered in saving a distressed KB-50 on 11 June 1961 while performing duty in the Kindley AFB RAPCON.

POB: Eight

Value of Aircraft: \$ 1,144,296

ACS FORM 63B, JUL 61
(REPLACES AACS FORM 63B, NOV 58 WHICH IS OBSOLETE)

This certificate is awarded in recognition of exemplary services rendered in saving a distressed A-1H on 25 Nov 1971 while performing duty in the Control Tower.

POB: ONE

Value of Aircraft: \$296,960.00

CSA-KC71-02048

This certificate is awarded in recognition of exemplary services rendered in saving a distressed C-124 on 5 Feb 62 while performing duty in the Kindley RAPCON.

POB: Thirty-three

Value of Aircraft: \$ 1,646,406

AFCS FORM 63B, MAR 62
(REPLACES ACS FORM 63B, JUL 61 WHICH IS OBSOLETE)

This certificate is awarded in recognition of exemplary services rendered in saving a distressed Cessna 182/T on 21 Feb 74 while performing duty in the RAPCON facility.

POB: One

Value of Aircraft: \$19,795

AFCS-S AFB, III 66-6501



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MSgt Donald L. Cobb

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D. L. Cobb
Commander AFCS

Don Cobb – Continued

Radar Brings in Jetfighter to Safe Landing

"Undoubtedly I would not have made it to Kindley if the radar controller had not aligned me with the runway as he did. Also his precise range information enabled me to make maximum use of my remaining fuel and to make a safe landing."

Those were the words of praise that Captain Worth E. Hill, of Tactical Air Command's 524th Fighter Squadron, had for air traffic controllers of the 1934th A.A.C.S. Squadron at Kindley Air Force Base.

Last Sunday, Capt. Hill was flying a single engine F-100 aircraft from Lajes Field, Azores en route to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, when his cockpit filled with smoke. He was approximately 700 miles east of Bermuda, with no navigational aids.

He realised he had lost the services of his generator and that the fuel in his tanks was trapped; he needed electrical power to get the fuel to the engine. He elected to head for Bermuda on what little usable fuel he had left.

A.I.C. Donald L. Cobb was the radar controller on duty, the man who last week provided assistance to a distressed W.B.-50 aircraft. When the plane appeared on his scope he instructed the pilot to turn the aircraft, which provided both identification and a direct vector to the nearest runway.

At the same time, 1st. Lieut. Bobby G. Jolly, watch supervisor in the control centre, was busy alerting the Coast Guard requesting a helicopter from Air Rescue, and supervising the entire operation.

The aircraft landed with only two minutes of fuel remaining.

Certificates for Part in Saving Two Aircraft

Four members of the 1934th Communications Squadron of Kindley Air Force Base are to receive certificates of exemplary service from the U.S. Air Force Communications Service Headquarters for their part in the saving of two aircraft in June.

The airmen are 1st. Lt. Bobby G. Jolly, 1st. Lt. Nathen T. Folwell, A/IC Donald L. Cobb and A/IC Leonard J. Richard.

Airman Cobb is to receive two certificates because he participated in both rescues.

On June 11, according to a Kindley statement, a 9th Weather Reconnaissance Group WB-50, an hour's flying time from Kindley, lost all hydraulic pressure and electrical power. Holding on to the navigator's headings, the aircraft continued on course until 10 minutes away from Kindley, and then flew a triangular distress pattern.

Airman Richard, under the direction of Lt. Folwell, first sighted the plane as a "blip" on his radar screen. Airman Cobb was able to observe the aircraft on another scope.

Lt. Folwell recognised the distress pattern and Cobb contacted a nearby British Overseas Airways Corporation airliner, which led the WB-50 to Kindley.

The second rescue occurred on June 18. This time the distressed aircraft, an F-100, was en route from Lajes Field in the Azores to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina.

The AC generator ceased to function some 700 miles east of Bermuda, the release said. Staying at a high altitude, the pilot made for Bermuda.

Airman Cobb was the controller on duty at the time, and, when the aircraft was 36 miles away, he instructed the pilot to turn the air-

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Freedom Day 2014

February 1st passed without much notice. Most people were not aware of the significance of that day - it was Freedom Day. It was also the first day of Black History Month.

Richard Wright, Sr., was a former slave, who became a Major in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War and the first African American to become a military pay master. He felt that February 1, 1865, the day President Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional Joint Resolution, which would eventually become the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing slavery, should be a day to be remembered. Major Wright's campaign to make that a day of national commemoration finally came about when President Harry Truman signed a proclamation on June 30, 1948 making Feb.1 of every year Freedom Day.

In the year 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a son of slaves, and considered the 'father of black history', was instrumental in establishing the second week in February as "Negro History Week"; it would grow into 'Black History Month.' Dr. Woodson believed, however, that Black history should not be taught separate from American history. He felt that, "We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice." Doctor Woodson was right. Throughout the course of human endeavor many races and cultures have added their contributions to the progress of mankind in varying degrees and Black history is very much intertwined with American history. The problem is that America is losing it's sense of history. This decline in studying the history of America also diminishes the study of African American history and the accomplishments and sacrifices of those of African American descent.

How many people remember Staff Sgt. Ruben Rivers, or Private George Watson, for their bravery in combat for which they received the Medal of Honor and were killed in action.. How many remember Leroy Homer, co-pilot, of United Airlines flight 93, along with Captain Jason M. Dahl, struggled with terrorists who had commandeered the plane. These pilots averted the plane from crashing into the U.S. Capitol. The plane crashed in Shankesville, PA, killing all 44 aboard. How many remember Elijah McCoy the inventor of a device to oil the engines of locomotives automatically. His invention was copied and sold, but many engineers refused these copies and wanted 'the real McCoy.' How many remember Dr. James Drew, who developed the process for preserving and storing blood leading to the organizing of blood banks which has saved thousands of lives. These African Americans, and the thousands of men and women like them, did not make their ultimate sacrifices or make their scientific advances for some Black cause, they did what they did to save and help others regardless of their skin color. These are the real heroes of society - ordinary people doing extraordinary things. These are the ones who young black men and women can look up to and feel proud of their heritage.

History is not a matter of events strung together like beads on a string. Nor is the history of America a matter of simple black and white elements, it is filled with complex issues of various shades. Just as the rest of America's history is gradually being lost, Freedom Day, too, has been pretty much forgotten. Yet, we should never forget what brought about Freedom Day and why the signing of that special document changed America forever, for it has been written, "to enslave the liberty of one human being and the liberties of the world are put in peril."

Carl J. Asszony NJVETERAN30@gmail.com



A tribute to Americo "Mac" Nobriga

by Ken Dab-Row

All of us are fully aware that the loss of any human life always has a deep and profound effect on family and friends. Certainly that same empty feeling of loss definitely applies where Americo "Nobby" Nobriga is concerned. I can tell you personally, having met thousands of people, Americo Nobriga created his own category. The dimensions of which nobody else could attain. Mac was in a class all his own. A rare, exceptional, one-of-a-kind man.

I believe his wish for us would be to do what he did every day. To celebrate to its fullest, the wonderful and full exuberance of life, like he did with a passion that was exceptional. It was his most endearing quality.

Only a select few in any generation are truly secure, exceptional people, who by their very nature are fair minded with a real love and understanding of humankind. Well Nobby was all those things. And when it came to priorities, to Mac, millionaire or miser, it made no difference. His love of life and people meant more than any material possession...a rare quality in this day and age.

To be around Mac on a good day, was always exciting and rewarding. He'd always find a way to lift your spirits. Truly a man of high intellect, human dignity and deep compassion. If he was with you five minutes or five hours, he made you feel important, because he was real. It was never a facade, never a pretense. You can rest assured, you will never, ever again experience anyone else like Mac. That's how rare and special he was.

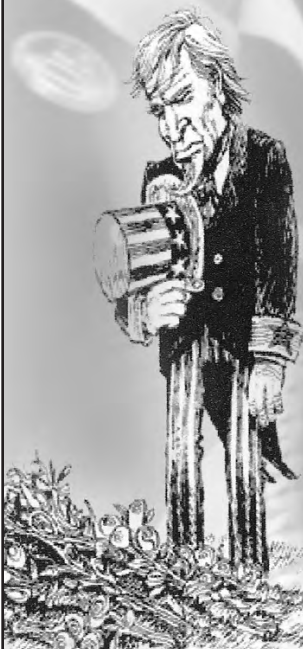
I will keep him alive in my heart till the day that I die. Then I will be with him. I will always cherish and hold sacred, all we shared together and how much we meant to each other, as will you. This great human spirit full of love and generosity gave him a presence and a meaning larger than life as we know it. Mac, Nobby, God bless and rest in peace your precious soul.

Missed Roll Call

(Since the June 2013 Communicator)




**Arcement, Larry
Corrigan, John F.
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Nobrega, Americo "Nobby"
Randerson, Dolores, Mrs. John
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"A Proud French Controller"

Roger Sroussi worked for the 56th AACS Group in Casablanca, French Morocco as an AF Tower Operator in 1946 and was exceedingly proud of his time spent with AACS.

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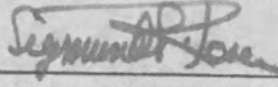
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ROGER SROUSSI

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1st Lt., Air Corps

**SEE PROGRESS UPDATE ON COL VOLIE FIELDS
IN THE NOV 2013 COMMUNICATOR**

From Col (ret) Ken Reiff

Hank,

Read Ed Mills progress update in the Nov Communicator on Vollie Fields. Not sure this is of any help: I was at NKP a few times in 1967-68. Igloo White was operational in 1968. My trip there with PACOMMAREA IG was interesting. No concrete runway. PSP. You would have thought you were being taken back to WWII. A1Es, O1s, A-26s and complement of Air America C46/C47s. Because we had a small layover, I was able to get one my pilot buddies to slip me aboard an A-26 to go on mission over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The frag approval for the mission came from MACTHAI to 56th Special Operations Wing (group)--not sure which. The target information came from the Bomblet Sensors to igloo white so I am pretty confident the system was operational then. Unless there was a major mod to the IBM software not sure what Vollie would have been doing during in time frame 71-73. Major McCarthy found out about my "mission" and I think I had better leave what followed after that unsaid.

I was again at NKP in 1975, another layover from trip to one of my detachments near Chaing Mai. There I heard about the Mayaguez and had to try my best to get back to my squadron at U-TAPAO where the recovery effort was to be launched. Was on one of the helicopters taking SPs there. Unfortunately we lost one with all aboard lost. The sensors/equipment were in the process of being mothballed in 1975. The MSM in 75 could have dealt with that. Ed is right, our OERs were really scrubbed during this time frame. Any reference to SCI ops, etc was taken out.

Ken

**Norma Dumont made and donated this quilt as a prize
and Charles Doering was the winner.**



"The CANDY BOMBER with some of our members"

Colonel (ret) Gail Halvorsen, of "Berlin Airlift" fame, the pilot who dropped candy and gum from his C-54 on final approach to Templehof AF to the children of Berlin, during the Airlift with the late Trautchen Akard and Mac Maginnis, during the 50th Anniversary of the Airlift.



Scenes of Colorado Springs and the Area



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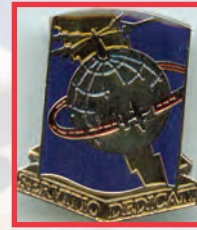
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The Beginning

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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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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