

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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NOTICE

**Walt McLain has replaced
Mac Maginnis
As the Director for
Membership**

**The TOLL FREE PHONE
1-866-299-1045 HAS
BEEN TRANSFERRED TO
WALT.**

**Check the address label
to see when your
DUES expire and renew
ASAP
REMEMBER TO SEND
THINGS TO WALT !!!!!**



September 2008

**Plan now on coming to the 32nd
AACS Convention/Reunion in
Branson, Missouri**

**The Settle Inn Resort &
Convention Center
Sept. 24 – Sept. 28, 2008.
(These dates are Wed. - Sun.)**

**Gene & Irene Sheridan and
their Overland Park Crew
(from the 2005
Convention/Reunion)
will be the Hosts.**

**&
LOTS MORE- Stay tuned.....**



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*Duke Snyder

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*Monika Buckley

Class of 2004

*James J. Duffy

Class of 2005

*Richard Gillis

Class of 2006

*Robert Akard

Class 2007

*Maj Gen Gerald L. Prather

* Was or are members of the AACS Alumni Association. Note: 16 of the 26 or 61.5% of the incumbents in the Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame were or are AACS Alumni Association Members.

MISSED ROLL CALL

(Since the November 2006 Newsletter)
(This listing was left out of the June 07 Communicator)



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Albertson, Mrs Bruce "Shirley"
Alvarado, Rudy
Archer, Mrs. James D. "Shirley"
Balaich, Mrs Paul "Viola"
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Cecil, Yancy S.
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Eiler, William
Fertig, Norm
Gleisberg, Edward W. Jr.
Greenwood, Richard
Jenkins, David R.
Kelley, Arthur T.
Keon, James R.
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Kittel, Fredrick J.

Lewis, Mrs. George L. "Merilyn"
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Parrish, Jack E. Sr.
Phillips, N.L. "Leon"
Scott, Royden B.
Skaggs, Norris Robert
Schmidt, Mrs. Raymond H. "Eva"
Silverstone, S.M. Sandy
Smith, James L.
Spears, James A.
Stone, Charles W.
Tindall, George Brown
Turner, Stanleigh
Waller, Ivan E.
Webb, Clifton L.
Wood, Carl E. "Woody"

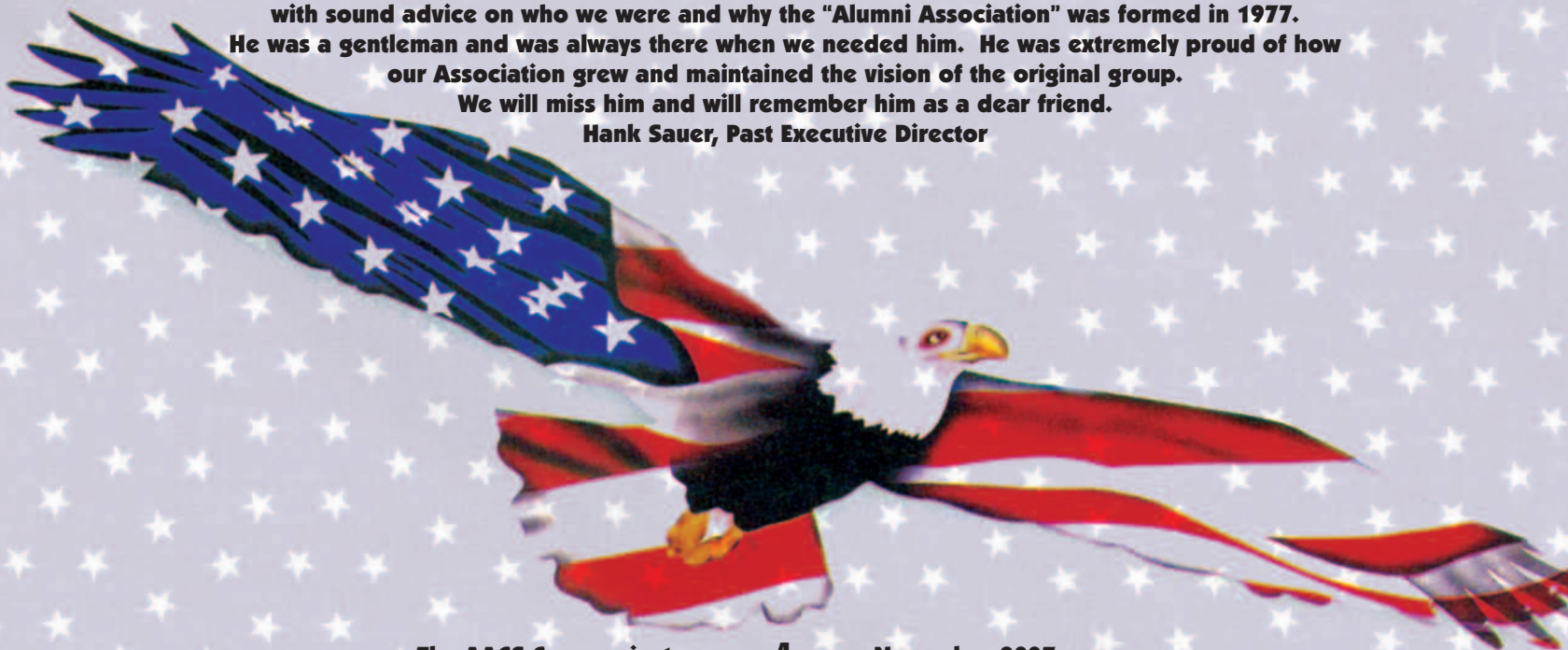
AACS Loses a Legend

October 16, 2007 was a sad day for all of the members of the AACS Alumni Association. We sadly learned of the passing of "LARRY CAMP".

Larry was one of our founders who over the years, behind the scenes, guided the Executive Directors with sound advice on who we were and why the "Alumni Association" was formed in 1977. He was a gentleman and was always there when we needed him. He was extremely proud of how our Association grew and maintained the vision of the original group.

We will miss him and will remember him as a dear friend.

Hank Sauer, Past Executive Director





From The Desk of the Executive Director

My initial introduction to the AACCS Alumni Association, was through a close friend, Roy Krimont. Roy and I served together, in the 1995th AACCS Sqdn, at Eielson AFB, Alaska. He contacted me during the summer of 1991 and asked if I planed to attend the AACCS Convention/Reunion, to be held in Dayton, Ohio, that September, knowing that I lived 20 miles north of the city. I told him I wasn't aware that the organization existed, but would consider his invitation. He was unable to be there, but my wife Jo-Ann and I decided to give it a try. We arrived at the Dayton Marriott Friday evening and walked into a "jammed" Hospitality Room, to pick-up our registration packet, not knowing a single person. We both looked at each other, wondering if this was the place we wanted to be. But it didn't take us long to realize that indeed, it was the place to be and by that following Sunday morning we were looking forward to the next Convention/Reunion.

As your new Executive Director, I will make every effort to maintain and contribute to the ongoing success of our organization. I want to thank you, the members, for your vote of confidence. I especially extend my thanks to Hank Sauer, for his ongoing guidance, in preparation of "passing" the gavel and the Board of Directors for their support. Also, I want to extend my appreciation to those members who have agreed to give of their time and energy, to serve on the various committees.

After many years of devoted service, "Mac" Maginnis, our Director for Membership, will "retire" before the end of this year. Enough can't be said of his strong character and dedication to the AACCS Alumni Association mission. "Mac", well done and thank-you. Walt McLain has volunteered to be the new Director for Membership.

Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting wonderful and interesting people, within our AACCS family. I am in awe of their professional and personal accomplishments, both in the military as well as in the private sector. Many being Retired or Active Career Air Force, or the short timers, like me. In some quarters, when comparing my length of service, to fellow AACCS'ers, I'm referred too as the "civilian"!

As we look to the future, some of our goals will be to add new members, seek qualified members to host our Conventions/Reunions and to maintain or exceed the level of excellence that the AACCS Alumni Association has achieved. Another successful Convention/Reunion is under our belt! Las Vegas has lived up to its expectations. Our Host, Chris Miller and Co-Hosts Bill Moseley and Andy Agan are to be complimented for their hard work, attention to detail and providing an outstanding venue for all who attended. Thank-you.

The 2008 Convention/Reunion will be held in Branson, Missouri, hosted by Gene Sheridan and his group of co-hosts. As you may recall, Gene was the 2005 Host, in Kansas City, Kansas. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Sincerely,

Stan Phillips
Executive Director

AACCS

**AACS-AA 31st ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
Sept. 25, 2007 LAS VEGAS, NV**

The Board meeting was called to order by Executive Director Hank Sauer. He then reaffirmed his proposed agenda as was disseminated earlier to members via e-mail.

Any old business was requested for conclusion. Exec. Secretary Bob Akard asked for approval of the minutes of the 2006 Board Meeting in Covington, KY as appeared in the November 2006 AACS Communicator. There being no further old business the new agenda was opened for discussion.

Membership Director Charles "Mac" Maginnis opened Board member reports with his annual state of membership. He reported over 2,200 members of whom about half are life members. With 530 member dues expiring December 2007, and 300 to 350 expected to renew, Mac confirmed the need for at least 150 new members during Fiscal Year 2008, which is recent experience. The average age of our entire membership is now 74. He reconfirmed his resignation announced at our 2006 Business meeting. His expression of gratitude was given to Walt McLain for accepting this engaging position. They will meet one on one by October 31st to finalize detail not yet accomplished.

Treasurer Ray Sharpless presented his annual state of AACA-AA assets. Including the value of our tangible assets consisting of BX inventory and limited business equipment, he values our assets at \$82,430. The November AACS Communicator will detail all items.

At this point Bob Akard, as Chair of the Financial Management Policy Committee, reported his August 2007 audit of our cash assets to be \$70,655.05. This was formally presented to our incoming Executive Director, Stan Phillips, as required by our By-laws. He had no further activity to report. This concluded any Board members having formal reports to make.

David Moore, a guest at our Board meeting and a member of the Association, was asked to report on his activities spent calling on USAF installations to identify air traffic controllers/communicators as potential members. His travels have been extensive, his contacts absolutely incredible, and methods impressive to the Board. David asked for and received approval to have a small budget for approved material and gifts such as coffee cups. There was allocated a few years ago a sum of \$8,000 to enhance our recruiting efforts, of which only about \$1,200 as been spent. He will be supported with his reasonable needs. It must be shown to our full membership that David has, and will continue, been spending his personal monies for all this travel. This effort to perpetuate our great Association was the impetus of this Board meeting.

E D Sauer had a motion passed to henceforth change all manuals and printed matter to refer to our annual gatherings as "Conventions" and not "Reunions." The basis for this is to conform with the IRS references to what constitutes a tax free veterans organization.

The Association's annual contributions to charitable organizations were discussed. Approval was given to continue those entities on our regular list, primarily the Air Force Village and the Enlisted Widow's Village receiving \$1,000 each. Another \$900 was held in obedience to be given during F/Y 2008 as the Board might electronically approve.

The Board, having earlier approved by e-vote, gave by motion their formal approval to nominate Gen. Gerry Prather as AACS-AA nominee for the USAF Communications and Information Hall of Fame in 2008.

An aggressive and intelligent exchange by Board members relative to "Convention" site selection aroused everybody's close attention. Speaking as a member of the Convention Committee, your Secretary will attest to the gross responsibility we have to the membership. It is an ardent yet humbling duty. A site selection is no better than having a member host in the area. We solicit members wishing input to contact the E D who is Chair of this committee.

The final interaction was on the causes and effects of our dues structure. The costs of life memberships is a primary issue considering the increasing costs for publication and delivery of our "Communicator." An equitable restructuring will be examined among ourselves for finalization at the 2008 Board meeting. Regular dues will remain the same for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully presented, Bob Akard, Executive Secretary

**THE 31ST ANNUAL AACS-AA
CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING
SEPT. 26, 2007, LAS VEGAS, NV**

The 31st annual AACS-AA Business Meeting was brought to order by Executive Director Hank Sauer on Sept. 26, 2007 at the Circus-Circus Hotel, Las Vegas, NV. General Prather gave the invocation.

E D Sauer announced our 2008 Convention location in Branson, MO., the details of which will be in our 2007 Communicator. Gene Sheridan, who hosted our 2006 convention in Overland Park, was introduced to serve this task for us in 2008.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members of the Board of Directors having a report for the membership were invited to proceed. Old business began with Exec. Sec. Akard requesting a motion from the floor for approval of the minutes of our 2006 Business Meeting held in Covington, KY in Sept. 2006.

Membership Director Charles "Mac" Maginnis reported our having 530 memberships to expire the end of this year. He estimated 300 would renew dues leaving 230 (+/-) to be dropped from our rolls. For the year ending in 2006 we gained 156 new memberships. Our recent yearly trends have been in the negative. He correlated our experience with that of other military organizations, this being related to our average age of 74. We continue to advertise in many military publications. Mac told us about our roving ambassador, David Moore, who has visited many USAF installations for meetings with communicators to promote our Association. Each member present was challenged to locate a member each during this coming year. Mac had an acknowledgement for David Moore, Larry Heister, Chuck Robillard, and Ephrain "Bob" Rainey, who were responsible for 51 new members for this year. "Bob" Rainey will receive at our banquet the recruiter of the year award for his 22 new members. Mac confirmed his resignation effective with this Convention after serving 6 years, and he introduced his replacement as Walt McLain.

Treasurer Ray Sharpless reported a sound financial condition, which will be reported in our November 2007 Communicator. Ray said member donations to the treasury were \$1,350. The usual charitable donations will continue with \$1,000 each to the Air force Village and AF Enlisted Village. BX inventory and conditions were explained regarding content and availability.

Hank Sauer informed us that he will reassume upon confirmation today his position as Editor/Publisher on the Board, since Stan Phillips will become E D. Hank explained rising costs for publishing the Communicator as attributed primarily to the escalating bulk mail costs. Hank asked all first time Convention attendees to come forward for recognition and a free AACS ball cap.

Duke Snyder, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominees as approved by the Board to be affirmed this year. Those being: Stan Phillips as E D, Bill Bethea as V. Dir., Bob Akard as Exec. Sec., Hank Sauer as Editor/Publisher, Gen Prather as Sgt. At Arms, and Walt McClain as Dir. of Membership. All were elected by acclamation.

The next event was our annual AACS Memorial Service conducted by Gen. Prather and Bill Bethea. The names of each deceased member or spouse were read aloud. The Lords Prayer followed.

E D Sauer introduced our guest speaker from the AF Flight Standards Agency. CM Sgt. Lawrence Cole spoke on the systems and state of Air Traffic Control. (Editorial comes from Exec. Sec. Akard; This was the most interesting, varied, informative, complete but concise presentation in recent years.)

The Business Meeting was officially adjourned until September 2008 in Branson, MO.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Akard, Exec. Sec.



**TREASURERS REPORT
AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
AS OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2007**



The financial figures for the organization are shown below. We continue our sound financial position, and will be able to support our numerous charities in the coming fiscal year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to personally thank all of the members who so generously donated to our organization this year. Your generosity has allowed us to maintain our healthy financial position, and more importantly, it has demonstrated your positive feelings about our organization.

Respectfully

Ray Sharpless
Treasurer, AACCS Alumni Assn., Inc.

Member Donations From Nov 1, 2006 to Sep 12, 2007: \$3,123.00

Statement of AACCS Accounts

ASSETS

Bank Accounts

Treasurer's Account	\$9,139.58
(this account contains the Executive Directors Account of \$897.27)	

Newsletter Account	6,135.88
BX Inventory	8,159.00
Equipment	3,994.13

Accounts Receivable (Convention/Reunion advance of \$6222.71 less normal \$500.00 expense allowance)	5,722.71
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CD's	57,438.22
Total Assets	82,430.52

LIABILITIES

Convention/Reunion 2007 Commitment	55,000.00
Equity	27,430.52

Total Liability/Equity	\$82,430.52
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**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT
(NOVEMBER 2007)**



Declining membership continues to be a concern to us all. The same two factors still contribute to this dilemma – The rising average age of our members (74) and the difficulty in attracting new younger members. We continue to address these problems for solutions. Having said that, the overall status of the Association is still sound.

At present the Association has 2265 members, however 535 of those members have a dues expiration date of 31 December 2007. REMINDERS have been sent out to those members. If you see a 07 in front of your name on the mailing label of this newsletter please get your renewal check in the mail.

By the time you receive this issue Chief Walt McLain will have assumed duties as your new Membership Director. This is a big responsibility and the entire Board of Directors appreciates Walt “stepping up to plate” to take over. As I've said before my eight years as your Membership Director has been a labor of love and sort of a payback for my years in good old “Double A”. I'm sure that Walt feels the same as do all of the Executive Board. Please pay attention to Walt's mailing address for payment of dues, data changes, address changes, etc. The AACCS Alumni Toll Free telephone number 1-866-299-1045 remains the same. It will just ring at Walt's house now.

The Las Vegas Reunion/Convention was a huge success and I believe a good time was had by all. My hat's off to Chris Miller, Bill Mosley, Andy Agan and all for a superb job hosting this year's get together. Great job!!!

Look forward to seeing you all in Branson MO next 24-28 Sept 2008.

**CB Mac Maginnis
Former Membership Director**

Dear Mac:

I belonged to the Alumni Association some years ago, but let my membership expire. I noticed your announcement of the upcoming meeting in Las Vegas and it prompted me to write. I served in AACCS in 1946 & 1947 in the IG's Office. At that time Gen McClelland was the Commander and Gordon Blake was his Deputy and Gordon Gould was the Chief of staff. My wife to be was Gordon Blake's secretary. Both General McClelland and Gordon Blake attended our wedding at the Langley Field Chapel. Hq AACCS later moved to Gravelly Point in DC and then to Andrews. We returned to Hq AACCS in 1948 and I worked for John Rohloff in the office responsible for assignment of AACCS Officers worldwide.

We had many friends in AACCS, too many to mention. My service was from 1940 to 1966, when I retired from the Office of the Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, in the Pentagon. I moved back to my home state of Texas and I live a mile from a State road named for Gordon Blake. What a coincidence.

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Editors Note: Welcome back to the Alumni Association. We hope you will be able to join us in Las Vegas. I served with John Rohloff at Munich Riem, Germany in 1949/1950. In 1958, he was in the Air Attaché business and he got me an assignment to the American Embassy in London. As they say, it really is a small world. Hank Sauer



EDITOR/PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT



THE COST OF THE JUNE 2007 AACCS COMMUNICATOR

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Overseas/Media Mail	43.37
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NOTE: Monthly reports for the AACCS Editors Bank Account are submitted to the AACCS Treasurer. Account Balances on hand after publication and mailing of the November 2006 AACCS Communicator:

Editors Bank Account: \$ 1,191.56
PO Bulk Mail Account: \$ 4.00

The AACCS Web Costs are paid on an annual basis. The cost for 2006 was again \$359.00

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

Hank Sauer
AACCS Editor/Publisher & Web Site Manager

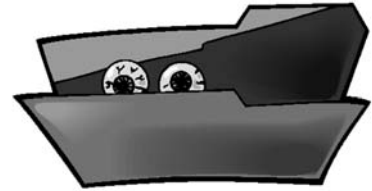
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Or email Hank at
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a copy of the video via email**



"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. Any challenges to claims previously published will be included in the current Newsletter under the section "Challenges to Claims".

NEW CLAIMS (NOVEMBER 2007):

See Arthur Elkins letter to Hank in this issue. He claims that he may have been the first AACS type in Africa or the Middle East, arriving in May 1943.

See Bob Brewers letter to Hank in this issue. He claims to be the only AACS'er to be "chewed out" by "Curtis LeMay", a future Chief of Staff.

"Looking For"



John C. Dekas. NEEDS SOME HELP !! Looking for any member of the 1958th AACS Sq, Anderson AFB, Guam, who can recall Squadron members and Philippine workers spraying defoliants on and around our Quonset huts on Harmon Field. The spraying took place in the 1955-1956 time-frame. I was assigned to the 6926th Radio Sq (Mobile), USAFSS, and when we finished "Project Green Moon"

Most of us were transferred to the 1958th AACS Sq both on Guam. I need a letter from anyone who recalls the spraying to help me verify my VA Claim. Harmon Field, which was a few miles from Anderson, was the original location of "Guam Airways" and a major teletype center before their being moved onto Anderson Field. PLEASE WRITE TO: JOHN C. DEKAS, DRAWER 1002, HAMPTON BAYS, NY 11946-0006.

"Membership Donations"

Nov 06 – Sep 07

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Brewer Staub
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**In memoriam of his wife Shirley
Colman McDonough**

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
By Chaplain Jim Burch**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER . . .

In or out of your time in the military: Have you ever found yourself put in a position for which you felt quite unprepared?

For those who have: Did the question of "Why me, Lord?" enter your head?

In the mid-1990's, a friend of mine, a non-rated officer, was promoted below the zone and placed in command of an aircraft maintenance squadron—without any experience in a related AFSC. There was little question in anyone's mind that he was an exceptional leader and a very fine officer. Even so, he confessed to me that he felt very unqualified.

I wish I had the wisdom of sharing this thought I received, years later over the Internet: "God doesn't call the qualified. God qualifies the called." From Moses to King David, from the prophets to the apostles, from time immemorial to time today: ordinary, even unlikely people have been participants in this truth.

God doesn't call the qualified. God qualifies the called.

Praise God. We are among them!

God's peace,

Jim Burch, Chaplain

**Years of election
for Board of Directors**

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	
Sergeant-At-Arms		X		X		X		X
Treasurer	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID
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NOTES:

- Executive Director's Term of Office is limited to 4 consecutive years

The terms of office for the Treasurer, Director for Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite once elected. Other Board Member positions are elected for two (2) year terms.

Members wishing to serve on the Board of Directors or to nominate other members for Board of Directors positions should contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee (see address listings on inside front cover of the AACCS Communicator) no later than July 1st of each year.

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



HAM NEWS
By George Reeves

The Ham bands seem to be picking up lately. There are usually four to six fellows checking into the 20 meter net. The most active are: Bob McDow, W4KOG (who is acting as Net Control); Harold Dew, K4BCA; Rich Baker, K4USF; Larry Arcement W5CQE; Ray Hammitt, K5H; Pat Pelland, W9GMR; and myself. Ray, K5HWQ has been off the air due to antenna problems until the first of August, but has been one of the stronger stations heard in North Carolina.



On the East Coast 40 meter net the attendance has been pretty slim for some time. I regularly hear Fred Businger, W8FKD and Roy Hopkins, W3TWV. I act as Net Control for this net, but due to other commitments, I miss the net occasionally.

The latest word from Ed Evans, W5LK, is that he is "just hanging in there". His new address is Ed Evans, 11424 Richmond Ave, Apt 125, Houston, TX 77082. In his new place there is not enough room for his station, so he is off the air.

I did not attend the convention/reunion this year. However, our host Chris Miller said that was to be a "Ham Room". I hope that a good number of the West Coast Hams were able to meet there this year.

George Reeves, WD4BMG



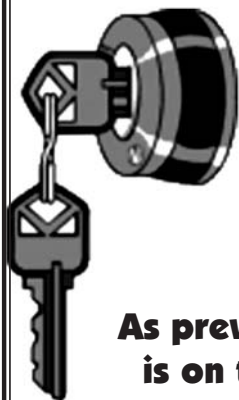
**73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS
AACS ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES**

<u>BAND</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>UTC TIME*</u>	<u>LOCAL TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>
National SSB				
20 M	14.28 7mhz	1930/2030 hrs	1430 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
National CW				
20 M	14.061 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1200 CDT/ST	Sat
East Cost SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F

Notes:

- Local times remain but UTC time changes

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



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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

One of the two versions of the roster on the AACCS Web Site is in 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. It is also available in Microsoft’s EXCEL program

**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 “AACCS Roster”. When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file “AACCS Roster” and then download to the AACCS 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.

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

AACS and the Marines

By Robert L. Howell

In January, 1953, I reported to the 1973RD AACS Squadron in downtown Taegu, Korea. I was assigned to Operating Location Three at Pohang on the East coast known as K-3. I was directed to catch a hop at K-2 air base down to K-9 at Pusan and report to a Marine Detachment for a hop up to K-3.

K-3 was the home of Marine Air Group 33, 1st Marine Air Wing. Primary aircraft was the F-9-F-5 jet with a primary responsibility of supporting ground Marines. They were usually armed with bombs, napalm or rockets. There was also a mixture of other jets and many WWII prop jobs such as the AD, F4U, F7F and F8F.

AACS ran the approach control tower, homing beacon, copying and sending weather reports by Morse Code. We had our own diesel mechanics that maintained power generators. The detachment was manned with 40 to 50 personnel. The commander was a Captain recalled from a reserve unit. I was the tower chief controller and fondly called the "old man" because of my age. I worked 7 days a week when traffic was heavy. My controllers were mostly young and inexperienced. Air Force aircraft were frequently diverted to the base due to bad weather or low fuel. Communications with the center were poor and many times there aircraft were calling in before the center notified us.

I had been stateside just one year when alerted for Korea. I was the Chief Tower Controller at March AFB, California. Many of the Marines were reserve pilots recalled for the war. Two of the notables were John Glenn, a future astronaut, and Ted Williams of the Boston RedSox. Ted was shot down by ground fire but managed to crash land and be rescued.

On July 27, 1953, the Armistice was signed so everyone had time to relax and play some football and softball. My "Old Man" status continued until I rotated in December. By the way, this "old man" turned 24 years old in August, 1953.

**Thanks Bob for reminding us that AACS did provide
lots of support for the other services**

"PLEASE READ"

Help support the "AACCS Alumni Association"

This is our Second ever request for "Donations" to help support the Alumni Association. We reported in the November 2006 AACCS Communicator, that the BOD has approved the soliciting of funds to support the long term goals of the Association. Because of our aging membership of WWII and Korean Veterans, and the loss of Communications Unit integrity, our membership will continue to dwindle. While the number of Life Members continues to increase, it results in a loss of annual operating funds. We are embarking on new ways to "recruit" ex-AACCS, AFCS and AFCC veterans and those young officers and airman serving today. We want to pass on to them an "AACCS Alumni Association" that will be a viable organization and one that will provide them with the same fellowship and comradely that we have enjoyed since 1977. If you care to give, only give what you can afford. Other than the names of those who donate, no dollar amounts will be published and all donations are IRS allowed Tax-deductible.

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Full NAME: _____

Mailing

Address: _____

Amount Donated:

\$25 _____, **\$50** _____, **\$75** _____, **\$100** _____ **Other \$** _____

Do you want a Tax Donation Receipt: yes _____ **no** _____

Please make checks out to: AACCS Alumni Association and mail to:

**Ray Sharless
113 Airway Lane
Belton, MO 64012**

Thank you in advance for any donations.

"THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PAGE"

"Background"



In 2004, the AACS Alumni Association unanimously voted to change our Constitution to authorize Air Force Communications, Information, Air Traffic Controllers and Support personnel (Officers, Airman and Civilians) who have served or are now serving in any Air Force Major Command (including Joint/Specified Commands).

The changes in eligibility were predicated on ensuring the perpetuity of the AACS Alumni Association as the growing age of the current 2,500 plus members is now over 74 years in age, with a significant number of them being WWII veterans. The age factor was a major concern in maintaining a viable Association for the long-term and to provide an Association such as ours, to those individuals now serving in the Air Force. The AACS Alumni Association was formed in 1977 to provide a forum for those who served, to meet on an annual basis to renew friendships and make new ones and to stay abreast of the changes in the Air Force.

We have coordinated with the senior Air Force leadership and have added local base Comm and ATC units to "The AACS Communicator" distribution list for the June and November issues we publish. We are going to devote up to four (4) pages of each issue to stories and photos of active duty activities (based on input) and we solicit your stories and photos of interest.

Beginning in September 2006, we presented an annual award with a Trophy (ceramic eagle), Certificate and Saving Bond to an outstanding Air Traffic Controller and a Communications/Information Professional of the Year (E1 to E5). The Air Force Communications Agency and the Air Force Flight Standards Agency will select the Airman to be honored each year. The Awards were for 2006 were presented to these outstanding airmen by Lt. General Michael Peterson, SAF/XC and Col William Malec, Air Mobility Command. The Air Traffic Controller of the Year was SrA Joshua Matias, Air Mobility Command and the Communications/Information Professional of the Year was SSGT Jacob Flores, Air Force Material Command.

The 2007 Air Traffic Controller of the Year is A1C Sarah B. O'Brien of the 3 OSS, Elmendorf AFB, AK and the Communications/Information Professional of the Year is SSGT Jaclyn Rutan of 3 CS, Elmendorf AFB, AK.

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 (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:

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or call 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free
Visit the AACS Web Site: www.aacsalumni.com
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45TH OPERATIONS GROUP AWARDS FOR 2006

2006 Guardian Challenge "Schriever" Trophy

2006 AFA Space Operations Crew of the Year

STS-114 Return to Flight Mission Cre

2006 14th AF Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Joy Kaczor

2006 14th AF "Tiger" Award Winner (NCO)

Master Sgt. Joel Brown

2006 AFSPC Communications Computer Systems

Outstanding NCO

Tech. Sgt. Michael Holloway

2006 AFSPC Outstanding Electromagnetic Spectrum

Manager

Richard Akers

2006 General Edwin W. Rawlings Team Award

ATCALS Maintenance Team

2006 AFSPC Outstanding Wing MILDEC Program

45th OSS

2006 AFSPC Military Deception (MILDEC) Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Will Driesslein

2006 AFSPC MILDEC NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. (sel.) Fernando Marrero

Airfield Operations Flight Complex of the Year

45th OSS

Air Traffic Control Training Achievement of the Year

Daniel La Force

Air Traffic Control Watch Supervisor of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Klane Pierce

Air Traffic Controller of the Year

Staff Sgt. Boone Stevens

Air Traffic Control (Civilian) Controller in Charge of the Year

Mr. Andrew Bron

Pitcairn Girl With Air Force



Airman Third Class Shirley M. Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Kemerer of 729 Sixth street, Pitcairn, is shown operating a teletype machine at Lowery Air Base, Denver, Colorado.

Previously employed by U. S. Steel Corp. at Braddock, Miss Walters enlisted in the Woman's Air Force last July. After basic training, she took on-the-job training as a communications teletype operator at Lowery Field.

A graduate of Pitcairn High School where she was the leader of majorettes in the high school band, she is active with the 3429th Student Sq., WAF as one of the best basketball and softball players on the teams.

Shirley Walters is one of our newest members.

Shirley served with the 1910th AACs Sq

at Lowery Colorado 1956-1957

Colonel Robert Steele Retires

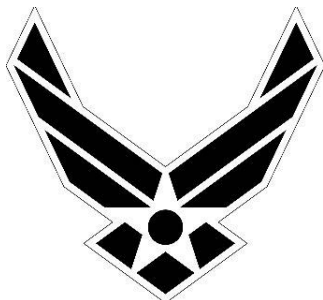
On June 19, 2007, Colonel Steele, Commander of the Air Force Communications Agency, retired with over 27 years of outstanding service to the Air Force and our Country. Col Steele is a Life Member of the Alumni Association and expects to continue his relationship with us for years to come. He was truly an outstanding airman and leader. Well done from all of us who have worked with you since May, 2005.



The Communications/Information Professional of the Year (2007)

The Air Force selected SSgt Jaclyn Rutan, of the 3rd Communications Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, as the AACS Communications/Information Professional of the Year. Sgt Rutan's official Air Force write up makes her a bona-fide "super star". She is a radio/nav aids technician who has a strong background and performance in resource management. She has saved the Air Force millions of dollars with suggestions on "doing it better" at lower costs. Sgt Rutan is on her second deployment to Iraq and plans on staying in the Air Force as a career. Our congratulations on her selection.

She is 27 years old and was born in Fallbrook, Calif. She entered the AF in May 2000. She attended the Ground Radio Maintenance course at Kessler AFB, MS. Among her military awards are the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. She is currently attending college, working towards a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

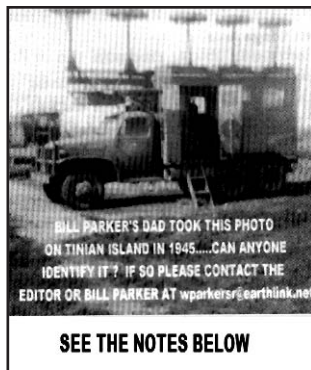


The AACS Air Traffic Controller of the Year (2007)

SRA SARAH O'BRIEN

AFSC: 1C151, Air Traffic Control Journeyman

Senior Airman Sarah O'Brien is an Air Traffic Control Journeyman assigned to the Airfield Operations Flight, 3rd Operations Support Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. She is 23 years old. Airman O'Brien was born in Bethesda, Maryland on October 18, 1983. She attended Smoky Hill High School in Aurora, Colorado. Airman O'Brien enlisted in the Air Force on November 16th of 2004. After completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas she was assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi for technical training in the air traffic control career field. She was assigned to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska in May 2005, where she obtained her five skill level in the air traffic control career field as a tower controller. Airman O'Brien has been married to her husband Christopher for six years.



Can anyone identify the Van To the left?

The following comments were received about the photo on page 24 of the June 2007 AACS Communicator !!!

Bob Spence said "The truck is part of the ILS system (SCS-51). It was the localizer portion of the ILS. We had one at the end of the runway at Amchitka in 1946/1947. It also had a unique landing aide known as FIDO. Bob thinks that there were two other units like this, located in England. (bob1sp@msn.com)

Norman Courter said "The photo in question is an ILS system developed by the Army Air Force around 1941, about the same time that the CAA (now FAA) developed a non-mobile type.

Harold "Pete" Corbin said: "The truck is the Localizer transmitter of an ILS system. This unit transmits the signal to show the center of the runway. A glide path transmitter is located at the side of the runway and transmits a signal at the right angle for an airplane to follow to the ground. I operated This equipment at a B-29 base in the Chengtu area of Western China in 1943/1944. P.S. Would love to hear from anyone who was with me in China.

Frank Shandelman said: The truck is part of the ILS used in guiding aircraft landings during bad weather and bad visibility. This truck housed an RF transmitter which radiated a localizer signal from the five Adcock antennas mounted on the roof of the truck. (215) 945-2043, see Frank's letter elsewhere in this issue.

Editors Note: Thanks much for identifying the ILS Van. Am happy to see so many of our members reading the small print in our AACS Communicators. Hank Sauer



14th Operations, Columbus AFB, MS

Courtesy of Capt's Justin Mills & David Woodley



A1C Justin Caldwell & A1C Leslie Rangel training on ATCoach simulator, ATCoach was procured in conjunction with the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS) and can be used as a simulator or as a live scope.



TSgt Wendi Drusch scans the graphically-generated airfield during a Tower Simulator System (TSS) training scenario. Installed in 2005, the \$800,000 TSS simulates the actual Columbus AFB airfield environment on its six screens and features voice-recognition software that responds to controller instructions. One trainer can simultaneously train three controllers while manipulating traffic intensity, weather, airfield lighting, emergency conditions and pilot responses.



**John Schobelock
1973rd AACCS Sq
Korea**

**John was working
as an Air Traffic
Controller**



Dear Hank:

Just read Art Masters comment about Dave Jenkins and the 19th AACCS Sq. I joined the Sq in May 1943, after spending the previous year on Abadan Island, Iran, making me probably the first AACCS type assigned to Africa or the Middle East. I remained on the 4th AACCS Sq's (Maxwell AB) morning report until October 1942 due to a clerical error, which cost me a stripe compared to Chuck Cohen, et al. We made Accra from Iran on a 9 (megger months ?) with our Wilcox 96A, after we had been "up" for months, with no one to communicate with. I did not find any other survivors of the 19th listed on the membership roster, but any survivors will remember David, as well as "Dutch" Feldman, "Chuck" Cohen (both ROM Scott AB graduates in my class. Alex Artimovich (Arte - His sign was "x" - he made Warrant in Cairo and others, including a Lt Raley, who arrived in Cairo in 1944 and later was my Sq Commander in the Pentagon (1956).

1st AFCS Baby Born

SCOTT AFB, Ill. — Claiming the undisputed title of "First AFCS Son," is Daniel Davis Horn, son of SSGT and Mrs. Donald L. Horn. Daniel was born to the Kansas City, Mo., couple at 0103 on July 1, just 1 hour and 3 minutes after AFCS was born.

Sergeant Horn is assigned to Hq Far East Communications Region, Fuchu AS, Japan. Daniel was born in the Fuchu Base Hospital.

I spent two months in Cairo in 1943, went to Tripoli as NCOIC of a small detachment, returned to Cairo for another year in November.

Arthur Elkins (aelkins143@earthlink.net)

EDITORS NOTE: Don, good news travels in pairs. I

remember reading the issue of the Intercom (July 1961) that the birth announcement was in. I was interested in reading about Maj General Daniel Doubleday, as I was mad that he was not selected as the first Commander of AFCS. In Feb 1971, my wife then A1C Carol Sauer was stationed with me at RAF Mildenhall (2147th Comm Sq) and gave birth to a baby girl (Feb 21, 1971) while still on active duty. The Doctors at RAF Lakenheath Hospital thought she had a hole in her heart

and kept her on active duty until she gave birth. In a weak moment, when we opened the "Chiefs Club" at Mildenhall at 8AM, I named her Alison Frances Cecelia Sauer (AFCS). Our Sq Commander sent General Stoney a message congratulating him on becoming a "Grandfather". This was Front page news in the Intercom and again a year later on her first birthday. It is a small world !! Hank Sauer

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

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

For those members who move and do **NOT** advise us that they have a new address, the Post Office will TELL US THAT YOU MOVED, GIVE US YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND CHARGE US .70 FOR THIS SERVICE. HOWEVER YOU WILL **NOT** RECEIVE A NEWSLETTER. When you email us or call us to complain about not receiving your Newsletter, please understand that there will be a charge of \$1.75 to mail you a second newsletter. We have already paid the Post Office once to mail you the original Newsletter, once to tell us you moved and now if you want your Newsletter, we have to send a second one via Media Mail.

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The Post Office has advised us that the 9 Digit Zip Codes should be used and in the future may reject zip codes with only 5 digits.

In almost every Newsletter we ask you to please keep us advised of your current mailing address. We have placed an on line notification for changes on the AACS Web Site, but a significant number of members continue to ignore our "Pleas". All changes of mailing and/or email addresses should be

Sent to: Walt McLain
see mailing address, email address and Toll Free Number on Page 2 (Current Officers)
or visit web site for automatic change form

Hello Hank

Just finished going over June Communicator and each time they bring back good memories of old friends. I just sent you a picture of my cousin John V. Schobelock (I am John A. Schobelock) who was at Tageu at the same time I was there and we didn't know each other was there at the same time. He was flying at the end of WWII, yep he is a little older than I am. I most likely talked to him many times when his planes were heading out or coming back. When I was in Guam training to become an Air Traffic Controller right after the Korean Conflict started as it was called at first. I got a pretty good pay and tried to tell them a corporal did get that much and you may remember you took it and went on and didn't hold up the pay line, later tried to give it back they said hold on to it they will catch it. They did and it was John V's pay.. Then a couple years later when I was Tower Chief at Randolph the First Sgt. called me to see the CO, now what did I do?? As I went into see the CO and First Sgt. He laid out a copy of the Stars and Stripes with a short story of John Schobelock flying the F-84's in Korea. No picture, he said what are you doing? They thought I was working under cover?? We all had a good laugh. Several years later there was a Family gathering here in Ohio and John V came and we talked for several hours and I sent him pictures of his F-84 taking off. Just another little thing happened, the Sgt. teaching me on Guam was a Sgt. Henry Parker of Chillicothe, Ohio. My home town and I didn't know him, right again he was a little older than me. We became good friends when I came home. Many years ago 1953..

Thank everyone for all of the great pictures and stories in our book.

John Schobelock

Here is the pic we published in June 2007.

HELP – HELP – HELP

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN KEEPING YOUR DUES CURRENT AND YOUR MAILING ADDRESS UP TO DATE.

DUES EXPIRE ON DECEMBE 31ST OF EACH YEAR. YOU CAN TELL THE YEAR YOUR DUES EXPIRE BY LOOKING AT THE ADDRESS ELEMENT ON YOUR AACS COMMUNICATOR OR VISITING THE AACS WWW.AACSalumni.COM WEB SITE AND LOOKING AT THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. YOUR DUES EXPIRATION YEAR IS INCLUDED WITH YOUR FIRST NAME.

ALL DUES PAYMENTS AND MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES SHOULD BE SENT TO "WALT McLain", OUR DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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If you want to talk to Walt, you can call him at our TOLL FREE number: 1-866-299-1045

"AACS Troops were always sharp"



Just received the June Issue of The AACS Communicator and enjoyed it as always.

I looked through the list of locations and it revived some pleasant and a few not-so-pleasant memories of posts where I was stationed in '43, '44, & '45 along with many happy remembrances of good friends I served with during those WWII years.

Some of the specifics of Detachment designations have grown a bit dim over 6 ½ decades but I note a couple of stations which have gone unmentioned. Foremost in my memory is Gloucester, England where I spent about 10 months from August '43 until transferred in late June or early July '44 (after a brief stop of a week or two at Grove, Oxfordshire, England for staging) to Colleville-sur-Mer the small airstrip on top of the cliffs above Omaha Beach, Normandy.

Gloucester was a terrific post! A beautiful historic town and our small AACS detachment of about 20 were essentially the only Yanks in the city and it was great fun; not least because Gloucester was Hq. for the RAF Records Office which employed about 8000 WAAF. My recollection is that we were Detachment "I" of the 134th Squadron, part of the 65th Group AACS and our mission there was to advise RAF 44 Group, Fighter Command of USAAF transport flights approaching Britain. Since there was no American base nearby we were "billeted" among the local civilian population and were given a per-diem allowance so we dined-out at the best local restaurants. Unfortunately, restaurant dining in wartime Britain was not quite up to today's 4-star standards (it was years after the war before I could eat another Brussels sprout) but all in all Gloucester was a great experience.

I mentioned a brief stay at Grove but I don't recall the designation of that base but it seems likely that it too was part of the 134th Sq. in the 65th Group. The same can be said for Colleville which is identified in the list as in the 65th Group.

Another posting I enjoyed and which was not included in the list was Le Bourget, just outside of Paris and I'm pretty confident that it too was a detachment of the 134th Sq. Nothing charming about Le Bourget itself, but the living conditions there were great; we lived in an apartment house at the edge of the airport, and the station's proximity to Paris, perhaps 25 minutes from "downtown", was great . . . provided you caught the last Metro subway around 11PM. Otherwise it was a long, long hike.

Thanks for the great work you guys are doing to energize the association. I only wish I saw more familiar names on the membership roster.

Best to you and to all,

George Reisman

AACS "Itinerary":

Crypto School, Pawling, NY
McChord Field, Tacoma, WA
Presque Isle, ME
Gloucester, England
Grove, England
Colleville, Normandy, France
Orly, Paris France
Le Bourget, Paris, France
Dijon, France
Marignane/Marseille, France
USAF Exposition @ Eiffel Tower, Paris
Marignane/Marseille, France
Hanau, Germany
(A "ReppleDepple" somewhere in France – staging)
(Another "ReppleDepple" nr. Manchester England – ataging)
USS Enterprise – Homeward Bound

**Thanks George, I have no
idea where the arrow came
from. You had some good
assignments !!!!!**

Berlin Tower Before Airlift



**Behind the rail:
Nobby Nobrega,
James W. Giles Jr,
in front of the rail:
Unk, Turner with
the dog, Unk,
Jacobs and Duane
L. Geiger.**

**Submitted by
Jim Giles**

**correction to the photo in the June AACS Communicator.
First Unk is Earl Diamond and the second Unk is
Harry Turner**



**Accra, Gold Coast, British West Africa - 1944
Stalwarts of the 109th AACS Sq and 55 AACS Gp.**

**Back Row: Wayne Miller, George Beagle, Clarence Dykhouse
Roy Roberts & Warren Burdick
Front Row: Erwin Pelster, Tony Colarusso, Ernie Shockley
& James Hughes (Missing: July Agjabwa, faithful house boy)**

Submitted by: Clarence A. Dykhouse

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Hank Sauer
111 Carson Lane
Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830

Dear Hank

The enclosed material was submitted once before, and even made ready for publication, but it was returned with a note that it did not make the next issue but would be included in the following issue. Unless I overlooked it, this never happened, and I sincerely hope that it may be considered once again. We had a great group of guys in Accra, and also up and down the line in Africa, and for their sake I would like to see it in the magazine.

I was encouraged to do this by your note on page 9 of the current issue to "keep your photos and stories coming."

Thank you for your consideration. Col. Wogstad was our CO in Accra and it was at his urging that I joined the Alumni Association.

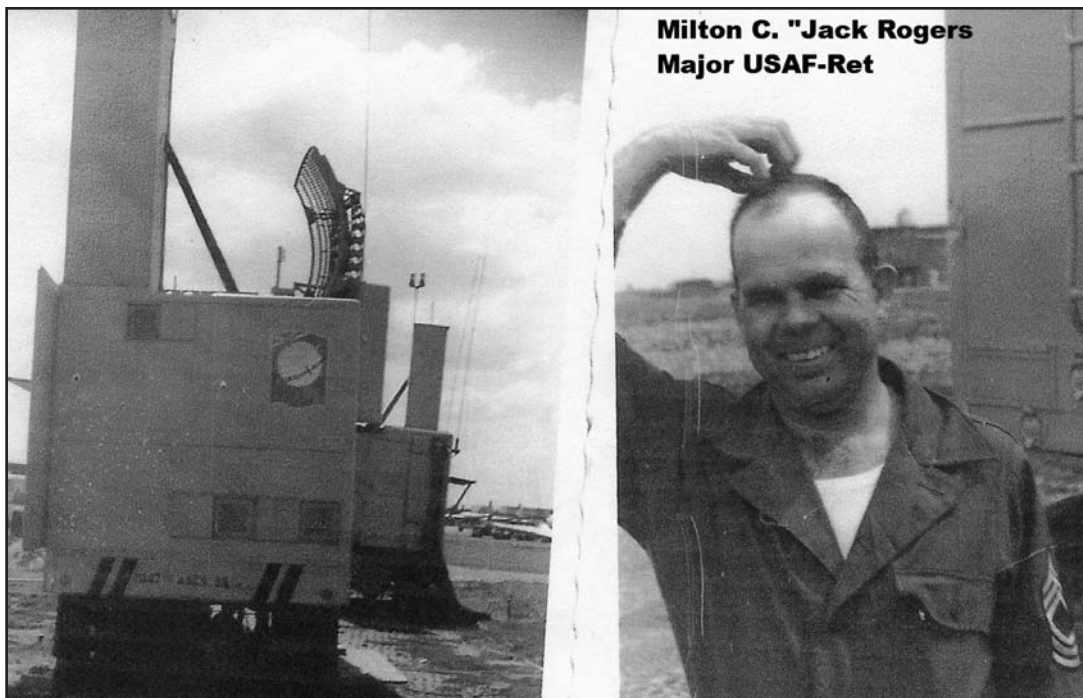
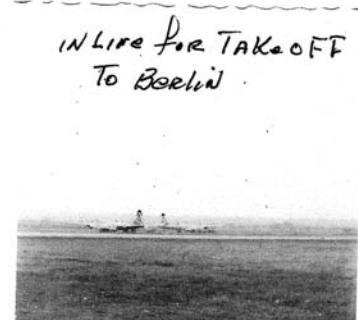
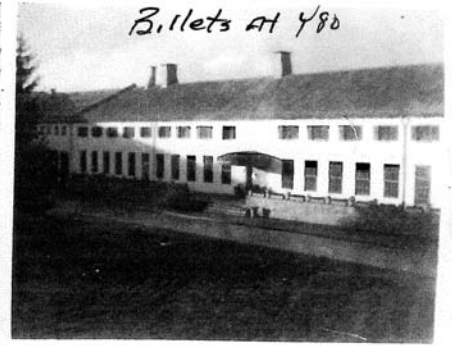
Clarence: Don't think it was on my shift. I don't send back items if I don't have space, I hold them to the next issue.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Dykhouse
Clarence Dykhouse
5867 Leisure South, SE
Kentwood, MI 49548

**Some memories of
Y-80 (Wiesbaden AB,
Germany)**

**By Major Milton C. "Jack"
Rogers, when he was a
MSgt in the 1950/1951
time frame.**



AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
SEPTEMBER 25, 2005**

TAX EXEMPT STATEMENT

This is to certify that _____ of the AACS Alumni Association, Inc., is a member in good standing and was an official delegates to a series of business meetings and communications and air traffic control seminars at the 2007 Annual Convention, from September 24 through September 28, 2005 at Las Vegas, NV. The meetings and seminars were conducted by and for the AACS Alumni Association members for educational, social and humanitarian purposes and included the review and approval of charitable donations as authorized for charitable organizations under Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1994. In addition, the delegates voted for individual members to fill vacant Board of Director positions that were scheduled for mandatory elections and the Delegates also voted on Associations Constitution and By Law changes, and other administrative changes. No goods or services were provided to the delegates.

**RAYMOND SHARPLESS
Original/Signed/typed**

**Raymond Sharpless, Treasurer
AACS Alumni Association, Inc.
ID 501 (C) (19), Employee Nbr: 38-3053651
State of Michigan, ID 814649**

**Certified: Executive Director
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Ray Sharpless, 113 Airway Lane, Belton, MO 64012 or Email: rayshrplss@kc.rr.com**

**Notes: CORE DATES FOR THE CONVENTION WERE MONDAY -, FRIDAY.
NOTE: Widows or Widowers of Life Members are considered as Official AACS Alumni Members. Spouses of deceased members, who continue to pay annual dues are also considered Official AACS Alumni Members. AACS Alumni Members are responsible for complying with all IRS rules when submitting US TAX FORM 1040.**

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Meals, per-day per individual (\$14 per day for members in good standing)
Motel/Hotel, Airfare, Rental car, parking (for period of reunion only)
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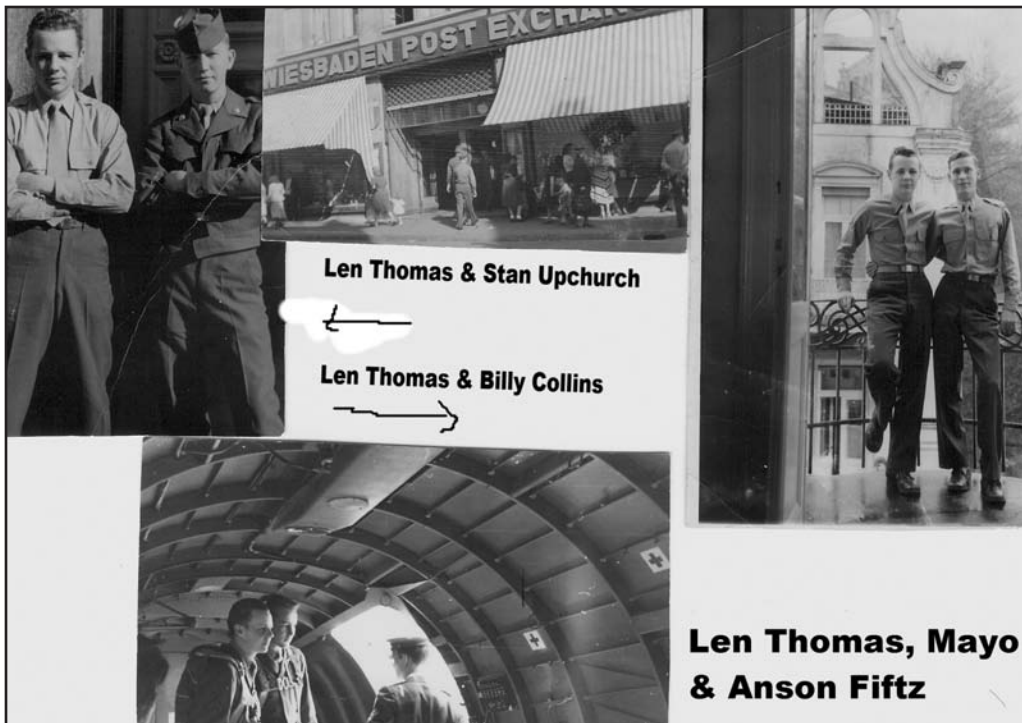
1950 EUCOM Softball Champs

L-R (standing): Maj Pomaville, John Spolar, Hoppy Hopkins, Lt. Kosmatka,
COL JESS GUTHRIE (Commander), Tom Sapdelt, Bradley.

Front Row: Shubbrook, Frank Stewart, Terry Hummel, Tom Chambers, Billy Collins, Lyman Gates
(1st Sgt), unk, Travis & Capt E.J. Briggs.



**Eucom Softball
Champs !!
1950?**



Len Thomas & Stan Upchurch
←

Len Thomas & Billy Collins
→

**Len Thomas, Mayo
& Anson Fiftz**



**What you missed at the
Las Vegas 2007 Convention/Reunion !**

The Circus-Circus Casion & Hotel

September 24-28, 2007

We had 388 members & guests

**And all had a great time.
See photo's in this issue.**

**Next year we will be at the Settle Inn (Possible
name change to "The Stone Castle Hotel)**

In

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**Plan on coming and meet Old Friends &
Make new ones.**

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**You all Come to Branson in 2008 !!!!!!!!
September 24-28, 2008
Settle Inn Resort & Convention Center**



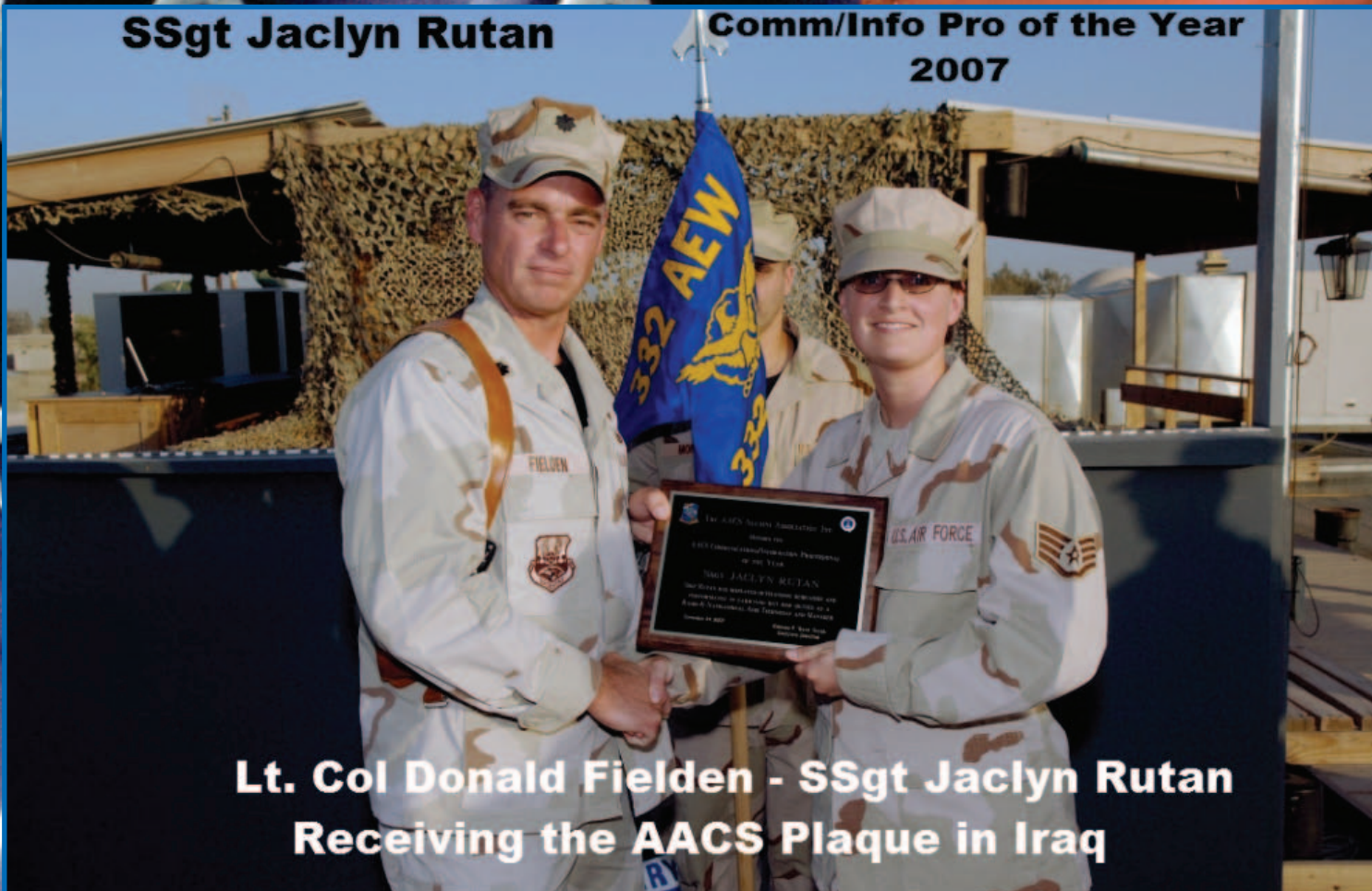
The Settle Inn





SSgt Jaclyn Rutan

**Comm/Info Pro of the Year
2007**



**Lt. Col Donald Fielden - SSgt Jaclyn Rutan
Receiving the AACCS Plaque in Iraq**



**Gift's to AACCS
Member's & Guests**

**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2008**

(Elected to new Board of Director positions at the Las Vegas Convention/Reunion were Stan Phillips, Bill Bethea, Hank Sauer, Walt McLain & Gerry Prather)



**Executive Director
Stan Phillips**



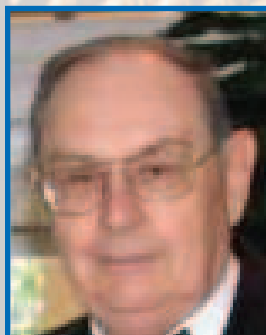
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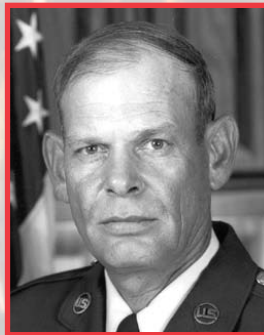
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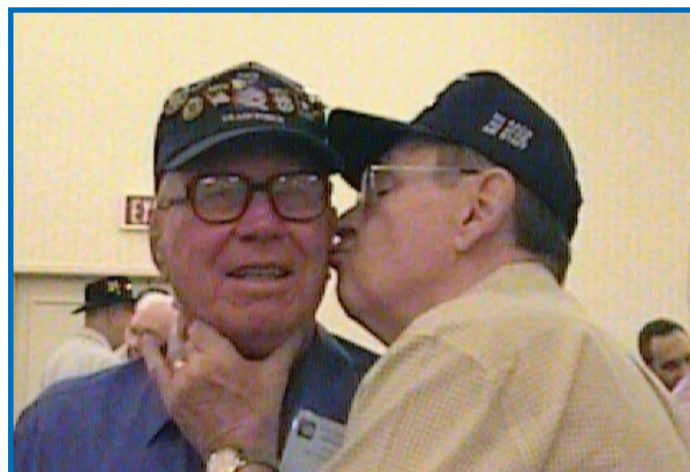
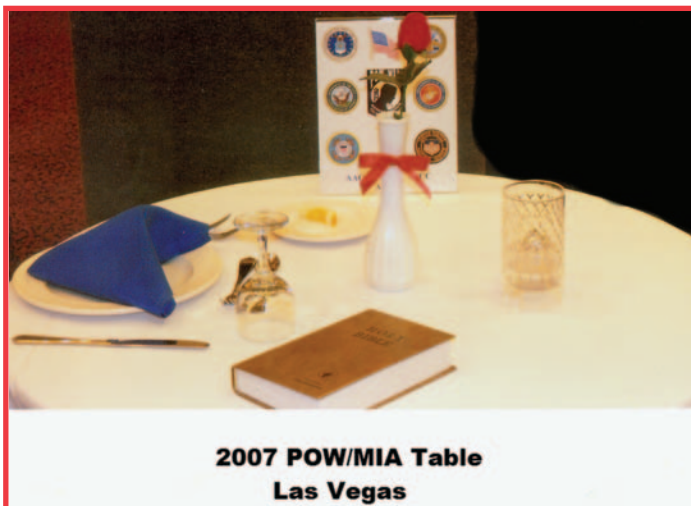


**Dir. for Membership
Walt McLain**



**Sgt-at-Arms
Gerry Prather**

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WE WERE FINE IN '05, WE'LL BE GREAT IN '08

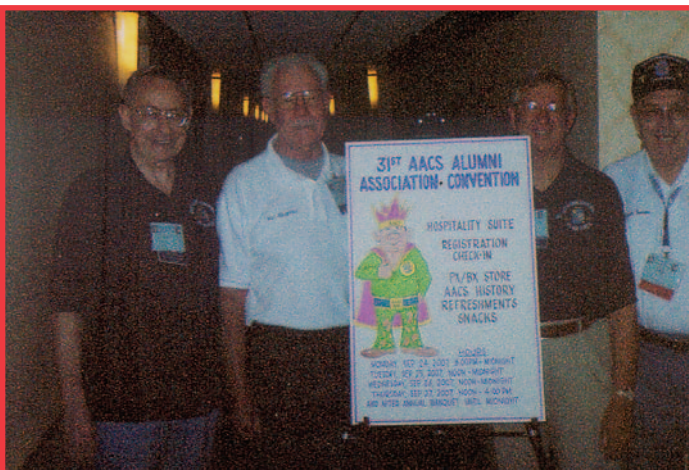
YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR BRANSON IN 2008

The AACS Alumni convention for 2008 will be at Branson, Missouri
September 23rd through September 27th, 2008

We have the Stone Castle Hotel (formerly the Settle Inn) selected for our Convention.
Good times and camaraderie will prevail. Come and renew old friendships
and make new ones. We'll have plenty of food, drinks and good times.

Your Host Committee, including Gene & Irene Sheridan, Jim & Erika VanDyne,
Bill & Julie Wallace, Dick & Jerry Duncan, Ray & Sally Sharpless and
John & Carol Watson are busy planning tours, show's, a challenging golf game
and just an all around good time for all of you. The Hotel is providing a daily
Continental Breakfast for everyone registered and staying at the Hotel.
It will be served in our Hospitality Room

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Duke Snyder - Life Achievement Award



**Maj. Gen. Prather
Thomas F. Buckley Service Award**



**The AACS Air Traffic Controller of the Year -2007
SrA Sarah O'Brien, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska**



SrA Sarah O'Brien Accepting the ATC Award



Chief Cole, Chief Sauer, SrA O'Brien, Lt. Gen Peterson



**Mac Maginnis presenting Bob Rainey
with AACS Recruiter of the Year Award - 2007**

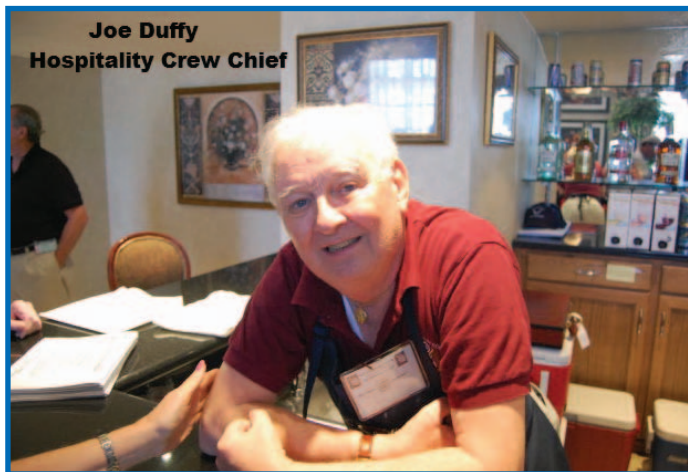
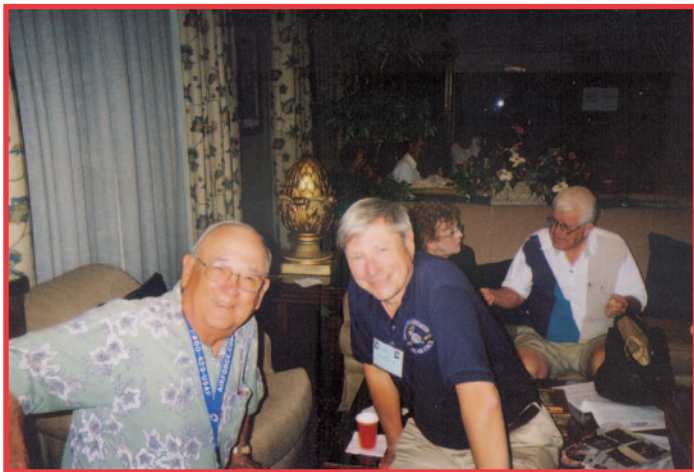


**Chief Sauer & Lt. General Michael Peterson
Presenting the AACS Eagle to Mrs. Charlotte Rutan
and Ms. Ashley Rutan for SSgt Jaclyn Rutan, the
Communications/Information Professional of the Year.**

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Chief Cole
Hq AFFSA JoAnn Phillips
Stan Phillips
09/27/2007



Pat Frye - Dick Frye - Nancy Donnell - Lorrie Silverstone
JoAnn Phillips
09/09/2007



2007 Air Traffic Controller of the Year - SrA Sarah O'Brien
Chief Cole (AFFSA) - Hank Sauer - Sarah - Lt Gen Peterson



2007 AACS Hall of Honor & Life Achievement Awards

**2007 AACS HONORS
(Presented at Las Vegas, September 2007)**

AACS Hall of Honor

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

**Colonel James Lauducci
CMSgt Charles Teston**

AACS Life Achievement Award

Duke Snyder

AIR FORCE HALL OF FAME 2008 AACS NOMINEE

Maj. General Gerald Prather (ret)

Annual Recruiting Award

E.R. Rainey

THOMAS F BUCKLEY AWARD

Maj. General Gerald Prather

2007 Communications/Information Professional of the Year

SSgt Jacyn Rutan

2007 Air Traffic Controller of the Year

SrA Sarah O'Brien

ROBERT BREWER
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26 JUNE 2007

DEAR HANK:

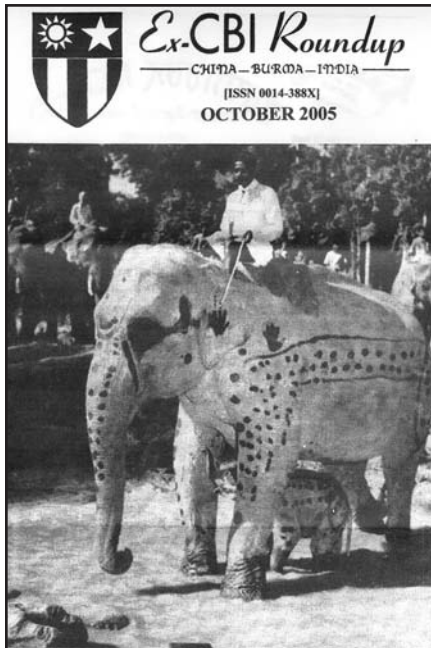
YOUR LATEST ISSUE OF THE COMMUNICATOR HAS ARRIVED AND IT IS TRULY OUTSTANDING. YOU HAVE BROUGHT IT AND THE ASSOCIATION TO GREAT HEIGHTS.... CONGRATS.

I ENCLOSE A RECAP OF A STORY YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN ABOUT. I SEND IT AS MY CLAIM TO BE THE ONLY AAC'S'ER TO EVER BE CONFRONTED PERSONALLY BY A FUTURE CHIEF OF THE AIR FORCE REGARDING AAC'S SERVICES. FURTHER, THE INCIDENT REVEALED A COMMON SITUATION WHERE AAC'S WAS ATTEMPTING TO PERFORM ITS MISSION WITHOUT THE EQUIPMENT IT NEEDED TO DO THE JOB. MY STORY CLEARLY SHOWS A TYPICAL CASE WHERE WE WERE EXPECTED TO DO IT...WITHOUT THE PROPER TOOLS. SOMEHOW, WE DID IT.

SEE YOU ALL IN VEGAS WITH MY TWO DAUGHTERS...

REGARDS,

BOB BREWER



General LeMay Arrives

Your article on page 15 of the latest issue of your fine publication concerns the arrival of General Curtis LeMay at Chengtu, China in 1944. The story struck a special note in my memory. His arrival there that day was a unique event for me. I was a captain in charge of the AAC'S unit at the airbase. We knew it as Hsinching or A-1. My small unit of personnel had only been there a few days. Our facilities included the control tower, a direction finder, an ILS that wasn't hooked up yet, and one marker beacon off the end of the main runway. That was it. If some of your readers are old enough and were there, they will recall that we shared one 25 KW power unit with the base for runway lights, and our tower radio equipment. It was a very sad state. Air density was increasing rapidly with aircraft from several B-29 bases in India.

So, with that kind of an environment, the good General LeMay comes overhead that day at 20,000 feet requesting immediate landing clearance. There were over 50 aircraft in the vicinity at the time awaiting a landing sequence. The tower chief on duty was the best I could have had in the crew. He was a tech sergeant and considering what he had to work with, he did a magnificent job with improvising approach procedures because we lacked proper navigation ap-

proach aids. Now, he faced a very demanding Two Star General wanting down at once.

I was in the tower at the time of LeMay's arrival. After checking with the Base Operations Officer, we advised General LeMay to hold his altitude and we would work him down as soon as possible. That took 30 minutes by using a vectoring procedure out at various headings, and decent patterns. We could do no more to hasten his approach and landing.

The good General landed and taxied his B-29 right up in front of Based Ops and out he came up the stairs to the control tower with a cigar in the side of his mouth. "Who is in charge here?" "I am, Sir," I replied. "Step outside with me," he said. "What kind of a traffic control procedure do you think you are running here?" I attempted to explain our very meager facilities and the lack of a normal approach and landing procedure as the base was very new. He was obviously quite upset. He told me to get back in there and set up a two-minute vector out and in procedure and then he turned me over to a Colonel Blanchard who was a prince of a guy. With that, the General growled and headed for Base Operations and the Base Commanders office where further fireworks took place.

I explained in detail what our problems were

To the Editor

in a session with Colonel Blanchard and what I felt we needed without delay. He made notes in a notebook and told me to continue the best we could. He also told me to realize the pressure General LeMay was under in activating the new bomber command. He suggested I not take it personally, but I will never forget how close that cigar was to my nose!

Within about three days, several C-46s arrived with three new 25 KW generators, new tower radio equipment, marker beacons and word that an air traffic control crew from the CAA was coming from Washington, DC to help us set up approach control and a sound landing approach procedure. All of that was the result of Colonel Blanchard's fine support for my AAC'S squadron at Chengtu. He is the same Blanchard to later become a Three Star General as the Air Force Inspector General. He was truly one of the finest officers I met during my long career in the AAC'S and the AFCS commands. He eased my wounds, and when I again met him in later years, he recalled the 1944 incident at Chengtu, and he told me that I was not the only one to feel the warmth of General LeMay's cigar! ROBERT M. BREWER, 4258 Heron Lakes Drive, Stockton, CA 95219-1766

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ARMY AIR FORCES
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Langley Field, Va.
1 February 1946

AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of Section I, Circular 345, War Department, 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular 421, War Department, 1944, Section II, Circular 137, War Department, 1945, and Section I, Circular 331, War Department, 1945, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded to the 769th AAF Base Unit (139th AACCS Sq) APO 503, in recognition of outstanding achievement of the highest devotion to duty in the initial landing and occupation of Japan by armed forces of the Army of the United States. The advanced party landed on Atsugi, Japan at 0850, 28 August 1945. The jeep mounted control tower, first American vehicle to land on Japanese soil was on the runway and ready to handle traffic before the last plane in the advance flight had landed. At 1100, 28 August 1945, the ~~quarzenoy~~ homer went on the air. By 1900, 29 August 1945, the permanent control tower was finished and ready to land planes. By 1700, 30 August 1945, over 341 take-offs and landings had been made by C-54 type aircraft, carrying 11th Airborne Infantry. The very nature of this job called for enthusiastic execution of orders and superior performance of duty. This organization, achieving a high degree of military and professional efficiency at all times, has maintained superior individual conduct of personnel, a high esprit de corps, and an exceptionally high degree of discipline and morale.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL FLEMAN:

OFFICIAL:

FRANCIS T FOGARTY
Lt Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

/s/BRUCE G BARCLAY
/t/BRUCE G BARCLAY
Captain, Air Corps
Asst Adjutant General

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139th AACCS Squadron

**The 139th AACCS Sq
members were the
first to step on
Japanese soil.**

**Submitted by
Frederick Bottome**

A TRUE COPY:

Martin B Sweeney
MARTIN B SWEENEY
Captain, Air Corps

Dear Hank:

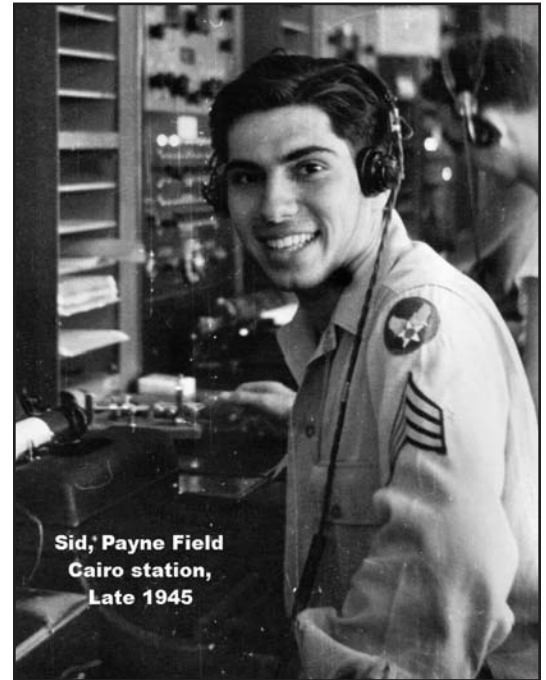
I was sent to AACCS training school at Madison, WI in 1943, after some time at Scott Field, where they found that I couldn't see well enough to be a waist gunner/radio op in B17s.

After assignments at various air bases, including Jackson, MS and Montgomery, AL, I ended up as an MOS 760 in 114SQ 744ABU AACCS Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt for a couple of months, then a year at Abadan Air Base in southern Iran, where three surrounding cities each claimed the world's hottest temperatures. When I got there the tour of duty was limited to four months, but as soon as I arrived, they changed it to a year. The natives said, "In June, flies die ... in July, Johnny die." Johnny, of course, was us. Sure enough, in June the miserably pesky flies died, so we got worried.

But we survived, working in our undershorts in a station filled with Hammarlund receivers and teletype machines, all throwing out heat, with an alleged air conditioner that we called "the heater," because it was continuously overloaded and just blew hot air into the station. The only working air conditioner on the base was in the hospital, where many guys went when the wind changed and humidity from the Persian Gulf streamed in on top of the desert heat.

We were one of the first to hear of the Japanese surrender offer, getting a flash from Karachi which got it from a monitoring station. Art Arnitz, a buddy of mine (see photo), was sitting at the tty when the flash came over, and could barely spit out the words "The war is over!"

Shortly thereafter, I was reassigned to Payne Field, a virtual paradise compared



Sid, Payne Field
Cairo station,
Late 1945





to Abadan, with all the attractions of Cairo available to us at bargain prices due to the exchange rate.

However, even though the war was over, we weren't going home, even though many of us had sufficient points. We were "essential personnel." The problem was that we seemed to be essential only to civil aviation, since most of our traffic involved TWA flights.

Then, in December, 1945, I was offered an emergency discharge and a civilian job with TWA, the bad news being that it was back in Abadan. President Truman had made a deal with the Soviet Union for mutual withdrawal from Iran, but we needed a refueling airbase between the Far East and North Africa/Europe, and the proposed base in Dharan, Saudi Arabia wouldn't be finished until May, 1946. So, the War Dept. gave TWA a contract to run Abadan as a civilian installation, thereby complying with the letter of the agreement. TWA couldn't find people to run an airbase other than by recruiting from the military. So emergency discharges were offered to "qualified personnel" who had been tendered contracts by TWA. All my buddies told me I was crazy to sign up because "We're going home soon!" I saw no sign of that, and TWA was offering \$100 a week clear of all expense, a minor fortune to a GI sergeant, so I took it and ended up going home in April 1946 on the same ship as the guys who told me not to take the job, but I was a civilian and substantially richer.

Back in Abadan, I started as a high speed point to point operator. We had also inherited an Armed Forces Radio broadcast station that we put back on the air, but the only news available was in Morse code transmitted from the U.S. and relayed from Casablanca. Since I was the only guy there who could copy 35 wpm solidly, I was picked as the news purveyor. Unfortunately, the only time the broadcast was available with a good signal was like 2:00 a.m. Shortly thereafter I also became a disk jockey at the broadcast station, with a four hour shift from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., operating twin turntables, one of which had Armed Forces Radio transcriptions of variety shows and on the other of which I played jazz recordings for my own pleasure. What a great job! AACCS didn't have an MOS for that position.

Sidney Sosin



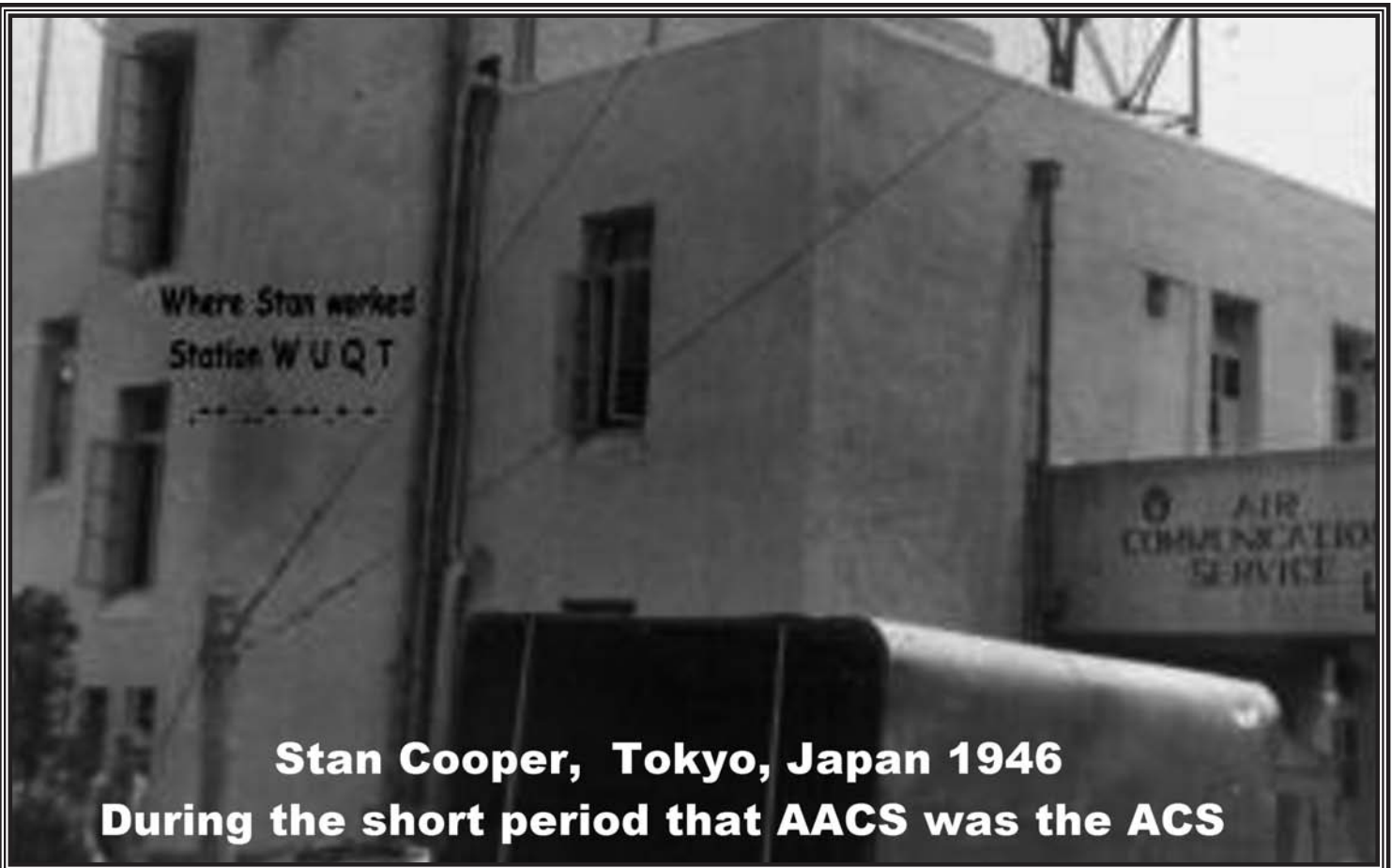
George Villa

An Outstanding Alumni Member

Life Member George Villa has been selected as the USO Pacific Area Volunteer of the Year, for the second time. George has been a volunteer for over 20 years and has over 15,000 hours as a volunteer.

Well done George, you make us all proud.

Hank Sauer/Editor/Publisher



Carswell GCA Retires 2048th Landmark Of 'The Good Old Days'

CARSWELL AFB, Tex. — Controllers here recently retired a small building familiar to the farm and rural communities of yesteryear. This reminder of the good old days was none other than a much criticized but well known "out-house."

While it had served with distinction (pronounced distink-tion) for some time, the controllers at Carswell GCA felt that in keeping with the Air Force image of progress this one sore spot had to go. So, with a few heavy hearts and deep regrets this

familiar landmark of the 2048th Comm Sq. was laid to rest when the base civil engineer finally hooked up the last water pipe and finished installing a septic tank. Now, men use the more modern porcelain convenience most of us have grown accustomed to.

Along with the water pipes and septic tank came a complete set of instructions on the use of this new facility and we are happy to report all controllers were fully rated before the day was over.



**Copied from the March 12, 1971 issue of the
AFCS "INTERCOM"**

You Never Know Who You Are Talking To !!!

It was Dec 23 or 24, 1957. I was an air traffic controller in the US Air Force at Yokota AFB, Japan. Along about 7pm a military transport (C-47) was entering into our air space bound for South Korea. It was a routine matter until this female voice came crackling over my head set. Since this would not be a big deal in today's world, it was unheard of in 1957 since there were no female military pilots that I knew of at the time. I put her transmissions on the loud speaker so that all the controllers in the room could hear. The voice was really sexy and sounded familiar. She did not follow correct air/ground terminology. Then she introduced herself-----it was Jane Mansfield. She was flying with the Bob Hope show that just performed at Johnson AFB, about 25 miles from us. She asked if I had seen the show. Told her no ----I drew the short straw and had to work. Twenty guys in the room went crazy when she purred ---"That's a shame, maybe you can see me on our next trip". Needless to say, I returned to the states 4 months later and never got the chance to see her in person. But I still can remember her voice and a time long past.

**Armand "Pete" Palmerine
3709 E. Feather Ave
Gilbert, AZ 85234
480-807-6862**

Pete worked for the FAA after his Air force days, for 36 years. He retired in 1995. He relocated to Phoenix in 1997 to be close to his kids.

Editors Note: Thanks Pete, many of us can remember the Bob Hope shows and how many we all missed because of duty schedules.

80 Flamehill Road
Levittown, PA 19056
June 29, 2007

Mr. R. P. Sauer
Editor/ Publisher
AACS Communicator
111 Carson Lane
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Dear Mr. Sauer:

I recognized the picture which Bill Parker's dad took on Tinian Island in 1945. The truck is part of The Instrument Landing System used in guiding aircraft landing during bad weather and bad visibility. This truck housed an R. F. transmitter which radiated a localizer signal from the five Adcock antennas mounted on the roof of the truck. The electronic beam provided a signal down the middle of the runway which started about two miles from the beginning of the runway. Along with the localizer beam, a glide path signal, two marker beacon signals, and a cross hair indicator on the pilot's instrument panel which guides the aircraft to a perfect landing.

I would like to say that I think that my brother and I were the first twins assigned to the Army Airways Communications Systems. We both enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in October 1942. After completing the Radio Maintenance course at Truax Air Force Base in Madison, Wisconsin, we both went on to teaching the Radio Maintenance courses in Receivers and Transmitters. We were then selected to attend the Officers Communications course at Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut, and graduating in June of 1944. After graduation we were assigned to A. A.C.S. as detachment commanders at Myrtle Beach, N.C. (Bill) and Laurenberg/Maxton, N.C. (Frank). We then volunteered for overseas duty and arrived in Hollandia, New Guinea in September 1944. After that, we were then stationed in Tacloban, on Leyte Island in the Phillipines. I have enclosed a photo of my brother Bill and I taken in Tacloban in November of 1944.

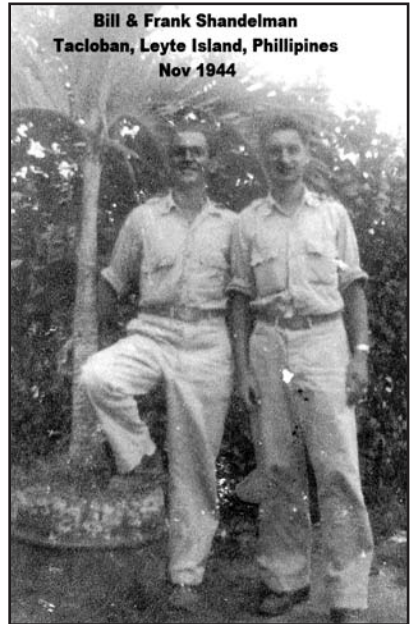
When the war ended in August of 1945, my brother was sent back to the States, but I then spent five months in Fuququa, Japan under Captain Tim. I was discharged in May of 1945.

I studied engineering at City College, and received my Electrical Engineering degree in June of 1949.

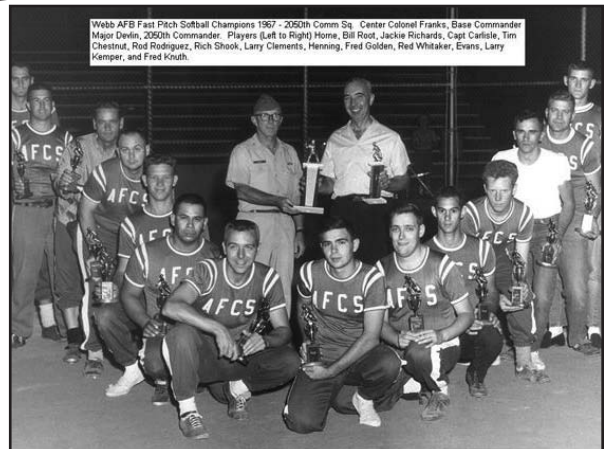
Very truly yours,

**Frank: We have had other AACS
twins, but think you and your
brother were the first.**

Frank Shandelman
Frank Shandelman
(215) 945-2043



Bill & Frank Shandelman
Tacloban, Leyte Island, Phillipines
Nov 1944



Webb AFB Fast Pitch Softball Champions 1967 - 2050th Comm Sq. Center Colonel Franks, Base Commander Major Devlin, 2050th Commander. Players (Left to Right) Home, Bill Root, Jackie Richards, Capt Carlisle, Tom Chestnut, Rod Rodriguez, Rich Shook, Larry Clements, Henning, Fred Golden, Red Whitaker, Evans, Larry Kemper, and Fred Knuth.

AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Email: aacsmbrship@comcast.net

Types of Membership

Life & Regular Membership is based on service (men and women) as a commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, enlisted or civilian, who has served or is serving in any communications/information or air traffic control unit or holds or held a MOS, AFSC or other skill identifier as a communicator/information, air traffic controller or support skill in any Air Force Major Air Command (AACS, ACS, AFCS, AFCC, AFC4A, AFCA, AFFSA, SAC, TAC, ADC, USAFSS MAC, etc., or the current commands) Spouses of a surviving member are also eligible for Regular membership. The Life Membership of a deceased member will transfer to the surviving spouse unless he/she requests otherwise. Associate Membership is subject to the approval of the Alumni Associations Executive Board for individuals who actively supported any communications/information or air traffic control activity, but otherwise does not meet the criteria for Life or Regular Membership. Associate Members are not eligible to vote or to hold office in the Association, but are treated like all other members.

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

Life Memberships are based on age:

To – 50 years of age = \$165

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61 – 70 years of age = \$115

71 --? Years if age = \$75

Life Membership ___ Regular ___ Associate ___ Amount of money enclosed: \$ _____

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Date: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MI _____ LAST NAME _____ SPOUSES FIRST NAME _____
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UNIT(s) AND COMMAND(s) (For the Membership Roster – limited to approximately 2 units and 3 abbreviated Commands) _____

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

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Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ (Important)

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Combat area or Base: _____ Additional Comm/ATC units _____ 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 Walt McLain at TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

If you are a "SNOWBIRD" PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

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AACS PRE-HISTORY

I was intrigued by a May 2006 entry on our Association's website from fellow member, Joe Silkey. I've never had the pleasure of meeting Joe but his posting prompted me to an exchange of E-mails. And what he modestly related were not merely experiences in *Double-A* but a glimpse at our history before AACS was even created.

Joe enlisted in the Air Corps in 1935 at Chanute Field, Rantoul IL. He completed radio school there in 1937 and went to work in Chanute Tower. Other than the year of assignment, it was not an unusual arrangement as radio operators routinely staffed control towers until the first tower school opened in 1942

What does make the assignment so significant is that control towers back then were newfangled facilities for the Air Corps. As such, Joe would have been among the *first-wave* of air traffic controllers in USAF history. Likewise, it establishes Chanute Tower as being one of the first control towers.

Note: These are opinions but I did a history project for AFFSA a few years ago and the earliest references to or photos of control towers I found were dated 1938.

For you, ah..., older ATC enthusiasts, the Tower transmitted on 396 Kcs and received 3105, 4495 and 6210 Kcs. Sound familiar? An active airfield, B-10s and P-29s were a common sight; wheels often mired-to-their-hubs on unpaved runways.

Joe also kept-up with point-to-point and air-to-ground radio duties, eventually leaving control tower operations



Joe Silkey in Chanute Tower about 1937. The *candlestick* microphone is a T-32; used in control towers to the 1960s.

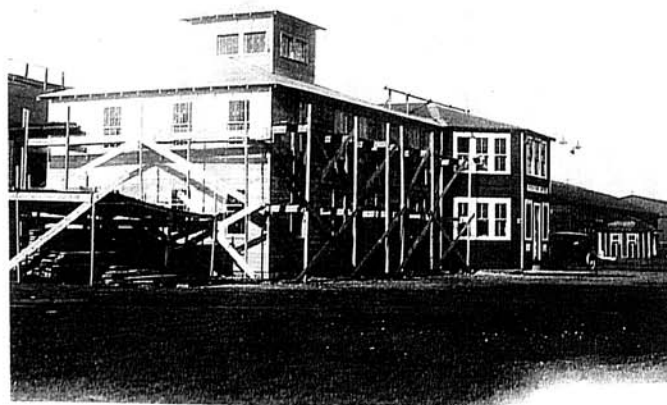
altogether. But another legacy event occurred for him in 1938. That was the year AACS was formed and he was transferred from an air base unit to the 2nd Communications Squadron (AACS) at Langley with duty at Chanute. So besides being a pioneer in air traffic control, he joined AACS at its outset. He is now one of the few remaining *vet's* who were initiated at such an early stage in the *outfit* that many of us still venerate.

During WWII, Joe served in Iceland, Scotland, Stornaway (on the Isle of Lewis if you can't place it), England and France. Afterwards, he spent time in various "ZI" bases plus tours with the 7th AACS Wing in Japan and a frigid year at Cold Bay AK. He finally returned to the U.S to stay in 1953 with an assignment to AACS Headquarters at Andrews AFB. It was not his last move. In 1957 he went back to Chanute where it all began, retiring there as a Senior Master Sergeant in 1959.

Like so many others, his Air Force retirement was merely a pause between careers. But Joe was perhaps a bit more constructive than most. He went back to school and in 1961, started as a teacher in the Champagne Illinois School System and where he remained until *really* retiring in 1982.

Joe Silkey turned 89 in August 2006, still living in Champagne and was still cutting the grass himself. I believe we can take pride in knowing that Joe and a few other AACS Alumni as well, still provide us with direct links to a valued and historical past.

Norman Courter



Chanute Tower being constructed @ 1936. It was replaced by a second generation control tower in 1940.



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MAR 20 1932

A "STOP" AND "GO" SIGNAL FOR AIR TRAFFIC

A NEW AIR TRAFFIC DEVICE, SHOOTING BEAMS OF GREEN
AND RED LIGHT, WITH RANGE OF EIGHT MILES IN DAYTIME
AND 20 AT NIGHT, BEING EXAMINED AT UNITED AIRPORT,
BURBANK, CALIF. IT IS A LIGHT "GUN".

ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO
AJE-3/18/32 (NE MET LIST)

Submitted by:
Norman Courter

This is sort of off-beat but I thought it interesting. It's a prototype for the first light gun but, apparently, not the one finally selected. It mentions an eight mile range but that's wishful thinking.



The ATC Marriage

Where: Templehof AB

When: Berlin Airlift

Who: Overworked ATCers

**Why: Nothing else to do,
it was before payday**



"Mac Maginnis" ←

This Service Club act must have been dreamed up by our "Felix Sciarratta" and he must have had black mail stuff on Mac.



**The 2007 PA Reunion Group
DuBois, PA**

Ladies: Front L-R: Rose Zackary, Theresa Kline, Verma Burkett, Marion Hopkins, Wilma Wilson Ruth Cooper, Doris Clark & Marilyn Mette

Back Row: L-R: Sharon Owens, Carolyn Chappell, Mildred Ruthowski, Helen Salada, and Norma Mallory.

Men: Front L-R: Ralph Kline, Richard Chappell, Richard Wilson, Alan Zackary, George Anthony, Roy Hopkins, William Burkett, Howard Cooper, & Ed Ruthowski.

Back Row: L-R: Leon Salada, Sherman Hollopetor, Leo Marsh, Charles Mette, John Mallory, Richard Celland, Ray Owens, William Stewart & Leonard Clark.



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DEFENSE BULLYING REPORT - Air Force Worst of the Three Services

A recent report by experts has found that allegations of "a culture of widespread bullying and brutality" within the Military are, in the most part, unfounded. The audit team, which traveled to every Defense establishment across the country and abroad and interviewed staff from all three services, found surprisingly few cases of unfair treatment and bullying within the Army and Navy.

When it came to the Air Force, however, the report told a different story. Complaints to the team came from a total of 3,555 Air Force members, compared with three from Navy, just one from Army and none from the Marine Corps.

While this statistic is alarming in its own right, it becomes horrific when one considers that each complaint represents a sad story of abuse, mistreatment and neglect. As one senior Air Force officer put it, "Each story is, in itself, a sad indictment on the Military. When taken as a whole, however, they demonstrate a reprehensible lack of regard for personnel on the part of managers at all levels."

One young pilot told of having to spend two nights in tented accommodation, despite the fact that there was an empty five-star hotel just 1 kilometer away.

Another said that he had been forced to endure a grueling fitness test every year since he joined in 1997.

One airman alleged that she had been overlooked for promotion on numerous occasions, simply because she was fat, lazy and stupid.

An airman stated he had been refused permission to wear civilian attire to work, despite the fact that his uniform clashed with his eye color.

Another had been forced to wear uncomfortable safety boots for periods of up to eight hours straight.

A clerk could not understand why she had been sent to work in a Joint military headquarters, "I have been forced to work for horrid Army and Navy people who just don't understand what the military is all about. I feel the Air Force has victimized me by forcing me to do this...I will be seeking compensation..."

Shockingly, Air Force senior ranks are also subject to mistreatment.

One SNCO stated, "I was deeply upset when I was addressed as 'Sergeant' by an officer. He knew my name was Robert. It was just horrible - I have never been more humiliated in my life." In response a senior officer stated, "the officer in question has been moved on..."

A number of personnel complained of having to attend courses that were not relevant to their jobs, such as rigorous ground combat courses and drawn-out lectures on occupational health and safety. To add insult to injury, a young A1C was even ordered to pack up chairs in the classroom after one such course.

The huge backlash against treatment of Air Force personnel should provide senior officers with a vital clue with regard to the massive retention problems experienced by the military in recent times. Over the past two years, the Military has spent millions looking into the issue.

Not all of the Air Force's hierarchy, however, were upset by the revelations. Said the outgoing Chief of Staff, "I'm delighted with the result, I am very happy that our retention problems are due, in the most part at least, to something as harmless as bullying. I thought everyone was leaving because of me."

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Caveats: NONE

Submitted by E.R. Rainey

Dear Hank---

I have written an article about AFCS at Cam Ranh Bay Vietnam in the very early days. It was a very challenging year for all of us AFCS troops at CRB at that time. I am providing the article to you so that you can use it in an upcoming issue of the AACS Communicator.

I tried to make it shorter, but there was so much to say I didn't want to leave anything out. I have already re-written it many times to shorten it down to this level. It has been reviewed/edited by my daughter who is an expert in writing and the English language.

It is being sent to you in camera-ready paper form. If you would prefer to have it in some other media such as an e-mail attachment or on a CD, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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The Early Days at Cam Ranh Bay

by
George W. Hoyt.

Overview: I was assigned to the 1881st Comm Squadron (AFCS) at Cam Ranh Bay AB Vietnam in early 1966. It was not long after the base had opened. It was a very unusual, interesting, and challenging year, and I wanted to share my Air Force experience.

The Base: The base was located on a sandy peninsula that was about 15 miles long. The South China Sea was on the east, the bay was to the south and west, and it was about 11 degrees north of the equator. There was sand as far as the eye could see. Other than a few Vietnamese living in a tiny village near the bay, it was without inhabitants. With water on three sides, the base was easier to defend than some of our other bases in Vietnam. The Security Police Airmen with their dogs were our first line of defense.

CRB had an aluminum plank runway, which was built in record time by the civilian contractor RMK-BRJ. The runway area was compacted, graded, sprayed with oil, and then covered with burlap. Aluminum planking was laid down on top of the burlap. The parking and taxi ramps were both aluminum plank and PSP. There was a Wing of F-4C's, many C-130's, C-123's and other types of aircraft. The engine noise from the F-4C's and C-130's was sometimes unbearable.

During the year, a new concrete runway was built adjacent to the aluminum plank runway. The effort took most of 1966 and opened in late October. Both runways were parallel to each other running north/south. The direction of the runways accommodated the seasonal change of the wind direction shifting from the north to the south and back again.

The CRB port facility was also constructed during this time. It was said that CRB was the fourth best natural deep-water harbor in the world. One day a strange looking device with tall poles was seen floating on the horizon of the South China Sea. We later learned that it was a docking facility which was pre-assembled and floated over from the East Coast. I never learned if it passed through the Panama Canal or traveled around the tip of South America. Accomplishing this trip across the oceans had to be an unusual feat.

Comm and Air Traffic Control Vans: In the Fall of 1965, the 1st Mob from Clark AB, arrived and brought in various types of Comm and ATC vans in support of the "bare base" concept. They not only activated and initially operated the vans until the 1881st took over, but they started building sand bag bunkers around them. The Mob's motto of "First In, Last Out" was certainly true. It was AFCS at its best.

Duties: The first ten years of my AF life were spent in teletype maintenance. In 1963, I attended a year long computer maintenance school and also became proficient in that field. But alas in late 1965, the long arm of MPC (and AFCS) reached out and drew me back into my former teletype maintenance specialty for the year in Vietnam. It wasn't long before I found myself at CRB in charge of Teletype and Telautograph Maintenance. The teletype equipment in the vans and at other locations on the base were well within our capabilities. The Telautograph system was a different situation. It was a network where weather personnel could handwrite weather information onto a machine and this handwritten information was transmitted to various facilities around the base. It was commercial equipment with only a few spare parts and a very limited maintenance manual. None of us

had ever seen one before, let alone having any experience or training on it. Nevertheless, we did our best to keep the equipment and the network operational. However, the tropical climate and the fine sand of CRB began to take a toll on this non-militarized equipment.

Weather/Climate: Most of the time, we had 95/95 days (95 degrees and 95% humidity), with many days scorching up beyond that. The high humidity made it very uncomfortable. It took a new arrival about two months before his body became acclimated where he stopped sweating. A person just could not get enough water. There were lister bags with water to fill a canteen or a canteen cup, but lister bag water was warm and unpleasant. We solved part of this problem when pre-sweetened Kool-Aid packets arrived from home.

The rainy season came in October and November. Horizontal rain was everywhere. It created a mist that found its way into everything, including our tents.

The 95/95 salt air caused everything to rust very quickly. Men who wore firearms at their waist, covered them in cellophane. The doors of one of our trucks rusted off at the hinges.

Daily Life at CRB: Most everyone lived in 8 or 10 man tents. Rows and rows of tents were everywhere. The fighter pilots were an exception; they lived in air-conditioned trailers. Even the base hospital consisted of a series of tents until late July 1966 when it moved into a complex of air-conditioned Quonset huts. (I was an in-patient with a foot injury in the hospital for ten days during this time, so I remember that time quite well.)

For a tropical climate, it was unusual that there were very few mosquitoes. But huge green flies with big red heads were everywhere. There were many rats, and they were a problem. Rat foot tracks were constantly seen around the outside of our tents. One troop was awakened by a rat chewing on the bottom of his foot. Another woke up with one on his chest. After that news, everyone used their mosquito nets and kept them tightly tucked in.

Outhouse style latrines were located at the end of every tent row. The burning of the feces was a daily event. Urinal tubes which were stuck into the sand, were placed near our tents.

When I arrived at CRB, a dental exam was part of in-processing. The dental lab was also in a start-up mode, and a "quick look" was conducted by a dental corpsman. He only had a few dental instruments, and my mouth was illuminated by a flashlight taped to a pole.

Gamma globulin shots were given every six weeks to prevent hepatitis. A 5cc syringe was shot into each cheek. It took a while to empty each syringe as the serum was very thick. Apparently the hepatitis concern went away, as the shots stopped in April or May.

There were outdoor showers, but they were cold water only. Fortunately the water temperature was OK, unless a person showered after dark. Then it was a little bit uncomfortable. Because of the hot/sweaty climate, daily showers were in order.

Everyone filled sand bags. There were sand bagged fox holes next to every tent. All of our Comm and Nav-Aids facilities had to be protected as well. At times, it seemed that sand bag filling was our primary AFSC. On some days we would have contests to see who could fill the most bags in a given period of time. We fashioned a "sand bag machine" out of plywood which was manned by eight men and the speed of filling sandbags was greatly increased. And of course, there was no shortage of sand at Cam Ranh Bay !

On some nights, we sat on the sand and watched movies which were projected onto a white plywood board. It was OK, but sadly it was downwind from one of the latrines.

The food was excellent. (This was in such stark contrast to my tour in Korea a dozen years earlier, where that food left much to be desired.) The CRB cooks did a marvelous job, despite the fact that they were cooking on gasoline-fired outdoor field stoves. We ate out of our field mess kits for the entire year. We “clanked” when we walked while carrying our mess kits with us. We usually worked 6-1/2 days a week. The cooks had Sunday afternoons and evenings off, so we had C-Rations on Sunday nights. A small fire to heat up a can of chicken noodle soup made it much more tolerable. The C-Rations may have been left over from WWII because some boxes contained a four-pack of Lucky Strike cigarettes.

For most of us, Sunday afternoon was our free time and we went swimming. Without a doubt CRB has the best beach in the world. The water was crystal-clear, clean, and warm. The sand underneath was hard-packed, and the surf was mild and gentle. One day, a sea turtle about 18 inches in diameter came up to us on the beach. It was dragging along a heavy duty half-inch cable that was imbedded into one of its legs. It is unknown how long the cable had been attached, or how it got there, but the leg was severely wounded. Several of us worked the cable free, and the grateful turtle entered the water, turned as if to say thanks, and swam away never to be seen again.

A central mail facility was established. A flag system was developed which was visible from most places on the base. When the flag was at the top, it meant that mail was in. At half mast it meant that mail had been received, and was being put up. At the bottom, it meant mail had not been received. The flag position was of interest to everyone because of that important lifeline of letters that kept people in touch with their families back home.

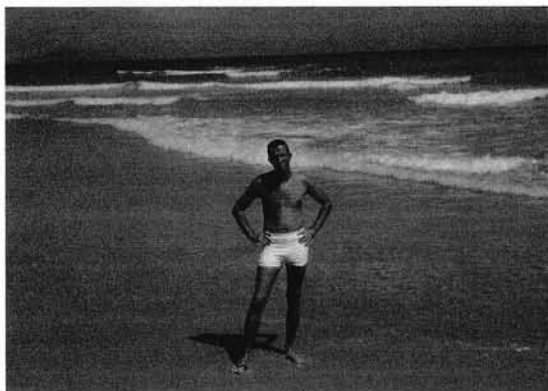
Payday only came once a month, and many people spent a few hours standing in line buying postal money orders to send money home. Military pay was exempt from income tax. The word “FREE” was written on a letter in place of using a stamp. The tax free income and the free postage were two fringe benefits of serving in a combat zone.

Everyone tolerated the austere conditions quite well. We were there for a purpose, and worked with what we had, despite the difficulties. I haven't missed my year at CRB very much, but I still do reminisce about that wonderful beach.....

Visitors: LBJ was in the Philippines and “dropped” into CRB in late October just after the new runway opened. A Boeing 707 full of press people came in first and tested the “safety” of the new runway. Ten minutes later Air Force One landed, did a 180 turn, and parked at the end of the runway to permit a quick departure if needed. LBJ stood on the back of a flatbed truck with a microphone and said, “I could not come to this part of the world without seeing my boys.” Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, was standing next to a sand bag bunker dressed in a three-piece blue suit. He was smoking a cigarette with a fancy cigarette holder and he looked very much out of place. General Westmoreland was in several times. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara also paid a visit. A number of USO entertainers came to CRB. Many of them ended with the singing of “God Bless America” and most everyone joined in. Billy Graham came during the Christmas Season. So did Bob Hope, who brought Joey Heatherton to model something new to us called a mini-dress.

A Year Passes: CRB had tremendous growth during 1966. A BX had opened. Tents were upgraded. The chow hall had ice water. Telephone/power poles were “planted” everywhere with a maze of cables strung from them. A few roads were paved, and there was even a traffic light installed at one intersection. The total AF & Army population had exploded from the meager beginning of several rows of tents to 18,000 people on the peninsula.

When I left CRB, I flew out on a C-47 headed for Saigon. As the plane banked, I looked out the window at the runways below and at the bay with more than a dozen ocean-going ships. It was overwhelming seeing all of the sand, the beautiful beach, the tents, Janesways, Quonsets, and other buildings that had been so much a part of my life for a year. The growth from near-nothing to all of this activity in one year was beyond belief !!!



CRB Beach

Feb. 1966



Jim Florian & George

April 1966



Guard Duty at CRB

June 1966



C-130's & Sand at CRB

Late 1966

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AACS Recruiting Drive

David Moore was appointed the AACS Recruiting Coordinator after the Covington, KY Convention/Reunion in 2006. Since then David has visited 17 Air Force Bases talking to the Communicators and the Air traffic Controllers. He has held briefings on who we are and what we stand for. For those units that were not already receiving copies of our AACS Communicators, he left them copies and we have placed all of those units on our mailing list. He also left them copies of our AACS Brochure that provides more information about our Alumni Association.

David has visited; Barksdale AF LA, Columbus AFB MS, Charleston AFB SC, Dyess AFB TX, Eglin AFB FL, Goodfellow AFB TX, Robins AFB Ga, Seymour-Johnson AFB NC, Sheppard AFB TRX, Tyndall AFB, FL Hurlburt Field FL, Keesler AFB MS, Laughlin AFB TX, Little Rock AFB AR, Moody AFB GA, Pope AFB NC and Randolph AFB TX.

We are looking for members who live close to active duty Air Force Bases to act as our interface with them. We will provide copies of the AACS Communicators and Brochures to use in any briefings and of course membership applications. Please contact Stan Phillips, Executive Director or Hank Sauer, Editor/Publisher for more information.



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Check your Address Label to see when your dates EXPIRE.

IMPORTANT
Tell "Mac Maginnis" when you change your address. There is now a charge for sending a SECOND copy of "The Communicator" (see notice inside)

September 2006
Plan now on coming to the 30th AACS Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky.
The Radisson Riverfront Hotel, September 28 - October 1, 2006.
Lots to see and do!
A German Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus!
A Riverboat Cruise!
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Saturday Afternoon "Prayer Lunches"
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General Billy Mitchell

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AACS Alumni Awards Policy

Lots of our members ask questions like "How did "he" get into the Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame?" or "What did "John" do to receive an AACS Life Achievement Award ?". The answer to these questions is that one of our AACS Alumni Association members took the time to read the AACS Policies on the procedures to nominate another member and then take the time to prepare a good write up as required by the AACS policies. Member nominations go to the AACS Committee for the AF Hall of Fame and the AACS Hall of Honor, and nominations for the AACS Life Achievement Award, which only requires a narrative write up goes to the Executive Director. The AF Hall of Fame & AACS Hall of Honor Committee members are published in each AACS Communicator on page 2.

The AACS Alumni Board of Directors reviews all nominations and is the final authority to approve or reject a nomination and in the case of committee rankings of nominees, change the order of ranking. The Board of Directors does not have the authority to select or approve any individual for an award that does not conform to the current policies.

The Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame, the AACS Hall of Honor and the AACS Life Achievement Award policies are posted on the AACS Web Site www.aacsalumni.com and have been published in the AACS Membership Roster. Copies of our award policies can be obtained by contacting the Executive Secretary, Executive Director or the editor/Publisher.

If any members feels that another member, current or deceased, is worthy of being honored by the AACS Alumni Association and meets the criteria for selection, then he/she has to take the time to submit a nomination. There are no short cuts to alter the current policies.

Hank Sauer
Chair of Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor

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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.



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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"

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TO: THOSE POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE AACs ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

QUESTION: WHO OR WHAT IS THE AACs ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ?

ANSWER: An Association that is comprised of 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" (AACs). During WWII, it was renamed the "Air Communications Service" (ACS) and placed under the then "Air Transport Command" and within months was renamed once again to the "Airways and Air Communications Service" (AACs). In 1961, AACs was elevated to a Major Air Command and renamed "Air Force Communications Service" (AFCS). In 1979, the name was changed to "Air Force Communications Command" (AFCC). In the early 1990's the Air Force was undergoing major reorganizations and realignment of functions and AFCC was downsized and renamed the "Air Force Command, Control, Communications & Computers Agency" (AFC4A) and shortly thereafter, was renamed the "Air Force Communications Agency" (AFCA) 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 re-assigned air traffic control responsibilities to this new Agency.

Over the years since the AACs Alumni Association was formed (1977) the membership criteria changed from individuals who only served in AACs units, to include all communicators/information/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 "AACs" and its unique contributions to long-haul communications and air traffic control, the Association has decided to maintain "AACs" 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 AACs Alumni Association.

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

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