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Effective January 1, 2012,
the **Dues Will Be \$15.00 a
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This increase is needed
because of the loss of
membership and a
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(No change in Life Membership)

The Toll Free Number for
the Dir of Membership has
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We need everyone to
recruit at least **1 new
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Two More members were
inducted into
The AF Hall of Fame



Lt. Gen. Harry Raduege



CMSgt. Bill Mosley

September 2012

Plan now on coming to
the 36th
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members who have been inducted into the Air Force Cyberspace
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(Those Highlighted in **YELLOW** are deceased)



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ATC Enlisted Manager of the Year (2011)**

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**Master Sergeant Janice E. Planten
Chief Controller, Air Traffic Control Tower**

100th Operations Support Squadron

Flying Organizations Supported:

**351st Air Refueling Squadron
7th Special Operations Squadron
67th Special Operations Squadron
95th Reconnaissance Squadron
727th Air Mobility Squadron**

Aircraft Supported:

KC-135R • C-130 • RC-135 • AMC Airlift

**The Major General Gerald L. Prather
Communications/Information Professional of the Year (2011)**

STAFF SERGEANT IRA J. BEGLEY III



SSgt Ira J. Begley III
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Designed Continuity of Operations Security Architecture
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USAFE Intelligence Community

“New Commander of 24th Air Force”

MAJOR GENERAL SUSANNE M. “ZAN” VAUTRINOT



Major General Susanne M. “Zan” Vautrinot assumed command of 24th Air Force (Lackland AFB) on April 29th, 2011.

She is the second Commander, replacing Major General Webber, who has retired. The 24th AF is the Air Force newest Air Force and provides combatant commanders with trained and ready cyber forces which plan and conduct cyberspace operations. Some of our members who know her well describe her as an Air Force “Super Star”.

“A look back in AF History”

On Easter Sunday, 1949, Hq USAFE put every airplane that could fly into carrying food, coal & medical supplies into Berlin during the “Berlin Airlift”. This was a record day in both the number of flights and tonnage delivered. It was the beginning of the end of the Russian blockage of Berlin.

From The Desk of the Executive Director

November 2011 Communicator



As I begin my first "From the Desk" note as your new Executive Director, I speak for our entire Association in thanking Lori and Steve Manske and Denise and Jerry Sonnenberg for the wonderful job they did in co-hosting the St Louis reunion. From beginning to end it was a special experience with something for everyone. We visited the Scott AFB control tower and had the opportunity to talk with some of today's sharp young Air Traffic Controllers. The AFNIC museum was filled with relics of the past, with more than one of us probably saying, "I don't just remember that equipment, I remember when it was the latest thing!" And, of course, we had tours, special meals, golf, riverboats, and the ever popular, always busy hospitality room.

As I assume the Executive Director duties, I owe special thanks the outgoing director, Stan Phillips for the great work he's done over the past four years. Our organization has been blessed with outstanding leadership and Stan headed up a Board of Directors that has moved the Association forward in ways too numerous to count. Thanks again, Stan. To our members, I thank you for your confidence in electing me to the Executive Director position and I'll certainly do my best to see to it that our group continues to reflect the desires of its members. As successful as we've been, no organization can hope to move forward if it never changes. If you have ideas for improving the Association, feel free to drop me a letter or email me at dwdonnell@verizon.net. Also, we're always looking for people who would like to serve as committee members or members of the Board of Directors. Let me know if you'd like to help out in a leadership role.

Finally a little bit about my background. My parents were "Don" and Nancy Donnell. Dad had a 32 year Air Corps/Air Force career and served as Executive Director of the Association in 1983/4. He was very active with the group until he passed away in 1991. Mom continued to attend the reunions, never missing one until shortly before her death in 2009 and was very proud of the Association's Life Achievement Award she received in 2004. I was born in 1951 at Clark AFB where my father was stationed and started my career in the comm world very early on, as my birth certificate has "1961st AACCS" typed in the margin! I entered the Air Force in 1972 through the ROTC program at the University of Nebraska, and remained in a communications AFSC from my time as a student in the basic Comm Officer's Course at Keesler until my retirement in 2001. During those 29+ years, I had assignments in both fixed and tactical comm, including tours in Thailand and Germany, and a number of stateside bases including Griffiss, Scott (AFCC Headquarters), and Loring. I'm still involved in the command and control business, working as a contractor at the Pentagon.

I look forward to serving as your Executive Director.

Doug Donnell
Executive Director



MINUTES
35TH ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, St. Louis, MO

Executive Director Stan Phillips brought to order the 35th annual AACS Board of Director's meeting on Sept. 21, 2011 at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel in St. Louis, MO. All Directors were present, except the Executive Secretary, Robert Akard and Ray Sharpless.

Ray Sharpless resigned as Treasurer in July 2011 and Cindy Allison, Treasurer elect attended the meeting in a no voting capacity. Bill Cassett, the newly appointed PX/BX Officer (a non-voting position) also was present. The Board concurred with the decision to separate the PX/BX function from the treasurer. All PX/BX items were transferred to Bill Cassett and a complete inventory of items was sent to the board. Hank Sauer was responsible for recording minutes of the board /and general meetings. The board was briefed on the actions taken to transfer funds to the control of Robert Akard until all funds are transferred to the new Treasurer, Cindy Allison.

Old business consisted of Board confirmation of the minutes of the 2010 Board meeting as appeared in the November 2010 Communicator. Further, old business was called by the Secretary for confirmation of any electronic votes of significance during this 12 month ending period. Board approval was obtained on all awards for 2011 (Hall of Honor: Gen Wm. Tom Hobbins & Col David Martinson, Thomas F. Buckley Award: Erika VanDyne. Individual Board members present reported on their activities and/or recommendations for the preceding year. These reports mainly consisted of recommendations for budget reductions to eliminate or reduce spending.

Based on recommended suggestions the follow motions were voted on and approved by the Board:

1. Temporarily halt all donations except for donations to AF activities of \$900.
A savings of \$3,000 would be realized in this fiscal year.
2. Increase regular and associate membership dues to \$15 per-year.
3. Discontinue the Travel Expense drawing of \$750.00
4. Make no changes to the publication of the Communicator (issue in June and November each year with 64 pages).
5. Issue 1st Timer gifts as approved by the board. Association Challenge coins were given in 2011.
6. AACS PX/BX items were approved for major price reductions. See the November 2011 Communicator for price changes. AACS items will no longer be restocked when gone.
7. The official web-site www.afcomm.org responsibilities will be transferred to Lori Manske in the last quarter of 2011. A non-voting board position has been established for the web site manager and the PX/BX Officer. The board concurred in the decision to create these two positions. The Board also approved that these two non-voting Board members would be eligible for complimentary hotel rooms at future conventions.
8. The toll-free 877 number will be discontinued due to very low usage. Walt McLain, Dir of Membership agreed to use his cell and home phone numbers. This will result in a savings of approx \$1,000 per-year.
9. Stan Phillips will contact the Bank of Belton to transfer signatories for the checking and CD accounts as follows:
 - Primary signatory for checking & CD accounts to Cindy Allison, Treasurer
 - Second signatory for checking account remains with Bob Akard, Executive Secretary
 - Second signatory for CD accounts to Doug Donnell, Executive Director
10. Capitol Equipment Activity:
 - Treasurer's HP Printer-Model C309 G sold to Ray Sharpless for \$100.00
 - Old Host's Dell Laptop computer transferred to Cindy Allison, Treasurer
 - Bill Bethea took possession of the old Host's Cannon printer and contributed \$25.00 to the Association
11. Bill Bethea advised the BOD that he is considering stepping down as Sgt-At-Arms and he will try to recruit his replacement sometime in the immediate future.
12. The BOD approved a motion made by Walt McClain to name the Recruiting Award the "Ron Allison Recruiting Award". A minimum of (5) new recruits would be required to be eligible.

13. There was some discussion by the BOD to sell subscriptions for the Communicator to increase revenue, but was tabled for future consideration.

The revised FY 2011/2012 Budget was approved. The board was briefed by the Executive Director on the required financial audit due to the change of Executive Directors at the conclusion of this year's annual Convention/Reunion. There were no noted discrepancies.

Changes to the Convention/Reunion Guide were discussed and approved by the Board. There being no further business the 35th Annual Board Meeting was closed.

Hank Sauer (acting for Robert Akard)

**Business Meeting Minutes
35th Annual Convention, Sept. 24, 2011, St, Louis, MO**

ED Stan Phillips opened the meeting with announcements, the invocation and welcome of guests and members. This was followed by the call for colors presented by the Scott AF Honor Guard. Next were reports by the Board of Directors.

The ED requested a motion to approve the minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting as written in the Nov 2010 Communicator. It passed by voice vote.

The ED stated our assets were sound under the protection of conservative investments. He reported our major expenditures and cash assets as conforming to our audit. He reported that our usual annual liability is the obligation toward next year's Convention, that being \$40,000 for 2012 in San Antonio, TX. He announced that Col (ret) David Kovach would be our host. St. Anthony's Riverwalk Hotel. Sept 19-23, 2011.

Editor/Publisher Hank Sauer briefed the membership that no changes would be made to the Communicators and that Ms. Lori Manske would take over the web site later in 2011 and would bring some needed changes to the site.

Membership Director Walt McLain gave our active members at approx 1775 with expected renewal notices to go out shortly. Many renewal failures result from death or unreported address changes. Future renewals will be due in the month you joined, or active old members will have their renewal date extended free for a month or so to get away from all being due on Jan 1st. Watch your mailing label. Walt then coaxed each to get a new member this year. Recruiting new members is vital to continuing as a viable organization. We had 15 first time Convention attendees who were introduced as a group to receive their free Challenge coin.

Sgt-of- Arms Bill Bethea and Gerry Prather conducted a memorial service for all known deceased members or spouses this past year by reading their names. This was followed by the bugle playing of TAPS.

Bill Wallace, member of the Nominating Committee conducted the election for the Following Board positions: Executive Director, Vice Director, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Doug Donnell was elected as our 13th Executive Director. Jerry Sonnenberg (co-Host for the 35th Convention/Reunion) was elected at the Vice Director, Bob Akard was reelected as the Executive Secretary and Cindy Allison was elected as the Treasurer.

Col Rafael Quezada (a LM) from the Air Staff gave an interesting and very effective picture of the "State of Air Traffic Control". He officially retired right after the banquet after 38 years of service. He will be working with the FAA to use his many talents and experience. He enjoyed his first reunion with us and knew many of the attendees present.

E D Phillips announced banquet arrangements for the night, and then called the meeting closed.

Hank Sauer (acting for Bob Akard)

Missed Roll Call (Since the June 2011 Communicator)

Allison, Ronald D. CMSgt

DeBord, Wallace

Dunkin, Mary Ann

Healy, James C.

Klocko, Richard, Lt Gen

Marks, Eugene C.

MacLaren, William, MGen

Nollenberg, Donald Lea

Peterson, Glen

Rimmer, Bob

Spence, Robert "Bob"

Torstveit, Howard L.



The Chaplain's Corner

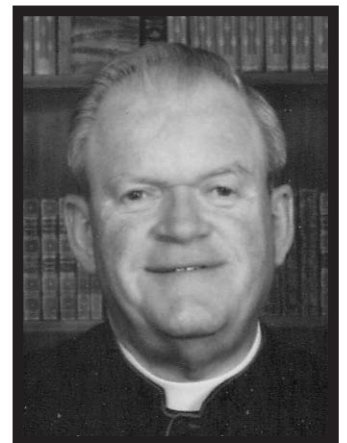
November, 2011 - Worship or "Worship"?

Perhaps the most interesting of the many choices we can make at our annual meetings is the one on Thursday evening when there is a juxtaposition of the Annual Prayer Dinner and the secular pilgrimage to a local casino. In this most recent choice, it was Harrah's in St. Louis which claims 120K feet of gaming space and "the newest and hottest slots".

I know something about casinos. My first employment as a TV broadcast engineer was with KLAS-TV in Las Vegas. As it turned out, I lost my first paycheck in less than an hour, and then began noticing there were other citizens who could not accumulate enough money to move out of town. I was able to take the cure and not repeat my foolish error in the remaining months.

In my home area in California, there are five Indian casinos with another in the planning stage. What the American Indians could not achieve in the 19th century, they are now, cleaning the clocks of the white man daily. In one casino, every tribe member receives a large house and a significant monthly allowance from the proceeds. We all know where that money comes from. When the bus arrives at the casino door it is every man or woman for him/herself. A few may become winners and thereby gain temporary success, even power, from the goddess of Chance, but it is only for a relative moment as "there are no pockets in a burial shroud". The prayer dinner cost one dollar more and is far less exciting since its benefits are more subtle. Unlike the casino, individual attendees have the privilege drawing together in a spiritual fellowship which can be a preview of our eternal future. We don't offer a reward card; we leave that up to the Lord. Since it is not a game, we don't look for an immediate jackpot. But the richness of the Word will always be there, and if we remain faithful in prayer and action we have the promise that our slots will not be hot! The payoff for being an authentic believer will come later, when we hear the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of the Lord!" Worshipping the God of this world or "worshipping" the goddess of Chance?? What a fascinating choice we have on Thursdays!

Fr. Donald Seeks



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT (November 2011)



We have gained 20 new members since April 2011. Our current active membership stands at 1782. 69 members have renewed since April 2011. As of 10 Oct 2011 we have 221 members whose dues expire 31 Dec 2011. In order to receive the June 2012 Communicator, members must renew by 30 April 2012. Please check the address label on your latest Communicator to see when your dues expire: e.g. 11-(first name) indicates dues expire 31 Dec 11 or e.g. 1111 - (first name) indicating 30 Nov 2011 expiration. Please refer all membership questions to Walt McLain, 1-865-690-0479 or 1-865-740-4127 or email aacsmbship@comcast.net.

**The Growth of the Association Depends on Members Recruiting New Members
The Survival of the Association Depends on Members Renewing and Maintaining Membership**

Applications are available in each Communicator, on our web site and from Walt McLain by calling or emailing requests to 1-865-690-0479 or 1-865-740-4127 Mobile or Email aacsmbship@comcast.net.

Recruit ----- Renew

Walt McLain • Director for Membership

Treasurers Report

As required in the By-Laws under Article VII, Section 10, there will be an internal audit of assets whenever a new Executive Director is installed. This has been accomplished by Bob Akard and reviewed by Bill Bethea of the FMPC.

Internal Audit June 30, 2011

Cash assets as of June 30, 2011:

Cash in banks;		
Treasurer's account	\$8,485.37	
Publisher's account	\$79.94	
Totals		\$8,565.31

Certificates of Deposit;				
	31385	\$5,089.34		
	31386	\$5,089.34		
	31392	\$5,089.34		
	5997	\$11,406.97		
	6099	\$11,406.42		
	31391*	\$5,103.30 *		

CD **Totals (6) \$43,184.71**

Grand Totals \$51,750.02

BX Inventory: **\$8,344.81**

Total Assets: \$60,094.83

With falling revenues appearing to be stabilizing, the Board of Directors, at its Sept. 2011 meeting, made productive decisions to reduce annual expenses and to enhance revenues. These steps will be monitored throughout Fiscal Year 2012 to ensure ongoing balanced budgets.

Our association, as do most of you, is not earning enough interest on CD's to even meet inflation. I forecast our newly elected Treasurer, Cindy Allison, will report next year a well managed treasury and stable funds.

Bob Akard, Acting Treasurer on Sept, 30, 2011

EDITOR-PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT

THE COST OF THE JUNE 2011 AF COMM & ATC ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

AS OF: May 5, 2011

Printing, labeling, shipping (2,250 copies).....	\$2960.00
Layout/Draft/Conversion.....	600.00
P.O. Bulk Mail charges (approx 2140 mailed).....	848.41
Overseas Mail & New or Renewals	25.00



TOTAL: \$4,430.41

Due to printing & shipping cost increases, only a small savings was achieved with the June 2011 Issue.

It cost the Association approximately \$1.96 per-copy to publish and mail the JUNE 2011 Communicator.

Remaining balance in PO Account: \$196.55
Remaining balance in Editors Bank Account: \$ 79.94

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 **295,000** hits. The web Site is our biggest recruiter of new members. Since we created our new Database and started keeping more accurate records, the web site has been responsible for recruiting 900+ new members. **In late 2011, Lori Manske will take over the Web site. She began her comm and ATC association with AFCC in 1981 as a staff writer and later editor of the intercom magazine. She remained with the command throughout her career and retired in 2006 from AFCA as chief of public affairs.**

It has been a fun 12 years since I posted an AACS web site.

REMEMBER YOU CAN NOW READ THE CURRENT "COMMUNICATORS" ON OUR WEB SITE (WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG) AND SOME PAST ISSUES. YOU MUST USE THE NEW 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 we can't get your stories/pictures in one issue, we will keep them for the next issue. In fairness to all members, we use a "first in-first published" policy. After scanning (into a hard drive) any pictures you send, we will return them if requested. You do not have to have copies made. I will forward to Lori all articles and pictures sent to me that may have web site requirements, when she takes over.

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

Hank Sauer, Editor/Publisher/Web Site Mgr

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**Years of Election
For Board of Directors**

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

Note: The Executive Director can only serve for four consecutive years. He/she can run again after a break of service.

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

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

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

Donation List: (March 16 2011 through October 15, 2011)

Due to the TRANSFER of the Treasurer's responsibilities to a new Treasurer, the only name I can confirm at this time is listed below. Richard Forrester donated at the St Louis reunion. If you donated to the Association during the period listed above, contact Hank Sauer and we will publish the names next June.

Richard Forrester

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH BILLY J. (BILL) BLEDSOE

In 1943 graduated from High School in Weatherford, Texas. Signed up for the Army Corps Reserve. Operated a metal lathe at the American Manufacturing Company to produce five inch shells for the Navy. Turned 18 on February 2, 1944 and was inducted into the Army Air Corps on February 18, 1944 at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas. Received basic training at Sheppard, Field Wichita Falls, Texas. Entered radio school in Scott Field, Illinois in the summer and graduated November 28, 1944 in air-to-ground and point-to-point communications. (Graduation photo attached).

Back to Sheppard Field for two months and then boarded the SS Norway Victory troop ship. We were in convoy because German Subs still patrolled. After eleven days we disembarked in Casablanca, Morocco. Departed Casablanca two weeks later and landed in Marrakech, Morocco where I was assigned to the 111th AACCS. I operated a radio teletype to London, even though I had never seen one, because I could type 65 WPM.

My first airplane ride was in a C-46 in which we were loaded just after one belly landed with troops. Even though C-46 aircraft contributed so much to carrying troops and cargo over the hump to China-Burma-India their history was clouded with engine and equipment failure. Their use as Non-Sked airlines after the war dropped parts from the sky throughout the United States. My air travel after that was in (thankfully) C-47's.

After a few weeks in Marrakech I was sent to Accra, British West Africa (Ghana). On a stop over at Tindouf, Algeria, one of the troops dropped egg shells near the airplane. An irascible non-com would not allow the aircraft to depart until the egg shells were retrieved. Perhaps the non-com was irritable not only because of the egg shells but because he was assigned to "Tindouf". Understandable!

At Accra, because of Malaria we used mosquito netting and a medication, "Atabrine". Our skin color then turned to a yellow green. The GI's based there looked like they were from "outer-space". After a few days, in Accra, we crossed Sub-Sahara Africa to Khartoum then to Aden, Arabia (Yemen) 110th AACCS. Only a few weeks in Aden copying CW weather in numerical codes, I was back to Khartoum then up to Cairo, Egypt. A few days in a tent city I visited Cairo but saw no camels or pyramids. Then across north Africa to Casablanca. The stop over at Tripoli was at the beautiful terminal that had been built by the Italians. BKT (Before Khadafi's Time)

Then here we go again, down the coast of Africa to Dakar, Senegal and across to Atar, French West Africa (Mauritania). Why all this traveling around Africa, I did not know. Could have been that I was a VIP (Very Insignificant Private).

Atar was a Sahara Oasis of about ten thousand Arabs and conscripted Senegalese soldiers being trained by the French contingent. When I arrived, the base consisted of about 60 GI's but nine months later we were down to 12. In the small 111th AACCS station, I worked both A/G and CW. The airport was small with just a gravel runway. Our communications activity was minor but available to over-flights and aircraft landing but no control tower. Most traffic was generated by the movement of aircraft from Europe to CBI.

Time spent in Atar at the AACCS Station was very educational for a youngster. Two rumors that came out of this assignment were interesting:

#1; Prior to my arrival, the pilot of a P-47 had belly landed several miles from the airport. Evidence indicated that the pilot survived but walked around the aircraft then committed suicide using his 45 caliber pistol. He was buried at Atar and much later the Graves and Registration came, retrieved his remains and took them for burial elsewhere.

#2; One of the Arab houseboys was a very handsome and intelligent youngster. His name was "Wadu". At the base was an officer that was an actor from Hollywood. A prior movie star "Sabu" I assume created a desire to take Wadu to Hollywood. After numerous negotiations with his mother, he was not allowed to go with the officer. Wadu stayed as a houseboy and was a very intelligent little individual; he would have become a very good actor.

Toward the end of my assignment, my duty was reduced to four hours every other day. This left me with a lot of idle time and I volunteered, using a water truck to supply the water tanks on each building. Also it gave me the time to assist the maintenance GI to maintain the vehicles and generators for electricity. I also assisted servicing the aircraft that landed at the airport. One great event was the once a month arrival of the French Airline Ford Tri-motor. Most often, passengers included some very pretty "Mademoiselles". That ogling by this 19 year old was very stimulating.

In the winter of 1945, the war had ended, I was transferred back to Casablanca and was assigned to the 111th AACS Squadron as "Communications Supply Sergeant". This lasted a short time when the Squadron was eliminated and I was assigned to the same position at AACS 18th Group Headquarters. Why I was assigned to these positions I never knew and knew no more about this than the teletype. At this time AACS stations around Africa were being closed and dismantled. All the radio equipment was being donated to either the French or the African countries where they were located. I was faced with the program to record all the equipment and get it typed on 6 copies for someone up above. My staff was three women of French Ancestry who hated this job as much as I did.

Thankfully, after several months on this project, I had earned enough points for discharge. I boarded the "Santa Maria" troop ship that was not the one "Chris" used to discover the new world. It was a Grace Line vessel that probably was used to haul bananas to pre-war USA.

At Camp Chaffee in Arkansas, they gave me the discharged patch and a bus ticket back to Weatherford. For the next year and a half I was occupied moving houses from the rural to urban areas because of a material shortage. I then made the "wheat harvest" Texas to South Dakota hauling wheat in my truck to elevators.

In October of 1947, I was hired by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as a communicator at Wink, TX. From there to Acoma, NM, Zuni, NM, Panama, CZ, Truth or Consequences, NM and then to Albuquerque Communications Station.

In 1957 I went into the Albuquerque Air Traffic Control Center where I became an Air Traffic Controller. There I continued and was eventually promoted to an Assistant Chief of the Center.

After 32 years in the CAA/FAA, I retired in 1979. I have been blessed with a wonderful life basically because of the seed that was planted by the Army Air Corps' training and experience from the AACS!

"MUCHIMAS GRACIAS"



Earphones then - Hearing aids now



Wadu



Kids and me in Casablanca



"Ike" my jacket shrunk

"BLEDSOE'S RADIO CLASS"





Ham Report for November 2011

It has been decided that due to the lack of interest in Ham activities and low attendance, the "Ham Room" has been discontinued. If attendance is up, a table will be set aside for the hams in the Hospitality Room.

The Board of Directors voted to delete the requirement for a Ham Room at conventions/reunions. We will continue to publish the radio frequencies until we know that there is no activity on the net.

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

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

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

Notes:

- Local times remain but UTC time changes

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

Installed at the AFA Football Field - 1982

65TH AACS GROUP

CONTRIBUTED TO THE WW II VICTORY
OF THE ALLIED AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

WARTIME COMMANDERS

KENNETH W. KLISE - FRANCIS LE DOUX

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO SERVED

THE 65TH GROUP

WITH SELFLESS DEDICATION

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User Name & Password were **CHANGED !!!!!!**

on **14 JANUARY 2011**

“ YOU NEED THE NEW 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 Membership 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 the 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. 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 (aacsmbrship@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.

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



I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs?
She said Depends.

www.pmcaregivers.com/Humor.htm

"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 2011, SSgt Ira Begley of Kapaun AS, Germany was selected as the Communications/Information Professional of the Year. SMSgt Janice Planten of RAF Station Mildenhall 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"

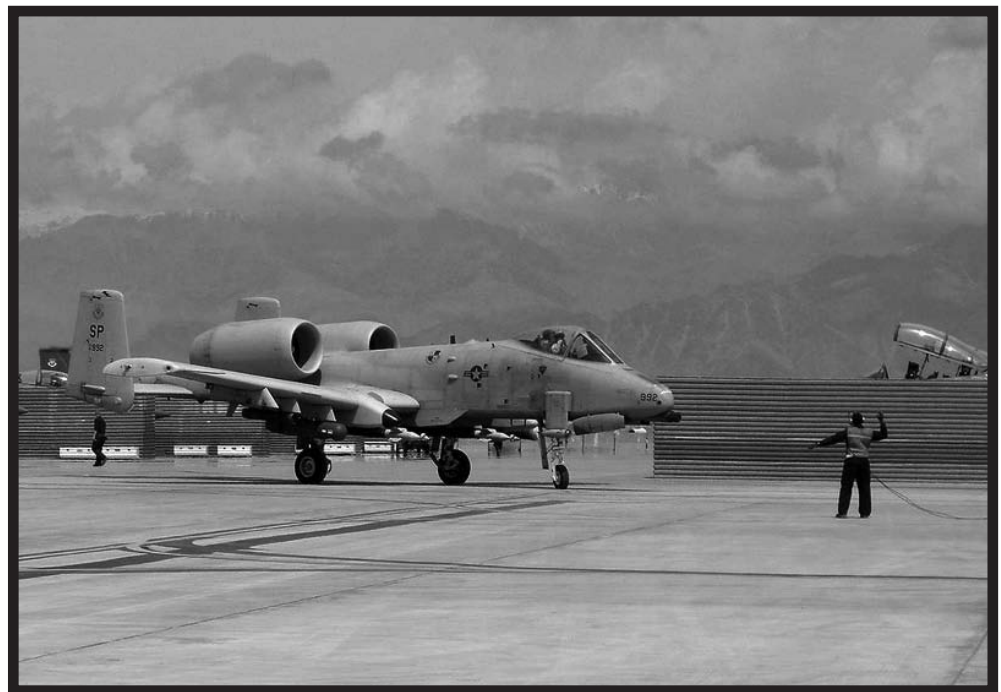
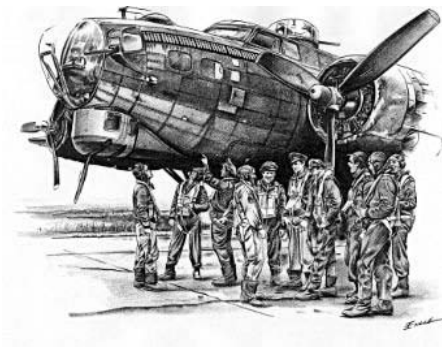
**A view of Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan from the
Air Traffic Control Tower's catwalk.**



**This reproduction of the 1942 standard control tower, representative of 8th Air
Force control towers used in Great Britain during World War II.**



SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany - An F-16 Fighting Falcon taxis past the control tower on the flightline. Six F-16s permanently departed Spangdahlem Air Base for 148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota Air National Guard, Duluth, Minn., as part of the Combat Air Forces Restructuring plan. The six aircraft were the first of 21 to depart the base.



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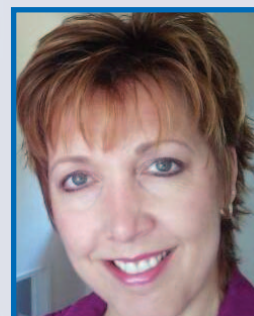
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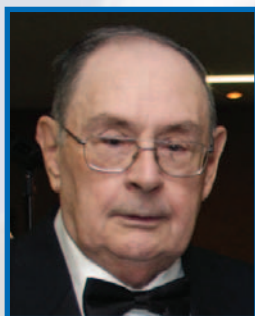
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WHAT YOU MISSED AT ST. LOUIS, MO. 35TH ANNUAL CONVENTION/REUNION

**The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac Hotel
September 21-25, 2011**

**All had a great time...
General Farman Golf Champion - Hal Leonard**

**AF Comm & ATC Women's Golfer of the Decade -
Mary Agesen**

**50/50 Winners: Lynn Adams
George McConnell
Charles Gibbs**

See what you missed in the photos to follow...

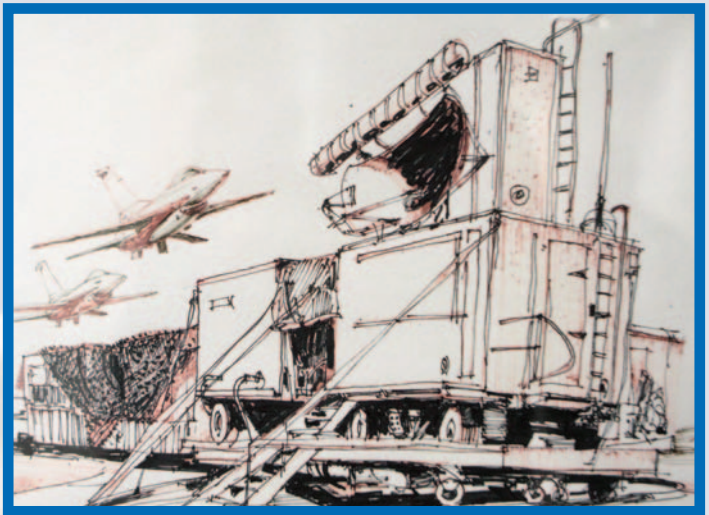
**Plan on coming to the 2012 Annual Convention/Reunion
"The St. Anthony Riverwalk Hotel"
San Antonio, Texas (Sept 19 - 23, 2012)
Hosts: David & Cheryl Kovach**

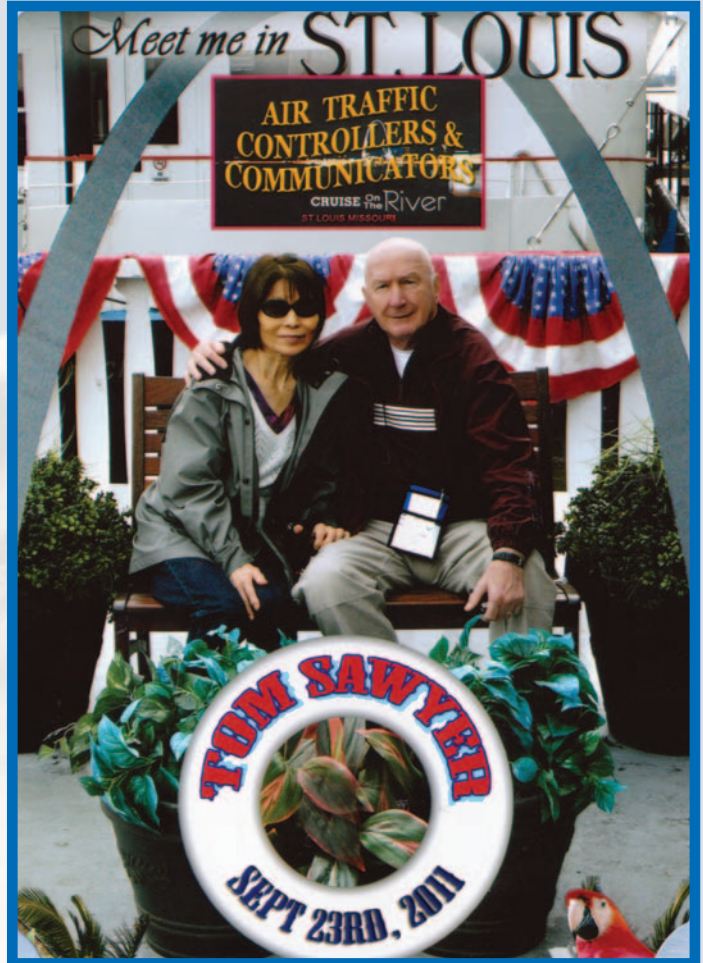
**Come & meet old friends and make new ones...
See the Web Site WWW.AFCOMMATC.ORG for a preview of San Antonio
attractions and for REGISTRATION FORMS in April 2012 and full details
in the June 2012 Communicator.**

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2011 Guest Speaker

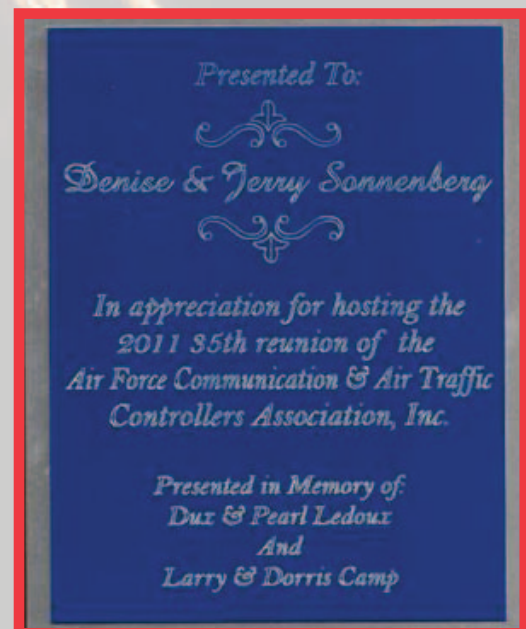
Brig. Gen. Ian R. Dickinson is the Director, Communications and Information, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. He is responsible for organizing, training, and equipping the Air Force's space and cyber forces with communications and information capability, enabling 14th and 24th Air Forces to support U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command. General Dickinson also acts on behalf of the Commander, Air Force Space Command, as the Air Force's Designated Approval Authority for systems connecting to the Air Force network and for the AFSPC's \$10 billion space mission system portfolio.



CONVENTION/REUNION HOSTS PLAQUES

Most of our members are not aware that Dick LaDoux has been providing Plaques for our Hosts & Co-Hosts in the memory of his Father and Mother (Dux & Pearl LaDoux) and Larry & Doris Camp for many years. Dux and Larry are responsible for creating our Association in 1977.

We want to publicly say thanks to Dick.



Meet our New PX/BX Supply Officer

Due to the resignation of Ray Sharpless as our Treasurer in July 2011, the Executive Director has appointed Bill Cassatt to fill the duties of the PX/BX position. You can order PX/BX supplies from Bill at:

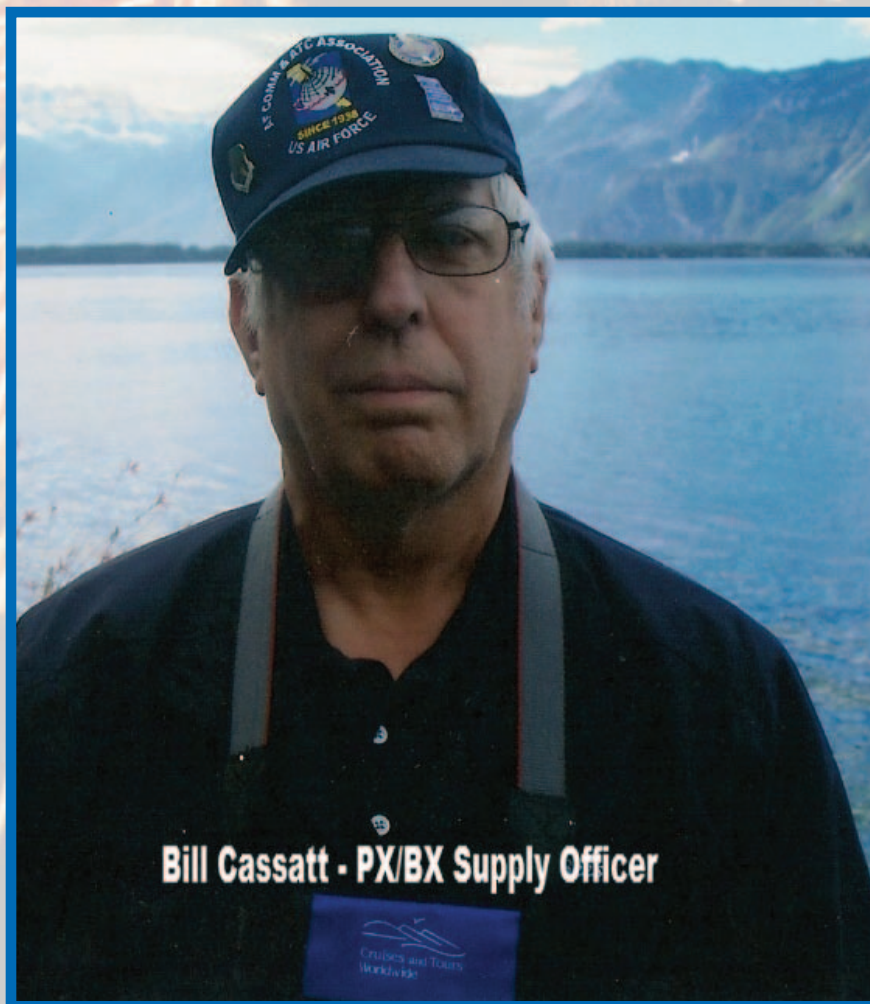
Bill Cassatt

612 W. Hardy St.

St. James, MO 65559

Phone Nbr: 573-265-5788

wcassatt@centurytel.net



Colonel Christopher J. Kulas, Commander, 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Station Mildenhall, England, Presenting MSgt Janice Platen with the Major General Van C. Doubleday "ATC Enlisted Manager of the Year" Award.

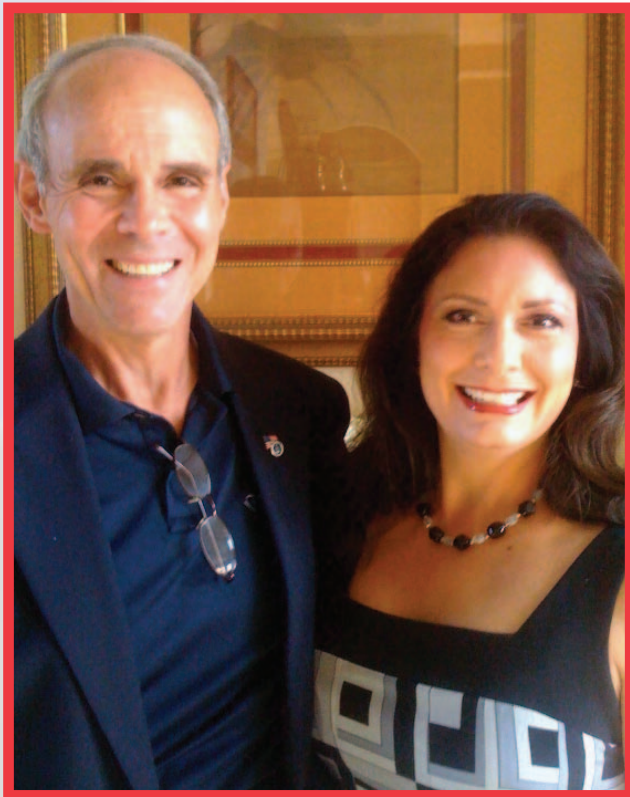


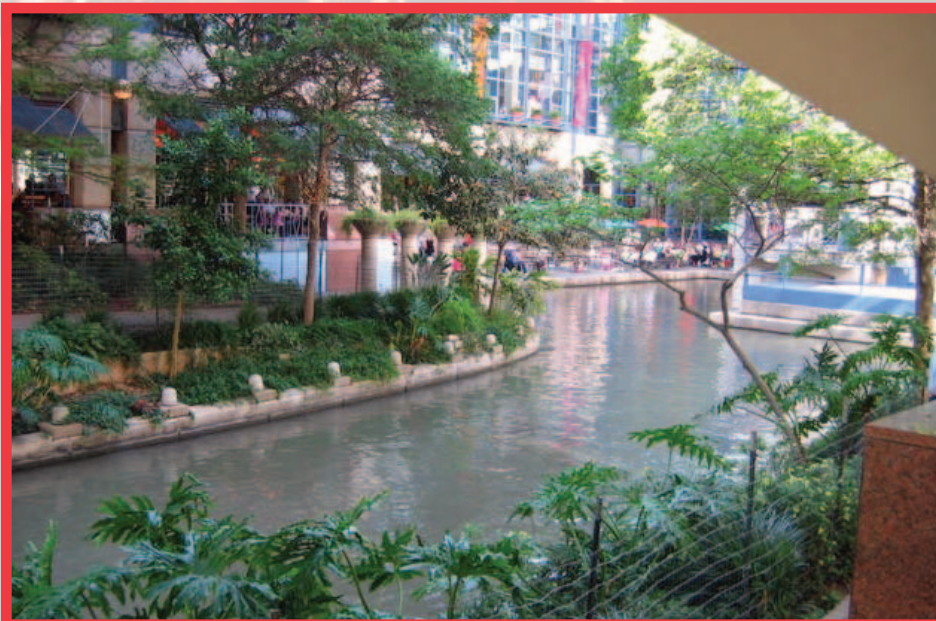
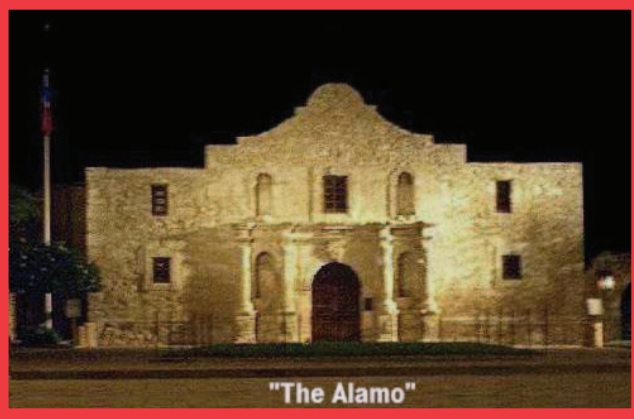
**A sneak preview of the 2012 Convention/Reunion
In San Antonio, Texas**

**Wednesday (early check-in) Sept 19th to
Sunday (get-away-breakfast) Sept 23rd
St. Anthony's Riverwalk Hotel**



Hosts: David & Cheryl Kovach





**K-46 Tower - Korea
1993rd AACS Sq - 1952**



Seoul, Korea - 1952



**Ground Radio Operators Class
Jan 1971 - Kessler AFB**

**Attendees at the 2011 Annual Convention/Reunion
St. Louis, MO - 09/21/09-25, 2011**

Aagesen, Edgard
Aagesen, Mary
Adams, Lynn
Adams, Kathy
AF Band,
AF Band,
AF Band,
AF Band,
Agan, Andy
Ali, Rizwan
Ali, Dina
Allen, Gene
Allen, Daisy
Allison, Cindy
Anderson, Gene
Anderson, Richard
Anderson, Ingrid
Arceneaux, John
Arceneaux, Linda
Benner, Noel
Benner, Karen
Bennett, William A.
Bennett, Christopher
Bernier, Sheila
Bethea, Bill
Bethea, Pauline
Billy, Phyllis
Bledsoe, Billy
Bogovich, Charles W.
Braun, Julie
Brown, Clyde
Brown, Grover
Brown, Sandra
Buckley, Monika
Burns, Ronald
Burns, Michiko
Cassatt, William
Cassatt, Camille
Dalrymple, Steve
Dalrymple, Kim
Dalton, Kathy
Delima, Stacy
Dennehy, Timothy
Desmond, Leo
Desmond, Ann
Dickinson, Ian
Dickinson, JJ
Dilda, Stencil
Dillon, Jess
Doering, Charles
Domain, Frank
Domain, Patricia
Donnell, Douglass
Doubleday, Van
Doubleday, Elizabeth
Duffy, Joseph
Dumont, Alvin
Dumont, Rosemary
Dunn, Mark
Dunn, Kim
Eledge, Arlene
Elwell, Rex
Elwell, Margaret
Farrell, Flay

Flaherty, John
Forrestor, Richard
French, Ray
French, Barbara
Gagen, Tom
Garcia, Robert
Garcia, Barbara
Griffith, Sandra
Groce, Chet
Gunn, David
Gunn, Elizabeth
Hamm, Lester
Hammett, Bill
Harper, Robert
Harper, Brenda
Headrick, Lois
Hendricks, Richard
Honor Guard,
Honor Guard,
Honor Guard,
Honor Guard,
Hopkins, Pat
Hunt, John J
Hunt, Mildred
Hunter, Michael
Jean, John
Jean, Helen
Johnson, Mike
Johnson, Cheri
Johnson, Stephanie
Johnston, Gerald
Kania, Gilbert
Kania, Eileen
Korynta, James
Korynta, Mai-Lin
Landosky, Norma
Lupis, Jim
Mace, Karl
Mace, Clara
Malec, William
Manske, Lori
Manske, Charles
Martinson, David
Martinson, Joann
McCollum, Mac
McConnell, George
McConnell, Stanley
McConnell, Gwen
McConnell, Pat
McCormick, Leslie
McCracken, Mac
McCracken, Germaine
McCullough, Edgar "Mac"
McCullough, Yen Li "Lee"
McDaniel, Donald
McDaniel, Helen
McLain, Walter
McLain, Carolyn
Metzger, Raymond
Metzger, Kim
Moore, Joyce Ann
Moore, Deana
Moore-Malec, Elizabeth
Moreiko-Gagen, Janet

Morey, Alton
Myers, Robert
Myers, Wanda
Neary, Warren
Niezgoda, Joe
Niezgoda, Barbara
Parrish, Robert
Parrish, Anne
Pastore, Donald
Pastore, Valerie
Perenovich, Rodney
Petty, Larry
Petty, Mary
Phillips, Stan
Phillips, Jo-Ann
Phillips, Steve
Phillips, Debbie
Phillips, Mark
Prather, Gerald
Priddy, Theresa
Pristash, John
Quezada, Rafael
Raduege, Harry
Raduege, Julee
Read, Robert A.
Reiff, Ken
Robichaux, Roger
Robichaux, Jan
Robinson, James W
Sauer, Hank
Schomaker, Larry
Schomaker, Evelyn
Scott, Marine
Seeks, Donald
Sheridan, Gene
Sheridan, Irene
Snyder, Bob "Duke"
Snyder, P.A.
Sonnenberg, Gerald
Sonnenberg, Denise
Southard, Ken
Stewart, Wiliam
Stewart, Doreen
Stueber, Kari
Sult, Stormy
Sutton, James
Sutton, Yoko
Taitt, Paul
Taitt, Antoinette
Taylor, Betty
Travis, Richard
Twedt, Susie
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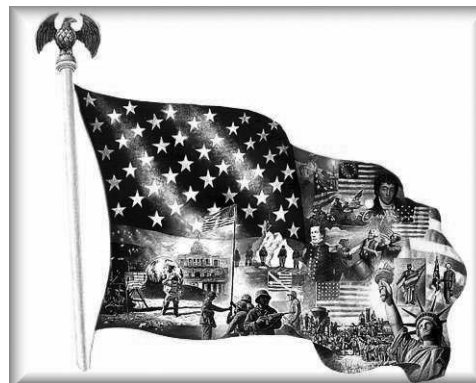
If you are NOT a LIFE MEMBER and want to keep current on when your dues are DUE and to continue to receive the "COMMUNICATOR" LISTEN UP !!!!!

1. Go to our web site (www.afcommatc.org) and scroll down to Membership Roster (you need our user name and password - see this communicator for them) and check what numbers are in front of your FIRST NAME. If it says 11 your dues expire on December 31, 2011, but we have a grace period until 1 April 2011. We have changed the expiration dates for members who renew and/or join to give them credit for an entire year. Therefore, look for dates like 0312 which means that this members dues expire on March 31, 2012.

YOU CAN ALSO CHECK THE ADDRESS LABEL ON YOUR COMMUNICATOR

2. If you have any questions about your dues and when they are due, email our Director for Membership, Walt McLain at aacsmbship@comcast.net or call toll free 1-866-299-1045.

3. If you MOVE, please let us know....



AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011

TAX EXEMPT STATEMENT

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The meetings and seminars were conducted by and for the AF Communicators & Air Traffic Controllers Association members for educational, social and humanitarian purposes and included the review and approval of charitable donations as authorized for charitable organizations under Section 501 (c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1994. In addition, the delegates voted for individual members to fill Board of Director positions that were scheduled for mandatory elections and the Delegates also voted on Associations Constitution and By Law changes, and other administrative changes as required by the Constitution and By Laws. No goods or services were provided to the delegates.

Cindy Allison
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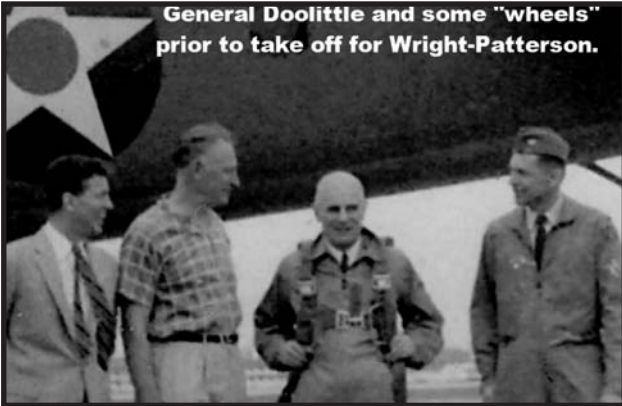
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General Doolittle refuels at Scott AFB - 1958

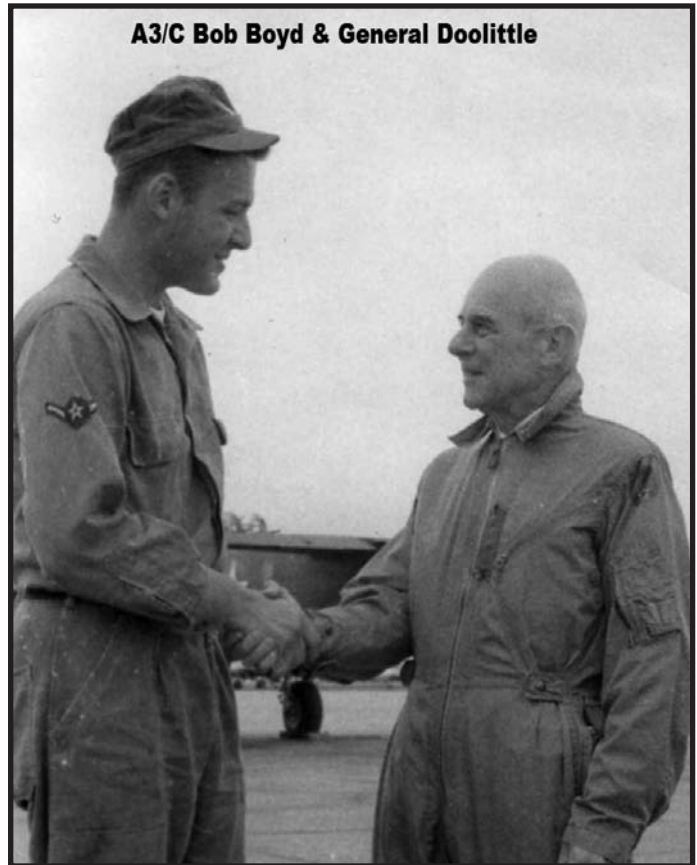
Bob Bandach, a Radar Maint man with the 1918th AACS Sq at Scott AFB, was taking pictures on the flight line one Sunday in April with a friend Bob Boyd. A B-25 Bomber stopped at Scott to refuel. It was General Jimmy Doolittle on his way to Wright-Patterson to deliver a replica of the B 25 he flew on the 1942 WWII raid on Tokyo. The B25 is in the AF Museum.



A young "Bob Bandach"



General Doolittle and some "wheels" prior to take off for Wright-Patterson.



A3/C Bob Boyd & General Doolittle



GI humor at its best.....



Viet Nam

Talon69@bellsouth.net

(If you know who the controller was, email John or contact Hank Sauer)

I just went on Google and found your association.

I am a retired Army Aviator 23 yrs service flying the OV-1 Mohawk. I am alive today, because of an Air Force Air Traffic Controller located at Pleiku, South Viet Nam. here is my story and with my present age, memory is fading so I wanted to say it now. In late October or early November 1965. There was a lot of enemy activity west of Pleiku. We flew all of our missions out of Vung Tau. On this night I was flying an OV-1B model. The Side Looking Airborne Radar, (SLAR) was used to detect any movement out to distance of 50 miles.

When we flew all our missions we were always in contact with Air Force Controllers. When the weather was IFR we would get radar vectors to our destination or we would use the Doppler Navigation system in our aircraft. However, once over the target, would then get radar following. The area between South Viet Nam, Laos, was called "Stormy Weather". The air force air traffic controllers job was to monitor our flight paths, we were 90% of the time inside Laos.

We had four hours of fuel on board each B model. One hour from Vung Tau, 2 hours on station, and one hour of fuel to get into Pleiku to refuel.

On this particular night the weather was very bad. My main concern was the fog. especially at night, around 3 to 5 AM. I asked the air force controllers to keep me updated on the Pleiku weather. I stayed on station longer than I should have, so the commanders would have some good data. When I had about 30 min of fuel remaining I told the controllers I now wanted a vector straight to Pleiku. I wanted land and get fuel. The controllers advised me that Pleiku was socked in almost zero forward visibility.

here is my exact words " I do not have enough fuel to get to another airfield ".I do not want to eject from this airplane. I want you to get the very best GCA controller that you have. I need to get this airplane on the ground I am running out of fuel.

The voice changed. The new voice told me to descend to 2000 ft, turn right to a heading for the airfield. I do not remember the heading. When we start a decent is when the gear and 15 degrees of flaps are activated. Here are the exact words of the controller. I will bring you down to the center line of the run way. We are going to bust minimums tonight. You listen to every word I say and respond. Do not answer me just follow my instructions. When he started the decent of " of On Glide slope on heading". The low level light came on. 10 min of fuel remaining. he continued On course on glide slope. The fog was heavy, nothing outside we were solid IFR. The radar altimeter was set at 100 ft AGL. the 100 ft AGL red warning light came on, the controller was still talking to me. he said, "NOW" reduce throttles to ground stops. Just as I closed the throttles, then main gear touched the ground. I then could barely see the center line of the runway. I told him I was on the runway. he only said "Roger". as I was rolling down the runway both engines ran out of fuel.

I was young and all I wanted was to find a place for a beer. The people at Pleiku refueled. I then flew back to Vung Tau. I went on with my Army career, retired and then retired from an Insurance broker after 20 yrs. Like a lot of old warriors , we seem to forget all wars, just remember our friends, and especially the ones that saved our lives.

I have no doubt in my mind, that night an Air Force Air Traffic controller saved mine and my Radar operators life. If you ever found him. he should get the Silver Star.

I am now 76 yrs old. I feel I am getting closer to the other side of the bridge.

I realize it is impossible to find that controller. At your next reunion, have some one stand up, at your banquet and give all of them my sincere appreciation to all the controllers world wide. Many of us throttle jockeys do not appreciate all the great work they do.

Regards

John Towler, OV-1 Mohawk Pilot



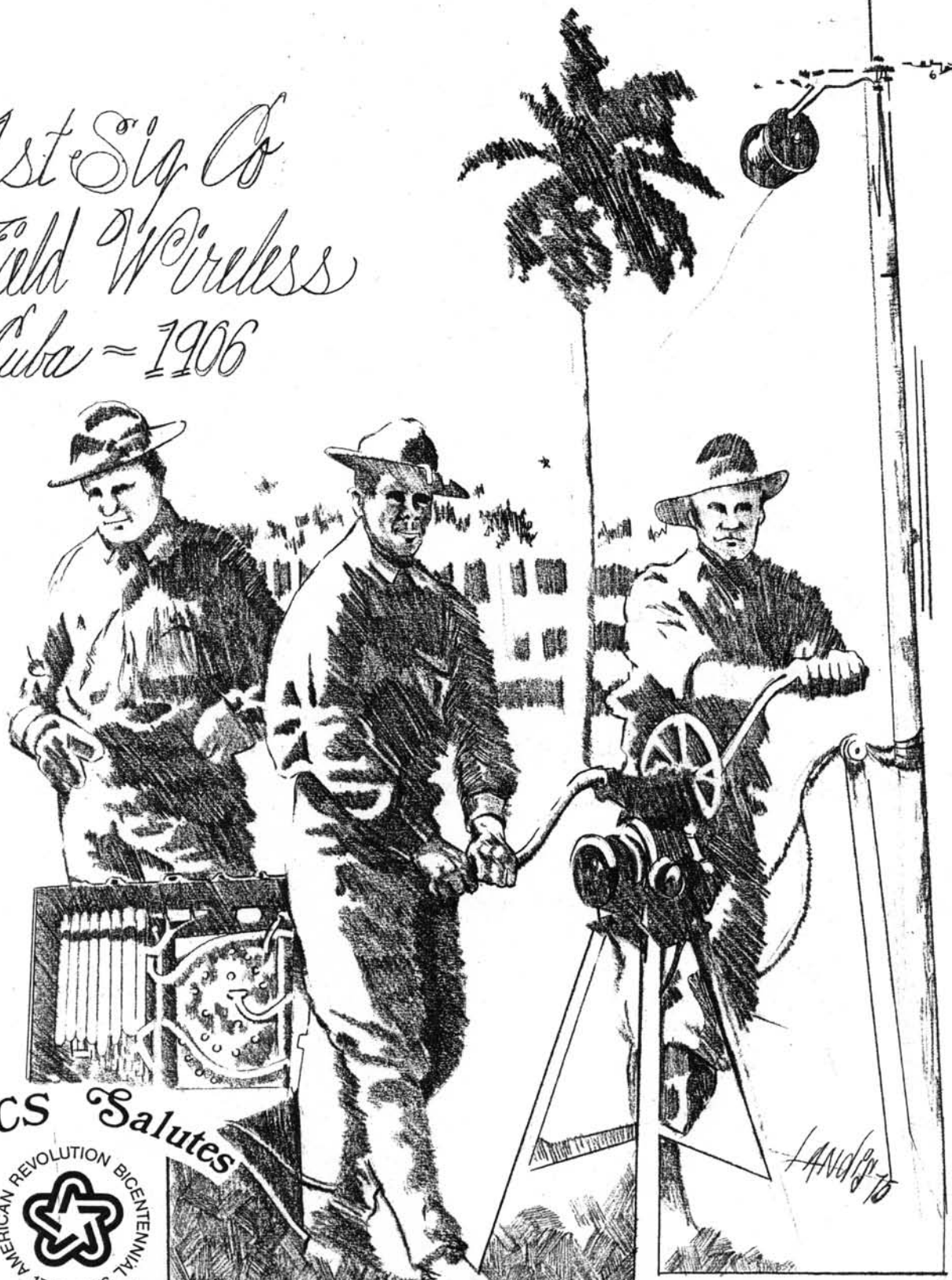
AFCS Salutes



In the June 2009 Communicator we printed one of the following "pencil drawings" to see if any AACCS member was aware of the Artist "LANDIS 76" and can help Mrs. Susan Fryc of Waterville, NY Trace their history. If you can help, contact Hank Sauer, Editor/Publisher.



*1st Sig Co
Field Wireless
Cuba ~ 1906*



AFCS Salutes



The Life Blood of the Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Control Association Maintaining Membership Numbers: New Members Important, Renewals are Critical

If we are to maintain this association members must pay attention to membership expiration dates and renew their memberships in a timely manner. Since 1 October 2007 we have gained 341 new members. Since 1 November 2007 652 members have renewed.

In 2007 201 members allowed their membership to expire, in 2008 322 memberships expired, in 2009 228 memberships expired, 136 memberships expired in 2010, and 226 members are due to renew in 2011. The 2011 expiration date is 31 December 2011, however, as in the past we will give those due to renew until April 15, 2012 to renew before they are removed from active member status. Simple math reveals that while we have gained 341 new members since 2007, we have lost a total of 912 members through expirations since November 2007. This is a loss of 571 members in 4 years. Our total membership as of 11 September 2011 is 1775; in November 2007 our total membership was approximately 2400.

Since our soul source of income is membership dues and donations by members, renewals and new members' dues are critical to the continued operation of the organization. The web site and the Communicator are solely supported by this income.

Please pay close attention to your membership expiration dates and renew in a timely manner. Your expiration date is indicated on your membership card and on the address label of your Communicator. On the membership card the expiration date is shown in the lower right hand corner as month/year (i.e. 09/2011) on the address label it will be shown in the following formats:

**Year 11-First Name, Last Name
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**For those who make periodic or regular donations, we appreciate your continued support. You can be assured that your donations are critical to the continued operation of this great organization.
Walt McLain, Director for Membership, Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Control Association.**

New Member Listing For Nov 2011 Communicator

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Dear Col (ret) William Malec,

It is my pleasure to inform you that your nomination for the ATCA Awards has been selected as a winner. Col (ret) Derrel Dempsey will be the 2011 winner of The George W. Kriske Memorial Award. As the nominator you may have the honor of notifying the winner of this great accomplishment. I have attached the formal letter for you to give to the recipient.

ATCA award recipients will be honored at the Annual Awards Luncheon taking place from 11:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Monday, October 3, 2011 during the 56th ATCA Annual Conference & Exposition.

The lunch will be conducted at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

Award recipients are encouraged to attend the luncheon ceremony. ATCA will host an individual award recipient or a representative of a group, for a team award, and one guest at lunch at no charge. Travel, hotel and other incidental expenses are not included. If your nominee is unable to attend the luncheon, he is encouraged to send a representative to accept the award on their behalf. If you or your nominee have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

**Paul B. Planzer
Manager, ATC Programs
Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA)**



Col (ret) Derrel Dempsey is an incumbent in the Air Force Cyberspace Hall of Fame, Class of 2006 (formerly called the Communications & Information Hall of Fame).



SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. -- Lt. Gen. Michael Basla, vice commander of Air Force Space Command, presents the Air Force Network Integration Center guidon to its new commander, Col. Rizwan "Riz" Ali, during a change of command ceremony Aug. 3. AFNIC is the Air Force's technical center of excellence for Air Force network integration.

**2011 Pennsylvania Reunion, DuBois, PA.
 2012 Reunion - Hampton Inn, DuBois, PA.
 July 11 & 12, 2012. Call Ed Rutkowski,
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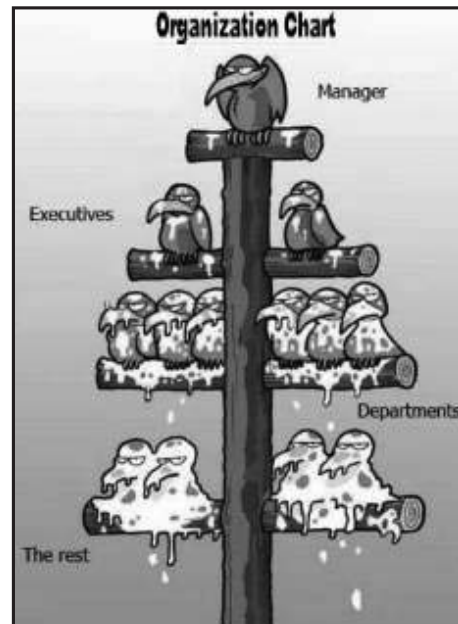


1814th AACS Group

X - MSat John C. Howieson

1814th AACS GROUP AIRMEN - MOTHER'S DAY PICTURE - 1951

Left to right kneeling: M/Sgt. Roy P. Fisher, S/Sgt. William A. Easler, M/Sgt. Francis L. Applegate, S/Sgt. Cleve Ross, S/Sgt. Virgie Ray, Cpl. Billy E. Kincaid, Cpl. Charles C. Thacker, S/Sgt. Jack E. Stilwell, Sgt. George L. Francour, Sgt. E. Russell Raglin, Cpl. William F. Burns, Pfc. Arthur G. Greene, S/Sgt. Olon Powell, S/Sgt. Henry C. Evans, M/Sgt. Warren W. Baylet, Sgt. Richard S. Bennett, S/Sgt. Ernest Harris, Cpl. Henry C. Turpin, Sgt. Martin Freedman, M/Sgt. Robert O. Middaugh, Sgt. Joseph W. Howard, Sgt. Charles E. Lawson, S/Sgt. Gerald Donovan and M/Sgt. Edward J. Hankla. Left to right standing: M/Sgt. John C. Howieson, Sgt. O. H. Wood, S/Sgt. James A. Chaffin, S/Sgt. Hampton W. Beardon, Cpl. Paul L. Phelps, Sgt. Leroy A. Dockus, Sgt. Jefferson T. Bates, Lt. Col. Arthur L. Cox (Group Commander), Sgt. Allen Brown, Pfc. John Rhodes, T/Sgt. Harold B. Kelley, S/Sgt. Prentice W. Stanfield, T/Sgt. Edward A. Roof and M/Sgt. Henry Slaughter.





Airfield on Iwo ?



**A site on Iwo Jima near the Iwo Tower. Jay Atherton believes some AACS Personnel died or were injured during a Japanese night attack.
Submitted by Jay Atherton, 147th AACS Sq, Det-34**



**More pic's of K-3
Radio Receiver Station
1973rd AACS Sq - Det#1**



Submitted by Joe Berger

AACS



**A LIEUT.
GENERAL'S
PRIVATE WAR**

**At 49, Glenn O. Barcus flies jet
fighter missions
to retaliate against 'insulting'
Red propaganda**



WITH HELMET ON "CARCUS" WINDSCREEN, BARCUS PREPARES TO TAKE OFF

Seoul

If the Red air force in Korea has an iota of sensitivity to insult, they should be happy to learn that next week the rotation program will remove a gentleman named Glenn O. Barcus from the battle area. Lieut. General Barcus, commander of the 5th Air Force in Korea, is 49, which among pilots flying jets on combat missions is equivalent to 89. Not only has he been flying on such operations, in a plane adorned with his insignia an unmistakable name, but he has taken the trouble to hang around overhead after each of 13 missions in recent months to tell the Communists why he was there in person.

After the bombs were dropped by the group he was directing on his last mission this month, General Barcus noted with satisfaction that the targets were smoking and that all his planes would get back safely. Then he delivered what he describes as "a slight message to the Communists in order to teach them better manners"

This communiqué, which had been written in advance, was delivered

from an altitude of 18,000 feet over Pyongyang over a radio frequency known to be monitored by the Reds. "This is General Barcus speaking," he said. "I have a message for you from the 5th Air Force. These little attacks today against military targets in the Pyongyang area are our response to your insulting propaganda lies over Pyongyang Radio [the radio station was one of the targets that day]."

He continued: "In the future, every time you make derogatory remarks about the 5th Air Force you can expect our answer with bombs against military targets in your area. The attacks will be of ever-increasing severity. That is all now, but we will be back every time you broadcast your filthy lies about the 5th Air Force."

Then he concluded: "Goodbye now. This is General Glenn O. Barcus."

There was silence on the radio, then Colonel Perego, flying as the general's wingman, came on: "Well said, boss."

The general had left his seven-room house in Seoul at 8:45 that morning, driven himself to a light-plane base nearby, flown an L-20 to a fighter strip south of the city to be briefed, and taken off in his F-86 for this operation. By noon he was back at the jet fighter base, having a pleasant lunch with his wing and squadron commanders.

By 2 p.m. he was back at his desk in Seoul for an afternoon of paperwork and conferences. Afterward he had a leisurely dinner at home, watched a movie run-off in his living room and rolled into bed at 10. He admits that he was “a little tired” that night.

Barcus has a fervor for doing things for himself. This leads him to chauffeur and tinker with his own Buick, pilot his own liaison plane on short hops and even do his own piloting a good part of the time on long inspection flights. “My motives,” He says, “are selfish – I like to do it.”

He expects his subordinates to follow his example in leading men themselves. “I’ve always had the conviction,” he says, “that the only way a commander can tell how his organization is doing is if he flies with them. I’ve told my commanders that if they’re heading up a combat unit they’re going to fly with it-and in combat.”

His longest jet mission in Korea took

him to the Yalu last month. He went up in company with five top jet pilots, including Captain Joe McConnell who has 10 MiG kills to his credit. There was also a flight of four others behind them in case, Barcus says, “we got in a hassle.”

Near the Yalu River, General Barcus recalls, they were flying at 42,000 feet. “We sighted two MiGs in front of us and slightly below us. They were heading toward Mukden and we never could have gotten a shot at them.” The general maintains that he flew on these missions “primarily to observe and not to fight.” But, he adds, “I wouldn’t have stood for any insults from those MiGs.

Should a three-star general, commander of a force engaged in combat operations in the field, get himself into a position to “bounce” two enemy fighters and thus risk being shot down, possibly captured?

Air Force officials in the Pentagon, while acknowledging that it is a thoroughly laudable and human principle for a general to want to share the risks run by the men under him, point out that a force commander knows far too many secrets to expose himself unnecessarily to the possibility of capture and torture.

General Barcus is aware of this argument but answers that the risk he ran on missions was negligible.



AT BRIEFING for North Korean missions, General Barcus, 190 pounds and 5 feet 11, lights up cigar.

“They always picked the best wingman for me,” he says. “On the Yalu sweep, I had a lot of awfully high quality help with me. I was always at great enough altitude so I could have glided to the water where rescue is almost certain and capture impossible.”

When asked to say what might have happened if something unforeseen had happened and he was captured, he has a convincing answer: “I never had any intention of being captured. I would never permit myself to fall into the hands of the enemy.”

The Air Force has no set age limit they consider suitable for jet fliers, though it does give men over 40 additional physical tests, principally for the heart. At 49, General Barcus is old

enough to be the father of the “high quality help” that accompanied him on jet missions, but there is no touch of the swashbuckler about him. He is soft-spoken, easy moving and has a high regard for orderliness. He usually wears no medals on his uniforms. His white hair, parted in the middle, and his smooth, pinkish face with bright blue eyes convey an impression of a rather courtly gentleman. He has been flying since 1927 and has never, in his quietly successful career, had a crash or had to bail out of a plane.

There is no doubt that our pilots in Korea admire the general’s stamina and courage. One F-86 pilot with three MiGs to his credit told me: “We know that we’re going to be 49 years old some day. We only hope we’ll be doing as well as he is when that time rolls around.”

-Donald Wilson
Life Magazine
May 18, 1953

**Submitted by Jim Davis
of Sterling, Virginia**

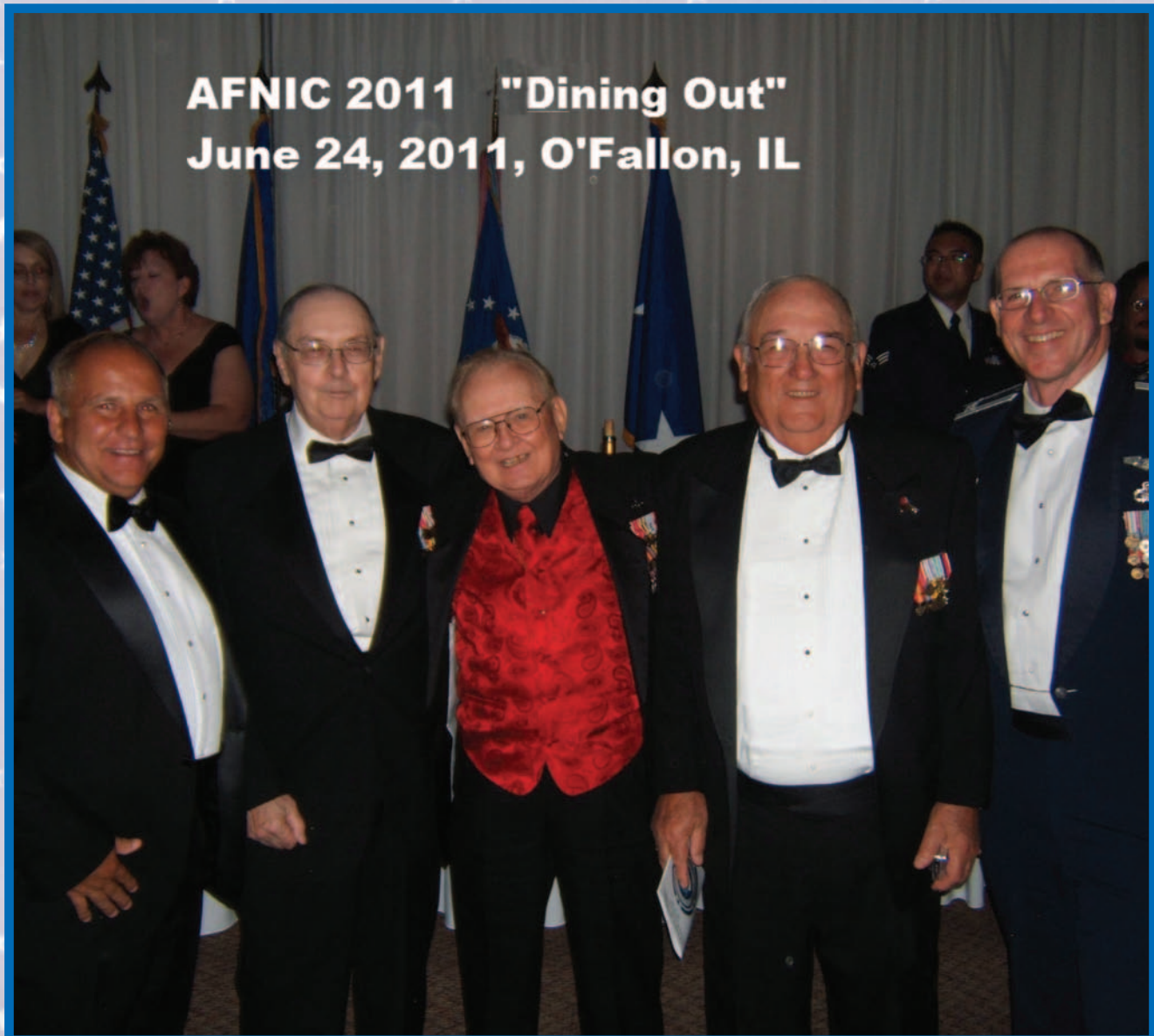
More Pictures



"Dining Out"

On June 24, 2011, Joe Duffy, Bill Bethea and Hank Sauer were privileged to have been invited to the 2nd Air Force Network Integration Center (AFNIC) formal "Dining Out". The event was held in O'Fallon, IL on June 24, 2011. It was a great event and we got to meet a lot of AFNIC Officers, NCOs and Airmen and their spouses or dates. If you have never attended a "Dining Out" you have missed a great evening and while some attendees "paid the price" for not following the "Rules of the Mess", it was all in good fun.

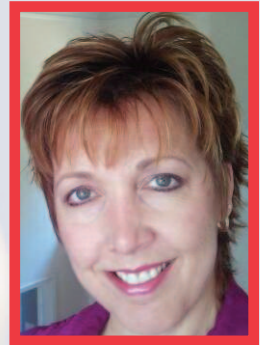
MGen Maluda, Hank Sauer, Joe Duffy, Bill Bethea & Col Pointkowsky





BIOGRAPHY

Cindy M. Allison



Ms. Cindy Allison is currently the Federal Aviation Administration's Eastern Flight Procedures Office (EFPO) Airspace Evaluation Program Specialist for the state of Georgia. She has oversight for the development, coordination, charting of all instrument flight procedures and safety of the same. The EFPO is located in Atlanta, GA. Ms. Allison was born in Milford, DE but grew up in Blackfoot, ID and served more than 20 years on active duty with the United States Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant. She has an extensive background in aviation, having been a dual rated air traffic controller watch supervisor in both Radar Approach Control and Control Tower facilities. She has developed training programs for both type facilities and has been selected to fill the role as standards and evaluation certifier. She served as the Air Education Training Command and Air Space Command Terminal Instrument Procedures (TERPS) Manager during her career, having oversight of the TERPS programs for all of the bases under these MAJCOMs. After retiring from the Air Force in 2002, Ms. Allison became employed with FAA and initially worked at the National Flight Procedures Office in Oklahoma City, OK. Later she transferred to the FAA's Great Lakes Region Flight Procedures Office in Chicago, IL and had oversight of both the state of Wisconsin and Michigan, then, later, was assigned as part of the City of Chicago's O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). In September 2006, she transferred to her present position. She was married to the late Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Ronald D. Allison, of Ashville, NC, who served more than 30 years on active duty in the USAF. She has a Bachelors degree from University of Illinois at Carbondale in Vocational Education and a Masters degree from the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Allison is a life member of all of the following organizations, Disabled American Veterans, AF Sergeants Association, Air Force Communicators and Air Traffic Controllers Alumni Association, and the VFW.



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PX/BX ITEMS

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New AF COMM & ATC COINS are in STOCK

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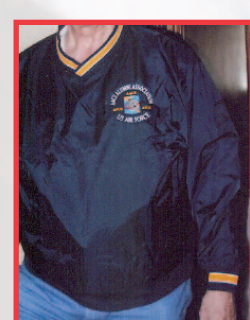
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**AF Network Integration Center
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AF COMMUNICATORS & AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION **(Formerly the AACS Alumni Association)**

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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