

# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

COMPRISED OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING  
IN ANY AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT

(FROM 1938 TO --)



## THE AACS COMMUNICATOR

“FELLOWSHIP IN THE COMPANY OF EQUALS”

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### September 2007

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# AACS PAGE OF HONOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION HALL OF FAME

## Foundation Setters

Brig. General Billy Mitchell, General Edwin W. Rawlings, Lt. General Harold W. Grant,  
\*Lt. General Lee Paschall, Maj. General Harold M. McClelland, Maj. General Robert Sadler

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\* Lt. General Lee M. Paschall

### Class of 2000

Lt. General Winston D. Powers  
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\*Lt. General James S. Cassity  
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\*Maj. General Gerald L. Prather

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\*CMSgt William Bethea  
\* Rocco Sansone

### Class of 2006

\*Colonel Derrel Dempsey  
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### Class of 2001

\*Colonel Ted V. Carlson

### Class of 2002

\*Colonel Bernard U. Glettler  
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### Class of 2003

\*Claire B. Lofchie  
\* John A. Milano  
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\* Maj. General Gerald L. Prather  
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### Class of 2004

\* Major C.B. Maginnis  
\* Mrs. Nancy Donnell

### Class of 2005

\*Lt. Colonel Richard W. Frye  
\*George Villa

### Class of 2006

"Smitty" McClellan  
\*Shirley Beauchum  
\*Mary Lou Brewer

## THOMAS F. BUCKLEY AACS SERVICE AWARD

### Class of 2003

\*Monika Buckley

### Class of 2004

\*James J. Duffy

### Class of 2005

\*Richard Gillis

### Class of 2006

\* Robert Akard

\* Was or is a member of the AACS Alumni Association (15 of the 27 incumbents in the Air Force Communications / Information Hall of Fame are AACS Alumni Association Members).

**Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame  
Inductions – Class of 2006  
Andrews AFB, Maryland, May 10, 2006**



**Three more AACS Alumni Members inducted into the AF Hall of Fame  
"Brig. General Burris, Colonel Dempsey & CMSgt Bethea"**





## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors continue to review our long term financial trends and possible courses of actions if additional funds are needed. There was a committee report by Bob Akard, the Chair of the Fiscal Management and Budget Policy Committee and the overall status is in the Minutes of the Board of Directors Minutes in this issue of the AACCS Communicator. The thrust of his report to the Board of Directors was to provide an overall review of the "State of Financial Health of the Association". However, it is evident that in the out-years, some hard decisions will have to be made, just based on membership numbers.

Of some concern to me as the current Executive Director, and other Board Members, is the growing loss of our pre-WWII, WWII and Korean Veterans and the increasing number of Life Members. We are getting close to 50% of our membership being Life Members, which has a significant impact on our annual revenue stream.

We currently have approximately 2300 members, with a little over 1,000 being Life Members. This leaves approximately 1200 members who are paying annual dues over a number of different years. Based on 400 members dues expiring each year and the premise that all will submit dues for the following two years, we can plan on an income stream of approximately \$8,000. The income stream of \$8,000 is less than half of what our annual expenses have been and are not enough to continue to run the Alumni Association as we have in the past. Past statistics shows that only 60% of the members whose dues are expiring, renew their dues (due to death, illness, etc). Some loss of income is made up by new members, but recent trends show losses are growing faster than we can recruit new members.

There are a number of actions we can take to offset the loss of revenue and not change the quality of service to our members. The following actions are very general in nature and are not listed in any specific order of precedence or that any or all of them will be needed and/or implemented. They are areas that all our members must be aware of, that the Board of Directors will consider them, and at some time in the future, take the actions necessary, if needed, for us to remain a viable and solid Alumni Association:

- Raise the Life Membership dues.
- Raise the annual dues.
- Recruit more members.
- Reduce the AACCS Communicator to an Annual Publication and/or reduce the number of pages in each issue.
- Solicit donations. .
- Implement some or all of the above (when and if appropriate).

This is not a doom and gloom situation. But an honest picture of the decisions that this and future Board of Directors will have to wrestle with if we are to continue to remain in a sound financial situation. The BOD has approved a member donation solicitation to be announced in the June 2007 issue of the AACCS Communicator. For the first time in our history, we will be asking members to make a taxable deduction to the Alumni Association. We will, as other non-profits have done, ask for donations of whatever our members can afford; \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or other. These donations will provide the financial support/funds needed to plan for the eventful major loss of our WWII and Korean War Veteran members. The raising of dues will then be pushed way out in the out-years and we can continue to be a viable and effective association for years to come.

Hank Sauer  
*Executive Director*

## "Membership Donations"

**The AACCS Alumni Association Members who have made donations to the AACCS Donation Fund since the June 2006 issue of the AACCS Communicator will be listed in the June 2007 AACCS Communicator.**

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES *Sept. 28, 2006 Covington, KY*

Executive Director Hank Sauer opened the Sept. 28, 2006 AACS-AA Board meeting for business. All Board members were present.

Hank announced his executive privilege under By-Laws Article VI, section one to reduce the Board positions from nine to seven, and to be announced in the November 2006 Communicator. This reduction will be accomplished by the elimination of the Director-USAFA Liaison and the Director of Publicity whose duties will be absorbed by other Board members. His purpose was to make the Board commensurate with an organization our size. The full Board approved this step.

Old Business: Hank moved the minutes of the 2005 Board meeting in Overland Park, KS as printed in the November 2005 Communicator be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

Hank requested Bob Akard to report on the mail voting for the proposed amendment to our By-Laws governing Board position nominees to first be given to the Nominating Committee. Bob reported 10 yea and no nay votes.

The next issue for the annual Board was to approve the standard benevolent donations totaling \$2,900 going to four agencies. Also, E. D. Sauer reminded us of our electronic vote approving the absorption of Board members' hotel room costs through the current reunion costs. This will continue as is authorized under By-laws Article IV, section 2. The Board was then poled by position to report any conduct or recommendations pertaining to that position. Elaborations were from:

Membership Director Maginnis explained the details of our aging demographics and the dues structure creating income, all of which will be presented at the general membership Meeting Saturday morning, Sept, 30th. The problem facing our future continues to be attrition of the most senior members and inadequate flow of new members. We are averaging 11 new members monthly coming mostly from our web-site, and with 30% paying lifetime membership. Mac asked for any general member who might assume membership directorship to please contact him to consider an apprenticeship, subject to the Nominating Committee and the full Board's approval. He has family illness issues that are reducing his time to spend on this responsibility.

Vice Director Stan Phillips reported on his research for a convention site for 2008. He was given Board support to make attend a FAM trip to Jacksonville, FL in November 2006. He also mentioned three other thoughts that will be explored and reported.

Director of Publicity Dan Morabito reported his ad insertions in veteran's publications about our reunions and offering membership to eligible.

Treasurer Ray Sharpless detailed his current banking activity and customer satisfaction with Bank of Belton in his hometown. Also, an inventory and product line was reviewed for popularity and inventory balance.

Executive Secretary Bob Akard, also serving as Chair of the Fiscal Management/Audit Committee, report an interim and spontaneous limited audit of Board members' expense activity. No exceptions were found. He also presented a four year analysis of our cash assets which revealed a steady cash and CD balance. Our balances for this period have only fluctuated by two to three thousand dollars , when factoring back the \$5,000 we donated the Katrina fund through the AF Relief Fund for Keesler AFB enlisted families.

E D Hank Sauer spoke of his tenure as E D, and his Board support with many accomplishments to benefit the Association. He confirmed his intentions from 2005 to serve only two years, and then support Stan Phillips to be elected into his position. He would then request of the new E D to reappoint him officially to the Board as the Editor/Publisher. Hank gave figures on his success to find vendor of quality who have reduced his Communicator publishing costs.

Annual budget estimates sent to the E D in June were reviewed with the group for opportunities to change and for approval. Our hopes are to exceed Maginnis' estimate of \$11,600 from dues is our best help toward avoiding a deficit of \$5,550. Our expenses have been scrutinized to the bare bone. An earlier release to the Board by E D Sauer contained several subjects that could be considered for avoiding future deficits. Each was discussed but tabled until next year, or until our cash assets diminish to a level of concern. Presently, and based upon our last four year history, we have no reason to act.

The Board approved our slate of candidates for re-election to the Board, those being Dan Morabito, Gen. Prather, and Bill Bethea. Also confirmed was the nomination of CMSgt. Walter McLain for AACS-AA nomination for election into the AF Communication Information Hall of Fame. Col. Derrrel Dempsey and Chief Walter McLain will be inducted into our own Hall of Honor. Also approved were three grand dames of our association's history for Life Achievement Awards, they being Smitty McClellan, Mary Lou Brewer and Shirley Beachum.

Bob Akard speaking on behalf of Hank and himself explained our option as Convention hosts to award recognitions in the form of \$100 checks and certificates of accomplishment to the Comm/Info Professional Of The Year and the Air Traffic Controller Of The year. The Board agreed to perpetuate these awards each year. E. D. Sauer called for an adjournment until our September 2007 convention in Las Vegas, which followed with motion and agreement. With special respect to our members, Bob Akard, Executive Secretary.

**MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**  
*Sept. 30, 2006 Covington, KY*

Executive Director Hank Sauer brought our membership's 30th annual meeting to order. He then called upon Gil Kania to offer inspirational thoughts. Gil held a minute of silence for each member to meditate in his or her own manner. Hank then gave special recognition to Eileen Kania and Barbara Morabito for their hard industrious effort and successes in selling tickets for our 50/50 drawing.

Hank then asked Membership Director Maginnis for a membership report. Mac appealed for members not having done so, to please execute the member's USAF profile form and return it to him to help us comply with laws governing tax free military organizations. He gave a demographic profile of our current membership, emphasizing our roster losses due to aging members. We dropped 200 members last year, and our dues structure suggests a few more than that this year from our 2,350 active at this time. He discouraged delinquent dues payments.

Treasurer Ray Sharpless followed with a report of his past year's duties. The planned systematic movement of our cash assets from Armed Forces Bank to Belton Bank in Belton, MO is about complete. Our average CD rates are now nationally competitive as they cycle for renewal. Ray as BX manager gave an analysis of our volume of sales and popular inventory items. He also gave support to our program to give from the inventory a free ball cap to each first time reunion attendee.

Hank asked Bob Akard to present his program. Bob called for and received motions to approve the minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting in Overland Park, KS as published in the Nov. 2005 Communicator. A motion followed for those present to approve the change in our By-Laws to have nominees for any Board position to be channeled first to the Nominating Committee. There being no discussion, the proposal passed. Next was the introduction of the 2007 Convention to be held in Las Vegas at the Circus-Circus Hotel on weekdays starting Tuesday, Sept.25, 2007 and concluding Friday the 28th at favorable weekday rates of \$65. Bob introduced the three men present who will be a team hosting this reunion. The primary host is Chris Miller who is assisted by Bill Mosley and Andy Agan. As Chair of the Fiscal Management and Audit Committee, Bob gave a state of our financial condition report for the past four years. It was explained to all the need to have enough cash assets to cover the total cost of a newly contracted convention, which usually averages in the mid forty thousands. With this understood, and coupled with the semi-annual Communicator publications, we are carrying the needed cash assets. For the past four years this total has been stable, with 2003 being \$70,138 and 2006 being \$66,549. Keep in mind our \$5,000 contribution for Katrina relief for enlisted men's families at Keesler AFB given to the AF Relief Fund. As chair of this committee, and working with the ingenuity of Treasurer Sharpless, we have witnessed an increased ratio of CD's to total cash assets from 54% to 82%. Bob reported an interim and spontaneous audit of select Board members' expenses and found no exceptions to our Fiscal management and Audit Manual.

Hank Sauer reiterated the continuity of programs, stability of leadership, and purposes of camaraderie still existing since the founding of AACS-AA in 1977. He feels the management and membership participation will continue to keep us strong for the future.

At this point all first time attendees were summoned to the front to receive their complimentary ball cap from Ray Sharpless's BX stock. Roaring applause followed showing our warm welcome to them.

The Nominating Committee was then asked to present for membership confirmation the re-election of Stan Phillips, Bill Bethea and Gen. Prather to their respective Board positions. Those members present approved.

Hank introduced our invited guest, Col. Bill Malec, Chief Of Airspace and Airfield Ops Division, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, to give us an update of Air Traffic Control in today's USAF. His visual and verbal explanations were informative and appreciated.

Our traditional memorial service for those members or spouses missing roll call the past year was conducted by Gen. Prather and assisted by Mac Maginnis. Each name was read just following a brief service by Gen. Prather. Our Sgt. At Arms, Bill Bethea, presented the bugle TAPs.

E. D. Sauer concluded the 2006 AACS-AA Business Meeting with adjournment until September 2007 in Las Vegas.

With special respects to our members, Bob Akard, Executive Secretary

## **New Members**

**Dave Moore our new "AACCS Membership Facilitator" is pictured below presenting "AACCS Hats" to two Little Rock AFB, AR, Air Traffic Controllers. Dave has signed up over 9 new members In the past few months and hopes to sign up more during The Air Base Open House in November....**

**Dave is setting up a table at the Open House and will display the AACCS Alumni Association Book we published in 2004. He will have copies of our AACCS Communicators and our Tri-Fold Recruiting Brochure. He has visited the base Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers and briefed them on our Alumni Association and what it will mean to them later in the lives.**

**You can also do things like that.  
Contact Mac Maginnis for more information.**



**Dave Moore presents AACCS hats to Little Rock Air Traffic Controllers Capt. James Anderson (Tower Chief) and 1Lt Marty Dufek.**



## BOARD OF DIRECTOR CHANGES

As the Executive Director and as authorized under our Constitution and By-Laws, I have dissolved the Board of Director positions for the "Director for Publicity" and "Director for USAF Liaison". This change has been coordinated with the AACS Alumni Associations Executive Committee. The nine board member positions were reviewed in the interest of streamlining the number of positions, reducing the amount of coordination required and eliminating a top heavy organizational structure. The tasks that were performed by these positions will be absorbed by the 7 remaining Board of Director positions as extra duties.

The past years of service by Dan Morabito and General Prather have been exemplary and their dedicated service is much appreciated.

**Hank Sauer**  
Executive Director

### FROM THE TREASURER



The Organization's monetary position continues to be maintained on a sound basis. The Financial and Budget committee report reflected that for the past 4 years, due to good management and reduction of expenses, our funds have been stable (including the year we donated \$5,000 to the Hurricane Relief drive).



Copies of our annual financial report can be obtained by contacting me at 113 Airway Lane, Belton, MO 64012, 816-331-7174 or email raysharpless@kc.rr.com

**Ray Sharpless**  
Treasurer

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT (NOVEMBER 2006)



As of this writing the Association has 2327 members however 620 of those members have a Dues expiration date of 31 Dec 2006. I will be sending out reminders to those members to renew their memberships. So check your Address labels on your newsletters and if you see 06 get your check in the mail to me to renew your membership.

We are constantly striving to recruit new members into the Association with ads in every Military publication that we know of not only looking for former and active Communicators but also including our Reunion dates each year. The bottom line is that you our present members are still our best recruiters. So get the word out to that old buddy or young son or grandson about the Association. We need your help. We are seeing a slight increase in younger members signing up however we have a long ways to go.

Again another plea to keep me informed when you make a move. Put the AACS Alumni Association on that "Change of address Card" list. We don't want you to miss any Newsletter issues or the new Membership roster when it is printed..

We are still searching for volunteers for various Board of Director and various Committee positions. Your BOD positions need back up volunteers in the event of unforeseen emergencies. (We aren't getting any younger) If you are interested please contact me or our Executive Director for information.

The Covington reunion was a huge success and I believe was enjoyed by everyone. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the reunion in Las Vegas next September. Details will be announced shortly in the Communicator and also on the web site.

Hope to see you all in Vegas.

**C.B. Mac Maginnis**  
Membership Director

## MISSED ROLL CALL

Since the June 2006  
AACCS Communicator



Acks, George W.  
Betha, Mrs William L. "Bette"  
Bjorkman, Earle G.  
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Forman, Wallace R.  
Gordon, Mrs. E.C. "Mary Louise"  
Hahn, William S.

Henderson (McCracken) Jacquelen  
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Koch, John  
Miccolo, Michael C.  
Monian, Robert K.  
Sell, William R.  
Spodnewski, Walter G.



### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This man is fortunate who can get for himself  
praise and good will;  
very difficult it is when a man lays claim  
to what's in another's heart.

That man is fortunate who, in himself,  
keeps his reputation and wits while he lives;  
for men have often received bad advice  
from another's heart.

The Poetic edda  
6<sup>th</sup> century!



### Arlington National Cemetery

**Rest easy, sleep well my brothers,  
Know the line was held,  
your job is done.**

**Rest easy, sleep well,  
Others have taken up where you fell,  
the line has held.**

**Peace, peace and farewell....**

# AACCS

## EDITOR/PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT THE COST OF THE JUNE 2006 AACS COMMUNICATOR

Printing (3,000 copies).....	\$3,354.00
Layout/Conversion.....	550.00
Bulk Mail charges (2,661 mailed).....	734.52
Overseas/Media Mail.....	84.95
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,723.59</b>



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

Account Balances on hand after publication and mailing of the June 2006 AACS Communicator:

Editors Bank Account: \$ 183.41 - PO Bulk Mail Account: \$ 191.18

The AACS Web Costs are paid on an annual basis and \$359 was reported in the June 2006 AACS Communicator for costs incurred in CY 2005.

Changing to our new Magazine Publisher resulted in a savings of \$138 for the June 2006 AACS Communicator. They not only print the names and addresses on the back cover as part of the printing process, but they now include the Post Office Bar Code information, which resulted in this savings.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES AND PHOTOS COMING.  
THEY ARE WHAT MAKE THE COMMUNICATOR "OUR" PUBLICATION.**

**Hank Sauer**  
AACS Editor/Publisher & Web Site Manager  
**KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT**

### HAM NEWS

*George Reeves (note George has a new email address: [WD4BMG@charter.net](mailto:WD4BMG@charter.net))*

To all AACS Hams:

The twenty meter band propagation has not improved very much and contacts of the Net are few and far between. The Only station that I can hear with any regularity has been Larry Arcement (W5CQE). Ed Evans has moved and does not his station set up yet. Yancy Cecil (KD4WG) has been under the weather and has not been able to check in lately.

We had (according to the partial list of attendees) about 14 or 15 AACS Hams at the 30th AACS Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky. I did get to meet several, including Bob McDow (W4KOG), Ben Doyle (K4SVC) AND Jim Joska (N6CNJ). We were able to get a station on the air. I brought a Kenwood TS-440-S that has a build in antenna tuner and a wire antenna. The antenna was actually twenty meter dipole with one leg cut off. As usual, the conditions were not good, but we were able to check into the net by contacting Larry (W5CQE). The Ham Room we had was very nice, and just around the corner from the main hospitality room. We had plenty of room and a balcony from which we were able to throw out our antenna. I will not be going to the convention/reunion in Las Vegas next year, but hopefully a good number of our West Coast AACS Hams will be there.

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George Reeves (WD4BMG)  
AACS Ham Coordinator  
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73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS AACS ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES				
BAND	FREQ	UTC TIME*	LOCAL TIME	DAY
National SSB				
20 M	14.287 mhz	2000/2100 hrs	1500 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
National CW				
20 M	14.061 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1200 CDT/ST	Sat
East Coast SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F

Notes:  
 • Local times remain but UTC time changes

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

## **AACS MILITARY CAREER OF WALTER GREENE, RA 14267078**

**Start in Alaska - Pvt. Greene enlisted in the Army Air Corp August 27, 1947 at Smyrna Army Base, Tennessee. After Basic training at San Antonio Pvt. Greene was transferred to Lowry Field for clerk typist school. Upon graduation I was assigned to the 59th AACS Group in Anchorage, Alaska from April 1948 - Sept 1948. A photo of that entire group is posted on the web. While in Alaska I joined Special Services and traveled TDY to Nome, Ladd Field, Port Whitter, Marks AFB, Ft Richardson, Kodiak and a few other sites. As property manager for the play „Arsenic and Old Lace%. I also played the role of Mr. Witherspoon. The 59th changed to 1804th Hq 1804th AACS Gp Anchorage Alaska in Sept 1948 when the USAF was established. I was sent TDY by AACS to Adak, Cold Bay, Thornbrough AFB, Cape AFB and Davis AFB.**

**From Alaska to the Pentagon - I was transferred to the 1908th AACS Sq Washington, DC (Pentagon) in Jan 1950 and in Nov 1950 the 1908 AACS Sq was changed to the 1061st Comm Sq. While in the Pentagon, AACS switched from torn tape teletype to continuous tape and I was one of the team that traveled TDY to Maxwell AFB Ala, Dayton OH, Carswell AFB TX & McClellan AFB CA to implement standardize switching operations. These were the major communication centers in the USA for the USAF. The Pentagon call sign was JEP.**

**From the Pentagon to Germany - In August 1951 I was transferred to Germany on the U.S.N.S. Gen. W. C. Langfitt. At that time I had 38 months Foreign Service credit while returning servicemen were being sent back to the USA <from WW II> if they had 36 months of Foreign Service. I was assigned to the 25th Comm Sq Wiesbaden, Germany (USAFE) from Aug 1951 until Feb 1952. During that period I got TDY to Munich & Neubiberg/Ramersdorf for temporary housing for my wife and daughter.**

**In Feb 1952, the 25th Comm Sq (USAFE) became the 54th Comm Sq (USAFE) until September 1953. During that time I was sent TDY to Munich to the Siemens & Halske company with 1st Lt. Ross to approve the switching TTY equipment for Kaiserslautern. In September 1953 the 25th Comm Sq was designated the 2005th AACS Sq Wiesbaden, Germany (USAFE) and in Oct 1953 the 2005th AACS Sq moved to Kaiserslautern, Germany. I was the last TTY Station Chief at Wiesbaden and the First TTY Station Chief at Kaiserlaughen. I was assigned to the 2005th until December 1953 when I was transferred to the 1807th AACS Wg in Furstenfeldbruck. I lived in Wessling before base housing. During my tour of duty with the 1807th AACS Wg I was sent TDY to The 1815th AACS Gp in Rabat, French Morocco and to the 1975th AACS Sq at Sidi Slimane AB, Fr. Moc, for coordination activities on the AIRCOMNET.**

**The Wing moved in November 1955 and since I was scheduled to rotate back to the USA in Dec, so the last 30 days were in the 1282nd AACS Sq in Furstenfeldbruck, Germany; which operated the control tower where the bad guys killed the Olympic athletics a few years later. Interesting note: I was only assigned to five different AACS outfits (but nine different organizational unit numbers).**

**While in Europe I also got leave to Amsterdam, London, Salzburg, Innsbruck & Vienna, Austria, Venice, Rome & Naples, Italy and Zurich, Switzerland; among others. My Son Donald Michael was born in Furstenfeldbruck, Germany. I finished my 48 month European tour in 51 months. Enjoyed every minute!!**

**I entered OCS in January 1956 as a T/Sgt and stayed on active duty in AC&W squadrons until 1961, when I was switched to SAC and the Minuteman Missile Program until I retired on September 1, 1967.**

**WA0WEO is my amateur Radio call sign but I've been off air for a few years now.**

**Walter E. Greene, 2201 Point West Drive Edinburg, Texas 78539, (956) 381-8485**

**PFC GREENE  
1804 AACS GP  
SEPT. 1948**



**CAPT. GREENE  
RETIRED IN 1967  
SEPT. 2003**



**“ USER NAME AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE  
WEB SITE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER”**

As previously announced, the AACS Alumni Associations Membership Roster is on the Web Site ([www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)) in PDF a format **ONLY**. To **DOWNLOAD** the roster you need to know the following (**NOTE: YOU CAN ONLY DOWNLOAD**):

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

Password: **m299kl7** (all lower case letters. Note that the next to last digit in the password is the lower case “L”, **NOT** the number “1”)

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

Please note that to download a PDF FORMAT and you will need Adobe Reader to download it to your computer. If you do not have Adobe Reader, there is a link to **Adobe.com** so you can download a free copy. We felt that we can allow more members to 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.

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

Suggest before you start, you **FIRST** create a folder on your hard drive and name it “AACS Roster”. When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file “AACS Roster” and then download to the AACS Roster folder you have created...this way, each time you download the roster, it will ask you if you want to replace the existing file....the answer is **YES..** this will save disk space and only store the current roster on your computer.

**YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO VIEW THE ROSTER.  
THE ROSTER MUST BE DOWNLOADED TO A COMPUTER.  
(WEBTV users should check with their internet provider  
to see if they can download)**

If you have any problems contact **Hank Sauer** at **DirAACS@comcast.net**

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS\*\*\*\*\***

**(Second Notice)**

**The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 and other records, On-Line: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>**

**This will be helpful when a Veteran needs a copy of his/her DD Form 214. The Requester will be asked to supply all the information essential for the NPRC to process the request. The system will speed up the request and receipt of the military records you may need.**

**Submitted to the AACS Communicator by Jim Joyce.**

**\*\*\*\*\*CORRECTION\*\*\*\*\***

**The Board member delivering Newspapers on page 47 of the June 2006 AACS Communicator is "Bill Bethea". Sorry that the answer to the question was not on page 68 as promised !!**

**The young lad is our own  
Bill Bethea, Sgt-at-Arms**



*PILOT! - This 1945 photograph made by E.C. Eddy features a group of papersellers showing off the bags stitched for them by long time employee Bessie Cameron Smith with the help of her mother.* **Can you guess which BOD this is ?**

**Dear Hank:**

**As usual, a great job on the current issue of the Communicator. I also like the idea of awards to the enlisted guys. Offsets all that stuff about generals that is no longer of interest to me. I also liked that idea of backups and replacements for the worker bees of the organization. Lots of organizations are losing membership as the old guys die out and are actively trying to recruit new members. The picture of the D/F shack on page 55 brought home memories. That was the equipment we used in the Mediterranean D/F net. I went from England to Italy in 1945 to work on this system. I helped set up the equipment at Champino in Rome and then operated the same equipment at Elmas in Sardina when I was sent there. D/F was based on a cathode ray tube rather than sound nulls the way the D/F equipment we used in England. The equipment in England was British I believe. If you remember, it was in England that I almost killed Capt Max Mankofski.....he almost didn't make that "Poker Game" in London.**

**Sid Kaufman  
116th & 132nd AACS Sq's**

**Editors Note: Sid's reference to the "Poker Game" was a story in a previous issue of the AACS Newsletter/Communicator that showed WWII AACS Officers having their monthly poker game in London. Larry Camp, the AACS Alumni Founder, who began the search for other members of the AACS "gang" in England in 1976, found lots of them. He invited them to Columbus for a "Poker Game" in 1977 and the AACS Alumni Association was born. Sid, you will have to tell us about "almost killing Capt Max Manfowski" in the next issue.**



## “THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PAGE”

### “Background”

All active duty Officers, Airmen, NCO's and Civilians serving in a Communications/Information or Air Traffic Control Unit in today's Air Force are eligible to join this Great Alumni Association. Our mission is to ensure the perpetuity of the AACS Alumni Association and to make sure that in the next 20-30 year time frame there is a viable AACS Alumni Association for you to join.

We current and past members who have “missed roll call”, have been blessed with seeing old friends each year from our active duty days. We also get the opportunity each year to forge new and meaningful and lasting friendships with “those who have been there and did that”. Each year we have mini get-togethers of members who served before WWII, during WWII, Berlin Airlift, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Bosnia and even our current actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As you know, we have obtained senior Air Force leadership approval to send you copies of the AACS Communicator and we hope that you have enjoyed reading and seeing photos from our members of times long gone. We continue to solicit your stories and photos of today's communicators, information specialists and air traffic controllers. Our members/readers do want to hear from you.

During our 30th Annual AACS Alumni Association Convention/Reunion in September 2006, we presented our first annual award (a ceramic eagle, certificate and saving bond) to the outstanding Air Traffic Controller and to the outstanding Communications/Information Professional of the Year. Senior Airman, Joshua A. Matias of the 375th OSS, Scott AFB, Illinois was selected as the Air Traffic Controller of the Year and SSgt Jacob Flores, Hq AFMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio was selected as the Communications/Information Professional of the Year. These Airman were selected by the Air Force Flight Standards Agency and the Air Force Communications Agency, using standard Air Force evaluation criteria. These Awards were presented to these outstanding airmen by Hank Sauer, AACS Executive Director, Lt. General Michael Peterson, Chief, Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and by Colonel William Malec, Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Illinois. MSgt Steve Gabel accepted for Airman Matias who was on deployment to Iraq and of course not available to attend this years Banquet.

The AACS Alumni Association welcomes all our new Air Force active duty “readers” and hopes that you will enjoy our official publication and take part in this great Alumni Association, who continues to maintain a close relationship with our active duty brethren. It has been our custom for many years that if our annual convention/reunion is being held in a city close to an Air Force Base, we invite as our guests for the Banquet, members of the local communications and air traffic control units. At many of these Banquets, it is not unusual for our older members to tell the “young Officers, NCO's and Airmen”, sitting with us, that they should look around, as in 40 to 50 years, they will be trading places with us. It is our custom to have the Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA) provide a “State of Air Force Air Traffic Control” presentation and the Senior Air Staff Communications/Information Leadership to provide a “State of Air Force Communications/Information” presentation. In addition, the Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA) History Office provides historical displays at our conventions/reunions to depict significant events in our Air Force Communications and Air Traffic Control History.

**Stories and photos for “The AACS Communicator” should be forwarded to:**

**Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email [DirAACS@Comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@Comcast.net) ( phone: 865-482-3013),  
NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1st AND OCTOBER 1st of each year.**

**Questions about membership or about our Association should be addressed to:**

**Mac Maginnis, 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408, [C.Maginnis@Comcast.net](mailto:C.Maginnis@Comcast.net), 253-474-8128  
or call 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free**

**Visit the AACS Web Site: [www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)**

**“Fellowship in the Company of Equals”**

### Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper Awards for Excellence in Warfighting Integration

- ▶ Outstanding Warfighting Integration Officer: **Lt. Col. Gregory E. Harbin**, 609th COS, Shaw AFB, S.C.
- ▶ Outstanding Warfighting Integration NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Keith Burba**, 62nd FIS, Yokota AB, Japan.
- ▶ Outstanding Warfighting Integration Civilian: **Albert J. Sautner III**, 36th IS, Langley AFB, Va.

### Air Force Communications and Information Individual Award Winners

- ▶ Outstanding Field Grade Officer: **Maj. James R. Hoskins**, 609th ACS, Shaw AFB, S.C.
- ▶ Outstanding Company Grade Officer: **Capt. David M. Canady, Jr.**, 31st CCS, Tinker AFB, Okla.
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian Manager: **Robert J. Terry**, 43rd CS, Pope AFB, N.C.
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian Specialist: **Tracie L. Lacy**, HQ OSSG, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, Ala.
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian Assistant Specialist: **Tammie S. Fultz**, HQ AMC, Scott AFB, Ill.
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian Technician: **Seiji Minei**, Det. 3, PACAF APS, Kadena AB, Japan.
- ▶ Outstanding Civilian Assistant: **Tarnetta C. Green**, HQ AFOATS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
- ▶ Outstanding Communications-Electronics Systems Maintenance Senior NCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Cornelius F. McGillicuddy**, General George C. Kenney Headquarters, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.
- ▶ Outstanding Communications-Electronics Systems Maintenance NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Lawrence J. Bercel**, USAFE CSS, Ramstein AB, Germany.
- ▶ Outstanding Information Management Senior NCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Danny O. Ogas**, HQ AFCA, Scott AFB, Ill.
- ▶ Outstanding Information Management NCO: **Staff Sgt. Jacob A. Flores**, HQ AFMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- ▶ Outstanding Information Management Airman: **Senior Air-**

**man Stepheno D. Pomerlee**, SOC, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

- ▶ Outstanding Communications-Computer Systems Senior NCO: **Master Sgt. Daniel V. Prater**, 89th CS, Andrews AFB, Md.
  - ▶ Outstanding Communications-Computer Systems NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Carey E. Dvorak II**, HQ AFCA, Scott AFB, Ill.
  - ▶ Outstanding Communications-Computer Systems Airman: **Senior Airman Larry C. Deardorff**, 43rd CS, Pope AFB, N.C.
  - ▶ Outstanding Multimedia Senior NCO: **Senior Master Sgt. Donald S. Senger**, HQ USAF/IC, Air Force Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
  - ▶ Outstanding Multimedia NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Richard N. Siers**, 37th CS, Lackland AFB, Texas
  - ▶ Outstanding Multimedia Airman: **Senior Airman Patrick J. Dixon**, 1st CTCS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
  - ▶ Outstanding Postal Service Senior NCO: **Master Sgt. Kenneth E. Bourns**, 374th CS, Yokota AB, Japan
  - ▶ Outstanding Postal Service NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Peter M. Karajin III**, 82nd CSS, Langley AFB, Va.
  - ▶ Outstanding Postal Service Airman: **Senior Airman Marquia S. Rivera**, Det. 3, PACAF APS, Kadena AB, Japan.
  - ▶ Outstanding Electromagnetic Spectrum Manager: **Tech. Sgt. Robert C. Fisher, Jr.**, MNF-1 CIS, Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq.
  - ▶ Outstanding Installation Spectrum Manager: **Tech. Sgt. Kenneth C. Bosshard**, 92nd CS, Fairchild AFB, Wash.
  - ▶ Outstanding Information Assurance Professional: **Capt. Clifford W. Flowers**, USSTRATCOM/J6, Offutt AFB, Neb.
  - ▶ Air Force Darryl G. Winters Award: **Staff Sgt. Suzanne M. Day**, 1st CTCS, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- Team and Unit Award Winners:**
- ▶ Outstanding Information Assurance Element: **Air Force Service Certifying Organization**, Lackland AFB, Texas.
  - ▶ General Edwin W. Rawlings

### Team Award: Crisis Response

**Team, 81st CS**, Keesler AFB, Miss.

- ▶ Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Award: **3rd CCG**, Tinker AFB, Okla.

- ▶ Lt. Gen. Harold W. Grant Award: **379th ECS**, Al Udeid AB, Qatar.

- ▶ Outstanding Large Postal Facility: **35th CS, Misawa AFB PO**, Misawa AB, Japan

- ▶ Outstanding Small Postal Facility: **OL-C, Det. 2, PACAF APS**, Bangkok, Thailand.

- ▶ Outstanding Aerial Mail Terminal: **Det. 3, PACAF APS**, Kadena AB, Japan.

### Air Force Association General Billy Mitchell Award for Communications and Information Excellence

- ▶ **Capt. David M. Canady, Jr.**, 31st CCS, Tinker AFB, Okla., was named as the person whose communications and information contributions most enhanced the Air Force's warfighting capability.

▶ A new award this year is the Airways and Air Communications Service Alumni Association Award. An independent award panel selected **Staff Sgt. Jacob A. Flores**, HQ AFMC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, as the person whose contributions most supported Air Force missions and operations and the warfighters. This award honors an Air Force communications and information airman from grade E1 through E5.

▶ The following are the Air Force nominees for the National Security Agency's Rowlett trophies: **Capt. Clifford W. Flowers**, USSTRATCOM/J6, Offutt AFB, Neb., and the **Air Force Service Certifying Organization**, Lackland AFB, Texas.

*The Air Force Communications Agency manages the awards program, which received 458 award nominations for individuals, teams and units. Each military individual award winner may wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon, while civilian individual award winners may wear the Air Force Recognition Lapel Pin.*





## IT'S A SMALL WORLD

By: Hank Sauer

In July of this year, I was visiting Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory doing some work for the U.S. Dept of Energy. The Lab Security Manager is a retired Marine Colonel and when he found out I was an "Air Force" type (Had my AACS Hat on, of course), he began telling me about his Step-Daughter and how proud he was of her service. He then mentioned that she was an Air Traffic Controller and had just returned from a deployment in Iraq back to Ramstein AFB, Germany. I emailed her (SSgt Caroline Parker) and told her some things about our Alumni Association. In my email, I mentioned that if she "should just happen to run in to Col Matthews and/or

Gen Hobbins" to say hi for me as they are both Life Members of the AACS Alumni Association. Caroline answered by email and attached a photo of her and Gen Hobbins taken in Iraq when the General was visiting. She also told me that they had lunch together. If Caroline does become an AACS Alumni Member, guess we should give credit to General Hobbins. "IT IS A SMALL WORLD."

P.S. She also met Chief Billy Sheridan in Iraq who is Gene Sheridan's nephew.

## 2006 GENERAL & MRS JEROME O'MALLEY AWARD

Major General William & Mrs. Cynthia Lord have been selected as the winners of the 2006 Award. The award recognizes the Wing Commander and Spouse team whose contributions to the Nation, the Air Force and the local Community best exemplify the highest ideals and positive leadership of a Military couple serving in a Key Air Force Position. General Lord served as the Commander, 81st Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Mississippi, during the Katrina Hurricane. Both General and Mrs. Lord led the monumental disaster response and rebuilding effort on a base that sustained one billion dollars in damage. The presentation ceremony will be conducted by the Chief of Staff, USAF, later this year.

There is not enough room in this issue of the AACS Communicator to tell the whole story of the actions they both took and the hours they spent in looking after others. This prestigious award recognizes their great efforts and accomplishments.

## Senior AF Communications/Information Leadership Assignments

The Air Force announced that Major General John Maluda, an AACS Alumni Association Life Member has been reassigned FROM: Director, Communications, Hq Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA, TO: Vice Commander, Eight Air Force, Air Combat Command, Barksdale AFB, LA.

Brig General (S) Gregory L. Brundidge, has been reassigned FROM: Deputy Director, Operational Support Modernization, Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, DC, TO: Director, Communications, Hq Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA.

## **"Help Preserve the Legacy of the Air Force Enlisted Corps"**

**The Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute (AFERHI), 550 McDonald St, Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, AL 36114-3107, web site <http://afehri.maxwell.af.mil> is trying to preserve the and protect the legacy of the enlisted corps and is seeking assistance from all current and former Air Force members. One of the current projects they are working on is the origination of the Air Force Specialty Codes (AFSCs). When the Air Force separated from the Army Air Corps in 1947, we brought over our Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). The MOSs stayed until 1950 when they were transitioned into AFSCs. Since that time, the AFSCs have grown, split and merged to create stronger fields. The AFERHI wants to capture our "Enlisted Family Tree" and catalog this information so they have a better understanding of how our career fields have contributed to Air Power. They need our history of our AFSCs. Specifically, they are looking for information on:**

- \* Where did your AFSC originate? Was it transferred from an Army Air Corps MOS?**
  - \* Can you provide an AFSC job description, generic for all skill levels?**
- \* Has your AFSC merged from or into other AFSCs? If so, when, why and which AFSCs?**
- \* Has your AFSC made a significant contribution to a major campaign, operation or war?**
- \* Are there any individuals of note from your AFSC (i.e. heroes, Air Force firsts, etc ?)**
- \* Do you know how many individuals have been assigned to your AFSC? Specifically during the transition of the Air Force in 1947 and current strength?**
- \* Do you have any supporting documents or high quality photographs of individuals time within your AFSC? If so, would you be willing to donate these items or provide scanned copies to the AFERHI?**

**They will accept your responses in any format and you are free to provide as much information as possible. "Information is Power".**

**Please ensure that NO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IS provided. Questions can be emailed to AFERHI at: [AFSC.Research@maxwell.af.mil](mailto:AFSC.Research@maxwell.af.mil)**

**AACS Alumni Members have answered the call on other "missing" information to the Communications History Office and Archives at Scott AFB, Illinois many times over the years and this is another request for you to dig into your old files and jog your memory banks and help with this research project.**



# "Bob Parker looks back"



**Station WUQM  
Det 60 - 141st AACS Sq**



**SSgt Robert Parker**



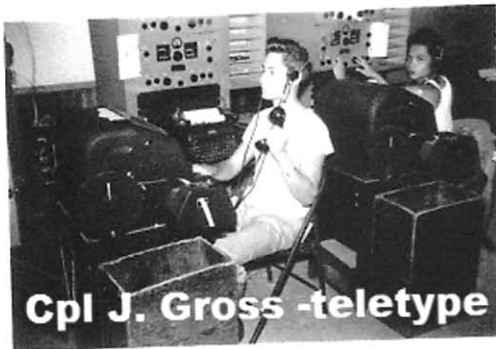
**Water Tower and Bks**



**A/G positions**



**Manila Control -1947**



**Cpl J. Gross -teletype**

## **Manila, PI, Det 60, 141st AACS Sq - 1947**

## "LOOKING FOR"



\* **Tom Ringo is seeking information on his grandfather, Pvt Johnny E. Ringo, USAAF, and the 139th AACS Sq. Following radio operator/mechanic and teletype mechanic schools, he arrived in the Philippines aboard the USS Joseph T. Dickman on 17 Sep 1945. After a few bouts with Malaria, he boarded the USS Comstock in late 1945 in Manila and sailed for Japan. He was assigned in the Tokyo area until 24 Feb 1946, when he had enough points and returned to the US for discharge. Looking for specific unit detachments he might have been in and anyone who may have known him.**

**You can contact Tom at [tringo@stx.rr.com](mailto:tringo@stx.rr.com) or 7842 Van Zandt Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78413.**

\* **Mary Boyle, at [mistydew@pennswoods.net](mailto:mistydew@pennswoods.net) is looking for information on anyone who may have known CHARLES E. HARRIS. Mary knows that he went to a communication school at Scott in 1950 and then went to Germany. Charles can't recall much more than he was in the 1st Radio Relay Sq at Landsberg. He can remember buddies by the name of Harvey Firestone III, Charles Snyder and George Atkinson. If you can help shed light on the location of his friends or if you knew him, please notify Mary if you have email or contact her at Mrs. Mary Boyle, 16 Locust St, Cumberland, MD 21502.**

\* **Brenda Hale, [56juneebug@earthlink.net](mailto:56juneebug@earthlink.net) or 1205 Wingfield Rd, Memphis, TN 38122 is looking for any information on her Dad, SSgt Joseph (Joe) Sparrell Hale. His photo and a group photo of him and others from the 73rd AACS, West Palm Beach, Florida, taken June 19, 1944 are printed elsewhere in this issue of the AACS Communicator. Based on some stories by an Aunt, Joe may have been a "Cryptographer". Anyone who may be able to help Brenda find out about her Dad will be most welcome.**

\* **Mel Owens of 13381 Magolia #175, Corona, CA 92879, email: [blackieww2@charter.net](mailto:blackieww2@charter.net) or call 951-734-2911, is looking for one of the old right sleeve patches worn by AACS troops up 1948. It was the triangle patch of a tower with 4 lightening bolts coming off the top of the tower. There is a photo of this patch on page 51 of the November 2005 AACS Communicator. Mel is trying to restore his Class "A" uniform that he wore in 1947-1948 and needs this patch to complete his project. If you have one or know where Mel can get one, please contact him.**

\* **Edward Richwalski (MSgt, USAF-Ret), who held 30451, 30371 and 30491 Radio Maintenance AFSC's between 1949 and 1970 is seeking others in the Radio Maintenance Fields and Nav-Aids maintenance fields to form an Electronic Technician Group to exchange stories and ideas. He was an instructor at Keesler AFB and was involved in radio, nav-aids and comm centers. Edward served in Taiwan, Japan, Newfoundland, Korea and stateside assignments in Illinois, Missouri and California. ANYONE INTERESTED in forming a technicians group should contact Edward at [erich27@cox.net](mailto:erich27@cox.net) or call him at 405-773-8369.**

\* **HELP NEEDED FROM OLD TIMERS:.. The AACS Alumni Association is planning to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Col Jess Guthrie, now deceased, of the work he did in the Burma (over the hump) Airlift, the Berlin Airlift and other assignments. The AFCA History Office at Scott has dug up some information, but I am looking for input from our members who may have served with him during his career. He was one of our outstanding AACS leaders and we need to recognize him. Please contact Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, 865-482-3013 or email: [DirAACS@comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@comcast.net) . All information will be helpful.**

**"STAKE YOUR CLAIM"**

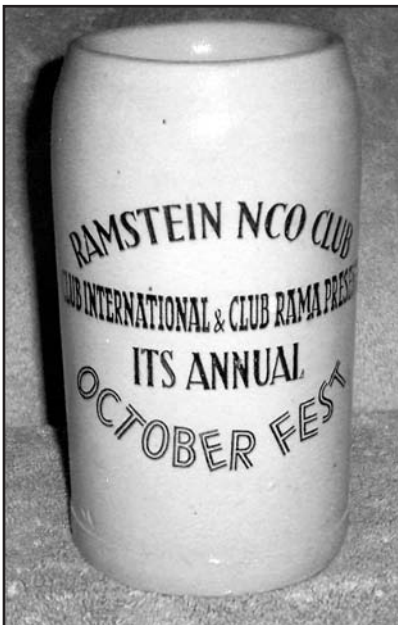
This column is published for "claims" by Alumni members who think they are the "first", "hold a record" or the "only" person to have achieved or performed something that no other member has. Can you top or refute any of the claims already previously published ????? If so, send them to Hank Sauer, Editor/Publisher, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email to: DirAACS@comcast.net

Because of our page limitation for our Newsletters, all claims except those published in the last Newsletter have been removed. Challenges to claims previously published will be included in the current Newsletter under the section "Challenges to Claims".

**A. CLAIM PUBLISHED IN THE 2005 AACS COMMUNICATOR: (The Stake your Claim Column was not published in the June 2006 AACS Communicator due to an oversight).**

1. Harold W. Krouth, Maj, USAF-Ret, 9681 S.W. Old Highway 47, Gaston, Oregon 97119, hal-sal@iglide.net, claims to be the first tower operator to work at an airport where there were two control towers, one for the military and one for the commercial aircraft. This was a Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho in 1940. I was the Chief Operator and when AACS came I remained as the Chief for awhile. At this time, SSgt C.W. Gordon was a 1st Lt and commander of the 1st Comm Sq at McCellan Field, in Sacramento, California.

**B. NEW CLAIMS:** Bill Mosley, wmmosley2@cox.net, 310 E. Rancho Drive, Henderson, NV 89105-8123, claims that he served 24 years, two months and one day in the USAF, all in AFCS and AFCC. He enlisted on 31 Aug 65 as a 5-Level SSgt and retired as a CMSgt on 1 Nov 89. His claim is that he was never a 3 level, never took Air Force Basic training and was never in the Air Training Command. In addition he did not attend any school and was never an airman. As an afterthought, Bill was a SENIOR NCO for 18 of his 24 years, two months and one day for a percentage of 74.48.



Doug Eastley, one of our "Courghton Sheep Herders" bought it at a "flea market" in Crivitz, WI in 2004.

AACS Board of Directors – Terms of Office "Years requiring elections"								
POSITION	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Executive Director	X		X		X		X	
Vice Director		X		X		X		X
Executive Secretary	X		X		X		X	
Sgt-at-Arms	X		X		X		X	
Treasurer	-----Indefinite-----							
Dir for Membership	-----Indefinite-----							
Editor/Publisher	-----Indefinite-----							

**NOTES:**

- \* The Executive Directors Term of Office is limited to 4 consecutive years.
- \* The Terms of Office for the Treasurer, Dir for Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite after election.
- \* All other Board of Director positions require election/re-election every 2 years.
- \* Nominations of members for the above positions must be made through the Board of Directors Nominating Committee not later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. (See inside front cover for names/addresses of Committee members.
- \* Members voting must be present at the Annual General Meeting to vote. Proxy Votes are not authorized by the AACS Constitution/By-Laws.



**I**n the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command Radio Schools the student learns to become a radio operator and mechanic under many and varied conditions. He must be able to operate in a black-out or at a desk under the high pressure of heavy traffic handling or to keep his head during a rush hour in a control tower. At this school the student receives the basic knowledge of the use and maintenance of radio equipment based on his code speeds and grades, of going into many different branches of service. From here he goes to advanced training school for combat or service units. He may become a member of a combat crew on a bomber or part of a vital unit handling a control tower in a big flying field; he may attend a further training school to handle "radar" or radio-locator equipment. This school is just the beginning preparatory step in this radio training.

### WAC Students Learn AACSS Methods Here

Members of the first large group of Air Wacs to arrive at Truax Field as students are now sitting side by side with their GI brothers studying CW (high speed code operation) and Control Tower Operation in the AACSS division of this Army Air Forces Training Command school.

AACS, Army Airways Communications System, has been called the "nerve system of the Army Air Forces" and when the WAC students have finished their respective courses here they will be fitted to do a "man-sized" job in guiding army aircraft to their destinations.

**Experienced in Radio**  
Sergeants, corporals and privates, many of the young women have had experience, either in the Army or as civilians, which particularly suits them for their studies at Truax Field.

Pvts. Catherine Hutter and Annamay Foley worked in the manufacture of radio parts in a Philadelphia war plant before entering the service. Sgt. Lillian Shipchenko is a graduate R-M and worked in control tower operation at Clovis, N. M. She found her work so interesting that she applied for permission to take AACSS work here.

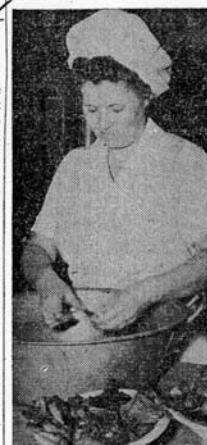
**Meets "Old Friend"**  
Pvt. Babs Peel, before entering the service, worked on the manufacture of switchboards. On her first day's code here she found herself working by the side of a "B-D" board made by the factory in which she worked.

"It looked like an old friend, and I hope it is one of the boards on which I personally worked," said Pvt. Peel.

The WAC students are being trained under exactly the same conditions as are the men, according to 2nd Lt. Eugene Fitts, supervisor of International Morse Code.

Their courses will be of the same length; they will be taught by the same instructors and the procedure of the courses will be identical.

### WAC Cook



Helping to keep WACs well fed is Cpl. Ruth Triplett of Albuquerque, N. M. Cpl. Triplett's step-son was taken prisoner by the Japs when Bataan fell. (Photo by AAF Training Command)



Women in Radio Electronic School is the title which has become attached to the women instructors now serving in the many branches of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command Radio Schools.



CPL. ROSE ATLAS

### First Air Wac CTO Graduate

The only girl in a large class of men, Cpl. Rose Atlas, of New York City, is the first Air Wac to graduate from the Control Tower Operators school at Truax Field.

She will remain here to become an instructor in the CTO school while the men with whom she was trained go into active service as Control Tower Operators either in the theaters of war or in the United States.

**Has Civilian Experience**  
Cpl. Atlas has had civilian radio experience. She studied a radio operator course for five months in the YMCA Technical Radio school in New York, and graduated as a low speed operator.

She was transferred to Truax from Ellington Field, Texas, where she worked in AACSS Third Communications. While in Texas, Cpl. Atlas used to go up to the Control Towers and watch the operators at work directing aerial traffic.

**"Very Exciting"**  
"I thought it was very exciting," she says, "but I never dreamed that I would ever have a chance to do it myself."

Once in CTO school, Cpl. Atlas found her life even further complicated by her name. Even though she denies any relationship to the famous muscle man, Charles, she found herself nicknamed "Chuck" by her fellow students.

"Competing with men who were more mechanically minded than I was not easy," she says. "They helped me a lot, though especially with such courses as Aircraft Identification. The instructors were patient and helpful."



Alvis, A. J. Leider, S. B. Bush, R. E. Campbell, C. L. Hatch, R. M.

## SOME TRUAX FIELD MEMORIES OF ROBERT E. BUSH OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

Bob sent these photo's taken from the Truax "Beam" in 1944 and the "Radio Post" weekly, published by Wisconsin State Journal in Madison WI. Bob got married in the Base Chapel by Chaplain McKay and Capt Floyd Koontz, his CO, gave the Bride away.

**Dear Hank:**

I wanted to add a few lines to George Hunsaker's letter. Our connecting with each other after all these years is just another example of the benefit of being an AACS Alumni member. Well done, Folks!

My AAF/AACS schooling included 1) Radio Operator training in an All-Services school in Omaha, Nebraska and 2) Radio Operator-Direction Finding Operation training at Scott Field.

Spent 16 months with the 78th AAFBU-AACS at Sheppard Field and Langley Field. While at Sheppard, I was assigned to a 14 man team tasked to set up and operate a radio station in Italy. Prior to our departure, the mission was scrubbed when the first atomic bomb was dropped. I finished my 38 months of active duty as the NCOIC of the 78th Medical Liaison Dept at Sheppard and, later at Langley.

Joe Agronick  
7300 Via Collado  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-4424  
Email: j-dagronick@cox.net

P.S. George and I would be delighted to hear from any former members of the 78th AAFBU-AACS.

**Dear Hank:**

The picture of Major Forbes in a prior issue of the AACS Communicator and my letter to you, which you published brought a response from Joe Agronick. After all these years I have been able to communicate with someone who was in the 78th at the same time I was. We never met, but we were at Shepard and Langley Fields together. We both stayed in the Shellbank area at Langley, no doubt ate together at the mess hall and perhaps had a few elbow to elbow at the NCO Club. We have both had interesting careers, married and have successful children, now enjoying life as we "approach middle age". Its a real joy to exchange email with Joe - each one is like Christmas morning!

One more thought on Major Forbes: He was always putting up though provoking posters, like "Speed is essential, but accuracy is paramount" or "Observe (with the picture of an eye), Think (with a picture of a light bulb), Decide (showing a picture of a balance scale) and Act (just some horizontal wavy lines as though someone hurriedly left the scene).

73  
George Hunsaker  
6908 Isleta Blvd, SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87105-7047  
Email: hunsaker78@aol.com

The 78 in my email address relate to my initials GH, which are the 7th & 8th letters of the alphabet. At the Tonkawa Radio School, my laundry number was 78. I was in the 78th AACS and as a Sgt, made \$78 per month.  
have proved him wrong.

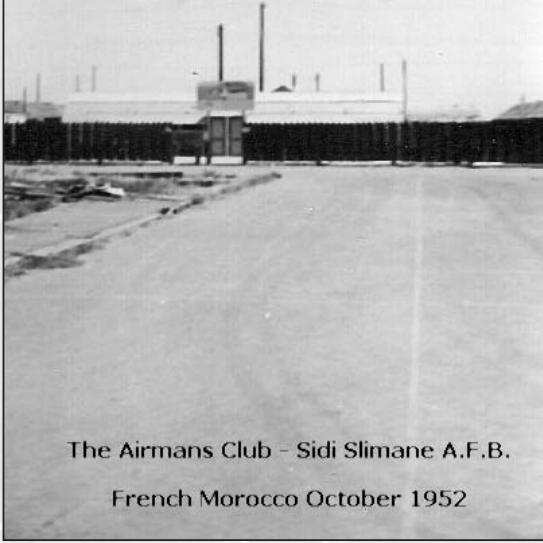


Joseph P. Agronick  
11112142 78th AAFBU-AACS



George Hunsaker  
30113397 78th AACS

Jim Johnson who served at Sidi in 1952 can only say,  
 "they had the coolestttt beer we ever tasted"



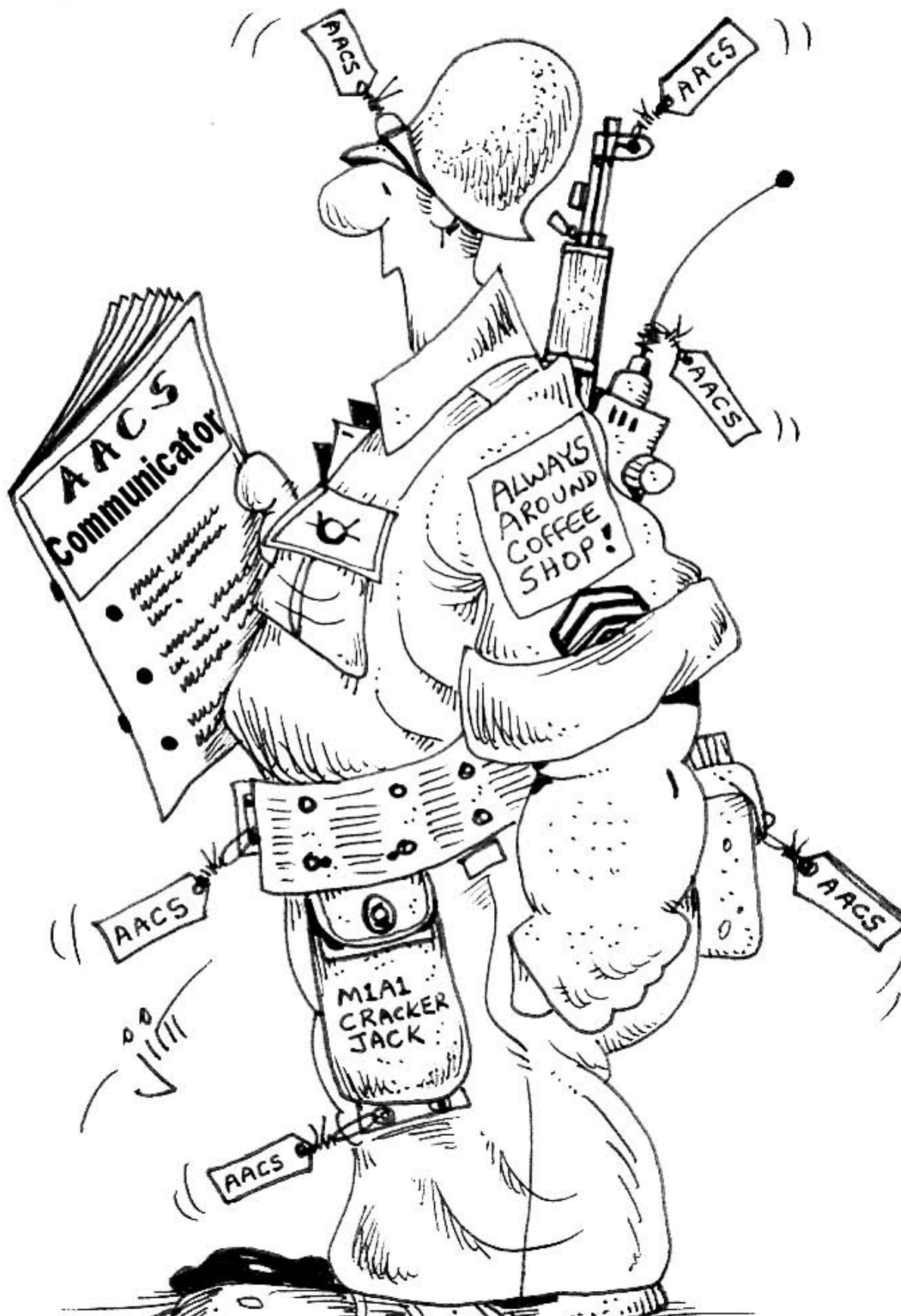
The Airmans Club - Sidi Slimane A.F.B.  
 French Morocco October 1952



The PA AACS Mini-Reunion  
 Hampton Inn, Dubois, PA  
 July 11-13, 2006







## Memories of Munich Riem Airport 1949-1952

**Most of us who were stationed at Munich Riem Airport consider it our best and most memorable assignment.**

**During the 1949-1952 time frame, we had approximately 225-250 personnel stationed at Riems. The majority of the personnel were in the age group of 18-22 and we thought of ourselves as "really something". With Munich Riems being the major commercial airport for Munich, we had "no guns, no gates and no guards"...The terminal & the administration buildings must have had 10 or more ways to get in and out. You can bet that there were lots of comings and goings around the clock. On a more serious note, we did run the Southern Germany Air Route Traffic Control Center, a Weather Switch Central and a flight check operation.**

**The Units assigned to Munich Riems during this period were the 1812th AACS Group, 1972nd AACS Sq and the 1860th AACS Mobile Comm Sq (the forerunner to the 2nd Mob).**

**The following photos are dedicated to the many AACS Alumni Members who were stationed or spent some TDY time at "Riems".**



### ROSTER OF OFFICERS AND AIRMEN ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED TO HQ AND HQ SQ 1812th AACS GROUP

**Lt. Col.**  
John W. Ashley  
**Major**  
Leonard B. Scott

**Captains**  
Alford, Carl E.  
Boyd, Frederick  
Chedester, Bertran  
Crozier, Leslie T.  
Dauth, William R.  
Fenton, Donald C.  
Franklin, Talt A.  
Greenwood, Vernon B.

**1st Lts.**  
Barron, Thomas P.  
Bennett, Philip R.  
Buchanan, Elmer C.  
Campbell, Robert R.  
Davis, William C.  
Dennis, Gordon A.  
Detrick, John W.  
X Fasano, Antonio T.  
X French, Norman I.  
X Gaston, Elon M.  
X Holt, Emmett L.

**2nd Lts.**  
Campbell, Theron A.  
Todd, Ethiele G.

**WOJG**  
Nakashian, William G. Jr.

**M/Sgts.**  
Apple, Frank H.  
Brewer, Lovick R.  
Freeland, Lavere C.  
Jennings, Robert E.  
MacAlpine, William A.

**T/Sgts.**  
Bailey, Herman R.  
Caler, Rollin C.  
Gordon, Charles T.  
Grady, Jack W.  
Guynes, Charles M.  
Hale, Mearl D.  
Heer, Robert D.  
Kilian, Everett R.  
Lorimer, John A.

**S/Sgts.**  
Aldworth, Bernard M.  
Alford, James K.  
Anuszkiewicz, John L.  
Benoit, Francis E.  
X Borges, Douglas J.

Howard, Orland T.  
Preston, James E.  
Prull, William M.  
Raiford, David C.  
Roberts, William R.  
Rohloff, John F.  
Ware, William  
Whitley, John B.

Johnson, Donald E.  
Long, James M.  
Osborn, Allen Jr.  
Pine, Forrest S.  
Parker, Faust R.  
Rintoul, Thomas C. Jr.  
Thomas, Robert E.  
Tubre, Stephen E. Jr.  
Uszak, Frank J.  
Vaughn, Kenneth L.  
Whidden, Harold P. Jr.

Wade, Walter K.

**1st Sgt.**  
Erskine, Richard C.

**McFarland, Harold S.**  
McGaha, Gordon I.  
Parvin, Arthur P.  
Tippins, Craig A.  
VanMeter, Garland C.

**McCann, Clarence A.**  
X McClin, John H.  
Olona, Orlando R.  
Rasmussen, Kenneth L.  
Reynolds, William  
X Souliere, Joseph A. R.  
Wattersson, Cecil B.  
Whittaker, Bernard T.  
Williams, August L.

**Burgett, Charles R.**  
Clerihew, George R.  
Cloninger, Paul G.  
Davis, John E.  
Dickerson, David J.

Fleming, William C.  
Flynn, Jack C.  
Frankel, George  
Gorline, Horace I.  
X Gould, Donald R.  
Halcomb, Nash  
Hall, Monte Jr.  
Hardy, Raff C.  
Harrell, David C.  
X Hofelich, Alfons W.  
Jarrett, Grover C.  
LoPresto, Joseph A.  
Johnson, Robert E.

Bacas, Pete R.  
Bird DeVaughn  
Black, Thomas J.  
Clubb, Daniel D.  
X Cross, Merlin B.  
X Duncan, Richard D.  
Ermann, Gregory B.  
X Farlin, Nelson J.  
X Fleitz, Anson R.  
X Guyton, Ithel  
Hatbison, Claude G.  
Haverly, Jack P.  
Kennedy, Richard R.  
Lahue, Francis R.  
X Likin, Harry T. Jr.  
MacFarlane, Robert O.

Agent, Charles C.  
Baygents, Robert H.  
Beardsley Orin E.  
Binger, Robert L. G.  
Briant, Louis C. Jr.  
X Buckley, Thomas F.  
Cameron, William R.  
Chalin, Horace W. Jr.  
Collins, Michael J.  
Davis, James B.  
Dempsey, Wilbur C.  
Ellison, Milton D.  
Farnham, Ralph  
Filardo, Joseph D.  
Frederick, Robert D.  
Fuller, Marion A.  
Garrity, James R.  
Goble, James E.  
Harkleroad, Issac L.  
X Hartwig, Rodney C.  
Hoey, Dennis A.  
Kendrick, Ray D.

McCann, Robert E.  
Millard, John E.  
Miller, George  
Morgan, John G.  
Nomimay, Laurence M.  
O'Leary, John F.  
Olson, Sheldon W.  
Ramage, Norman J.  
Scott Willie M.  
Smalley, Forrest L.  
Tarlecki, John L.  
Wright, Clarence C.  
Yarina, Martin J.

**Sgts.**  
Mead, Robert U.  
Miller, Thomas  
X Morrissey, William E.  
Oravetz, Theophil M.  
Owens, Joseph F.  
Pancake, Lester K.  
X Ralston, James C.  
X Smith, Alton M.  
Townsend, Robert L.  
X VanDyne, James D.  
X West, William C.  
Williams, James R.  
X Williams, William D.  
Wilson, Louis C.  
Wingert, Thomas H.

**Cpls.**  
Landry, Earl F.  
Limbeck, Edward P.  
Lobbins, Donald W.  
X McGinnis, Bobbie J.  
McKinney, Raymond K.  
Nunze, Manuel P.  
X Ogden, Melvern F.  
Osborne, Elmer G.  
Osborn, Bruce B.  
Owens, Floyd S.  
Padgett, William E.  
Pierce, Elmer W.  
X Pilihos, Andrew A.  
Price, Lee R.  
X Rose, Paul J.  
Rappa, Pelligrino B.  
Rapsom, Lawrence T.  
Reams, David L.  
Reddington, Herbert B.  
Roberts, John L.  
X Rupe, Max E.  
X Sauer, Richard P.

Scarth, George L.  
Shipp, Wayne W.  
Slreckengost, Melford D.  
Sizemore, Orval J.  
Smook, Parker G.  
X Sottile, Carmelo D.  
Steen, Bobby G.

**X Babcock, Donald G.**  
Blaisdell, Charles F.  
Davis, Jack C.  
Fester, Wallace J.  
Garrison, Wilbur I.  
Greenwald, Gerald A.  
Heger, Daniel E.  
Jasper, Elmer E. Jr.  
Leitz, Robert G.  
Mobley, Robert K.

**Agullar, Raymond R.**  
Brown, Lambert J.  
Clarke, David R.  
Cobb, William T.  
Enfelt, William L.  
Ficke, Charles A.  
Findel, John A.  
Fisher, Bobby W.  
Folven Earl J.  
Foraker Gale G.  
Heubner, Fred J.  
Kanouse, Allan L.  
Knight, Ronald C.  
Kunitz, William G.  
X Lawrence, Robert M.

**Sgt. Latta, Charles W.**  
X Cpl. Fiske, Allison H.  
Sgt. King, Tommie R.  
S/Sgt. Herrell, Charles F.

Tate, Powell D.  
Washburn, Donald M.  
Wiesner, Thomas T.  
Wixom, Raymond D.  
Wofford, John B. Jr.  
X Wusterbarth, Leon W.  
Zoppo, Raphael

**Pics.**  
Nelson, Charles R.  
Redline, Carl O.  
Schucker, Ronald  
Swisher, John R.  
Towne, Robert G.  
Wade, William H.  
Walls, Howard L.  
York, James L.  
Zimmermann, Samuel C.

**Pvts.**  
Luquette, Richard L.  
McLaren, Arthur J.  
Medlin, Elwood O.  
Nassar, Sam F.  
Nicolf, Joseph J.  
Oliveira, Luiz  
Olson, Kemeth D.  
Perez, Roberto F.  
Person, Charles  
Pospieski, Raymond  
Schultz, Salomon I.  
Sexton, Richard L.  
Smith, William V.  
Woodington, Harold N.  
Young, Nathan Jr.

**ATCHD**  
Cpl. Atkinson, Hollis B.  
Cpl. Drew, William P.  
Cpl. Greek, John M.  
Cpl. Morin, Durward U.

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T/Sgt. Fred V. Hutson  
S/Sgt. Vernon A. Fox  
Cpl. Harold H. Hines

**Note: 'X' indicates that individuals were or are members of the AACS Alumni Association**

## Memories of Munich Riems Continued...



"Rock Field" - Munich Riems Airport 1949



MUNICH 1949 OLD GATE TAL & SANDL STR



Tom Buckley



Richard Duncan Tom Buckley Bill Morrissey  
3 of the AACs Alumni Associations Finest  
Skyways Club, Munich Riems, Germany 1949



Air Traffic Control School, Munich Germany, 1949

**WHAT YOU'ALL MISSED AT THE  
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**(ANNOUNCED AT COVINGTON, KENTUCKY. SEPTEMBER 30, 2006)**

### **AACCS HALL OF HONOR**

**The AACCS Alumni Association honored the following individuals for their outstanding support to the AACCS Alumni Association and for their superior performance and contributions to the Air Force.**

**Colonel Derrel Dempsey**

**(AF Hall of Fame – Class of 2006)**

**Chief Master Sergeant Walt McLain (USAF-Ret)**

**(AACCS Nominee for the AF Hall of Fame – Class of 2007)**

#### **AACCS Life Achievement Award**

**“Smitty” McClellan**

**Shirley Beachum**

**Mary Lou Brewer**

#### **AACCS “Thomas F. Buckley Service Award**

**Robert “Bob” Akard**

#### **Annual Recruiting Award**

**Jack Edwards (3rd Award)**

#### **AACCS Air Traffic Controller of the Year**

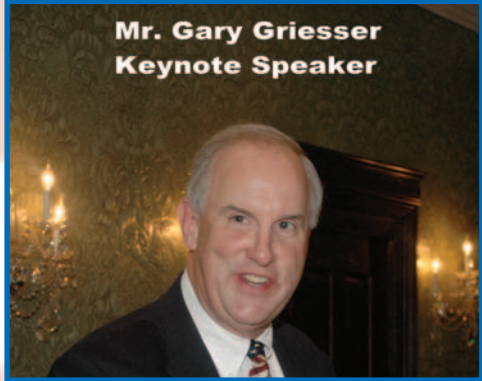
**SrA Joshua A. Matias (Air Mobility Command)**

#### **AACCS Communications/Information Professional of the Year**

**SSgt Jacob Flores (Hq Air Force Material Command)**













**POW/MIA CEREMONY  
Gen Prather & CMSgt Bethea**



**Col Anderson, Lt. Gen Peterson  
& SSGT Flores (Comm/Info Pro of the Year)**





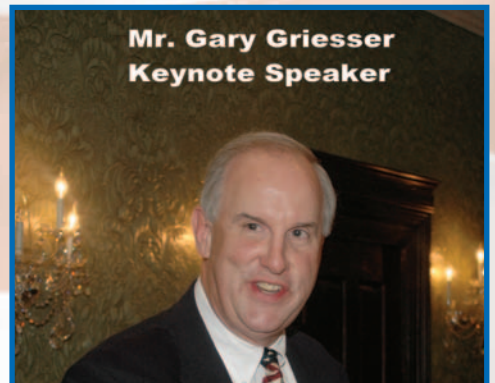
CMSgt Walt McLain, the 2007 AACS Nominee to the AF Comm/Info Hall of Fame being inducted into the AACS Hall of Honor



Bob Akard Accepting the Thomas F. Buckley Service Award

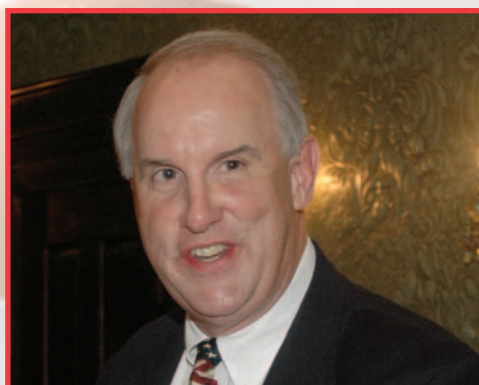


Col Dempsey, USAF-Ret, being inducted into the AACS Hall of Honor



Mr. Gary Griesser  
Keynote Speaker





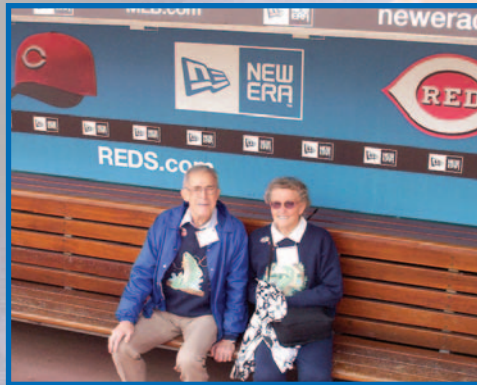


SSgt Jacob Flores  
Comm/Info Professional of the Year (2006)



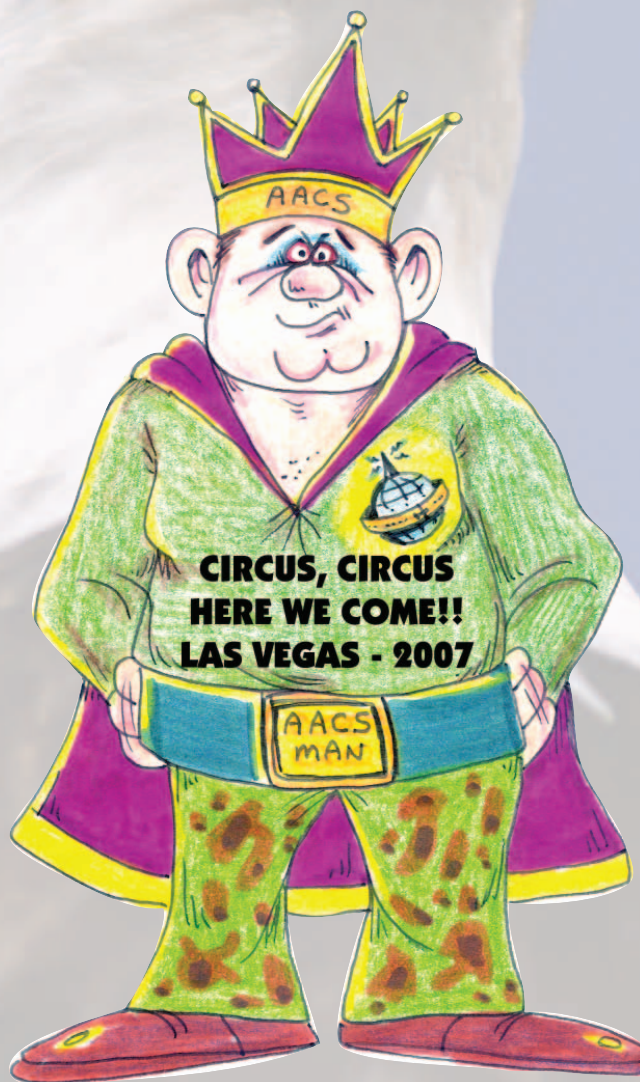








**Plan now for the 2007th AACCS  
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# Lest We Forget?





Stan Phillips

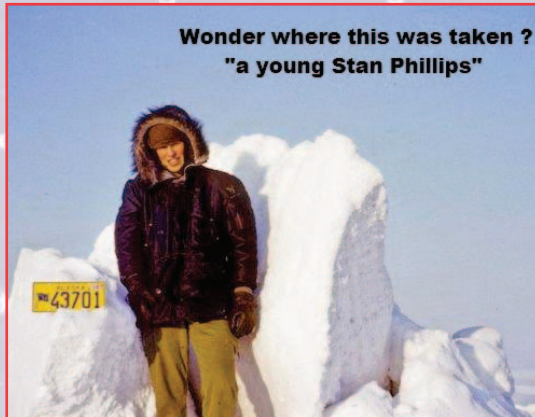
1995th AACCS Sq Honor Guard  
Eielson AFB, Alaska



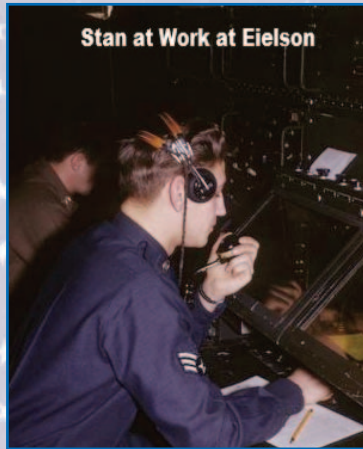
Stan on a Hop to Parks AFB, California



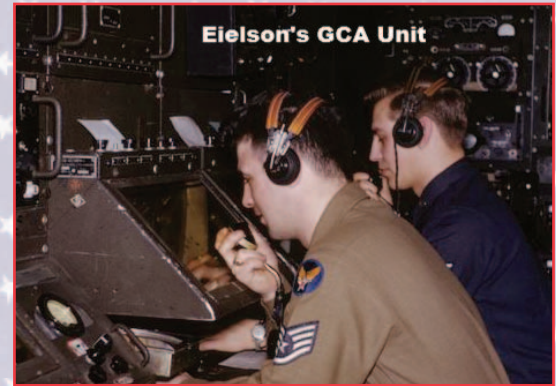
Eielson AFB Old Tower & Hanger



Wonder where this was taken ?  
"a young Stan Phillips"



Stan at Work at Eielson



Eielson's GCA Unit



"Memories of the North Country"

**Some  
"OLD MEMORIES"  
of Stan Phillips'  
Air Force Days  
in Alaska  
(1952-1954)**



## Do you understand what the flag draped coffin really means ?

**The following is how to understand the flag laid upon a coffin and how it is surrendered to so may survivors of a veteran's family.**

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?



Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.



The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.



The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.



The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.



The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."



The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.



The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."



And then as they hand the folded flag to the spouse or family member and say those words "from a grateful nation....." and the tears begin to flow..... 3/28/06 CG

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.



The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United! States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.



The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.



The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.



The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.



The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



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AAGESEN, ED  
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BEECHER, BERT  
BENNER, NOEL  
BENSON, SHERMAN  
BENSON, JOYCE  
BERNESKI, FRED  
BERNESKI, BETTY  
BERSBACH, JAMES  
BERSBACH, SALLY  
BETHEA, BILL  
BJURSTROM, ROBERT  
BJURSTROM, SUE  
BLOODWORTH, RICHARD  
BLOODWORTH, JOAN  
BRAND, CHARLES  
BRAND, LIV  
BUCKLEY, MONIKA  
BURG, JIM  
CAMP, LARRY  
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COON, HARLEY  
CASSATT, WILLIAM  
CHAPMAN, WALTER  
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CLARK, LEONARD  
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CLAYPOOL, ROSWELL  
CLAYPOOL, JANIE  
COLEMAN, JIMMY  
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COOPER, HAROLD  
COOPER, RUTH  
CORBIN, HAROLD  
CORBIN, GRACE  
CROOM, LT. GENERAL  
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DEMPSEY, DERREL  
DOERING, CHARLES

DOMAIN, FRANK  
DOMAIN, PAT  
DOMAIN, MALCOLM  
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DOYLE, CLAUDE  
DOYLE, FLOSSIE  
\*DUFFY, JOSEPH  
\*DUFFY, JAMES  
DUMONT, ALVIN  
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LANDOSKY, VIRGINIA  
DUNCAN, RICHARD  
DUNCAN, GERALDINE  
DUNKIN, BEN  
DUNKIN, MARY ANN  
MARPLE, DICK  
MARPLE, TAMMY  
DUNN, MARK  
EARL, GERALD  
EARL, ELIZABETH  
EASTLEYH, DOUG  
HOLLAND, ROSE  
EDWARDS, JACK

ELWELL, REX  
ELWELL, MARGARET  
ERNST, EMIL  
ERNST, CAROL  
FLAHERTY, JOHN  
LIND, MARJ  
FLORES, JACOB  
FLORES, TIFFANY  
REID, LARRY  
REID, SHERRY  
FRYE, RICHARD  
FRYE, PAT  
GABEL, STEPHEN  
GABEL, REBECA  
GALLANT, NORM  
GALLANT, PHYLLIS  
GILES, JIM  
GILES, LARRY  
GILLIS, RICHARD  
GIPSON, ERNIE  
EWISH, ELLIE  
GRIESSER,  
GUNN, DAVID  
GUNN, ELIZABETH

HAMM, LESTER  
HARPER, ROBERT  
HARPER, BRENDA  
HEARN, JOHN  
HEARN, MARGARET  
HEBNER, ROBERT  
HEBNER, ANN  
HENRY, BILL  
HENRY, SEARALLA  
HOUCK, WENDELL  
HOUCK, LANA  
HOWARD, RON  
HOWARD, DELIA  
HOWELL, ROBERT  
DAVIS, FRANCES  
HUDSON, JACK  
HUDSON, VERENA  
HUNT, JOHN  
HUNT, MILDRED  
HUNTER, MICHAEL  
JENSEN, OTTO  
JENSEN, INGE  
JOSKA, JAMES  
JOSKA, NINA  
KANIA, GILBERT  
KANIA, EILEEN  
KIRMES, VICTOR  
KLINE, DARWIN  
KLINE, DONALD4,  
KORYNTA, JAMES  
KORYNTA, MAI-LIN  
LANDRY, RUDOLPH  
LANDRY, VIRGINIA  
LAWRENCE, ROBERT  
MUSKOVIN, ROBERT  
LEE, AL  
FORDE, TERRY  
LOFCHIE, CLAIRE  
BAKER, GIGI  
MACE, KARL  
MACE, CLARA  
MAGINNIS, C.B.  
MALEC, BILL COL  
MARTIN, DELVIN  
MARTIN, JOAN  
MCCONNELL, GEORGE  
MCCONNELL, GWEN  
MCCONNELL, STANLEY  
MCCONNELL, PAT  
MCCRACKEN, WILBUR  
GERMAINE, MCCRACKEN  
MCDOW, ROBERT  
MCLAIN, WALTER

**MEISNER, GENE**  
**MEISNER, BARBARA**  
**METTE, CHARLES**  
**METTE, MARILYN**  
**METTE, DAVID**  
**MILLER, CHRISTOPHER**  
**MILLER, MARCELLA**  
**MOORE, DAVID**  
**MORABITO, DAN**  
**MORABITO, BARBARA**  
**MORGAN, CHARLES**  
**MORGAN, PATSY**  
**MORRISON, LARRY**  
**MOSLEY, WILLIAM**  
**MYERS, WILLIAM "BILL"**  
**NIEZGODA, JOSEPH**  
**NIEZGODA, BARBARA**  
**NOBREGA, KNOBBY**  
**NUZUM, PAUL**  
**NUZUM, BETTY J.**  
**O'GWYNN, SAM**  
**O'GWYNN, JUDY**  
**OWENS, RAYMOND**  
**OZMENT, CARL**  
**OZMENT, LORETTA**  
**PALAHUNICH, WILLIAM**  
**PARRISH, BOB**  
**PARRISH, ANNE**  
**PASTORE, DONALD**  
**PASTORE, VALERIE**  
**PENDERGRAFT, WILLIAM**  
**PENDERGRAFT, ILENE**  
**PETERSON LTG, MICHAEL**  
**PHILLIPS, DAVID**  
**PHILLIPS, DERYL**  
**PHILLIPS, STAN**  
**PHILLIPS, JO-ANN**  
**PICKERING, ROBERT**  
**PICKERING, IRENE**  
**PRATHER, GERALD MGEN**  
**REEVES, GEORGE**  
**REEVES, RUTH**  
**REID, RICK**  
**REID, MAGGIE**  
**ROMERO, SAN JUAN**  
**ROMERO, KATHLEEN**  
**RUTKOWSKI, EDWARD**  
**RUTKOWSKI, MILDRED**  
**SAGRAVES, UHL**  
**HART, IRMA**  
**SARE, WILLIAM**  
**SAUER, RICHARD**  
**SAUER, CAROL**  
**SCHUMAN, MAURICE**  
**SCHUMAN, JOAN**  
**SCIARRATTA, FELIX**  
**YATES, RUTH**

**SEEL, IRA**  
**SEEL, MARY ANN**  
**SHARPLESS, RAY**  
**\* SHARPLESS, SALLY**  
**SHERIDAN, GENE**  
**SHERIDAN, IRENE**  
**SNYDER, BOB**  
**SNYDER, P.A.**  
**SONNENBERG, GERALD**  
**SONNENBERT, BEN**  
**SPENCE, BOB**  
**SPENCE, MARTHA**  
**SPIVEY, EMERSON**  
**SPIVEY, OLIVE**  
**SRA MILLER, LEAH**  
**MILLER, MR**  
**ANDERSON, SYLVIA**  
**DAVIS, YOLONDA**  
**DAVIS, MR.**  
**STARRY, KENNETH**  
**STEELE, ROBERT COL**  
**\*STEWART, WILLIAM**  
**\*STEWART, DOREEN**  
**SWARTZ, HARIKD**  
**SWARTZ, CHRISTINE**  
**TAYLOR, CHUCK**  
**TAYLOR, BARBARA**  
**TAYLOR, THOMAS**  
**TAYLOR, CONNIE**  
**THEOBALD, ED**  
**TURNER, RALPH**  
**TWETD, SUSAN**  
**VAUGHN, JASPER**  
**VENABLE, CAL**  
**VENABLE, MARY**  
**VIGIL, MAX**  
**VILLA, GEORGE**  
**\*WALBORN, GEORGE**  
**WERTZ, JONITA**  
**WALLACE, JOHN**  
**WALLACE, JULIE**  
**\*WATSON, JOHN**  
**\*WATSON, CAROL**  
**WEBSTER, NEIL**  
**BLOCK, "RED"**  
**WILSON, RICHARD**  
**WILSON, WILMA**  
**WILTON, WILLIAM**  
**WILTON, JAMES**  
**WINTERS, RALPH**  
**WPAFB HONOR GUARD,**  
**YATES, BILL**  
**YATES, CATHY**  
**HOCQUARD, BUZZ**  
**HOCQUARD, FRAN**  
**YATES, GENE**

**YATES, GENE**  
**YATES, LEXI**  
**ZIRKELBACH, RICHARD**

\* Had to cancel.

## Convention/Reunion Winners

**\$500 Travel Drawing –**  
**Sherman Benson of Kenyon, Minn**

**\$250 Travel Drawing –**  
**Wallace DeBord of Pasco, WA**

**50/50 Drawing \$300 –**  
**Charles Brand of West Point, MS**

**50/50 Drawing \$200 –**  
**Jim Burg of York, PA**

**50/50 Drawing AF Emblem Wood Carving –**  
**Frank Delgado of Decatur, IL**

**50/50 Drawing AF Photo Album –**  
**Jim Bersbach of College Park, MD**

**Dick Frye retained the**  
**General Ivan Farman**  
**Golf Trophy**  
**for another year**



SECRET

by Auth of CG, AAF

23/4/45 Date Initials

ARMY AIR FORCES  
ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
HEADQUARTERS, 65TH ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM GROUP  
APO 887, U. S. ARMY

In Reply Refer to:  
AACS 200.6

23 April 1945

SUBJECT: Bronze Star for European Theater of Operations Ribbon--NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN

TO : All Concerned

1. Pursuant to authority contained in letter AG 200.6 OpGA, Headquarters, ETOUSA, 30 March 1945, the following individuals are authorized to wear the Bronze Service Star for NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN:

Rank	Name	ASN	Unit Assigned to During Campaign	Present Unit
Lt Col	Kluse, Kenneth W	0-441650	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
Major	Le Doux, Francis	0-440614	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Major	McDavitt, Victor P	0-902352	Hq, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
Capt	Camp, Lawrence R	0-571177	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Capt	Jenkins, Charles W	0-508957	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Capt	Jesse, George L	0-432780	Det D, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
Capt	Kniskern, Warren M	0-917545	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
Capt	Mirkin, Samuel M	0-239013	Hq, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
Capt	Frog, Louis G	0-478408	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
Capt	Witowski, Stan S	0-570835	Det E, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Beachell, Clarence R	0-583050	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Carragher, Ignatius E	0-1637651	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Gray, Larry M	0-1643608	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Green, Mary L	L-600193	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Hammond, Grattan Jr	0-583248	Det F, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Hill, Robert L	0-679875	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
1st Lt	Hilton, Garland B Jr	0-585580	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
1st Lt	Powers, John V	0-575938	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
1st Lt	Turner, Glen E	0-581297	Det E, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
1st Lt	Whiteside, Sammie L	L-802588	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
2nd Lt	Ellins, Moyer	0-1999379	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
2nd Lt	Ferrell, Curtis L	0-1999501	Det G, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
H Sgt	Conibear, Wilfred J	35304158	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
H Sgt	McCavin, Joseph J	6886108	Det A, 134th Sq	Transferred
H Sgt	Sovcik, Wenceslaus C	20948113	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
T Sgt	Daggott, Harry L	11029981	Det E, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
T Sgt	Gregg, Robert R	13029148	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
T Sgt	January, Harry	37179196	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
T Sgt	King, Earl A Jr	13002702	Det B, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
T Sgt	Nutt, Glellan C	14187971	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
T Sgt	Sostman, William E	37612250	Det D, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Alley, Harold F	14043730	Det I, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Baxter, Marvin A	33194669	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Bird, Robert T	32535814	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Brown, Hiram W	16156453	Det F, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Gilbert, Clarence E	18162914	Det I, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Gillon, Joseph P	39605663	Det E, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Laing, Harold E	19124781	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	McClure, Stewart E	32332449	Det K, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Quimby, Thomas	20757546	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Weaver, Joseph R	33347451	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
S Sgt	Wooten, William C Jr	14103234	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Barnott, James D	34378906	Det A, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Broide, Joseph	31134613	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Harc, Lloyd L	13066588	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Jones, John E	35686639	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Pecker, Sam	32978276	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Viridin, Frank A	33599404	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Sgt	Yollen, Harry	37419722	Hq, 65th Gp	Transferred
Cpl	Geisler, Stanley	32423003	Det D, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
Cpl	Harris, Franklin R	16041236	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Cpl	Humphries, Joseph K	36179539	Hq, 65th Gp	Hq, 65th Gp
Cpl	Jaffe, Paul S	34404403	Det E, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp
Cpl	Welsh, Guy B	13068049	Det E, 134th Sq	Hq, 65th Gp

FRANCIS LE DOUX  
Major, Air Corps  
Commanding

Dear Hank:

Please see AACS Special Order 200.6, dated 23 April 1945, issued by the 65th AACS Group. In April of 45 I visited a Holocaust Camp that Gen Eisenhower had under guard for his Generals to see. They let me go through. On my return to Paris, Dux Ledoux gave me a copy of the this Special Order, which authorized the Bronze Service Star Ribbon for the Northern France Campaign. Because of the horror I witnessed at the camp, I suffered some kind of Post Hypnotic Stress and erased the visit to the camp from my memory and the Special Order that I was given. Years later, my Grandson married into a Jewish Family and their discussions about their losses in the camp brought my visit all back, 61 years later. I found the Special Order in my 201 File and was shocked. I contacted some of the people I know who were on the order and not one of them knew about the order. I think the initial classification of SECRET was part of the problem. I contracted Bruce Hilton, Mary Green Gordon and Glenn Turner. There may be others on the Special Order who are members and do not know about it. Thanks much and I hope to make the 2006 AACS Convention/Reunion in Covington, KY.

Sincerely,  
LARRY CAMP,  
Founder, AACS Alumni Association



Our First Reunion, Columbus, Ohio 1977. The photo shows "Hack" Neil, our first Executive Director, the first Board of Directors. Mary Louise is on the far right.

**NOTICE:**

It is my sad duty to report the death of our first Executive Secretary and the publisher of the first AACS Newsletter, Mary Louise Gordon (wife of our own "Flash Gordon). Mary Louise was instrumental in helping to put in place the great Alumni Association we have today. We will all miss her.

Hank Sauer, Executive Director

NAMES OF AACCS MEN ABOARD THE HMS ROHNA ON NOV. 26, 1943.

Copied from the files of C. W. Finch, India, June, 1944, revised August, 1948. Copy of actual official list which Sgt. MacKinnon had in his pocket at the time of the sinking. Copied at Bizerte, North Africa by survivor C. W. Finch.

(Nogfe) According to the records there should have been a total of 120 men. 44 killed, 33 wounded and 43 escaped injury. Four men were said to have been unaccounted for... Four men... aboard the rescue ship "Pioneer." Perhaps those were the four listed above.

Anjeski, Elmer	Janizewski, F. S. (killed)	Prosky, Abe
Brayer, Mort	Hosteudo (killed)	Pittman, Herb
Black, John	Harney, Joe (killed)	Piezer, H. E. (killed)
Bohnet, L. H. (killed)	Heffernan, R. M. (killed)	Porter, Bob
Campbell, Art	Jackson, V. E. (killed)	Rosseau, John
Crease, E. D. (killed)	Kirkpatrick, R. J. (killed)	Reidy, Jim (killed)
Confer, Joe	Kellert, Frank	Russo (killed)
Crenshaw, Chas.	Kelly, Howard	Rund, Cliff
DiStefano, Bernie	Killian, Jeri	Rogers, John
Donnelly, Gerry	Kramer, Vernon	Rewkoski, Leo
Donovan, Ken	Kubik, John	Selmer (killed)
Dorothy, Louis	Lyle (killed)	Sprassio, J. T. (killed)
Dela Couce, Louis	Johnson, J. C. (killed)	Sturgess, C. J. (killed)
Disbrow, T. C. (killed)	Johnson, L. R. (killed)	Risley, Ted
Daniels (killed)	Lemon, D. (killed)	Sherman, Hyman
Efstis, John (killed)	Littman, Art (killed)	Streighty (killed)
Ferguson, Richard	Lang, A. R. (killed)	St John, Ron
Finch, Charles	Langless, R. (killed)	Stone, George
Finn, William J. (killed)	Lynch, Joe	Stricker, Gilbert
Furler, Walt	Lynn, E. R. (killed)	Silver, George
Fiorintino, Joe	Larrimore, W. L. (killed)	Stevens, Bob
Friedman, Sol	McCune, John	Seidell, Jerome
Firstman, Reubven	MacKinnon, Dale	Sofnosky, (It.) (killed)
Friend, A. T. (killed)	Micholizisk	Spector (It.)
Friedenright, H. (killed)	Mitchell, George	Swain (It.)
Falconer, W. H. (killed)	Minner, Paul	Caffrey, Ed. (It)
Furmark, A. E. (killed)	Michnofsky, tom	Tyner, T. O. (killed)
Fusco, D. L. (killed)	Moskiwitz, David	Wilkie
Filipchick, Joe (Sarge)	Morrisoff, William	Straty, George
Giannacopolous, John	Marks, Aber	Mikels, Bill
Gilbaupt, Ken	MacDermott, Bijll	Hill, J. T. (killed)
Coulette, Joe	Miller, Ervin	Pacillo, Sam
Goldberg, Robert	Michaels, Walter	Habib, R. (killed)
Greeley, Don	McClennon, John	Hauck, Leroy
Grimm, William	Middleton, Dan	Portelow, Bill
Greenberg, Robert	Monger, James	Hyman, Art
Gotto, Sam (killed)	Mayville, Ken	Parker, Dan ?
Hostvedt, John	Neilson, Don	Harris, Bennet
Hunter, Dana	Norrod, Bill, Nelson, Homer, (killed)	Norrid, John (killed)

**Bob Brewer and Gus Gikas were listed on another listing. Bob Brewer was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart Medal over 50 later for actions that day in 1943.**



## 1947th AACCS Sets New GCA Mark

### 30,000 th Landing Made Here

A new record for GCA (Ground Controlled Approach) landings here was hung up March 5 when Lt Col Donald Gould landed his C-47 to give the 1947th AACCS a total of 30,000 GCA runs, according to Maj Charles K. Swanson, commanding officer.

GCA operators for the record-breaking run were T Sgt Kenneth McDonald, T Sgt Frederick Ashbrook, and S Sgt Dudley L. Carson.

Other members of the 30,000th airplane crew were: Colonel P. S. Emerick, and Lt Col M. F. Carruthers, of USAFE.

It required just 14 months to the day for the local unit to amass another 10,000 runs to its record as on January 5, 1951, Lt Col R. B. Allison, USAFE, completed the 20,000 landing, according to WO Leonard P. Blake, operations officer.

Safety too has been the middle name of the 1947th AACCS during their three and a half years here as their "talkers" brought down thousands of local and transient aircraft safely that ranged all the way from the workhorse C-47 to the sleek, trans-atlantic C-97s of MATS. Not one accident mars the record of the unit, Mr. Blake claimed, and added that "if we can help it, there won't be one".

January and February total GCA landings were 731 and 857 respectively, and averaged about one landing per hour throughout the entire period. This total makes the 1947th the busiest GCA unit in the entire European theater, and is surpassed only by one other in the Pacific theater, as far as can be ascertained.

### 1947th Sq Sets GCA Record

For the second time since the end of the Berlin Airlift, the 1947th AACCS Sq, Wiesbaden Air Base, has hit a monthly mark of 1000 Ground Control Approach (GCA) landings, CWO Leonard T. Blake, GCA Officer, revealed.

According to AACCS officials, the 1947th, although the busiest in the two-continent AACCS Wing, was able to chalk this score up as another month of GCA landings without one mishap to mar their record.

GCA Operators for the 1000th approach were: S Sgt Charles J. McKivison, final controller, S Sgt Rudolph A. Landry, traffic director, and S Sgt Robert L. Franklin, elevation operator. All sirmen are members of the 1947th AACCS Sq.

Pilots of the C-47 making the final run were Capt Charles O. Caldwell and Lt Col Harvey N. Brown, both of USAFE.

During the Berlin Airlift one of the all time high records was maintained by members of the 1947th. Landings made during the last year found the 1947th leading the 19 other GCA Units stationed in EUCOM seven out of 12 months.

The 1000th GCA landing was made exactly 28 minutes before the March 31 deadline when tower operators brought a C-47 plane in on the final approach. The 1947th also established a monthly record of 1038 GCA landings in March 1950.

### 1947th AACCS Reaches 1000th GCA In April

Ground Controlled Approach at Wiesbaden Air Base does it again!

At 9:43 pm on April 30, the 1,000th Ground Controlled approach for the month of April was logged in. This makes the second month in a row that the 1947th AACCS Squadron has passed this high mark, an unprecedented accomplishment in the EUCOM

area of operations.

The pilots of the C-47 making the final run were Col Edgar Romberg and Col Ted Erb, both of USAFE. Aircraft directors during the run were A/2C Donald J. Ackerman, traffic director, T Sgt Fredrick W. Ashbrook, elevation tracker, and A/2C Jimmy C. Scoggins final controller. Also on duty in a standby status was S Sgt Wilbur Britton.

It was fitting that the GCA crew headed by T Sgt Ashbrook should accept the 1000th run. During April this group accounted for 333 air base runs; 90 more than their nearest rival crew.

Keeping in line with the policy that "practice makes perfect" seven student GCA operators assigned to the 1947th AACCS Sq participated in over 900 of the total of 1003 runs that were accomplished without a mishap.

The high record of runs maintained by GCA would not have been possible without the diligent work of S Sgt Bennie's maintenance crew. Their efforts are reflected in the fact that the unit had no out of commission time for this month.

**Doris Bjorkman's husband, the late Earle G. was proud of his service at Wiesbaden AB or Y-80 as it was called back then.**

**"Some more Photos from Chuck Finch in India 43-45  
 Chuck was also a survivor from the HMS Rohna sinking.**



Corie, Sudduth, Porter, Spencer  
 Owens, Finch, Firstman  
 Mike, our monkey



Porter, Weaver, Owens, Finch, Mitchell  
 Thomas, Doyle, Sangster



Porter, Mac & Red Cross girl



Mac, with Red Cross girl  
 ELEPHANT GUN



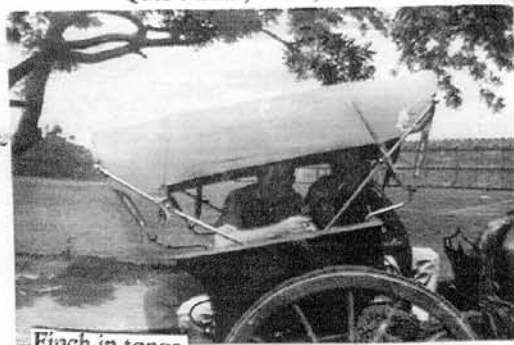
DiStefano, Bud  
 MacKinnon, Finch



Tomb near Delhi



Qutb Minar, Delhi, India



Finch in tonga



Bearer Lak Rom and Finch



Finch in tonga

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HEADQUARTERS 1946TH AACS SQUADRON  
APO 742-A, c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

**William Palahunich**

**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that all leaves, except for reenlistment, were frozen for personnel of the 1946th AACS Squadron and the 1947th AACS Squadron from 3 July 1948 until present date.

*Wilford Teel*  
WILFORD I TEEL  
1st Lt, USAF  
Personnel Officer



**Bill Palahunich was at Templehof during the lift and left in October 1948. Note that this Certification was signed by 1st Lt Wilford Teel, another AACS Alumni Member.**

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ПОДЛЕЖИТ ПУЧТА № 742-А  
17 October 1948  
/число/

СОДЕРЖИТ: Командировочное Предписание Frankfurt, Germany  
БЫЛО /ком/: **William Palahunich**

1. Вышеуказанное лицо American национальности,  
имеет разрешение на проезд в Frankfurt, Germany  
/название местности/  
returned Z of I или около этого времени

2. По прибытии в Frankfurt, Germany вышеуказанное  
лицо должно явиться в Бюро Посетителей при Военной администрации  
/США/ в Германии.

3. Разрешение на проезд дано согласно Гербуляра № 28,  
Главного Штаба Военных Сил США в Европе, от 1947г.

ПО ПРИБАВУ ПОДПОДСВЕДЕЛ ГИТЕРА:

OFFICIAL  
WILLIAM J SUGG  
CAPTAIN, USAF  
Adjutant

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Adjutant

**Bills Russian Orders to leave  
Berlin for Frankfurt, 17 Oct 48**





MCWHORTER, SNYDER AND VAN DYKE  
...they like NCO privileges.

## P M Dining Hall Provides 'Incentive' For Airmen

Dining Hall Eight set the pace for other Ramey dining halls this week as a reserved section was set aside for non-commissioned officers authorized to utilize the facility.

Headed by T/Sgt. S. D. Allsbrook, mess steward, and approved by Maj. Leonard C. Callaway, commander of Periodic Maintenance Squadron, the separated reserve section was established to create an incentive for lower grade airmen. Housed in the PM Squadron building, Barracks No. Eight, the Dining Hall also serves personnel of AACS Squadron and A&E Maint. Squadron.

As one young airman put it, "That's what I like about the Air Force, —One man is better than the other," is the attitude we are working for said Sergeant Allsbrook. "It'll give them something to work for, and enjoy after they have earned their way into the NCO ranks," he added.

Three AACS non-coms, S/Sgt. Chester L. McWhorter, T/Sgt. Robert L. Snyder and S/Sgt. James A. Van Dyke, were among the first to attend the inauguration capped with a chicken dinner with all the trimmings.

Although somewhat overtaken in surprise with the new set-up, they agreed "it certainly created a feeling of being special." According to Sergeant Van Dyke, it was in line with privileges NCOs should have and followed the pattern of training he received at Ramey's NCO Preparatory School several months ago.

However, some of the NCOs would like to be able to eat with their men, according to Capt. Ray R. Keith, Food Service officer.

Captain Keith announced that

all the Dining Halls are in the process of establishing "reserved sections" for non-coms. Although he hopes to have them within a month, he indicated a shortage of materials may cause a set-back in plans.

Sergeant Allsbrook's dining hall is to have partitions (portable) sometime next week. At the present, his reserved section is placed at one side of the dining room consisting of three double tables covered with white linen.

"The NCOs eat the same food, and are required to go through the line as airmen. The main difference is that they will be separated from lower grade airmen, and have mess attendants to replace silver, cups and so on," explained Sergeant Allsbrook. With additional equipment, he hopes to be able to serve coffee at the table, and perhaps complete table service in the future.

Progress was also marked in Dining Hall No. 11, as a partition was built to provide a separated eating place for prisoners. They enter the Air Police dining hall from a side door, and leave through the main entrance. M/Sgt. Martin D. Eischen also has mess attendants pick-up trays for the Air Policemen when they've finished their meals, a system long practiced in the NCO Dining Hall.

**This is a motivation story  
for young Airman to work  
hard and get to eat with  
the "big boys"**

SOLDIER'S PERMANENT PASS—CLASS A			
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL		ARMY SERIAL No	GRADE
Snyder Robert L		15242121	rvt
ORGANIZATION UNIT AND INSTALLATION		BIRTH DATE	HT WT HAIR EYES
Sq TQ-3 3705 AAF BU (TS)		5 Sep 29 150	Br Blu
DATE ISSUED		There are no prescribed restrictions on the range of travel authorized during the period covered by this pass except the requirement that the individual named herein be at his proper station when required to be present for duty.	
29 Nov 46			
OFF-DUTY HOURS		SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER	
NORMAL SPECIAL		[Signature]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
WD AGO FORM 1 APR 1946 8725-10-47018-1 705-80			
<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. This pass is good until revoked during normal off-duty hours. Normal off-duty hours are: Weekdays, between retreat and reveille; Weekends, from noon Saturday to reveille Monday; Legal Holidays, from retreat the day before to reveille the day after in mid-week, and consecutive with weekends.			
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. This pass is good until revoked during special off-duty hours because the holder is on duty during normal off-duty hours.			
3. Soldier will keep this pass in his possession at all times while outside his station boundaries.			
[Signature] Robert L. Snyder (SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER)			



**Thule, Greenland 1951-1952**  
**This man was a guide for**  
**Admiral Perry's expedition to**  
**the North Pole**

## **HUGH G. Fyffe**

**(Donates another carved UASF Plaque)**

**Hugh Fyffe, a retired GCA/Radar Supervisor has carved and painted small plaques with the USAF Seal. Hugh began this effort for the AACS Conventions/Reunions at Scottsdale, AZ and Overland Park, KS and did another one for the Covington, Kentucky convention/reunion in 2006. This 2006 plaque was part of the 50/50 drawings and Frank Delgado was the winner.**

**Hugh began his Air Force career in 1946 and attended AC&W Radar School in Boca Raton, FL, and then went to Oberwiesenfeld AB outside of Munich, Germany. He did a lot of traveling for the next four years, including supporting the Berlin Airlift. In 1951 he returned to the ZI and went to Mather AFB, CA where he was the GCA Maintenance Chief. He did not stay too long before he transferred to Paine AFB, Washington. In 1953 he was again reassigned and went to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, where he stayed for 3 years and was the GCA and special projects NCOIC. His next assignment was at Keesler as an Instructor.**

**He managed another overseas tour, this time to Tachikawa, Japan, where he was the GCA "O'haul" Shop Chief and Inspector. Then it was back to Keesler as the Work Center Supervisor for the ATC Operators school.**

**His walking shoes now brought him to the PACIFIC GEEIA Region where he was the Program Manager for all GCA Radar and Weather Facilities in the Pacific Area. He finally said enough of this traveling and retired in 1969.**

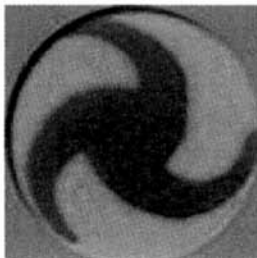
**Bob Akard and I as hosts for the 30th AACS Alumni Associations Convention/Reunion thank you for your continued effort to make our annual get-togethers successful.**

**Hank Sauer & Bob Akard  
Co-Hosts**



## Air Force History

**CWO Charles "Stoney" Stone, USAF-Ret, submitted a copy of the AF GHQ (Air Force General Headquarters) patch that was worn from 20 July 1937 until 19 March 1942, when what we now know as the "traditional" Army Air Corps Patch. This patch was worn by the actors who were in the recent movie "Pearl Harbor".**



AF GHQ

**Worn from:** 20 July 1937 - 19 March 1942.

Three impeller blades represent the three wings of the original Air Corps. The blades in motion symbolize speed, mobility, and flight. The headquarters was established on 1 March 1935 at Langley Field, Virginia.



### SOME LITTLE KNOWN HISTORY

For a period of approximately 6 months, March 13, 1946 until September 11, 1946, AACS was renamed "The Air Communications Service".



**Dear Hank:**

The photo of the old DF shack on page 55 of the June 2006 AACS Communicator, brought back lots of memories of my duties in Burma during WWII. This was one of the loneliness jobs in the World.

**Chuck Finch**



Chandler Evenson with a Crypto Room Thompson Sub-machine gun. Anechitka Island - 1947

**More AACS Twins**  
**Submitted by Richard a. Davis of Oxnard, California**

**Richard read the story about the AACS twins in the June 2006 AACS Communicator and wants to add two more twins. Charlie and Peter Skelly were from the Bronx, New York and were stationed at the Elaouina Air Base near Tunis, Tunisia from late 1943 until the end of the war. They were both Radio Operators. Sadly, both of the twins are now deceased.**



**Dear Mac:**

**I have always wondered how many USAF veterans can look back on their Military time as a springboard for future careers rather it military, federal or civilian related. I know my training in communications (comm centers and crypto operations) certainly set me up for a federal government career. Best thing I ever did. Made a good decision for a youngster I guess.**

**Always enjoy reading the AACS Communicator. Haven't seen many articles pertaining to the 1950th AACS Sq at Wheelus Field (Air Base) yet. As you probably are aware we had a rather large Squadron over there. In addition to air traffic control operations and maintenance, the Squadron also operated three comm centers. We had a base comm center, a base operations comm center and a comm center in the air to ground facility. In addition to that, the Squadron operated a major relay station. Libya was an interesting place to spend one's 19th and 20th birthdays. You might say I grew up there. I think most of us grew up in the in a hurry in the Air Force. When I arrived at Havre AFS, Montana in the 778th AC@W Squadron as an A/2C, I was told right away I was going to make A/1C and be the Airman-in-Charge of the Communications Center. How many 20 year olds in civilian life have that opportunity? I often wonder what my future would have been if I hadn't enlisted in the USAF. I guess there are many of us who share those thoughts.**

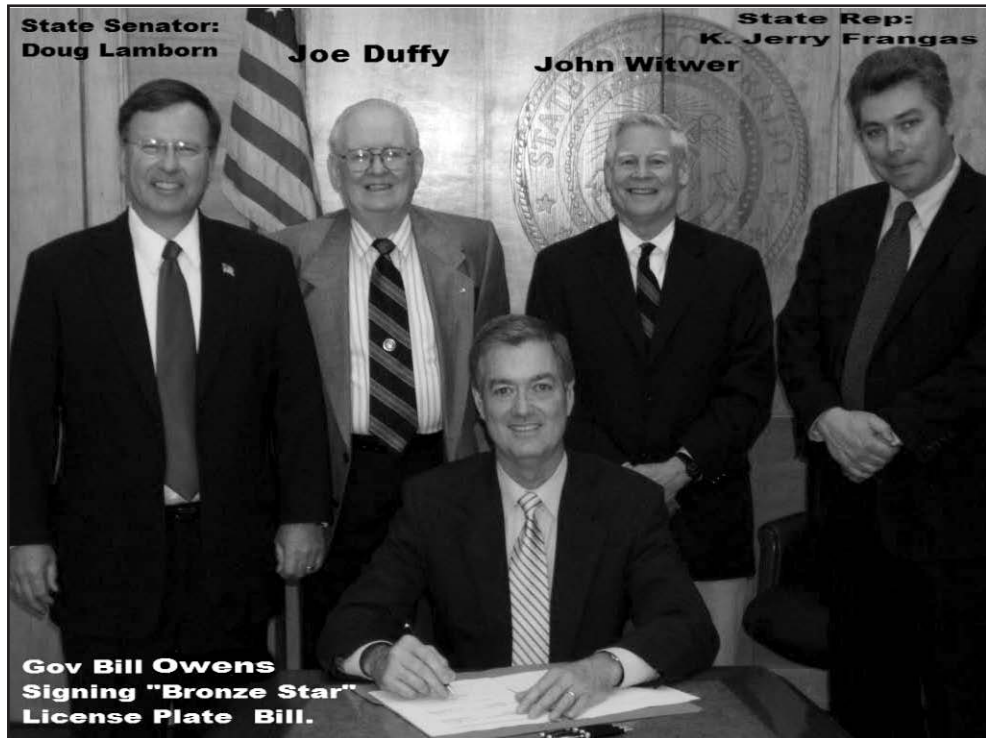
**Jim Muse**

**Editor's Note: Glad you enjoy the AACS Communicators. Reason we have not published a lot of articles on Wheelus or the 1950th AACS Sq, is because members who have served there have not submitted any photos or stories to me to publish. If you have some stories and photos, send them to me before the cut-off dates for the June and November issues of the AACS Communicator (April 1st and October 15th).**

**Hank Sauer**  
**Editor/Publisher**

## Colorado State License Plates for Bronze Star Awardees

**Joe Duffy, our Convention/Reunion Hospitality room team leader was instrumental in getting the State of Colorado to authorize "Bronze Star" License plates. Joe noticed a bill that was signed by the Governor, but the listing omitted the Bronze Star Medal. Joe contacted State Senator, Doug Lamborn of Colorado Springs to correct this oversight. Senator Lamborn coordinated with State Representative K. Jerry Frangas to get a bill passed. On June 5, 2006 Governor Bill Owens, signed the Bronze Star bill in his office in Denver, Colorado. Good work Joe.**



**Gov Bill Owens  
Signing "Bronze Star"  
License Plate Bill.**

## The Air Force Academy Spirit

Academy Spirit  
June 30, 2006

### Retired NCO lobbies for Bronze Star plate

By Butch Wehry  
Academy Spirit staff

A retired Air Force NCO who authored a bill for Colorado to issue Bronze Star license plates to medal holders saw Governor Bill Owens sign it in Denver June 5.

The other half of the battle seems to be getting the word out. The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth highest award an individual can receive for bravery, heroism or meritorious service.

There are tens of thousands of retired military people and active duty people in the area and thousands more throughout the state. Many Bronze Star

Medal holders are among them.

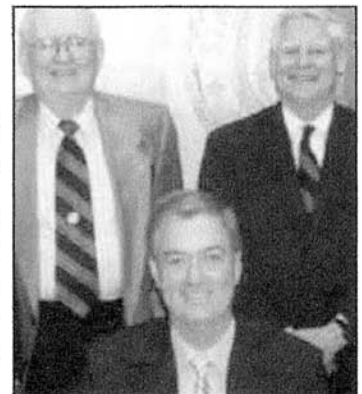
"Do you realize how many local retired military personnel visit local Air Force bases to use the base exchanges and commissaries just on a weekly basis?" said retired Air Force Master Sgt. Joe Duffy from his home in Colorado Springs. "We were able to recognize these particular veterans who are among the best of the best, for their combat performance during the many conflicts from World War II up to and including the present conflicts."

It was the same Joe Duffy, the retired communications NCO, who parlayed his skills from the Air Force to decades of service as a State

Department foreign service employee and communications professional, who stood near as the Colorado governor signed Senate Bill 028.

The man who has 43 years of government service, who is eligible for induction into the Air Force Communications and Information Hall of Fame until 2012, was shying away from any mention of himself for weeks after the bill was signed.

I want this information passed on to our Bronze Star Medal Colorado veterans," said the Vietnam veteran who retired from government service in 1997. "It isn't about me. It is about the news I am passing on."



Courtesy Photo

**Bronze Star License Plate Bill author, retired Air Force Master Sgt. Joseph Duffy (left) and Colorado Benefits Management Director John Witwer attend Governor Bill Owens signing the bill in Denver earlier this month.**



## REMEMBERING WINDELL W. BOWMAN

W. T. McElfresh

In the early days when money was tight in the Army Air Corps and when AACS first came into being in the 2nd Region, Wendell W. Bowman was the first Regional Control Officer. He was a graduate of West Point, played quarterback on the football team, and after flight training and the required flying time became a Command Pilot, and in this enlisted man's opinion, a damn good one. He was highly respected as an Officer by all of us who knew him. His dedication and straight forward approach to the men under his command was without question.

How many of you personally remember the B10 and B18? As Regional Control Officer, 1st Lt Bowman set about getting some perks for the enlisted communicators and controllers, flying pay being one of the first. Bowman was usually at the controls.

One incident involved the B10. We were approaching landing and Bowman pointed down to the crystal clear water and there in the brilliant sunshine under the surface was a perfect outline of a B10, which had obviously undershot the runway. This was the airplane used in the 1934 flight to Alaska. It was led by "Hap" Arnold and according to Louis Shores book on, "Highways in the Sky," Harold McClelland, Wally Smith, Ivan Farman and Walter Berg were major participants.

Another occasion involved the B18. We were approaching the old Pittsburg airport runway which has a solid wall to clear for the runway. A Major had signed on as co-pilot to get in his flying time. I filled in as radio operator. I saw Bowman reach across and grab the gear control. Some pointed words were had by a 1st Lt to a Major, after we got out of the airplane.

In the late 1930's as I recall it, Haskell E (Hack) Neal was a buck Sgt. at Pope Field, N.C. Pope Field was a member station on the Eastern Seaboard Air Alert Net as was Langley Field, Va., where we were stationed. This net of stations became the AACS 2nd Region.

In early February of 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor orders were issued for AACS personnel to proceed to Washington, D. C. to form the 13 Army Airways Communications Squadron for the purpose of relieving Pan American Airways (Communications) in Africa. Wendell W. Bowman had risen to the rank of Colonel and was the Commanding Officer. Haskell E. (Hack) Neal was commissioned in Washington and rose to the Rank of Lt Col. in Africa. He succeeded Col Wendell W. Bowman as Commander of the 13th. Bowman returned to the states to Hq's AACS in Ashville, N.C.

After having served as Station Chief of five different stations in Africa followed by one in the US, I was discharged and regretfully my association with Wendell W. Bowman came to an end.


**Bill McElfresh remembers one of our AACS Early Leaders, including Hack Neal, who was the 1st AACS Executive Director**

**Some of Bill McElfresh's Memories**

ENLISTED MAN'S TEMPORARY PASS  
 McElfresh, Wm T. M Sgt 6894781  
 (Name) (Grade) (Army serial No.)  
 101st AACS Sq Long Beach AAFld, Calif  
 (Organization) (Station)  
 is authorized to be absent—  
 From 0600 17 April To 0600 20 Apr 45  
 To visit: Wife  
 Signed: *John H. DeGraaf* Det. Commanding officer.  
 W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 7, 8 June 1943 (OVER)  
 \*This form supersedes W. D. A. G. O. Form No. 7, 8 September 1942, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

PERMANENT PASS 111th AACS Sq  
 Headquarters Squadron, Marrakech F. M.  
 M Sgt William T McElfresh ASN 6894781  
 of this Organization has the required permission of the proper authorities to be absent from his regular duties with the Squadron till 0030 hours.  
 Signed: *Ralph J. Streater*  
 RALPH J STREATER  
 1st Lt., Air Corps GEORGE R. MORRIS  
 Det Comdr Captain, Air Corps  
 Officer in Charge of Troop

Det. 13th Communications Sq.  
 RUFISQUE AIRPORT  
 CLASS B PASS  
 W/Sgt. William T. McElfresh has permission 6894781 to be absent from Rafisque Airport while in possession of this pass under conditions determined by the Commanding Officer  
*Harold E. Lander*  
 Capt. A.C.

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY TO WEAR AAF DISTINCTIVE SLEEVE PATCH  
  
 McElfresh, William T. M Sgt 6984781  
 NAME RANK ASN  
 IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE Communications DISTINCTIVE SLEEVE PATCH AS SHOWN ABOVE  
 EM IS RATED IN MOS 742  
*Shaymar*  
 CLASSIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT OFFICER

4925 COLLINS AVE.  
 MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA  
 Mgt. W. T. McElfresh  
 Patricia Hotel  
 Local Address  
 From JAN. 7 to JAN. 28  
 FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS  
 A.A.F.R.S. No. 2  
 PRESENT CARD  
*W. D. Lander A.C.*

A.P.O. 621-1 ARMY EXCHANGE  
 This ration card entitles  
 McElfresh, William T. M/Sgt. 6894781  
 (Name) (Rank) (ASN)  
 to purchase bottle beer for the month of  
 NOV 1944  
 Issued by *Shaymar*  
 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

ARMY AIR FORCES  
 ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM  
 51st AACS GROUP  
 SPEED KEY CERTIFICATE  
 This is to certify that N. T. McElfresh ASN 6894781 ASN 542 is qualified to operate the speed key (Semi-Automatic Telegraph Key) in accordance with the provisions set forth in AACS Memo 50-2.  
*W. D. Lander*  
 Date 1 APR 45  
 W. D. Lander  
 Commanding

**WWII Memories of  
MSgt Thomas B. Ulam (Retired)**

**SSgt Thomas B. Ulam was assigned to Belem, Brazil shortly after VE day. He traveled to Brazil in a B-17 as a Radio Mechanic. When he was in Belem, he served with the 156<sup>th</sup> AACS Sq (74<sup>th</sup> AACS Group) as the NCOIC of the Instrument Approach Landing System, during the "Green Project"**

**Tom**



**Belem Control Tower  
1945-1946**



**Could this be "Tom" ???**

## Yom Kippur in Greenland – 1946 Narsarsvaak AB – Thule Remote Outpost

Chaplain Romm is leading the Service. Lenny Ruderman of Yonkers, New York is sitting in the front row closest to the Chaplain. Lt. Mel Lang is sitting in the front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> seat from the left. Lenny wrote a song called "Spanish Waters" with the fellow sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left in the back row. However, Lenny can't remember his name or the others in the photo below.

**Leonard Ruderman**  
**90 Crisfield St**  
**Yonkers, NY 10710-1232**



# New Members Report since the June 2006 AACCS Communicator

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	SPOUSES NAME	HAM/CALL & EMAIL	UNIT & COMMAND FOR	Dates IN AF	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
AINES	08-HOWARD	B	DOROTHY		631AC&W 530AC&W GP	42-53	516 ROLLING HILLS LANE	DANVILLE	PA	94256-6228
ALLING	LM-WILLIAM	R		allingb@mindspring.com	1245CS 1978-1CS AACCS	57-61	PO BOX 1927	SPARKS	NV	89432-1927
ANDERSON	08-JAMES	C		ezjca@earthlink.net	600SS 360SS	86-	12 CHETAY LN	CABOT	AR	72023
AUSTIN	07-CHARLES		COLLEEN		AACS AFCS	46-70	221 BYRD DRIVE	MIDWEST CITY	OK	73110
BELL	07-B. ALAN		PAT		1974CS 1998CS AFCS	61-69	13648 S. LOCUST ST	OLATHE	KS	66062-1920
BENZEL	07-JOHN	H	MARILYN		2166CS 2017CS AFCS	66-70	47770 NORTH AVE	MACOMB	MI	48042
BLANTON JR	LM-WILLIAM	I	SHIRLEY		AACS AFCS	50-78	9513 MONTCLAIRE DRIVE	MIDWEST CITY	OK	73130
BRANTLEY	08-BRUCE	B		kghuh_bianton.s@sbcglobal.net	1230CS AACCS	55-59	5807 CALLOWHILL ST	PITTSBURGH	PA	15206-1631
BRAUN	LM-DOROTHY	O		bkingbee007@aol.com	AACS AFCS	56-75	4777 HAWAIIA WAY	KELSEYVILLE	CA	95451-9549
CANNON	08-RAYMOND	E		dorothy.braun@mchsi.com	1967CS 5MOB AFCS SAC	60-80	10245 174TH AVE SE	RENTON	WA	98059
CARMACK	08-LANCE	A	PAM		314CS SAC USSTRATCOM	88-	22 CONFEDERATE DRIVE	CABOT	AR	72023
CHIVERS	08-FLYNN		GAYTHA		1973CS 2111CS AACCS	52-56	724 COUNTY RD	RINGWOOD	OK	73768
CHRISTENSEN	LM-JOHN	J	KATHLEEN		1931CG HQSCA AFCS AFCC	62-72	13520 CHERRY TREE CIRCLE	HAGERSTOWN	MD	21742-2834
CIRENZA	07-ANTHONY		BEATRICE		AACS AFCS MATS	41-65	201 VILLA DRIVE	MASSAPEQUA	NY	11758
COLLIER	FRANK	B	JOAN		2028CS AACCS	52-57	114 WILLIAM DRIVE	BROWNSBURG	IN	46112-1549
DICKINSON	07-FRED	A	SALLY		1950SQ 2045SQ AACCS	53-56	2774 DUNKIRK DRIVE	SAGINAW	MI	48603-3136
DORAN	07-FRANCIS	F	LIBBY		5th WG AACCS	44-48	14610 GLEN COVE DRIVE # 201	FT MYERS	FL	33919-7446
DOYLE	07-RICHARD	F	RITZY		1911SQ 1804WG AACCS	52-56	17854 LYONS ST	FOREST LAKE	MN	55025
DUFEK	08-MARTY		JACKIE		314 OSS/OSA	92-	248 SE 23RD	MOORE	OK	73160
EDMONDS	07-LGEN ALBERTJ				2083CS PCA AFCS AFCC	64-97	6508 BURKE WOODS DRIVE	BURKE	VA	22015
EVANS	LM-FRANK	S	FLORENCE		AFCS DCA	43-75	8908 86TH AVE NW	GIG HARBOR	WA	98332-6753
EXSTEIN	LM-LOUIS	H		csxtein@verizon.net	112SQ AACCS	42-53	86 GREENWAY TERRACE	FOREST HILLS	NY	11375
FOLSOM	08-DANIELLE	D		meow72076@yahoo.com	314CS AFCC AMC	90-	808 HAPSBURG ST	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72078
FREDETTE	LM-RENE	J	LORI		1237CS AACCS	55-64	11478 BRONZEDALE DRIVE	OAKTON	VA	22124
GARCIA	LM-ROBERT		BARBARA		2163CS 1876 CS	66-69	2217 LOUISIANA AVE	DEER PARK	TX	77536
GILREATH	LM-MELVIN		SHARON		1983SQ AACCS	54-69	5508 AMHERST ST	LUBBOCK	TX	79418
GREENWOOD	08-JOHN	H	MILDRED		3706AAAFBU	44-46	2 WESTFIELD DRIVE	NEWTOWN	PA	18940-3304
GRISHAM	08-DON	A	IRIS		1955CS AACCS	48-52	201 ALPINE STREET	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913-5225
HENDERSON	08-REV. DONALD	F	MARY LEE		2MOB CG DET2 AACCS	58-80	PO BOX 1	CASSVILLE	PA	16623-0001
HENDRICKS	08-RICHARD	W		dickatamaha@cox.net	DET 1 1911CS AACCS	52-61	3730 SQ 91ST ST	OMAHA	NE	68124-3807
HENRY	07-JAMES	W	SEARALLA		1962CS AACCS	48-68	508 GAZELLE TRAIL	HARKER HEIGHTS	TX	76548-5646
HOLE	LM-WILLIAM	W	MARY		AACS AFCS	48-76	2 REDBUD LANE	KIMBERLING CITY	MO	65886
HOOPER	"BILL" 08-NORBERT	R	VIRGINIA		1946SQ 1948SQ AACCS AFCS	48-70	103 HICKORY BEND DRIVE	WARNER ROBINS	GA	31088-6608
HORVATH	"BOB" 07-JAMES				1938SQ 1237SQ AACCS	54-64	139 LYNNE STREET	GROVER BEACH	CA	93433
HUBBARD	LM-JACKIE	L	MARY		1885I&M 1885E&I AACCS	54-59	211 FRONTIER DRIVE	JACKSON	CA	95642-2811
HUBBS JR	07-MAC	V	CHRISTINE		AACS	51-59	535 SHERWOOD FOREST BV	BATON ROUGE	LA	70815-5134
HUNEYCUTT	08-C. MARC		JUDY		223/240 CBCS AFCC AFCS	73-	209 GRANDVIEW DRIVE	HOT SPRINGS	AR	71913
ITEN	LM-RICHARD	P		dickiten@mac.com	AFCS AFCC	64-90	1766 COTTONWOOD CIRCLE	ST CLOUD	MN	56303
KEANY	08-EDWARD	P	LINDA		2064CS 1972CS AFCS	66-71	6 BLUE HILL RD	MIDDLETOWN	CT	06457-5001
KELLNER	07-MARTIN	J	MARGARET		2044CS 452CS AACCS AFCS	48-65	328 OLD BRIDGE ROAD	ROARING RIVER	NC	28669-9318
KIERS	08-FRANCIS	W	LINDA		2179CS 1982CS 1949CS AFCS	65-68	7010 LOUISE TERRACE	BROOKLYN	NY	11209

KURZENKNABE	08-GLENN	R	BARBARA	K35WZ	BGKURZ@COMCAST.NET	271MOB SQ PA NG AFCS	66-73	23 CARRIAGE ROAD	NEW CUMBERLAND	PA	17070-2302
LANIER	07-ROBERT (BOB)			bobi58@adelphia.net		2130CS 2045CG AFCS AFCC	76-81	21405 STURMAN PL	ASHBURN	VA	20148
LEFTWICH	08-LEWIS	C	ALYCE	lleft@sbcglobal.net		128SQ AACCS	43-46	6620 FIREFLAME DRIVE	DALLAS	TX	75248
LOCKLAIR	07-JOHN	A		lockvjck@comcast.net		1882CS 1928CG AFCS	68-79	467 EAST DRIVE	OAK RIDGE	TN	37830
MARTIN JR	LM-ALEXANDER	M		lexgoblu@aol.com		145SQ AACCS	44-46	10744-C PARK VILLAGE PL	DALLAS	TX	75230-3910
MC QUINN	LM-JAMES	R	JOYCE	jrm001@msn.com		2038CS AACCS	56-60	PO BOX 2232	WENATCHEE	WA	98801-2232
MEACHAM	07-ROBERT	L	DIANE	meisnerj@aol.com		1807WG AACCS	51-55	1916 NEWFOUNDLAND DRIVE	LAFAYETTE	IN	47909
MEISNER	07-EUGENE	J	BARB			1804CG AACCS AFCS	48-71	158 TICE LANE	LEBANON	PA	17042-9091
MELLO	08-FRANK	R	MARILYN			1994SQ 132DET AACCS	54-57	254 WELLINGTON DRIVE	LACONIA	NH	03248-1312
MERKEL	08-GARY	A	CHARLOTTE	gamerkel@wimberley-tx.com		2080RRS 1944CS AFCS	62-66	39 DEER RIDGE ROAD	WIMBERLEY	TX	78676
MOORE	LM-DAVID	G	ANN			2005CS 1876CS AACCS AFCS AFCC	57-80	5002 STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN	SHERWOOD	AR	72120
MURPHY	07-GEORGE	R	MARY	raylib01@wmconnect.com		AACS AFCS	46-70	2504 W. 26TH ST.	PANAMA CITY	FL	32405-2101
NELSON	LM-LYLE	A	RUTHW60FF	<a href="mailto:nelsonw6@earthlink.net">nelsonw6@earthlink.net</a>		CONTINENTAL U.S.	41-68	1863 ASH CT	NORTH BEND	OR	97459
PANTALOS	JAMES	G	MARY			15AF 55WG 485BGP	42-45	2819 E. DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD # 601	COLUMBUS	OH	43231
PECK	07-ALBERT		PHYLLIS	alphypeck@webtv.net		147SQ AACCS	43-46	54 N. CHURCH # 21	FAIRHOPE	AL	36532-2438
PRINCIPI	08-RYAN	C	WHITNEY			314CS AMC	95-	1719 POLK	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72207
RATLIFF	08-PAUL	R		paul.ratliff@ky.gov		AFCC	82-85	723 TIMOTHY DRIVE	FRANKFORT	KY	40601
RICHARDSON	LM-HARVEY	T	NANCY			1903-4CS AACCS	52-56	2377 PETERSBURG ROAD	HEBRON	KY	41048-9557
ROGERS	DORSEY	R	PEARL	dorsey34453@earthlink.net		139SQ 108SQ AACCS	52-56	770 S. SNAPP AVE	INVERNESS	FL	34453
ROGERS	08-DONALD	A	MYRNA	don.rogers37@verizon.net		2180CS 2183CS AFCS AFCC	55-79	118 STARBOARD CIRCLE	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	23602-6210
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**Some Photos of the CBI (China & India)  
128th and 158th AACs Units**

The following photos were submitted to us by Neville Kerr, a Royal Australian Air Force Navigator, whose Father-in-Law recently passed away. Richard P. Bireline, served in AACs units in the CBI during WWII and left as a Captain. He was 92. Some of the photo's had names and/or locations, most did not. With the number of old China and India hands we have, maybe some of you are in the photo's or know some who are. Neville as asked me to send the originals to the AFCA/History Office at Scott, where they will archive them to help document the AACs service in the CBI during WWII.



# Personnel of Station 251, 128th AACCS Sq 29 September 1944



PERSONNEL OF AACCS STATION NO. 251, 128TH AACCS SQUADRON, 29 SEPTEMBER 1944.

FRONT ROW SEATED:  
(LEFT TO RIGHT)

Cpl. S.P. Smock  
S/Sgt. G.V. Waters  
Sgt. M.D. Wilcox  
S/Sgt. J. Trantolo  
Cpl. E.J. Walls  
Cpl. G.A. Virden  
Pvt. N.E. Shook

SECOND ROW SEATED:  
(LEFT TO RIGHT)

Pvt. F.C. Thaxton  
Pvt. J.R. Sileox  
Cpl. F.E. Bray  
S/Sgt. T.G. Karbowski  
Capt. H.D. McKechnie  
1st Lt M.L. Del Sesto  
2nd Lt H.O. Peterson  
2nd Lt W.J. Cline  
M/Sgt. W.B. Farmer  
Sgt. R.A. Bunton  
Cpl. J.H. Cordell  
Pfc. H.E. Burkett

THIRD ROW STANDING:  
(LEFT TO RIGHT)

Cpl. M. Stier  
Sgt. J. Connor  
S/Sgt. E.I. Shapiro  
T/Sgt. E.A. Seaman  
Cpl. O.S. Knight  
Cpl. J.G. Povondo  
S/Sgt. J.G. Harrison  
S/Sgt. T.J. Whalen  
S/Sgt. H.D. Delony  
Cpl. E.E. Weiss  
Sgt. J.I. Lenard  
Cpl. F.A. Tomac  
Pfc. J.H. Panariello  
Sgt. J.S. Frost  
Pfc. A.H. Polchowski

BACK ROW STANDING:  
(LEFT TO RIGHT)

Sgt. B.W. Morse  
Sgt. L.H. Dille  
Sgt. D.C. Kinchloe  
S/Sgt. E.S. Price  
T/Sgt. R.B. Lange  
S/Sgt. C.W. McConnell  
Pfc. P.C. Jackson  
T/Sgt. J.R.E. Snow  
Sgt. J.J. Keyes  
Cpl. W.L. Knight  
Pfc. J.U. Green  
T/Sgt. W.W. Williamson  
Sgt. R.B. Cunningham  
Cpl. E. M. Valencia

PERSONNEL NOT SHOWN:

S/Sgt. E.R. Appel  
T/Sgt. S.H. Bristow  
S/Sgt. J.R. Carnahan  
S/Sgt. F.S. Chapman  
S/Sgt. L.J. Considine  
Sgt. A.P. Hauge  
Cpl. L.M. Petit  
T/Sgt. J.W. Roth  
Sgt. H.S. Streitfeld  
S/Sgt. J.S. Yates

## From the "Archives" of Duke Snyder

Saturday, September 13, 1952

THE AIRLINER

### MATS Meets the Challenge of an Airlift t



Aerial view of typical rugged terrain encountered by MATS crews flying the Arctic run known as "Blue Jay. Hundreds of miles of similar key wasteland lies between stations on the 2800-statute-mile route to Thule, Greenland.

(Continued from Page 1)  
 Already military experts are giving Blue Jay equal billing with other hitherto "greatest airlifts" the supply of Berlin and the current lifeline to the Far East. Results of the MATS airlift are reflected in many telling ways—in the morale of workers and base personnel as they hail the regular arrival of mail and critical supplies through this one consistent contact with the outside world—in the very progress of the work at hand. Construction experts have estimated that without benefit of airlift, completion of the base would have been seriously hampered, perhaps delayed as much as a year. The route from Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts to Thule passes over some of the most perilous territory in the world. Magnetic compasses are virtually worthless because of the proximity of the magnetic North Pole. Navigation facilities, until

they were improved late in the Blue Jay operation, were meager and unreliable. The land is mountainous, rugged, and for thousands of miles at a stretch uninhabited. But with ingenuity born of necessity, MATS flight crews, particularly the navigators, forged the aerial paths with "Grid" navigation until the flights were considered routine. The Blue Jay route to Thule was opened in April 1951 after two survey flights to study enroute facilities and possible stopping points. At first the airlift was assigned to one transport outfit with eight Douglas C-54 Skymasters. This was the 20th (then 1257th) Air Transport Sq. commanded by Lt. Col. (then Major) Frederick L. Smith of Wrennah, N. J.



7 June 1947 - Sgt's Sammy Ybarra & Bob "Duke" Snyder on board a boat to visit Corregidor, P.I. and the Malinta Tunnel. Gen MacArthur's Hq



Eight a.m. in the MATS liaison office at Thule Air Base, Greenland, means a 12-hour rest for Lt. Burchell and T/Sgt. Jones (pair at right)—a 12-hour duty shift for T/Sgt. Reid and Capt. Layden. Senior MATS office Captain Mokler was away on assignment at the time of The AIRLINER field visit.



Symbols of the good teamwork that exists between operations and MATS liaison, Capt. Herbert S. Layden (left) and base operations officer, Capt. J. K. Greene, watch an Atlantic Division plane land at this northernmost station on the MATS globe-girdling route system.



Eskimo girls and the nearby village pose for the camera in their native dress. But hold up—didn't that sign say "off limits?"

### Notice to all Veterans "Salute or Hand over Heart ?"

"GOD BLESS AMERICA-IN GOD WE TRUST"

Subject: Saluting by Veterans

Following is a letter which a good friend, Ret' d Army MG Vern Lewis, asked me to pass on to my associates. I think he has a great idea, and if you agree, hope you will pass it on to your retired mil contacts.

I gathered some 16 of my old military friends who agreed to sponsor a movement for Veterans to salute rather than place their hands over their heart when honoring the flag, fallen comrades, and/or the country. I have some from each of the four principal services. Three of them were former Vice Chiefs or Assistant Commandants of their services, and several were former CINC'S.

We refer to saluting when we do the pledge to the flag, when the National Colors pass or are presented, when the National Anthem or honors are played, or when taps are played and firing squads or guns render honors. We got MOAA magazine to ask veterans what they preferred, hand over the heart or saluting. When last I looked, some 583 veteran respondents had voted 81% in favor of the salute. In addition, my email address was in the questionnaire and I've had about 150 responses, with all but a dozen or so in favor of the salute. Obviously an overwhelming majority of the veterans want to salute.

There are no regulations telling us veterans what we can and can't do in this matter. If we decide we want to salute, who will dare to tell us "no"?

It is a matter of personal choice. We've earned the right to render a salute. Now the challenge is to get the word out. I believe the unit and branch associations are the best way. The commanders of the American Legion and VFW never answered my emails, presuming they even got them. If we can get this started it will take on a life of its own. Those who object can continue the hand over the heart thing. Gradually the custom will change, as well it should.

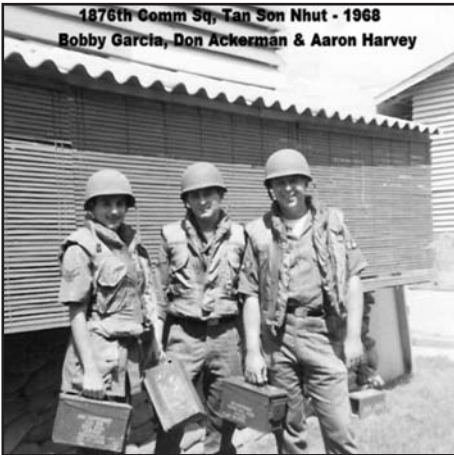
Just imagine thousands of fans saluting at NFL, MBA, and Major League Baseball games when the National Anthem is played. It will telegraph a message to all others of how many have served this country in the Armed Forces---it will be a positive and patriotic message.

You can help by putting the word out in your organizations, which are made up of patriots like you and me. Thanks, my friend.



### Out of the Past

**Bobby Garcia, pictured below is our 1,000 AACCS Alumni Life Member. He sent this photo of himself, Don Ackerman and Aaron Harvey taken at Tan Son Nhut in 1968. Bobby reminded me that they all served with me in the 2163rd Comm Sq, RAF Station Wethersfield, England in 1966 and again in the 1876th Comm Sq at Tan Son Nhut in 1968. I can recall when they were assigned to England as A3C airman right out of tech school, and when they arrived as seasoned airman in Saigon in 1968. Bobby is a High School teacher in Deer Park, Texas (outside of Houston) and getting close to retirement. Welcome to the AACCS Alumni Association.**



**Hank Sauer**



**Christmas 1948 - Templehof AB, Germany.  
Bob Hope, Irving Berlin and Jinx Falkenberg arriving.  
Please note our own 'Felix Sciarratta in the foreground.  
Submitted by Jack Fellman, Sheldon, WA**



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The men and women of the AACS through their singular devotion to mission and country, their respiteless toil, and, in some instances, their lives, have bequeathed an incalculable legacy of service and excellence to AFCC, the Air Force and the American people.

**WHEREAS:** With heartfelt, filial respect we herewith forthrightly acknowledge the manifold accomplishments, triumphs and sacrifices of the men and women of the AACS. Having served with dedicated distinction and honor on five continents in both peace and war, they are worthily the recipients of our wholehearted respect and enduring gratitude. As pioneers in the nascent days of radio, they girdled and enmeshed the globe with unseen highways and communications networks, freeing airmen from the tyranny of darkness, the elements, uncharted seas and trackless wastes. With resourcefulness, initiative and ingenuity, they broadened the horizons and emblazoned the skies with new opportunities for those engaged in flying and for those supporting them on the ground.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I mindful of AACS's rich heritage of dedicated service in the quest of peace and freedom do hereby proclaim this day, Tuesday, the fifteenth of November, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight as Army Airways Communications Systems Day.

SIGNED:

Maj. Gen. James S. Cassity  
AFCC commander



**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**MAIL TO: Mr. C.B. Maginnis, 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408**

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Regular and Associate Membership dues are \$10.00 per-year, payable in two-year increments.

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Life Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of \$ enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(check one category of membership and make check out to AACS Alumni Association)

**PRINT CLEARLY**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LASTNAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HAM SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT(s) AND COMMAND(s) (For the Membership Roster – limited to approximately 2 units and 3 abbreviated commands) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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What did you do in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. Tower, GCA, Crypto, Radio Maint, Personnel, etc)

NOTE: AACS covers 1938-1961, AFCS covers 1961-1979, AFCC covers 1979-1993, AFC4A. AFCA and/or AFFSA covers 1993 to present. List other commands as appropriate.

If you have any questions contact Mac Maginnis at TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045

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**AACS Alumni Association**  
**PX/BX Order & Contribution Form**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Nbr: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Quantity	Description	Total Cost
_____	AACS Logo Patch @ 5.00 (this patch has AACS, AFCS & AFCC embroidered on it)	\$ _____
_____	NEW "Old" Blue Original AACS Patch @ 8.00.	_____
_____	Deluxe Embroidered Clip-on Patch @ \$12.50	_____
_____	Metal AACS Lapel Pin @ \$4.50 (if in stock)	_____
_____	Deluxe Embroidered Logo Hat @ \$13.00 (Blue Only)	_____
_____	AACS Embroidered Logo Golf Shirts @ \$26.00	_____
	Blue: _____ Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL _____	
	White: _____ Sizes: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL _____	
_____	NEW - AACS Embroidered WIND SHIRT (blue with gold trim) @ \$23.00	_____
	Sizes M _____ L _____ XL _____	
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	Left in stock: (12)     (15)     (2) Windbreakers being phased out.	
NOTE:	Golf Shirt and Windbreaker sizes are US sized (XXL are really big)	
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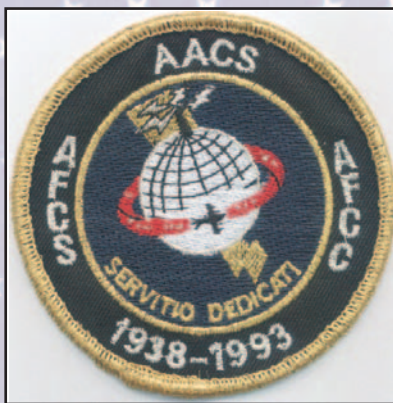
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 SEE PHOTOS OF WIND SHIRT, HAT, DELUXE PATCH AND GOLF SHIRTS ON PAGE 69  
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## NEW PX/BX ITEMS

**Our Supply "Clerk" has added two new items for our well dressed Alumni Members. A Blue Wind Shirt with our AACS embroidered patch, made of nylon and lined with a cotton lining and new original Blue AACS Patches. The Windshirt is ideal for spring and fall outer garments. Initially they will be stocked in Medium, Large, and Extra Large Sizes. See PX/BX order form in this issue. Price for the Windshirt is \$23.00, including shipping. We have added "The Old Blue AACS Patch" Without AACS-AFCS-AFCC embroidered on it. Cost is \$8.00, including shipping.**

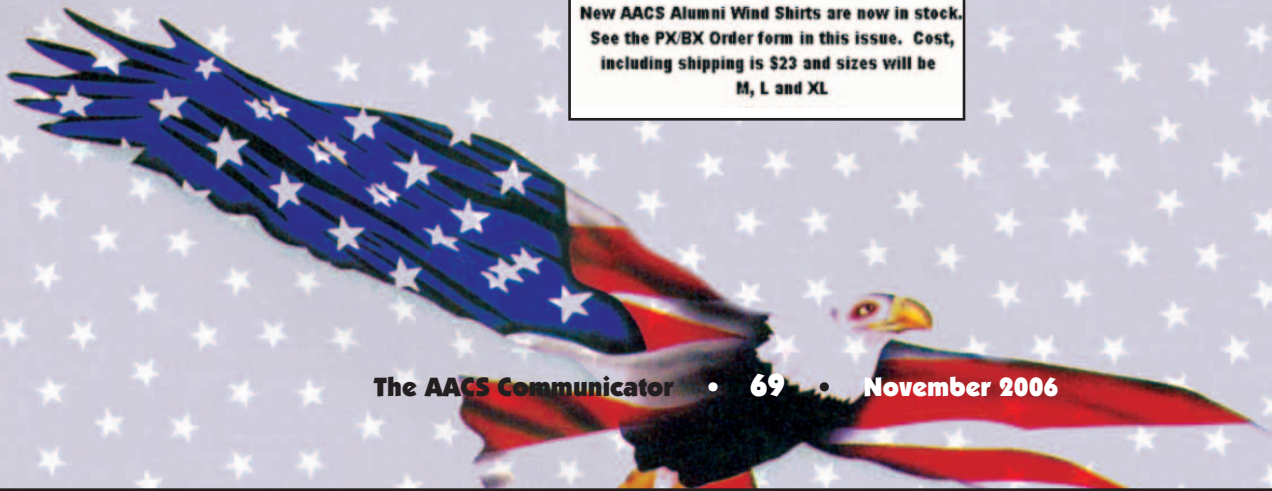
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The embroidered name was done after the shirt was purchased. Both the Blue and White AACS Golf Shirts are in the PX Inventory.



New AACS Alumni Wind Shirts are now in stock. See the PX/BX Order form in this issue. Cost, including shipping is \$23 and sizes will be M, L and XL





# Air Force Communications & Information Hall of Fame



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# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The initial meeting of what turned out to be the first AACS Alumni Association meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio in 1977. The meeting was hosted by “emeritus” Larry Camp and his wife Doris. This meeting came about as a result of a conversation with “Dux” and Pearl LeDoux and was planned as a poker weekend in Columbus. Some of the notables who were in attendance, and to whom we owe so much were; Hack Neal, Ken Klise, Flash Gordon, Paul Haas, Glen Turner, Bob Dickerson, Max Mankofsky, Dux LeDoux, John Hoff, Ted Carlson, Don Donnell & George Yunker, just to name a few. This group established the high standards that still drive the AACS Alumni Association and we owe them and all the individuals who attended that first meeting/reunion a great big “Thank You”

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

1977 – 1978	Hack Neal (Brig General)
1979 – 1980	Bob Dickerson (Colonel)
1981 – 1982	Joe Beler (Colonel)
1983 – 1984	Don Donnell (Colonel)
1985 – 1986	Wally Bailey (Colonel)
1987 – 1991	Bob Brewer (Colonel)
1992 – 1993	Cal Venable (Colonel)
1994 – 1997	Jasper Vaughn (Colonel)
1998 – 2001	Hank Sauer (CMSgt)
2002 - 2005	Dick Frye (Lt. Colonel)
2006 -	Hank Sauer (CMSgt)

“FELLOWSHIP IN THE COMPANY OF EQUALS”

**TO: THOSE POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION !**

**QUESTION: WHO OR WHAT IS THE AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ?**

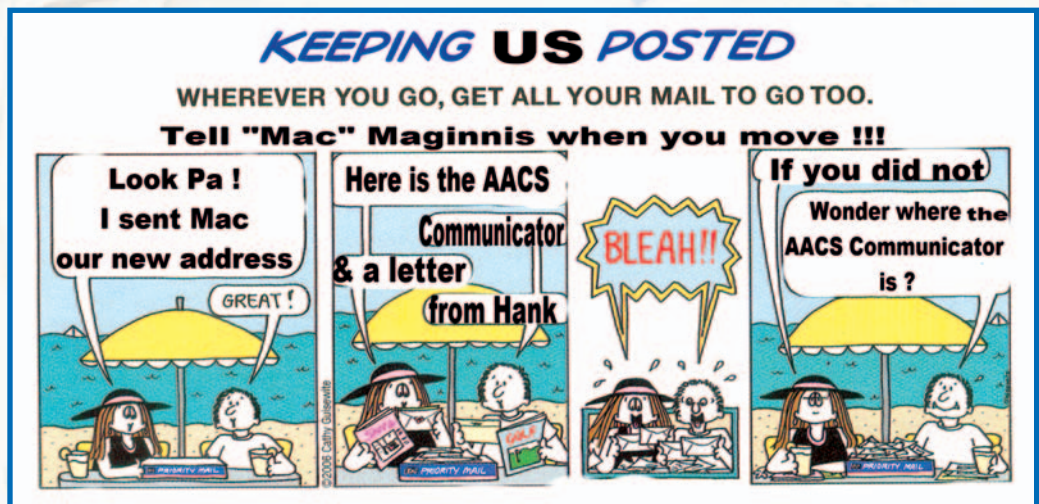
**ANSWER:** An Association that is comprised of over 2,200 members who began their service in the Army Air Force before WWII and who served in the first dedicated communications element to provide communications and air traffic control as its primary mission and members who have served since then in any communications or air traffic control unit, including those serving today. This new Army Air Force organization, was formed in 1938 and was named the "Army Airways Communications System" (AACCS). During WWII, it was renamed the "Air Communications Service" (ACS) and placed under the then "Air Transport Command" and within months was renamed once again to the "Airways and Air Communications Service" (AACCS). In 1961, AACCS was elevated to a Major Air Command and renamed "Air Force Communications Service" (AFCS). In 1979, the name was changed to "Air Force Communications Command" (AFCC). In the early 1990's the Air Force was undergoing major reorganizations and realignment of functions and AFCC was downsized and renamed the "Air Force Command, Control, Communications & Computers Agency" (AFC4A) and shortly thereafter, was renamed the "Air Force Communications Agency" (AFCA) which is still an active Air Force organization. Also in the early 1990's, the Air Force created the "Air Force Flight Standards Agency" (AFFSA) and reassigned air traffic control responsibilities to this new Agency.

Over the years since the AACCS Alumni Association was formed (1977) the membership criteria changed from individuals who only served in AACCS units, to include all communicators/information/air traffic control and support skills regardless of what Major or Joint Command an individual served in, including today's active duty personnel.

Because of the heritage of the letters "AACCS" and its unique contributions to long-haul communications and air traffic control, the Association has decided to maintain "AACCS" as our organizational name. This could change in the future as our members who served from 1938 to 1961 are added to our "Missed Roll Call" list, and a new organizational name becomes more appropriate.

While the answer above is long, the short answer is "any individual who served or is serving in any Air Force Communications or Air Traffic Control unit, in any skill set, from 1938- to today, "is" the AACCS Alumni Association.

The AACCS 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 AACCS Alumni Association is comprised of about 85% enlisted personnel and 15% officers, which includes over 50 General Officers, active and retired.



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