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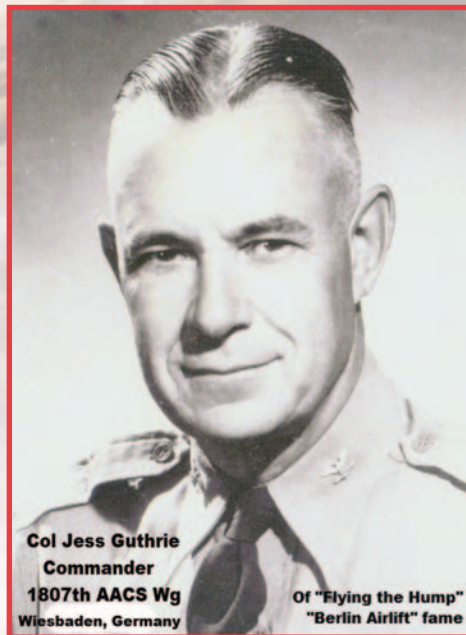
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Wiesbaden, Germany
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"Berlin Airlift" fame

September 2011
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Mr Lloyd Mosemann



AF Communications/Information Hall of Fame incumbents present at the 2010 ceremony



From The Desk of the Executive Director



The 34th Annual Convention/Reunion has come and gone, but the visions of what occurred are still with me. The gathering of old friends, as well as new found friends congregating at the pool side deck engaged in pleasant conversation, enjoying their favorite libation, bathed in sunshine with a cool breeze drifting in from the Atlantic Ocean, with the sound of waves coming ashore in the background.

Many enjoyed the planned activities, while others lounged around the pool or walked the beach, or just plain relaxed. Some got in a few rounds of golf; taking advantage of the outstanding weather. During the evenings, many formed groups to dine at some of the quality restaurants in Myrtle Beach and enjoy the local cuisine.

The Hospitality Room was the focal point for many; during the day or evening, when you could be sure to find an opportunity for engaging conversation and getting caught up with old acquaintances.

The Convention/Reunion was a success due to the hard work of our Hosts Bill & Pauline Bethea; along with the Hospitality Room Manager Joe Duffy. Joe was assisted by Gen Prather and Mike Hunter, along with some of our "traditional" barkeeps and others who "pitched in". Also, the generosity of our members who contributed to the Hospitality Room "Tip" Fund helped the Host cover those "extra" expenses that occurred. THANK YOU.

During the Breakfast/Business meeting we got caught up on past and new Association business, including the announcement of the creation of a dedicated "Challenge Coin", for the AF Comm & ATCA. More information on the coin is available in the "BX" section of the Communicator. Also, we were heard informative presentations from Mr. Ed Wright, Deputy Director, Air Force Flight Standards Agency, Tinker AFB and Chief MSgt Frederick "Fritz" Soechting, Chief, Air Force Enlisted Command & Control Assignments, Randolph AFB; concerning air traffic control issues and related manpower requirements.

At the cocktail hour on Saturday evening, prior to the Banquet, members were able to engage in congenial conversation with our other invited guests: Maj Gen Paul Capasso, Director, Network Services, Office of Information and Chief Information officer, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, DC; Col John Odey, Commander, AFNIC, Scott AFB; CMSgt Paul Taitt, Strategic Enlisted Advisor, AFNIC, Scott AFB; Mr. Mark Dunn, AFNIC Historian, Scott AFB; (S)MSgt "Jimmy" Mull, Chief Controller, Radar Approach Control, Vance AFB, recipient of the Maj Gen Van C. Doubleday Enlisted ATC Manager of the Year Award; and Ms Cindy McGrew, Founder & President of Operation Second Chance, along with "wounded warriors" Army Specialist Evan Marcy and Lance Corporal Eli Tice, U.S. Marine Corps.

Our St. Louis Hosts/Co-Hosts, the Manske's and the Sonnenberg's are well into their planning for next years Convention/Reunion. I hope to see you there!

Stan Phillips
Executive Director



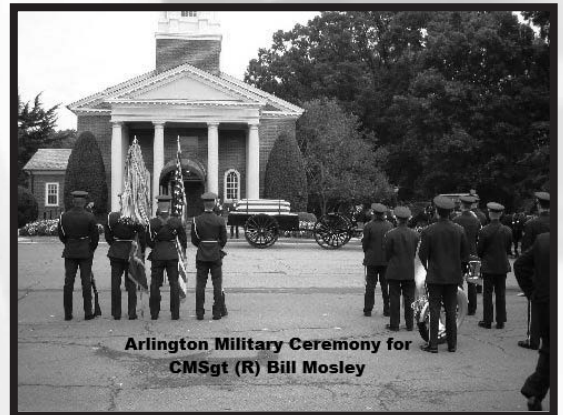
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(Since the June 2010 Communicator)

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Cox, Tracy E.
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Eastley, Douglas
Garry, James
Gould, Donald
Gaskins, Winston S.
Howell, Robert L.
Kline, D.B.
Lamberti, Angelo
Marsh, Leo H.
Millis, Mrs. Billy J. 'Bette'
Mosley, William "Bill"
Sauer, Carol M.
Vanderheyden, William C.

Chief Master Sergeant (R)
William "Bill" Mosley, our
Director for Information
passed away on Sunday,
May 16, 2020. We lost a
dear friend and a one of
kind "super sarge" and he
will be missed.



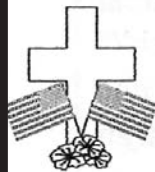
You Meant So Much

*You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
And the cloudiest sky.*

*Your smile alone warmed hearts
Your laugh was like music to hear
We would give absolutely anything
To have you well and standing near.*

*Not a second passes by
When you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
The hurt will ease in time.*

*Many tears we have seen and cried
They have all poured out like rain
We know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain.*



EDITOR-PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

THE COST OF THE JUNE 2010 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR **AS OF: NOVEMBER 15, 2010**

Printing, labeling, shipping (2,400 copies).....	\$2,960.00
Layout/Draft/Conversion.....	600.00
P.O. Bulk Mail charges (2,214 mailed).....	925.47
Overseas/New & renewals Mail.....	44.23



TOTAL: \$4,529.70

It cost the Association approximately **\$1.88** per-copy to publish and mail the June 2010 Communicator.

Remaining balance in PO Account: **\$286.50**
Remaining balance in Editors Bank Account: **\$1,036.94**

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

The Web Site averages approximately **125 - 150** hits per-day. Since the web site was posted, there have been over **281,000** hits. The web Site is our biggest recruiter of new members. Since we created our new Database and started keeping more accurate records, the web site has been responsible for recruiting well over **800** new members. The **2010** Cost for the web site was **\$359.40** (most work is done by the Editor/Publisher).

REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW READ THE CURRENT "COMMUNICATORS" ON-LINE (WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG) AND SOME PAST ISSUES. YOU MUST USE THE SAME USER NAME AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND THE COMMUNICATORS.

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

Try to get stories and pictures to me Not Later Than: 1 April and 15 October of each year. But the earlier, the better.

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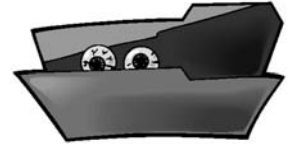
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NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

The "Looking For" Column on the WEB SITE has been cancelled



"Stake your Claim"



This column is published for "claims" by Association 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 the Communicators, we will normally only publish new claims. Any challenges to claims previously published will be included in the current Communicator and we will identify as a "Challenges to previous published Claims".

NEW CLAIMS

(Since the June 2010 Communicator):

Bob Spence, at bob1sp@msn.com makes the following claim: I would like to stake my claim to being one of the only, if not the only E4(Then known as buck sergeants) to be dispatched to dismantle an AACS station. In the fall of 1949 I and a group of Newfoundland civilians was ordered to Marak Point Greenland, with the purpose of recovering as much usable equipment as possible. My mission was to get as much of the AACS gear and theirs was to recover the heavy equipment and vehicles. We had an LST waiting for us to use as quarters while we were there and to transport the stuff back to BW 1. I have a number of pix of the trip including one of the LST high and dry on the beach. Marak Point was known as BW 4 during WW2. It was an emergency landing strip located about halfway between BW8 and BW1. Due to vagaries in the weather in that part of the world, it took several tries to make it in. I had some scary trips.

BOB SPENCE

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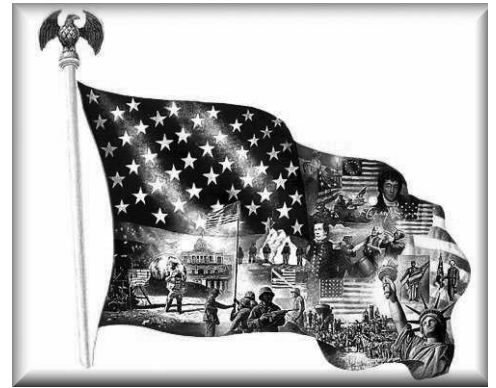
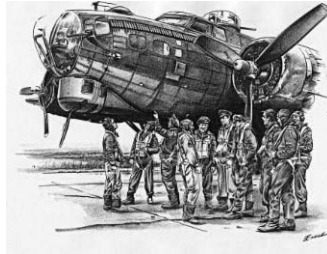
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**Years of Election
For Board of Directors**

<u>Position</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR		X*		X*	
VICE DIRECTOR	X		X		X
EXECUTIVE SEC		X		X	
DIRECTOR FOR INFO	X		X		X
SERGEANT AT ARMS	X		X		X
TREASURER		INDEFINATE TERM OF OFFICE			
DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP		“			
EDITOR/PUBLISHER		“			

Note: the Executive Director cannot run for reelection in 2011 as this term is limited to four consecutive years.

The indefinite terms for the Treasurer, Dir For Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite once formally elected. The other directors must be reelected on a two year basis.

Members wishing to serve on the board or members wishing to nominate another member for a board position must view the Policy of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee (Copy is posted on the www.afcommatc.org web site) or obtain a copy from the Executive Secretary. Also on the web site are the Position Descriptions for each position and the qualifications required. All nominations must go through the Chair of the Nominating committee and be submitted **Not Later Than June 30th of each year. There are no nominations allowed from the floor at the Annual General Meeting in order to ensure that all nominees are aware of the commitment and the requirements of the position.**

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

“NOTICE”

**Help support the “AF Communicators & Air Traffic
Controllers Association”**

“Donations” to help support the Association, will be gratefully accepted. The Board of Directors approved the soliciting of funds on volunteer basis to support the long term goals of the Association. Because of the aging membership of our WWII, Berlin Airlift and Korean Veterans, coupled with the loss of Air Force Communications & Air Traffic Control Command/Unit integrity, our membership will continue to dwindle. While the number of Life Members continues to increase (OVER 1,200), it results in a loss of annual operating funds. We have embarked on new ways to “recruit” ex-AACS, AFCS and AFCC veterans and those young officers, civilians and airman serving today. We want to pass on to them an “Association” that will be a viable organization when it’s their time, and one that will provide them with the same fellowship and comradely that we have enjoyed since 1977. If you care to give, only give what you can afford. Other than the names of those who donate, no dollar amounts will be published and all donations are IRS Tax-deductible as authorized by the IRS.

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Thank you in advance for any donations.

The Ramey AFB Historical Association 2011 Reunion

**Their 2011 Reunion will be at Ramey (Puerto Rico)
from March 21 till March 26. The Point of Contact to obtain details is:
Ken Coombs, email ken-bon@msn.com or write to Ken at
412A Depot St, Andover, NH 03216.**

HAM REPORT

November 2010



I did attend the Convention at Myrtle Beach in September. The weather was great and the programs and trip (Giant Crab and the Alabama Theater program) could not have better. It was very nice to see Walt on stage.

The hotel was a great help, first in putting us in a room with access to the outside for antenna arrangement, and then in getting the hotel engineer to help me get the long wire antenna strung up. I used my Icom 718 and an Icom AH-4 automatic tuner.

We had five hams registered at the convention: Jack Schaab, W6FSX; Bob Parrish, W9BP; Michael Hunter, KF6FJH; Doug Donnell, KD4MD; and George Reeves, WD4BMG. Bob came by the "Ham Room" at net time on Friday and stood by as I called the 20 meter Side Band net. We had only one guy check in, Ray Hammitt, K5HWQ, of Arlington, Texas. I didn't hear anything on the CW net on Saturday afternoon.

I am writing to the Director of the Association and suggesting that, what with the low interest in the ham activities that a "Ham Room" is going to be a waste of time and money after this year. A table set aside for the hams in the Hospitality Room might serve as a place for hams to meet. Also, I will be trying to get someone to take over the post of "Ham Coordinator".

Net activity has been getting less and less with few fellows checking in. It has been several years since I have heard anyone on the CW net. The Side Band nets have only one or two (and many times, none). I know that I have missed a lot of the nets for one reason or another, but at my age and medical situation, it can't be helped. If anyone tunes up on the net frequencies and don't hear anyone calling, please put out a call, someone might be listening.

George Reeves, WD4BMG
Ham Coordinator

73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS AACs ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES

BAND	FREQ	UTC TIME*	LOCAL TIME	DAY
National SSB				
20 M	14.287 mhz	1930/2030 hrs	1430 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
National CW				
20 M	14.061 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1200 CDT/ST	Sat
East Cost SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000/PDT/St	M/W/F

Notes:

- Local times remain but UTC time changes

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 AND PASSWORD TO ACCESS THE
WEB SITE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER & COMMUNICATORS”**



The AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association's is now placing our Communicators on the Web Site along with the Membership Roster. The Communicator formats are in a PDF format only & the Roster is in a PDF and WORD format. To READ OR DOWNLOAD the roster you need to know the following:

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

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

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

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

You need Adobe Reader and/or MS WORD to read or download to your computer. If you do not have Adobe Reader, there is a link to **Adobe.com** so you can download a free copy. We felt that we can allow more members to read or download the Membership Roster using the PDF format as it is the “de-facto” internet standard and that the Adobe Reader program can be downloaded free. You can use the PDF OR WORD EDIT/FIND functions to find names, units, etc, on the Membership Roster. The Communicators are in a PDF format only as that is the format we have use to have the Communicators printed. We now have Communicators archived on the web site starting in June 2006. The November 2006 issue is **not** available due to a glitch on our part.

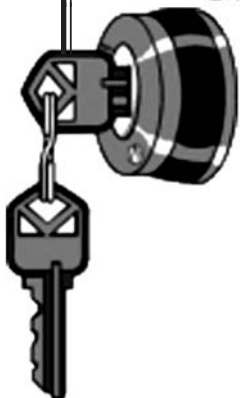
READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOADING.
(Remember to RIGHT Click to get the “SAVE TO Menu”)

SUGGEST before you start, you may want to FIRST create a folder on your hard drive and name it “Membership Roster” and/or “Communicators”. When you are inputting the downloading instructions, name the file “Membership Roster” and/or “Communicator” and then download to the folder you have created...this way, each time you download the roster or communicator, it will ask you if you want to replace the existing file....the answer is YES. This will save disk space and only store the current roster/communicator on your computer (unless you want to save multiple copies).

WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAIL COMMUNICATORS TO ALL MEMBERS, UNLESS YOU NOTIFY WALT MCLAIN (aacsmbrrship@comcast.net) or HANK SAUER (diraacs@comcast.net) to remove your name from the mailing list. It takes up to 30 days for Communicators to be delivered after the initial mailing. We announce putting up new issues of the Communicator on our web site GUEST BOOK before they are mailed in May and November.

CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE 14 JANUARY 2011 If you

have any problems getting to these files, contact Hank Sauer at DirAACS@comcast.net



Treasurer's Report

AF Comm. & ATC
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Asset Statement F/Y
2010



Assets	6/30/2010
CD's	\$ 53,159.40
Treasurer Checking	\$ 8,251.18
Publisher's Checking	\$ 1,036.94
BX Inventory	\$ 10,828.00
Equipment Book Value	\$ 795.35
Convention Advance	\$ 3,313.60
Total	\$77,384.47
Liabilities	
Convention Contracts	\$ 40,000.00
Total	\$ 40,000.00
Net Assets	\$37,384.47

Finances remain steady. Main sources of income continue to be membership fees, donations, and convention excesses. Our charitable donations have increased; we now support two worthy veteran organizations.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT



We have gained 27 new members since 15 May 2010. Our current active membership stands at 1859. 32 members have renewed since 15 May 2010. As of 7 Oct 2010 we have 159 members whose dues will expire in 2010.

Please check the address label on your latest Communicator to see when your dues expire. (i.e. 10-(first name) indicates dues expire 31 Dec 10. Some will show e.g. 1110 - (first name) which indicates 30 Nov 2010 expiration.) We changed the system slightly to insure that members get a full year term for each \$10.00 in dues paid and to help prevent all current year renewals coming due in December of each year.

**Please refer all membership questions to Walt McLain,
1-866-299-1045 Toll Free or email aacsmbship@comcast.net .**

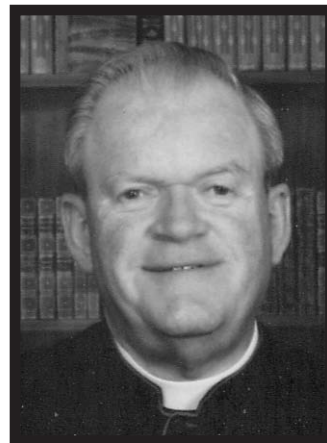
RECRUIT - RECRUIT - RECRUIT

Applications are available in each Communicator, on our web site and from Walt McLain by calling or emailing requests to 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free or Email aacsmbship@comcast.net .

**Walt McLain
Director for Membership**

The Chaplain's Corner

We all understand that crisis means a turning point which has the potential of bringing sudden, often violent but always radical change in a person's life. Shortly before we arrived at Myrtle Beach a 46 year old man was hitching his pickup to a disabled SUV when a drunken driver crushed the man between the vehicles and injured several witnesses. The victim's family was suddenly in crisis. I wonder how they have been able to deal with it? One of our own shared with me how he lost his wife after 17 years of a great marriage; another is gradually losing his wife to Alzheimer's; she is slowly but surely slipping away. These comrades along with that Myrtle Beach family fully understand what constitutes a crisis.



How does one react to crisis? Many who live their lives without God very often are the same people who blame God when confronted with crisis. Why didn't God intervene? They may believe He exists, but they have failed to know Him. The irony is, most often they would resent it if God attempted to interfere with their daily life. Older guys would recall the instant belief which often occurred in a foxhole, but was quickly forgotten later. Of course there can be no answers to crisis other than the fact that it is the price of being given free will which all too often throughout the ages has been badly abused by people just like us. God does not provide every answer; and most likely we wouldn't care much for His answers if He did!

But for those who seek to know God on a regular, faithful basis there is an assurance that God does care, that He offers comfort and eventual peace to help alleviate any and every crisis situation. Those who come to know God are able to trust that by His nature, which is perfect love, there is always a place where one's pain or anxiety or sense of loss can be shared. Like any deep wound, a scar most probably will remain, but God's eagerness to help will be a healing balm which will not wash away.

If God is not a regular part of your daily life, I urge you to resolve to make Him so. From my own personal experience I can promise that dealing with any crisis, great or small, will be immensely easier.

Fr. Donald Seeks
Chaplain

Proposal to Host a Convention/Reunion

For potential convention/reunion hosts, the following are some of the minimum things that must be considered in order to Host one the Associations annual conventions/reunions:

- 1 A location that has a number of attractions to offer the majority of our members.
- 2 A major airport, easy Interstate access, golf courses, etc.
- 3 A hotel that can book 125-175 rooms, can seat up to 250-300 for breakfast and banquet and the Annual General Meeting.
- 4 Are there other association members locally that can assist the host.
- 5 Potential hosts must be computer literate (you need minimum skills to enter and retrieve convention information)

If a potential host feels that he/she can nominate a city that meets the above minimum requirements, he/she should contact the Executive Director (who is also the Chair of the Convention/Reunion Committee). Bob Spence, at bob1sp@msn.com makes the following claim: I would like to stake my claim to being one of the only, if not the only E4(Then known as buck sergeants) to be dispatched to dismantle an AACS station. In the fall of 1949 I and a group of Newfoundland civilians was ordered to Marak Point Greenland, with the purpose of recovering as much usable equipment as possible. My mission was to get as much of the AACS gear and theirs was to recover the heavy equipment and vehicles. We had an LST waiting for us to use as quarters while we were there and to transport the stuff back to BW 1. I have a number of pix of the trip including one of the LST high and dry on the beach.

Marak Point was known as BW 4 during WW2. It was an emergency landing strip located about halfway between BW8 and BW1. Due to vagaries in the weather in that part of the world, it took several tries to make it in. I had some scary trips.

BOB SPENCE

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING - St. Louis Missouri

Saturday, September 24, 2011

7AM - Breakfast (line Closes at 8:30 AM)

PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS & TIMES ARE ESTIMATES

This is a typical agenda

7:00 AM - Breakfast

7:30 AM - ED Calls Meeting to Order

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

- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Executive Secretary (Vote on 2009 minutes) -

Membership

Treasurer

Director for Information

Editor/Publisher

Any Committee Reports

Executive Directors Comments

(Any major BOD decisions from Board meeting)

8:15 AM - Recognize 1st time Convention Attendees

8:25 AM - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR OR MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

(Executive Director and Executive Secretary - 2011)

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

9:00 AM - Overview of 2012 Convention/Reunion - Not yet determined

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

(Speaker TBA)

10:45 AM - Any announcements, reserved seating and REMINDER

TO BE SEATED AT 6:30 PM FOR THE BANQUET.

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

34th Annual Board Meeting Sept. 23, 2010

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The meeting was brought into session by Executive Director (ED) Stan Phillips, followed by a call for old business.

Executive Secretary Bob Akard requested a motion for approval of the 2009 Board meetings as published in the Nov. 2009 Communicator. Motion made and carried. The remaining agenda and other discussions were lighter in nature when compared to the many meetings, and are reported in capsule. ED Phillips asks for individual member's reports.

1. Treasurer Sharpless presented copies of last year's budgeted versus actual expenses spent. His Income/Expense Statement for the Association showed a lose of -\$3,063, and his Assets Statement shows a loss of -\$9,649, coming partially from a cashing of a CD. These will be reported by him in this same Communicator. BX inventory will convert fully to AFC/ATC logo. At this point ED Phillips suggested appointment of a 3 person committee to report to him of their finding of causes and cures.

2. Vice Director, not reporting (Due to Host responsibilities).

3. Executive Secretary Bob Akard, acting as Chair of the Fiscal Management committee reported his bi-annual audit of expenses and cash assets. These spontaneous and varied selections revealed accuracy.

4. Director for Membership gave a verbal report of total detail of membership activities and income sources.

5. ED Phillips chaired a discussion on the new AFC/ATC challenge coin. See BX data in this publication.

6. Editor/Publisher Hank Sauer discussed cost containment and a possible 4 page reduction in Communicator publication size. He forecast the future of electronic dissemination of our Communicator to cut heavy postage expense.

7. Sgt. of Arms. Had a negative report.

The agenda continued with approval of our annual donations being \$4,200 for this year. The convention for 2011 was confirmed for St. Louis and strong support was urged for San Antonio for 2012 if hosts can be located. New Board members, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, for Vice Director, Sgt. Of Arms and Information Officer were approved for attendee voting at our Business Meeting. Annual awards were finalized for Ray Sharpless, Thomas F. Buckley award for hospitality; Recruiting Award to Ron Allison; and AACS Hall of Honor to "Duke" Snyder, Lloyd Mosemann, and Col. Paul Patton. Other discussions pertained to perpetuation of Board positions in case of emergency, feasibility of HAM room expense at reunions, maintenance and display of memorabilia, and membership recruiting tools.

There being no further Board business, ED Phillips adjourned until Sept. 2011.

Respectfully submitted by Executive Secretary.

Bob Akard, Sept. 23, 2010



34th Annual Business Meeting Sept. 25, 2010

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Following a welcome by Executive Director Stan Phillips, he called Sgt. at Arms Gerry Prather to post the colors. This was done by the Socastee High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard and their senior instructors. Gerry then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our invocation was given by our Chaplin, Father Donald Seeks.

Old business was limited to a request by Bob Akard from the floor for approval of the 2009 Business Meeting Minutes as they appeared in the Nov. 2009 Communicator.

At this time our Board members were invited to give any pertinent reports. First responding was Exe. Secretary Bob Akard who reported on his bi-annual audit of our cash assets and validity of expenses paid. All seen were proper. Treasurer Ray Sharpless offered details of our assets, yearly financial activity an inventory of BX.

Walt McLain analyzed our membership status of 1855 active, declines the past year, source of new members and appeal for members to recruit. Hank Sauer as Editor/Publisher explained plans to consolidate content by 4 pages to reduce printing and mail costs, plus the future of electronic dissemination of the Communicator. V. Dir. Bill Bethea reported on this year's golf tournament winners.

Our 2011 Convention will be held in St. Louis and hosted by Lori & Steve Manske and Co-hosted by Jerry and Denise Sonnenberg. They were introduced, and Lori gave a detailed and inviting report on the excellent reasons for all to come.

ED Phillips acknowledged the passing of our great friend and diligent worker in his position as Director for Information (Bill Mosley). He introduced a new BX item, an attractive Challenge Coin. Details are published elsewhere in this Communicator. He presented 5 first timers to a convention. He gave a call for all members in explore participation in our Association.

Stan asked EM Spivey to report the new nominees to Board positions as follows; V. Dir. Doug Donnell, Sgt. at Arms Bill Bethea, Gerry Prather as Information Dir. These nominees were approved by members present.

Bill Bethea and Gerry Prather conducted our annual memorial service for 24 members reported to us by family.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Ed Wright, Deputy Director, Hdqrs. AF Flight Standards Agency, and retired AF Control/Airfield Operations officer. Ed is the Career Field Manager for all the AF's 847 civilian air traffic controllers. He was very competent in his field and a powerful speaker.

Our next speaker was CM Sgt. Frederic "Oz" Soechting, Chief of AF Enlisted Command and Control Assignments. His AF history is impeccable and impressive. He was informative and interactive with the attendees. With respect to any past year's presenters, these two speakers were credits to our great family of communicators and controllers.

Following announcements for the remainder of our convention ED Phillips adjourned until our next Business Meeting in St. Louis.

Respectfully submitted by Exe. Secretary, Bob Akard on Sept 25, 2010



“THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PAGE”

“Background”



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

The changes in eligibility were predicated on ensuring the perpetuity of the Association as the growing age of the current 2,000 plus members average age is now over 74, 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. That goal continues with the AF Comm & ATC Association.

We have coordinated with the senior Air Force leadership and have added local base Comm and ATC units to “The 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.

In simple terms we “is” communicators (in the broadest terms) & air traffic controllers. The term “Communications” or “Communicators” includes all operational, maintenance and administrative skills.

Each year at our annual convention, we present the Maj. General Doubleday Enlisted ATC Manager of the year and the Maj. General Prather Communications/Information Professional of the Year awards. Active duty Communications and Air Traffic Control functions select the Airman to be honored each year. In 2010, SSgt Jonathan R. Tacto of Kapaun AS, Germany was selected as the Communications/Information Professional of the Year. SMSgt James M. Mull of Vance AFB, OK was selected as the Enlisted ATC Manager of the Year.

The AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association (formerly 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 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. It is our custom to have an Active Duty Air Traffic Controller 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, Stories and photos for “The 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 15th of each year.

Visit the AACS Web Site: www.afcommatc.org

*******WE WANT COMM & ATC PHOTOS FROM THOSE SERVING TODAY*****
Email Photos and captions to Hank Sauer DirAACS@comcast.net today**

“Fellowship in the Company of Equals”



The 2010 TIME 100

In our annual *TIME* 100 issue we name the people who most affect our world

Chief Travis was named one of TIME's 100 most influential people.

Heroes

Chief Master Sergeant Tony Travis

By CHESLEY "SULLY" SULLENBERGER Thursday, Apr. 29, 2010



ILLUSTRATION BY PIOTR LESNIAK FOR TIME

When chief master sergeant Antonio "Tony" Travis arrived at the Port-au-Prince airport shortly after January's earthquake, there was only one usable runway, the air-traffic-control tower was structurally unsafe, and 42 aircraft were grounded in a space designed for 12. Time was of the essence: the Haitians were in dire need of supplies that had to be brought in by air, but the damage meant that far fewer planes could be accommodated.

In only 28 minutes, Chief Travis set up a makeshift air-traffic-control operation located midfield. Working from a card table, often standing on chairs, he and his team deftly took control of the arrivals and departures. Under his leadership,

planes were able to take off and land every five minutes, bringing in 4 million lb. of supplies. For Haitians unable to get to the capital, his team surveyed and controlled four remote drop zones, providing 150,000 bottles of water and 75,000 packaged meals to people who had no other means of survival.



**The Major General Gerald L. Prather
The Communications/Information Professional of the Year (2010)**

STAFF SERGEANT JONATHAN R. TACTO JR.

Staff Sergeant Jonathan R. Tacto Jr. was hand selected to the Cable and Antenna Special Communications Team, 1st Communications Maintenance Squadron, Kapaun Air Station, Germany. As a team member, he performs installations, upgrades and optimizations on 667 antenna systems worth 99 million dollars throughout the United States Air Forces in Europe's AOR. He is also responsible for emergency restorations of degraded fiber optic and copper cabling infrastructure supporting European Command missions. SSgt Tacto also conducts specialized tower climbing and rescue training classes for all 3 Delta communicators command wide.

Staff Sergeant Tacto was born and raised on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii. He entered the Air Force in April 2003. SSgt Tacto has visited numerous countries on three continents during his tours at Incirlik AB Turkey, Yokota AB Japan, Minot AFB North Dakota and Kapaun Air Station Germany.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

**Air Force Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters
Air Force Level Communications and Information Outstanding Airmen of the Year (2010)**



**The Major General Van C. Doubleday
ATC Enlisted Manager of the Year (2010)**

MASTER SERGANT JAMES L. MULL

Master Sergeant James L. Mull is the Chief Controller of the Radar Approach Control, 71st Flying Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. As the Chief Controller, he serves as the facility manager in charge of 70 personnel providing Air Traffic Control services for the Air Force's only joint specialized undergraduate pilot training base. The Approach Control provides support for over 210,000 aircraft operations a year, allowing over 430 student aviators to earn their wings.

Effective April 2010, Master Sergeant Mull was selected for promotion to Senior Master Sergeant and is the acting 71st Operations Group Superintendent, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

Master Sergeant Mull was born and raised in Canton, North Carolina. He entered the Air Force in February 1989. He has been assigned to numerous operational and staff positions. Prior to being assigned to the 71 FTW at Vance AFB, MSgt Mull served as the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Commendation Medal with

two oak leaf clusters

Achievement Medal with

two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V"

device and seven oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with one

oak leaf cluster

Air Force Facility Manager of the Year, 2009

71 FTW Lance P. Sijan Award winner, 2008

71 FTW SNCO of the Year, 2009

71 OG SNCO of the Year 2007, 2008, 2009

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Evaluator Weapons

Director/Flight Examiner

Flight hours: More than 2,000

Aircraft: E-3A, E-3B, E-3C



Operation Second Chance "Helping Heroes Move On"

Operation Second Chance began in June 2004 to help our service men & women who were injured in fighting for our freedom in foreign lands. This organization is a 501 (c) 3 Organization and supports wounded service members during their recovery and assists them in the transition back to duty or to civilian life.

They need our help. At the 2010 Air Force Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers 34th Annual Convention/Reunion at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Ms. Cindy McGrew, Founder and President of the organization gave an inspiring talk at the Saturday night banquet and our members and guests not only gave her a standing ovation, but immediately dug out their wallets and gave donations with promises of more to come.

+++++++THEY NEED OUR HELP ++++++

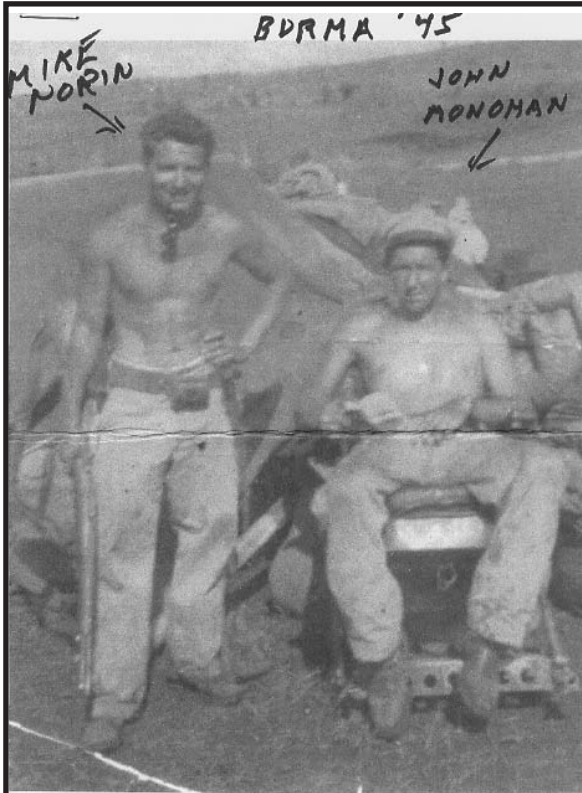
You can make a tax-deductible donation on-line, using a credit card on line at www.operationsecondchance.org/donate.html

**or mail a check to
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
Attn: Debbie Sacramo
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Suite 740
Gaithersburg, MD 20879**

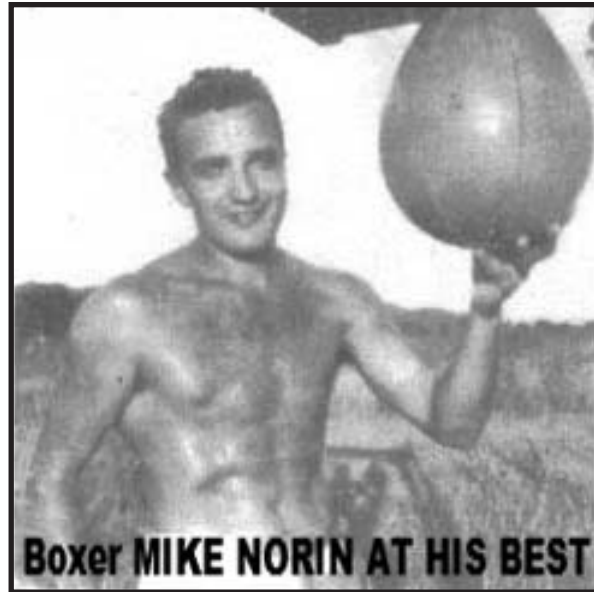


**Dear AF Comm & ATC Association,
I wanted to personally thank each of you for a wonderful time in Myrtle Beach, SC this past week. And especially for allowing me an opportunity to share information about Operation Second Chance and our ongoing mission with you. Eli, Evan and I had a great time and we wanted you to know how much we enjoyed meeting each of you, spending time with you, and hearing about your own military experiences. It was an honor to be in the presence of so many heroes. The heartfelt welcome from the time we arrived, to your generosity that went above and beyond is most appreciated. Your donated dollars will help us continue to help our injured men and women and their families. Thank you so much!**

**With kindest regards I am,
Respectfully yours,
Cindy McGrew
President - Operation Second Chance**



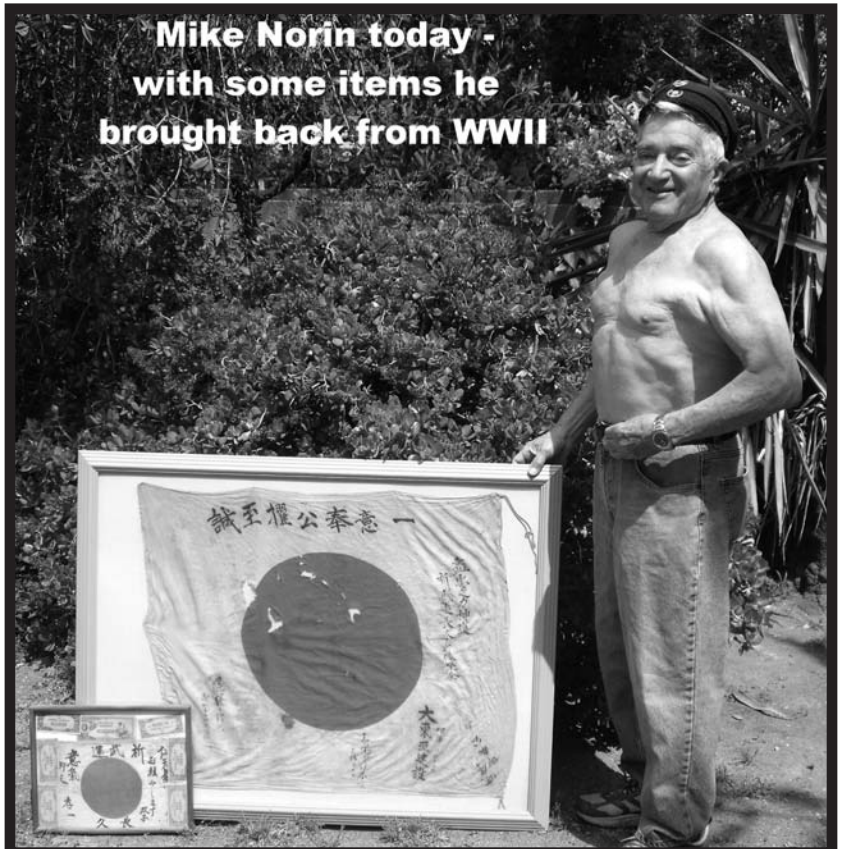
One of our better dressed members (Mike Norin) upholding the dress code for "Radio Operators"



Boxer MIKE NORIN AT HIS BEST



Mike Norin today - with some items he brought back from WWII



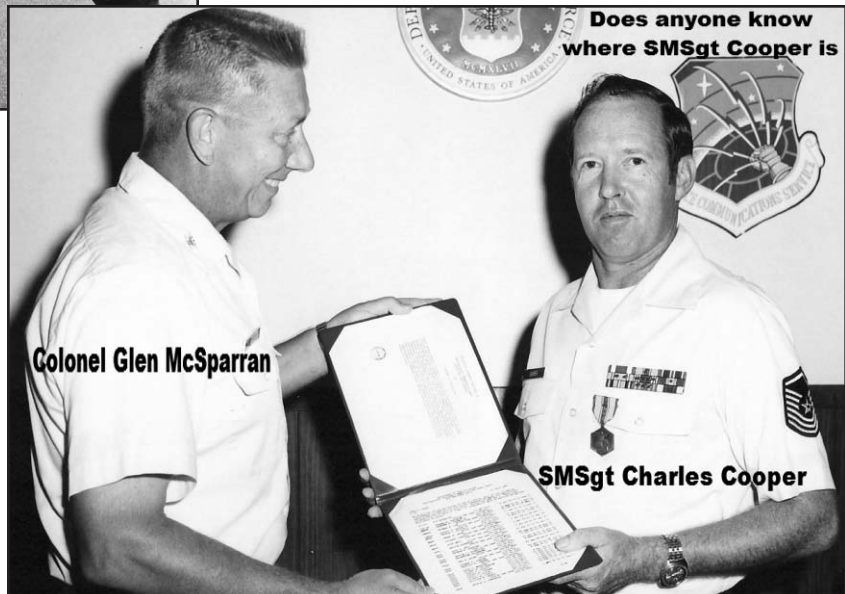
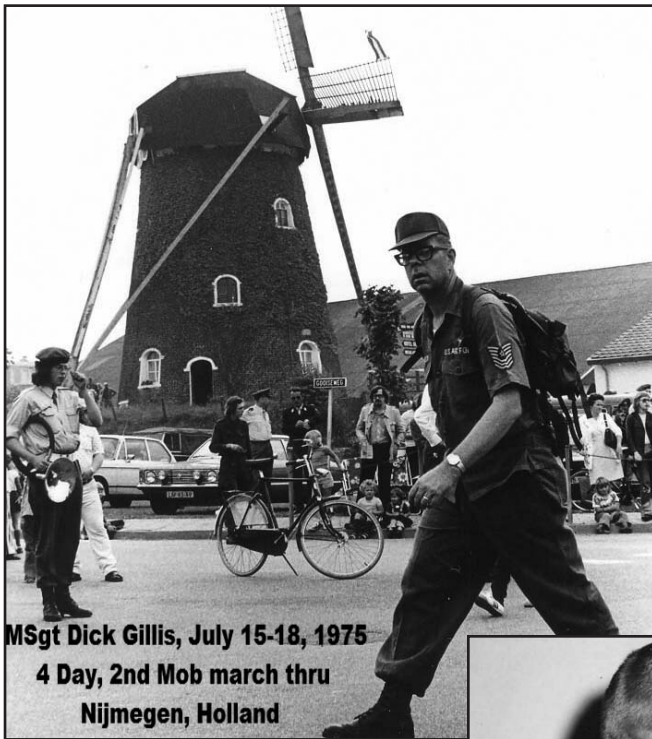


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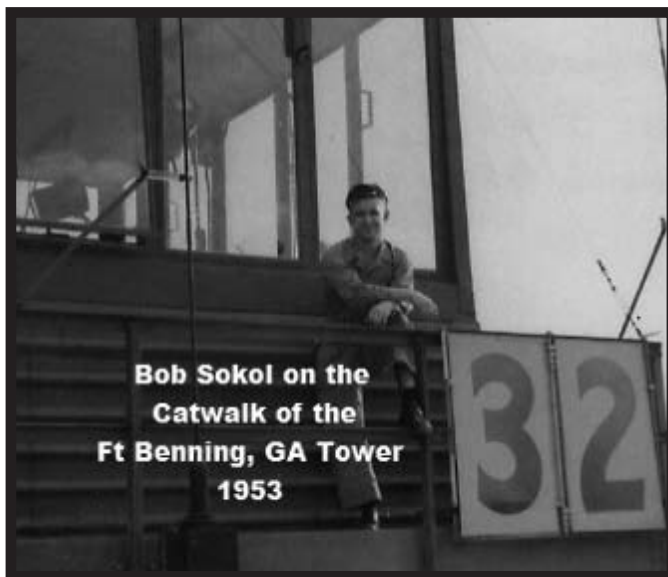
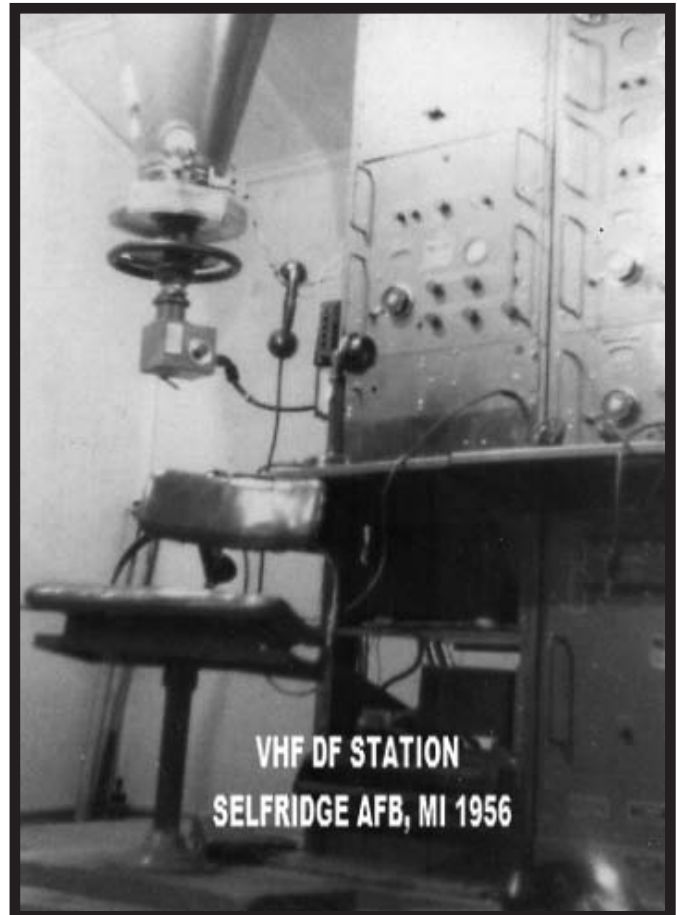
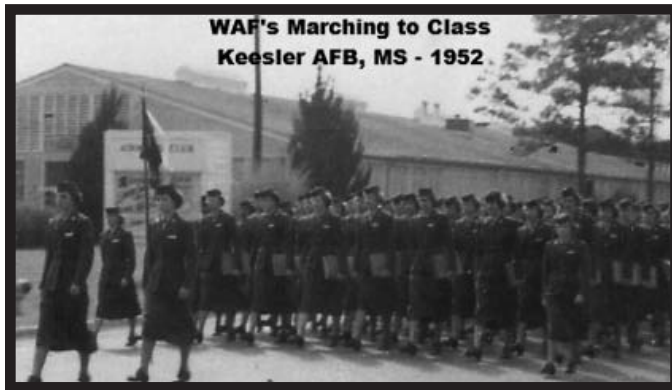
This picture is circa 1974! It is of MSgt Faris Allen (AA) and SSgt David Reese (DR). A new piece of equipment, TPX-42, had just been installed in our MPN-13 ground controlled approach (GCA), and we were trying to learn how to use it! Some 21 years later I came to Nellis AFB for the last 2 1/2 years of my career. The Nellis Air Traffic Control Facility used state-of-the-art radar; however, I'll always remember my MPN-13 experience fondly. MSgt Allen retired a few years after this picture and passed away some years ago.

David Reese

DAVID B. REESE, CMSgt, USAF, Retired



Bob Sokol Looks Back

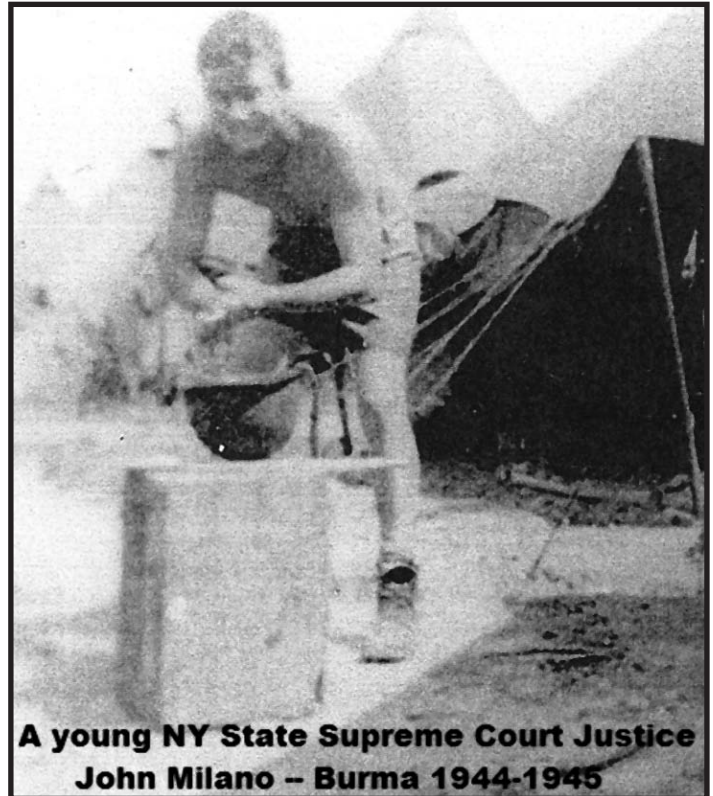
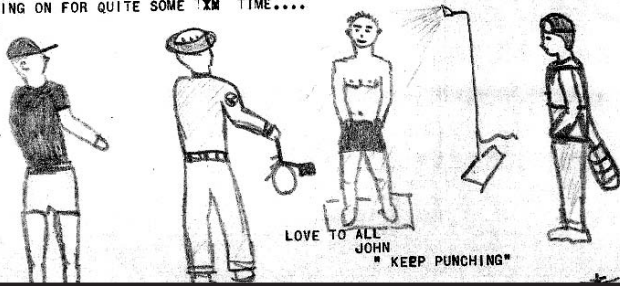


Our AF Comm & ATC Judge Advocate (A young NY State Supreme Court Justice in Burma, WWII)

(SOMEWHERE IN BURMA) MARCH 31-APRIL 1

DEAR FOLKS, THIS WILL BE A VERY SHORT LETTER. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED BUT I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY EASTER. THIS LETTER WILL ARRIVE TWO WEEKS LATE HOWEVER MY WISHES AND SENTIMENTS AT THAT TIME WILL BE THE SAME. I HAVE JUST FINISHED WORKING ON THE NIGHT SHIFT AND ITS EASTER MORNING. I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE WHAT DAY IT WAS. TIME HERE JUST GOES ON. AT TIMES I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT DAY IT IS...

SO TO ALL OF YOU, TO MOM, POP, GLORIA, ALBA, BILLY, KENNY, SARA, LILLIAN, BABY GLORIA, SIDIE AND BOB, MOMA AND POPA ROWE, (AND TIPPY) I WISH A VERY HAPPY EASTER AND HAPPIER ONES TO COME.... I GUESS THE EASTER PARADE IN NEW YORK WON'T BE SOO ELABORATE THIS YEAR HOWEVER IT WILL BE HELD, AND HERE IN BURMA OUR EASTER PARADE IS HELD ONLY THIS PARADE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR QUITE SOME TIME....



**A young NY State Supreme Court Justice
John Milano -- Burma 1944-1945**

Cryptographer (MOS 805)

John Milano



HEADQUARTERS
INDIA CHINA DIVISION AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND
A.P.O. 192, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Office of the Commanding General

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation.

TO: Commanding Officer
4th AACS Wing
APO 671

1. On August first, the thirty eighth anniversary of the Army Air Forces, the India China Division of ATC delivered to China a total of 5,327 tons. This represents approximately one loaded transport aircraft departing from India every minute of the twenty four hour period or a total of 1,116 completed round trips.

2. This outstanding record of ICD was made possible by the splendid assistance of every supporting agency in this Theater and the part contributed by the 4th AACS Wing to this achievement was magnificent. I personally observed from the ground and in the air the work of the officers and men of your command on both sides of the "Hump" and I am proud indeed of your able assistance and wholehearted support.

s/ William H. Tunner
t/ WILLIAM H. TUNNER
Brig Gen, U. S. Army
Commanding

ARMY AIR FORCES
Certificate of Appreciation
 FOR WAR SERVICE



TO

Robert Bush

I CANNOT meet you personally to thank you for a job well done; nor can I hope to put in written words the great hope I have for your success in future life.

Together we built the striking force that swept the Luftwaffe from the skies and broke the German power to resist. The total might of that striking force was then unleashed upon the Japanese. Although you no longer play an active military part, the contribution you made to the Air Forces was essential in making us the greatest team in the world.

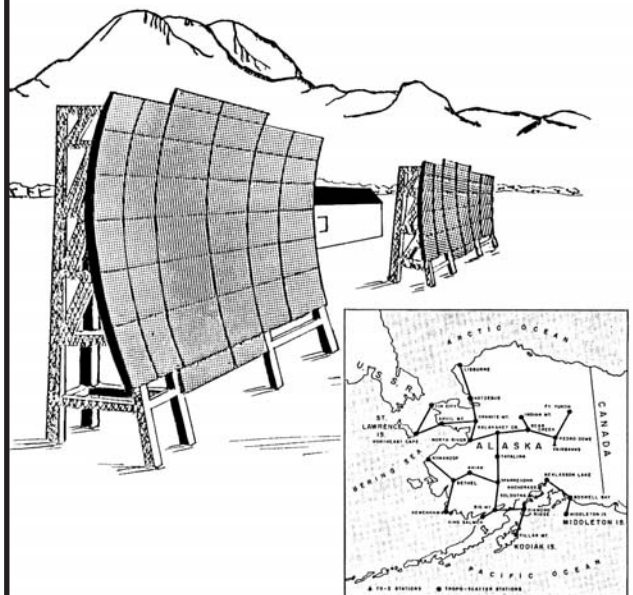
The ties that bound us under stress of combat must not be broken in peacetime. Together we share the responsibility for guarding our country in the air. We who stay will never forget the part you have played while in uniform. We know you will continue to play a comparable role as a civilian. As our ways part, let me wish you God speed and the best of luck on your road in life. Our gratitude and respect go with you.

COMMANDING GENERAL
 ARMY AIR FORCES



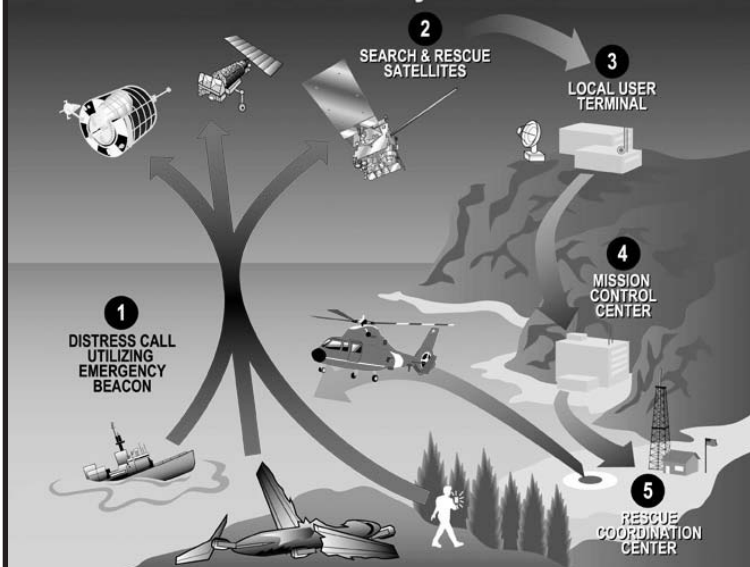
**A Young "Hall of Famer"
 Lloyd Mosemann**

**A SPECIAL STUDY OF THE
 SALE OF THE WHITE ALICE
 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

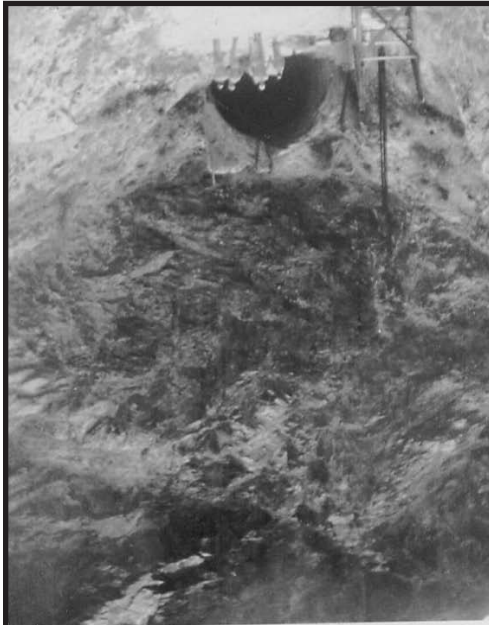


**OFFICE OF AIR FORCE HISTORY
 1931st COMMUNICATIONS WING
 ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA**

COSPAS-SARSAT System Overview



Some Past Memories of CMSgt (R) Robert "Duke" Snyder



**Malinta Tunnel
Corregidor, PI
1947**



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

P M Dining Hall Provides 'Incentive' For Airmen

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

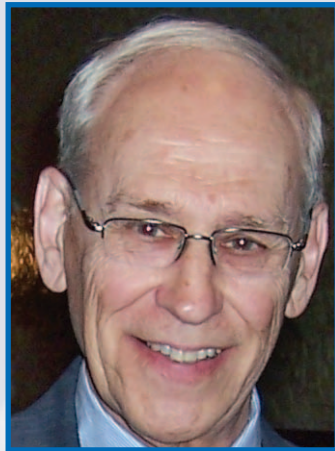
Progress was also marked in Dining Hall No. 11, as a partition was built to provide a separated eating place for prisoners. They enter the Air Police dining hall from a side door, and leave through the main entrance. M/Sgt. Martin D. Eischen also has mess attendants pick-up trays for the Air Policemen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



**Battery Way
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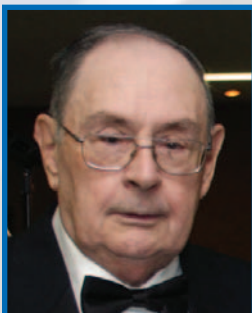
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Guess they did not like the hotel food ???



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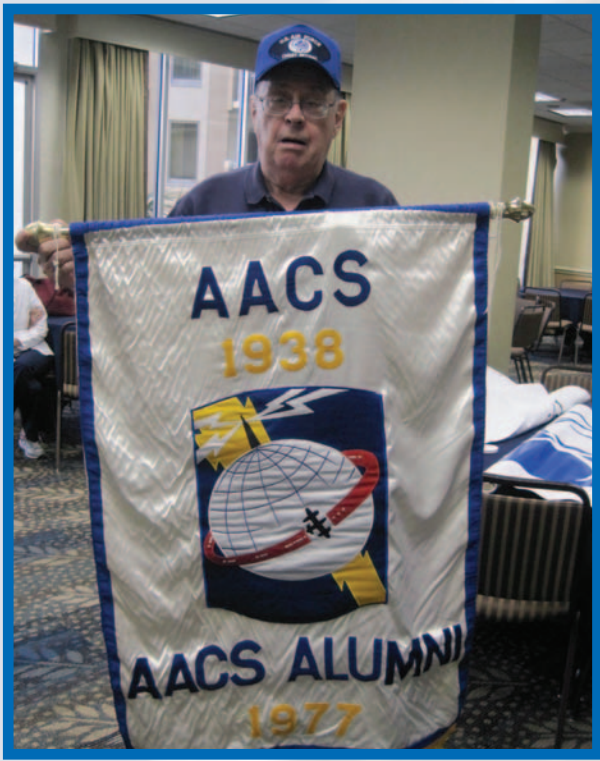
**CMSgt (R) Robert "Duke" Snyder
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Anderson, Ingrid
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Betha, Pauline
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Callicutt, Inge
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Pink, Jim
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Domain, Patricia
Donaldson, Robert
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Dear Hank:

The letter from Bob Bush sounded something like my AACCS experiences.

After graduating ROM school in Sioux Falls and not qualifying for air crew I was sent to Truax Field, WI to train as a CTO. After graduation in Nov. 1943 I and many of my school mates began a gypsy like tour of the U.S. from Smyrna, TN to McClellan Field, CA where we became part of AACCS to Jefferson Barracks, St.Louis to Patrick Henry, VA where we shipped overseas in a huge convoy on April 1, 1944. First we headed to the North Atlantic and icebergs then back south with part of our convoy leaving for England, Then through the Mediterranean where on April 20th, coincidentally Hitler's birthday we were attacked by more than 20 planes off the coast of Algeria. I had volunteered to assist the Navy Armed Guard on a 20 m.m. A.A gun and all forty of us volunteers were on alert with the gun crew, I had left my gun to go up to the top deck for coffee and on finishing I decided to take a shortcut on a ladder over the side of the ship. As I began to climb down I heard guns firing and at first thought it was practice when a ship about 1000 yards away suddenly exploded in flames. At the time we all thought it was a gasoline tanker because it virtually disappeared. I grabbed hold of the ladder with both hands because I was afraid that the concussion would blow me off the ladder. When it came it shook me violently and my leg was cut by a piece of medal. Then I climbed back up and returned to my gun. All of the armed ships were firing their big guns into the air and tracers from 20mm.40mm and machine guns filled the sky. The firing lasted about an hour or less. We heard booms in the distance but did not see any other hits.

Years later, through the internet I found out the ship that exploded was the S.S.Paul Hamilton and that 504 Air Force personnel, including pilots, air and ground crew technicians were lost as well as 76 Merchant Marine crew and Navy gunners in the greatest loss of life on any Liberty ship. Two other ships were sunk including the destroyer Lansdale with a loss of 67 lives, another freighter and two other ships that were beached in Algeria.

Except for a thwarted sub attack the next day that was the last of my WWII action. I ended up in Cairo where I was retrained as a point to point operator and then spent the remaining 20 months at bases in Habbaniya, Iraq, Abadan, Iran and Benghazi, Libya. When the war ended I did not have enough points for discharge because we never got a battle star as the Navy did and I never considered my leg injury for a Purple Heart both of which would have put me over the top for discharge,

This turned out to my favor as I got to fly home for reassignment instead of shipping home on a transport. When I got to the U,S, they decided to discharge us anyway. One other note, because of bad weather in Bermuda our plane was redirected to Newfoundland. That was the same day that the Navy squadron of three planes disappeared over the Bermuda Triangle.

S.P.Ostiller, 1553 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Gerald H. Wilkison
1956th AACS Sq - Japan



At work in the CW radio room of WUQT.
 S/Sgt. Gerald Wilkison in foreground.
 Sgt. Richard Willis in background



(l-r) Baker, Gerald Wilkison, Jack Jackson
 relaxing while off duty



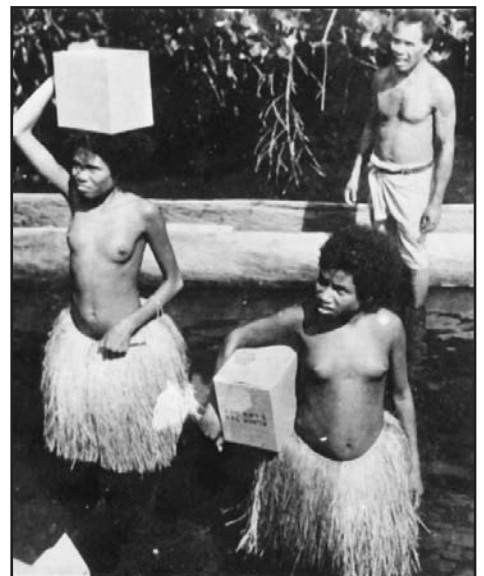
Entrance to New Kaijo Building in Tokyo
 where the 1956th AACS Squadron was billeted



Entrance to WUQT in Tokyo

**John Thomasson, 139th AACs Sq
Was with the 2nd Group to land in Japan at the end of WWII
(He was at the Kanoya Radio Site)**

Kanoya, Japan (end of WWII)



New Guinea

The Communications Museum Hq AFNIC, Scott AFB, Illinois



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FRITTER, ELWOOD B. (Name)	傅利特爾愛渥 (姓名)
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Section: AACS Det Org: AAG Shanghai	科 交通組 空軍
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Ottis Berry looks Back



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(Date of mailing)

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LAST NAME: Berry FIRST NAME: Ottis ARMY SERIAL NO.: 524707

GRADE: _____ COMPANY: _____ REGT. OR STAFF CORPS: _____ AGE: _____ RACE: _____

SMALLPOX VACCINE

DATE	TYPE OF REACTION ⁴	MED. OFFICER ³
1-15-43	Vaccinated	

TRIPLE TYPHOID VACCINE

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1st.	1-25-43	2-20-43		TAT
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SGT. BERRY, OTTIS C.
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Dear Hank.

"My War" by Richard "Dick" Whinfield

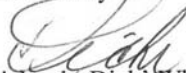
Over the years you have printed some of my letters and several of my pictures. Now, here it all is in book form. I had a great deal of fun writing it, and recalled a lot of forgotten memories.

It's amazing how strong those memories are, once recalled. But then, it was a unique experience. I saw some of the most exotic places in the world even though it was under very distressing circumstances. It still was an amazing experience! It'll never happen again, at least not to me, thank the Lord! But I can easily relate to those soldiers presently at war. God bless them!! I only wish they could be half as lucky as me.

Those were formative years for me and I was so very lucky to have such wonderful companions all through the war. I can't recall a single serious dispute ever taking place among our men. Even more amazing, after living in such intimacy and sharing such unique experiences, I lost touch with almost every one of those splendid fellows. Those I did keep in touch with are now all gone. Of our crew at Murtha Strip on the island of Mindoro, I am the only survivor, and, though I hate to think about it, that won't be for very much longer.

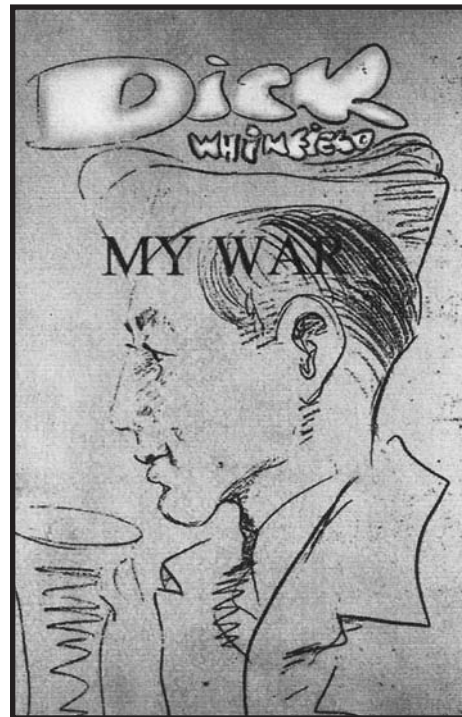
If you see fit to print the enclosed, it would be much appreciated. I don't expect I'll make mint off the book, but I would like to share it with those interested enough to read it.

Yours truly


Richard Dick Whinfield
37 Ardsley Lane
Ellington, CT
860-707-9548

**Dick's book (My War) can be ordered
at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com
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**Dick spent almost 3 years in the South Pacific.
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1979th AACCS Sq (RAF Station - Brize Norton)

Return to Keesler AFB almost 60 years later.

Dan Morabito Contacted Chuck Testion to see if he could set up a tour of Keesler. The all took ATC training in the early 1950's and enjoyed the tour of the "schoolhouse" & the base.

Thanks "Chuck" for being who you are.....



Five decades ago, these pioneers of air traffic control trained at Keesler

Lt. Col. Michael Callender, left, 334th Training Squadron commander, welcomes members of the 1979th Air and Airwaves Communications Service Squadron members to Keesler's air traffic control schoolhouse May 26. It was the third reunion of the AACCS Squadron since its air traffic controllers and radar operators trained at Keesler in the early 1950s.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



The Usual Suspects at the PA Mini Reunion July 13-15, 2010

BOB GABEL LOOKS BACK

Sergeant Rides With 'Bird' Crew

TSgt. Robert A. Gabel, of the 1957th Communications Gp., was in on the ground floor of the original "Talking Bird" project. He joined the project in November, 1960, taking part in Phase I, which covered tests in the Pacific.

Sergeant Gabel was the only Technical Controller assigned to the test. While airborne on the Flying Command Post, a converted KC-97, he conducted tests on intercepting teletype weather broadcasts for weather plotting.

JOINS 3rd PHASE

The communications technician missed Phase II of the project, the Europe phase, but took part in the third and final phase—the world-wide trip at the request of Hq's AFCS.

He joined the "Talking Bird" crew in Bangkok, Thailand. Sergeant Gabel's final stop with the KC-97 was when they terminated the project at Seymour-Johnson AFB.

Sergeant Gabel returned to Hickam and was again put on orders by Hq's AFCS to help train communicators at Clark AFB, Philippines, in the Flying Command Post.

Hi Hank was good talking to you recently and thanks for the info about putting articles in THE COMMUNICATOR. Have a few pics to put in if you can fit them in.

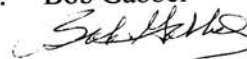
My name is Bob Gabel retired radio operator/Tech Controller with handle RG.... I enlisted in the AAF Nov 46 Pittsburgh, PA. Basic at Lackland, Tech school high speed radio op (766) Ft Monmouth, NJ. Sept 47.

The beginning of my long Pacific Area journey in AACS being assigned to Mitchell Field and on to 1804ACS Group Elmendorf Alaska ('47). Duty with 120th AACS SQ Adak Aleutian chain then to Det 120-1 Amchitka (Florida of the chain as most southern island). Extended 3 mos for Adak ('47-49) and back to Z 1907AACS Comm SQ March Field. Next tour 1810th AACS GP Hickam Field HI with duty 1960th AACS SQ Kwajalein and Eniwetok Atolls Marshall IS ('49-51). Back to 1957AACS ('52) with ZI assignment to 1900AACS SQ Biggs Field with duty Det 1900-5 Kirtland Field Albuquerque,NM.

Non AACS '52 to '55---Keesler AFB MS, Mt Home AFB, ID, Great Falls AFB, MT, Palm Beach Intl Airport FL duty as airborne/ground Radio Ops instructor. 1955 assigned to 1962nd AACS Comm GP Kadena AB Okinawa, change from Radio OP to Tech Controller. From 1957-59 SAC 30th Comm SQ Offutt AFB, NE and back to 1957th AACS Comm GP Hickam AFB, HI ('59-'63) with many TDY's Johnston Island; Project Talking Bird; and Project Blue Straw. Assigned AF Recruiting Dallas, TX ('63-65). Reassigned to 1961st AACS Comm Gp Clark AB, PI ('65-67) .Retired MSGT at Travis AFB, CA Feb '67....

The real unsung heroes of AACS were the wives and family who bravely stood by us as we transferred frequently to isolated tours or TDYs and left the family behind. This was not an easy task for them handle time after time... GOD bless them all

Hank thanks for good work you have been doing with the previous AACS Alum and The Communicator publication. Keep up the good work and "KEEP COMMUNICATING". Best to you..... Bob Gabel



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Bob Gabbel Looks Back

Det 5, 1900 AACCS Sq - Kirtland AFB NM 1951



Sgt Sam Assey, Comm Chief - SSgt Bob Gabbel, Airways

Det 1, 1957 AACCS Sq, Johnston Island 1960-1961



Unknown - TSgt Bob Gabbel



"Talking Bird" Nov 1960 - Phase I



TSgt Bob Gabbel

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Headquarters Airways and Air Communications Service, Scott AFB, Ill.

March 1960

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AACCS	MIDDLETOWN
POPULATION APPROX 30,000	POPULATION APPROX 45,000
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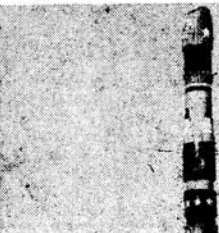
AACS - Men Keyed For Role in 'Big Slam / PP'

RAMEY AFB, Puerto Rico.—AACS personnel are keyed and ready to do their share of the work as the 14-day joint Military Air Transport Service-U. S. Army Exercise SLAM/PUERTO PINE nears.

Double-A Fights for Totem Pole and Wins

MOUNTAIN HOME AFB, Idaho—Members of the 2036 AACCS Sq have come up with an explanation of why a totem pole stands in front of the squadron orderly room. But it wasn't easy. To begin, the story started in June of 1956 when a priority message arrived in the orderly room from the Alaskan AACCS Group at Elmendorf AFB. It read: "9th Air Refueling Squadron stole our totem pole. Request you get it back." A few days later, during the 9th ARS welcome home party celebrating their return from TDY

Captain's Monument



The exercise, marking the largest airlift deployment ever held in peacetime, will be conducted from March 16 to 28 for MATS personnel and the Army's Communications and Army Command. A total of 17,700 troops will be airlifted here along with 11,150 tons of cargo.

Some 400 MATS aircraft will be involved in the operation with the aircraft to make 1100 trips to Puerto Rico from 21 bases and 1100 trips back to the United States. Approximately 48,500 flying hours will be required to move the whole operation, with MATS having to provide airlift for all associated services. Aircraft involved are the C118, C121, C124 and C133.

AACS Clean for January
Middletown Leads 'Double-A' 2-1 in Accidental Deaths
SCOTT AFB, Ill.—AACS personnel went through the month of January without a single accident fatality to gain a quick 0-to-2 lead over Middletown, Ohio, in the joint safety contest being conducted by the military-civilian council. There were 26 accidental deaths in the city in 1959. Middletown, which stands almost midway between Cincinnati and Dayton, was chosen as the city for the safety challenge because of its comparison in size

David McLaren found this at a Flea Market in Illinois

Dear H ank:

I am enclosing a few pictures taken at each of the bases on which I was stationed. They include Payne Field, Cairo, Egypt where I was transferred from a CTO to a point to point operator, Habbaniya Airport, Iraq, RAF Staging Post 40, Abadan Army Air Base, Iran and Merrifield Field, Benghazi, Libya.

The first picture is in the control tower at Abadan where it probably was 110 degrees, and the guy on the right is Pete Peterson and an unknown tower operator. April 1945.

The next shot is the Abadan tower and terminal building. Same date as above.

Next is a group of us who had just played touch football at Habbaniya. It was in the fall and the weather had cooled down. In the front from the left, Sgt. Mcfarland whom I later looked up in his home in Kokomo, Indiana, next is Sgt. Rickert from PA, Lt. Morrison, Sgt. Len Mantell from NYC. In the back row from the left is Pfc. Gershman from Chicago, Sgt. Petravage from PA who later was accepted for Infantry OCS, Pfc. Ostiller from Chicago, Cpl. Mueller from WI and Cpl. Yanak from WV. Petravage had been a coal miner and Yanak, an electric lineman who lost all of his hair in an electrical accident. About Nov. 1945

Next is me in front of the Benghazi terminal bldg. in May 1945.

Finally Sgt. Krawczak from Detroit and Cpl. Schmidt from Iowa standing in front of a lineup of C46's which were being decommissioned and ready for sale or destruction. This was in Nov. 1945 at Payne Field, Cairo. Schmidt was out of the picture.

I finally made Sgt. when the T.O opened up

S. P. "Sandy" (now) Ostiller, "Oscillator" in the AAF.

Dear Mr. Sauer,

MIA

I have news concerning MIAS as written in Sept. 2007 issue of VFW magazine, "Every Day is Like Memorial Day" written and reported by Robert Widener.

I am somewhat tardy in passing this on to The Communicator but it's the best I can do being of advanced age and suffering with severe arthritis.

My reason for giving you this info is to possibly enlighten some of my fellow comrades who were aware of the MIA that I will describe and are probably not aware of its discovery.

In the 2007 issue of the VFW magazine a small description of a wrecked B25 was found in Irian Jaya (formerly Dutch New Guinea). This was one chance in a million that it was one of our squadron planes but I felt that it was the one that was lost in 1945 with a crewman that I personally knew. Sensing this, I e-mailed a letter to Mr. Widener and he responded as you will see in the accompanying copies of my correspondence.

If you would include this in an issue of The Communicator it would be greatly appreciated. The enclosures will tell the story.

Thanking you in advance,



Nicholas Jimes

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**See "Hazardous Duty Story on
Next page."**

Page 2 of Nicholas James Story.



perched on the edge of a cliff, and we had to be tied in to work there. One of the team members had altitude sickness and went into shock.”

Team members can be exposed to a multitude of dangers in and around a site. Typical of most missions, a work force from the local population is employed to do much of the digging. These willing workers provide another benefit with their knowledge of the area’s hazards, such as the treacherous “two-step” snake in Vietnam—a green pit viper so nicknamed because when it strikes, that’s as far as you get before you die.

But a much larger threat is unexploded ordnance. Laos in particular has a high number of such explosives, making missions there especially dangerous. In fact, it’s estimated that 200 Laotians are killed each year by ordnance left over from the war.

“During the first-mission I was on, there was a bomb crater with two 2.75-inch rockets just lying there by our LZ and work site,” Taylor said. The team was pulled back while the explosive ordnance disposal tech moved the rockets to a safe area.

Some missions test the mettle of team members more than others. During the Tibet operation, team members did all the digging because the site was in a remote area, far from any local population. As a result, fatigue hampered the team, but taking a break was out of the question.

“There was no point in giving anyone time off because all you could do was sit there in your tent with wet clothing,” Pokines said. With the snow line moving further down the mountain each day, the team decided to push hard to wrap up the mission as quickly as they could, he said.

Safety for team members is always a top concern (see sidebar), but tragedies can occur. On April 7, 2001, a helicopter transporting team members crashed 280 miles north of Hanoi. Seven Americans and nine Vietnamese were killed. The group was an advance party investigating possible excavation sites. It’s a wound still felt today by those at JPAC.

Rewarding Work

Despite long hours and sometimes living out of a pup tent at a base camp, or

putting up with rain that may last most of the day, team members find the work extremely rewarding. For Byrd, it was just as his Special Forces friend had suggested.

“Every one of these cases involves a story about a serviceman who is missing, and there’s a reason why they’re missing,” he said. “And for every one of them, there’s someone out there who wonders what happened to him.”

One of the air crewmen whose remains Byrd had helped recover from the Irian Jaya mission turned out to be from North Carolina. The airman’s sister wrote to him after reading a local newspaper account of the recovery for which Byrd was interviewed.

“I still have the letter ... it means a lot to me,” he said. “She wrote that people might think that after 70 years we have forgotten about them, but it was just as real now as it was then. She said they never stopped wondering what happened to him, and if he was ever going to come home.”

For Taylor, doing his part to help resolve the fate of MIAs helps him connect to men in his command who were killed during his time in Iraq, as well as a classmate who died there.

“My unit got back from Iraq in August 2004,” he said. “I lost soldiers I commanded, and it means a lot to do these missions.”

Alexander related her feelings about the missions to her Navy aviation background.

“Being a pilot, and my husband is a pilot, and a lot of the people we’re looking for were air crew,” she said. “I would want to know someone was looking for me, or my husband, as long as it took. And I think that’s awesome that we can do that for the families.”

Stiglich says every day he would remind team members at a site why they were there. “These guys we’re looking for have been laying there for 30 to 40 years, and we’re only out here for 45 days. We owe it to them, and to their families.”

Summing it up simply, he said: “Every day is like Memorial Day.”

PART IV (NOVEMBER): *The Central Identification Laboratory and mtDNA.*

E-mail rwidener@vfw.org

Hazardous Duty

Some missions can prove difficult due more to the terrain than politics. During a 1999 WWII recovery mission to Irian Jaya, the country forming the western portion of the island of New Guinea, Byrd’s team was working at a high altitude to excavate a site where a B-25 had crashed with eight crew members aboard.

“That site was at 13,000 feet,” Byrd said, adding that he had to learn how to rappel. The wrecked aircraft was

The 1917th AACs Marion Transmitter Station "AUN"

Arriving at the 1917th AACs Air Force radio station AUN in Marion Massachusetts close to Cape Cod, in June of 1950, I was greeted by beautifully landscaped grounds with four buildings dominated by an enormous set of antenna wires supported over 400 feet in the air by fourteen 440 feet high cylindrical guyed iron towers covering a field over 1,000 feet wide by 5,000 feet long. One of the buildings housed single enlisted personnel, each with his own private room, and one large building in the rear housed the radio transmitting equipment. The equipment had been designed in the last decade of the 19th century and the Alexanderson Alternator transmitter was built for RCA by the GE in 1908. This transmitter used a 600 horsepower electric motor to rotate a large notched flywheel spinning through electric coils, producing a radio signal that was fed through magnetic amplifiers to an outside coil house and up to the enormous antenna array. . Transoceanic radiograms were sent from the Marion station using Morse code to radio receivers in the Scandinavian countries. Replies were received at a station in Chatham Massachusetts. The Navy took control of the station from RCA during World War II then returned it. RCA eventually decided the station was no longer needed and so the Air Force acquired it for various tests, one of these was sending radio teletype weather data to submarines in the North Atlantic by agreement with the Navy.

The 250 KW transmitter, the most powerful on Earth, was designed to transmit at 25.62 KC. The frequency was fixed by the flywheel and another 9 KC flywheel was in storage. All electrical controls, except the telegraph key, and electrical meters were located on three contiguous heavy slate power panels each about ten feet high by six feet wide. The items controlled with panel included the alternator, the liquid rheostats, and the cooling pumps. The cooling pumps circulated water through the alternator field coils to the outside cooling pond. The telegraph key controlled the magnetic amplifiers and the motor secondary current via relays. The output power of the alternator was affected by weather conditions, and the operator had to make adjustments as the weather changed. Nominal output was about 5 KW leakage on key up and 250 KW key down. On a wet quiet foggy day, output could exceed 300 KW as the antenna wires sagged above the damp ground. Output control weather variables included wind, rain, snow, sleet, ice accumulation on the wires, and temperature effects on the wires. The station required only one person on duty at any time.

The Alternator Antenna System

The antenna itself was an array of 28 wires 5,000 feet long suspended over 400 feet above the ground and directed toward the Northeast. There were 2 parallel rows of 6 towers, the rows being 1,000 feet apart and the 6 towers in each row were spaced 1,000 feet apart. The other 2 towers were located at each end mid way between the rows. Heavy cable spring stays with large bell shaped insulators linked the towers across the rows, and from each spring stay 28 insulators each about 8 feet long were suspended and they in turn supported the antenna wires

Antenna Maintenance

To keep the antenna system in top operating condition, a team of between twelve and fourteen riggers performed full time year round maintenance on the antenna towers and wires. The iron towers were always protected with suitable paint and their supporting anchor wires were always coated with protective grease.. When the alternator was running, the riggers were confined below the 100 foot level, and, they had to be grounded through a heavy copper band on one of their ankles. When the alternator was operating, a near lethal static charge could build up on a person working on the towers. All other operations were carried out with the alternator shut down. With the lift cable tied to a pickup truck which backed up the riggers rode a bosun's chair up the towers supported by that single cable to perform work at all levels. No one was ever killed or even injured in the risky maintenance operations, but OSHA, if it had existed at this time, in words of the current vernacular "would have had a baby"

Operating the Alexander Alternator

The cooling water pumps were then turned on. Power was then applied to a high volume blower system, the alternator motor primary and to the two speed control rheostats. The rheostats were large tanks containing a salt brine pumped across a weir. Inside of the tank was a series of copper pipes

arranged like organ pipes, and as the weir height changed, so did their electrical resistance in the wires carrying current to the electric motor. One controlled the motor primary and the other the motor secondary. The primary weir was used to bring motor speed up to a specific value which defined the operating frequency. . The secondary weir was initially set at the same height as the primary. With key up, current not flowing through the secondary rheostat, the magnetic amplifiers detuned, approximately 5 kilowatts would radiate from the antenna array. The alternator system was now almost ready for radio transmission..

Depressing the telegraph key controlled two operations taking a few milliseconds: one, to tune the magnetic amplifiers, and two, to close three massive relays that short circuited the motor secondary through the secondary rheostat. When the magnetic amplifiers went into tune, the alternator tried to radiate 250 or more kilowatts of output power. The motor tried to stop it instantly, but by short circuiting the secondary, an additional 300 KW or more, depending on antenna position, was fed into the motor to keep its speed constant. The transmission gears between motor and flywheel would howl under the load change and the operator would quickly adjust the secondary weir to stabilize the system so the motor speed stayed constant whether the telegraph key was up or down. When the key went up, the magnetic amplifiers detuned, the relays opened to break the secondary electrical connection and the primary kept the motor speed constant, all taking place in a few milliseconds. One of the loudest units in the system was the blower that cleared the arcs drawn when on key up the three large five pound copper contacts flew open breaking several hundred amperes of current to the motor secondary. These greenish yellow arcs resulting from the burned copper were blown up creating a great greenish display through the windows making our building look like Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory in full swing.

The Purpose of the Test

The test was to send weather reports to the submarines in the North Atlantic by teletype not morse code. The alternator was designed for a maximum of 60 word per minute morse code. Normally radio teletype at 60 words per minute requires about four times more "key" breaks, therefore, the submarine teletype receivers were adjusted to 15 words per minute. After months of teletype receiver adjustment, it became clear that the teletypes were incapable of operating at less than its design speed. The project was to be abandoned, but RCA agreed to take responsibility for the alternator and the test continued at 60 word per minute teletype. RCA believed that the equipment over 50 years old which had operated flawlessly for over 30 years could take the stress of about four times the maximum design value. The key fears were that the transmission gears may fail catastrophically or the large relays slamming closed and then opening 5 pound copper contacts 60 to 100 times per second would never work. To everyone's surprise, the system continued to operate flawlessly for the next sixteen years. After I left the Air Force in 1952, I was told that, they dredged up an abandoned alternator from either Japan or Hawaii, and mounted it on the second base that was part of the original plan for two alternators. The entire system and antenna array was finally shut down and dismantled in about 1968, and thus the last of the operational large Alexander alternator systems entered the dustbin of history. Of the eighteen original alternators built in the first quarter of the 20th century, only the last one built in Sweden in 1924 remains and is located at Grimeton, Sweden. It is maintained there as a historical site by the UNESCO World Heritage Foundation. This antique is only fired up for demonstrations on very special occasions by the World Heritage Foundation.

By Gerry Ouellette (If members want an expanded version, email Gerry at gerryo@Verizon.net)

"BLUETHENTHAL AFB IS ALIVE AND WELL"

Dear Hank,

The following reply was posted to Sam Friedman today:

**Mr Samuel Friedman
14500 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.,#214
Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

May 24, 2010

Dear Sam,

I've just read P. 55 of the June 2010 Communicator, and I thought you might like to hear from another member of Sgt. Pope's detachment. AACCS men at Bluethenthal were fast moving etransients in 1943, and so you may not remember me, but I arrived while you, and Sgts Smith, Voves and Griggs were still there. To fill in the next couple of chapters for you and Hank Sauer, I offer the following:

First, you are now hearing of Bluethenthal Field again from a guy who followed you in that AACCS detachment. Sauer identifies the 413th Fighter Group, and mentions that "submarine patrols were flown from Bluethenthal."

The Anti-sub outfit was the 22nd Antisub Squadron of the First Air Force, headquartered at Mitchell Field on Long Island, a weird kind of unit with B25s, a B17 and a PB5A (with an all-Navy crew headed by a pilot who was a Chief Petty Officer) patrolling the Outer Banks for subs daily in 1942 and 1943.

The trailblazing fight group was the 366th, most of whose pilots were fresh out of Aviation Cadets, transitioning from AT6s to P47s and learning their trade in the group that became famous in Europe as "Holt's Hun Hunters" (If you Google the Hunters, you'll get a better idea what they went on to do after D-Day and all across France .)

You may not have stayed around long enough to see VHF radio equipment installed in the tower, which got the code call sign "Pinetree" as soon as the VHF was operational. I went to Pope Field and Knollwood Field from Pinetree and then went to Europe shortly after the 101st Airborne shipped out. The first I've heard from Sgts Pope, you, Griggs, Smith or Voves is this story I'm looking at now.

I'm glad to see you still alive and kicking in 2010! Just keep on keeping' on!

**Tom Jewell
(Sgt., ASN12126910)**

EDITORS NOTE: Letter like this, make editing and publishing our "Communicators" the best job in the Association.

6/1/10

Dear Hank,

I want to thank you for the very nice presentation of my picture in The Communicator. I showed it to my grand children and it was a big hit. They now consider me a big time "hero". (Which is nice).

But more importantly it brought a letter from Tom Jewell who joined our detachment several months later. It was the first time I heard from any of our group who I had been trying to locate for years in the past.

We were a close group as I guess were all AAC'S detachments. Hearing from Tom who I remember well was so exciting. It brought back old wonderful memories of 67 years ago.

Serving with AAC'S was an honor and a privilege. And the AAC'S group were the greatest.

Thanks again, Hank.

Sincerely

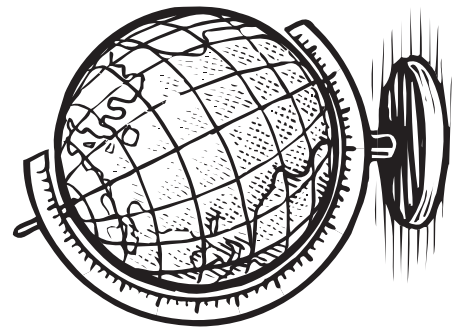
Samuel Friedman

New Member Listing For November 2010 Communicator

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BENNETT	0611-JERRY	jebennett02@comcast.net	TACM, 412 MMS,	65-9,	HF RADIO	23413 116TH ST E	BUCKLEY	WA	98231-9503
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DIER	0612-RODNEY		1919 AACCS,	47-49	GCA, SECURITY,	5439 S ROANOKE AVE	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65810
DORMER	0712-RONALD	rondor27@charter.net	AACS, AFCS,	54-81	NAVAIDS MAINT	500 N SMILEY ST	O'FALLON	IL	62269-1337
GETHING	0912-CLAR	zeke4713@att.net	AACS, AFCS,	46-71	TELETYPE MAINT	4713 PRINCESS LN	DEL CITY	OK	73115-4309
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KIRVIN	0512-MYRON	myron.kirvin@yahoo.com	AFCC, AFFSA,	72-98	AIR TRAFFIC	6815 SAIL AWAY	GRAND	TX	75054
MCCULLAR	0712-BOBBY	bobby.mccullar@faa.gov	AFCS, AFCC	75-97	AIR TRAFFIC	23 CAMELLIA CIRCLE	NEWMAN	GA	30263
MCLEAR	1012-LEWIS	westport_us@yahoo.com	1960 AACCS,	57-60	GROUND RADIO	2684 CO RT 6	HAMMOND	NY	13646-2100
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SIMPANEN	0612-NEIL		2009 CS, 1920 CS,	66-71,	AIR TRAFFIC	1728 E COTTONWOOD	MUSTANG	OK	73064
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WALKER	0712-JON	jon.walker@passmember.	AFCS, AFCC	80--1	AIR TRAFFIC	137 WEXFORD	NEWMAN	GA	30265
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YARDLEY	0714-GEORGE	yardleyg@bellsouth.net	2019CS, 2066CS,	73-95	AIR TRAFFIC	103 FISCHER TRACE	NEWMAN	GA	30265
YOUNG	0712-ALLAN	bosquest@yahoo.com	TAC, PACAF,	74-97	AIR TRAFFIC	92 FISCHER TRACE	NEWMAN	GA	30265-1576

AACCS



Mr. Hank Sauer
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Dear Mr. Sauer:

This is in regards to the photo on page 27 of the 6/10 "Communicator." It is indeed the Headquarters of the 133rd Sq. in Frankfort. They had moved from a site on the Seine on the outskirts of Paris.

I was a 760 radio operator assigned to DOT F of the 133rd. We landed on Omaha Beach later in July, 1944 and thereafter chased Patten's Third Army across France and Germany as far as the Czech border.

I believe we were the first AACS unit to cross the Rhine. Our COs were Lt. Hammond and later Captain Charles Koen.

Following VE day our station was located at an abandoned Luftwaffe AB a few miles from Munich.

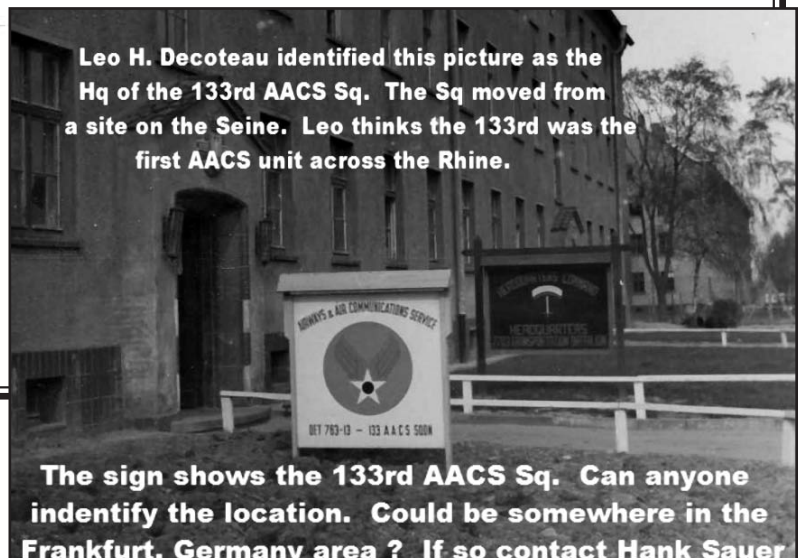
Hope this information is of value to you.

Enclosed are some photographs (8) and explanation of same on the back. It is very important to my family that the photos be returned. I am enclosing a self addressed envelope for your convenience. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Leo H. Decoteau
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Formerly Sgt. AUS & S/sgt USAFRES
LHD/md



Some WWII Memories of Leo H. Decoteau



German General surrendering at Orleans Afd, France



Frankfurt-on-Main



Thionville, France

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**OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
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RAYMOND SHARPLESS
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If you have any questions contact Walt McLain at TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045.

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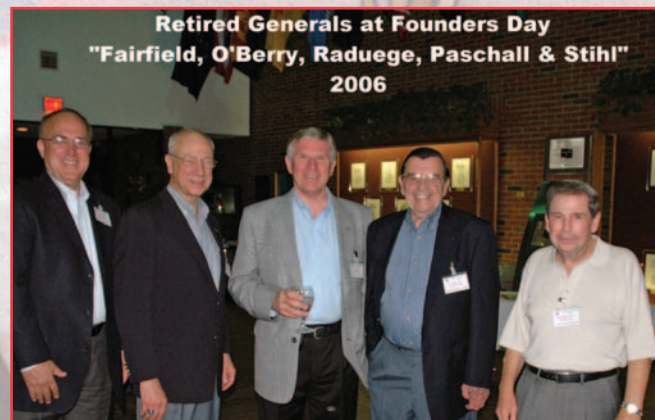
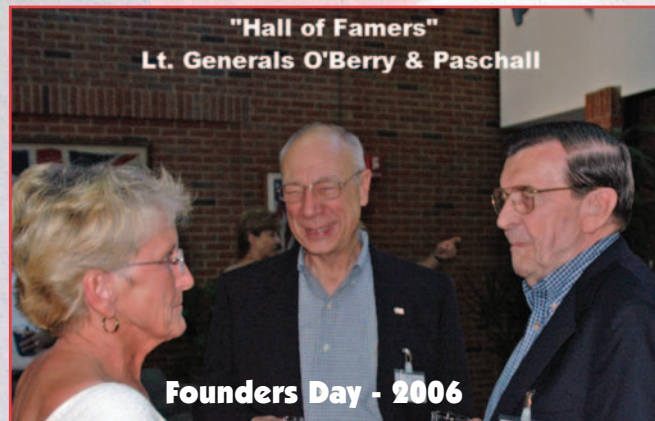
White Shirt



NEW JACKET (BOTH)



"Association Members at Past Functions"



ETCHBERGER FINALLY GETS HIS DUE THE MEDAL OF HONOR:

CMSgt. Richard L. Etchberger will posthumously receive the nation's highest military tribute, the Medal of Honor, from President Obama on Sept. 21, the White House announced Friday. The President will recognize the conspicuous gallantry that Etchberger displayed in combat on March 11, 1968, when North Vietnamese soldiers overran Lima Site 85, a secret Air Force radar facility in the Laotian mountains. During the desperate battle, Etchberger, a ground radar superintendent, kept the enemy troops at bay with an M-16. His courageous action allowed seven of the 19 Americans there to be rescued, but Etchberger was mortally wounded as he boarded the rescue helicopter. Although he was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross, the White House at the time declined to award him the Medal of Honor, as it did not want to attract attention to the presence of the clandestine US site in a supposedly neutral country. Etchberger's sons, Cory Etchberger, Richard Etchberger, and Steve Wilson will join the President at the White House for the award ceremony.

We first reported this pending award in the June 2009 Communicator.

AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION **(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association)**

Mission Statement

To foster continued awareness of the Air Force Communications and Air Traffic Control missions previously accomplished by AACS, AFCS, AFCC, AFC4A, AFCA, AFFSA, other past & current Major Air Commands. To provide a forum for educational and humanitarian services, to renew & make new friendships and to exchange ideas of common interest concerning people and activities associated with Communications & Air Traffic Control. To fully support the goals and missions of the U.S. Air Force and to honor each year the ATC Enlisted Manager and Communications/Information Professionals of the year as selected by the Air Force. Make charitable contributions to worthy veteran organizations or related causes. Of significant importance is to manage our Association to be a viable Association for those Airman/Officers/Civilians serving today.

The Beginning

The initial meeting of what turned out to be the first 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 will continue to drive the AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association and we owe them and all the individuals who attended that first meeting/reunion, a great big "Thank You"

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QUESTION: Who or what are we ?

ANSWER: An Association that is comprised of over 2,200 members who began their service in the Army Air Corps and/or the Signal Corps before WWII and who served in the first dedicated communications element to provide communications and air traffic control as its primary mission and members who have served since then in any communications or air traffic control unit, including those serving today. This new Army Air Corps organization was formed in 1938 and was named the "Army Airways Communications System" (AACS). During WWII, it was renamed the "Air Communications Service" (ACS) and placed under the then "Air Transport Command" and within months was renamed once again as the "Airways and Air Communications Service" (AACS). In 1961, AACS was elevated to a Major Air Command and renamed "Air Force Communications Service" (AFCS). In 1979, the name was changed to "Air Force Communications Command" (AFCC). In the early 1990's the Air Force was undergoing major reorganizations and realignment of functions and AFCC was downsized and renamed the "Air Force Command, Control, Communications & Computers Agency" (AFC4A) and shortly thereafter, was renamed the "Air Force Communications Agency" (AFCA). Also in the early 1990's, the Air Force created the "Air Force Flight Standards Agency" (AFFSA), and reassigned air traffic control responsibilities to this new Agency and to the Major Air Commands. In 2009, AFCA was renamed the "Air Force Integration Center" and placed under the AF Space Command along with the newly created 24th Air Force (for Cyber functions). Over the years since the AACS Alumni Association was formed (1977) the membership criteria changed from individuals who only served in AACS units, to include all communicators/information/cyber/air traffic control and support skills regardless of what Major or Joint Command an individual served in, including today's active duty personnel.

The motto of "Fellowship in the Company of Equals" is more than just words, but the glue that holds us all together through the different decades. The Association is comprised of about 85% enlisted personnel and 15% officers, which includes many General Officers, both active and retired.



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