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On the front cover is the tail section of 083, the B-52D credited with the MiG kill over Hanoi on Christmas Eve, 1972. Diamond Lil was crewed at the time by SSgt Steve Creech and in the tail was A1C Albert Moore. 083 is proudly on permanent display at the north end of the Air Force Academy grounds.

Thirty-three B-52 crew members gave their all in December 1972 during the 11-Day War. Twenty-six additional USAF and USN aviators (13 on one AC-130A aircraft) lost their lives during that same period supporting the operation -- also known as Linebacker II or The Christmas Bombing. This action finally ended the war and gained the release of our prisoners of war the following year.

Please keep these aviators and their families in your thoughts and prayers as you celebrate this 2015 Christmas Season with your families and loved ones. Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year 2016!

## **AFGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JOHN STALLINGS**



Hello everybody!

For those who might not know me, this is the third time I have been elected president of the AFGA. I have in some ways contributed to the AFGA since 2005 either filling an officer position or being the reunion planner along with Larry Lewandowski for the last four reunions. So, I'm well versed in how the AFGA operates and will continue to make sure it continues to run in a successful manner.

The 2015 reunion at the Peppermill Resort and Casino is in the books. I would like to thank all of those who came to the reunion and hope you had a good time. From the people I talked to, it sounded like they had fun. Planning for a reunion is a lot of hard work and it's nice to see it all come together. I'm not sure who was the big winner in the casino but I can tell you it wasn't me. I would also like to thank those who helped out at the reunion either manning the registration desk, helping Bob Dick with the BX sales, organizing the golf event, or where ever you contributed your time, it is greatly appreciated.

For those of you who attended the reunion you may have noticed during our Saturday night banquet meal there was a little commotion during our break before the guest speaker. It turns out that a gentleman who was at the hotel attending a tailgate party suffered a heart attack and collapsed outside the men's bathroom near our banquet room. A gunner who saw the man collapse made the initial 911 call to initiate the EMS response and get the medics rolling. In the meantime, several people including myself rushed out to see what was going on and noticed the man was not breathing. Terrie Stearns McWhorter (daughter of Ralph Stearns), who is a nurse, and myself (an EMT with Hanover Park Fire Department outside Chicago) started to do CPR along with using an AED device (defibrillator) until the medics arrived. While we were doing CPR, several gunner wives helped keep the man's wife calm while shielding her from what was going on with her husband. Other gunners made sure to keep everybody else away. Once the medics arrived, we transferred care over to them and they continued to follow their medical protocol and transport the patient to the hospital. I am happy to inform you that the man survived and is doing well while continuing to rehab from this ordeal. Terrie and I talked to the man and he thanked us both and according to his doctor, if we did not do what we did, he would not be with us today.

For those of you who were at the Peppermill, it's a large hotel facility and as it turned out, there was not an AED near the banquet rooms and hotel security had to bring one. The use of an AED has proven to be successful if used right away. Even though there was a delay in getting the AED device, it turned out for the good. For future reunions, we will discuss the medical procedures of the hotel and make sure we understand that if something like this happens again, we are prepared to include where the AEDs are located so they may be used in a timely manner.

Our reunion planning for Nashville has begun. Please read the following page on important information about the reunion.

In closing I would like to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year.

*John*

### **IMPORTANT INFO: 2017 REUNION NASHVILLE - JOHN STALLINGS**

I wanted to give you an update on the planning for the **2017 Reunion in Nashville, TN**. But first let me give you a little background on my experience in planning reunions for the AFGA. I have, in one way or another, helped in the planning of the AFGA reunions since 2007. Also, during that time, I have attended several seminars on military reunion planning and talked to a lot of people on the subject. Keeping well educated on the hotel industry is the key in avoiding costly mistakes. You would be amazed at some of the stories I have heard at these seminars where people have made very expensive mistakes because they did not pay attention to the details. It's scary.

## **2017 REUNION NASHVILLE - JOHN STALLINGS (continued)**

A hotel has been picked and we are moving forward. **The date** for the **2017 reunion** will be **August 31, 2017 – September 3, 2017**. That is **Labor Day weekend**. I tried to get it a little later but that was the best I could do for the rate we have. So mark your calendars.

Back in August of this year I traveled down to Nashville to look for hotels to host our reunion. I was surprised at how much the hotel rooms would cost. In my dealings with the hotels, I stressed the importance of getting the best rate that would fit our needs. They all understood, but in the end, were very hard to work with. Corporate would only give them so much, still very high.

So with the knowledge I had of hotel rates in Nashville, I thought it was important that I mention something during our business meeting. I talked about the fact that Nashville was going to be expensive place to hold a reunion. I also described what I was seeing for prices on hotel rooms and how this differed from past reunions. I answered questions and after several minutes of discussion to include possibly moving the 2017 reunion, the decision was made by the members attending the business meeting to keep the reunion in Nashville. So Nashville it is.

For those of you who are not familiar with Nashville, TN., it is a very popular place to go and a very expensive place to stay. Hotel prices are high with rooms in the downtown area going for several hundred dollars or more. By 2017, the downtown area will have an addition 3000 – 3500 hotel rooms, so that tells you they are anticipating a lot of visitors. The area around Nashville has a lot to offer, and that means we have a lot of options for our excursions. One of the places we will try to go to is the Grand Old Opry on Friday night. I have been told if you come to Nashville you must go there. Other ideas are also being brought up and next year Larry and I will travel to Nashville and make final decisions. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me.

When looking for a hotel there are many factors that are taken into account. When Larry and I do these site surveys we look at the meeting space, the banquet facilities, rooms, what the hotel offers for its guests, what's around the hotel, what we need to do in food and beverage minimums, so we can get the meeting space for free, how many of the rooms we need to occupy to avoid any other fees, if the hotel will be doing any renovations during our stay, if they charge for set up of the meeting space, and anything else we see that might be of concern. We also get a feel of how the hotel personnel will work with us which is important because if there are issues, we want to make sure we can resolve them. Some hotels are not very easy to work with and in the end, could cost us money. As you can see there are a myriad of things to look at, but the primary goal is getting the best deal.

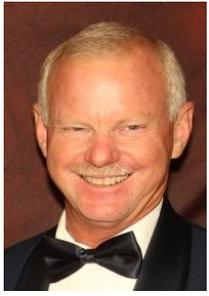
So with all of that being said, finding a hotel that would fit our needs but not bust the bank was very hard in Nashville. I looked at 12 hotels in five days, all very nice. In the past, we have been very lucky to get hotel rooms for less than \$100 a night. The rate in Reno was \$79. That is not the case in Nashville. The best rate I could get is \$125 a night. Once you add in all of the state and local taxes (15.25%) and \$2.50 a night occupancy rate, the final number will be about \$147 a night. That was the best I could do. One nice thing is since the hotel is near the airport, they do offer free airport shuttle so that will help out. Not all hotels offered free shuttle.

I know this is a lot more than we have paid in the past so the name of the game is **START SAVING NOW**. We have little less than two years 'till the reunion. By starting now, you will have plenty of time to save enough money to attend.

As more information about the reunion becomes available, I will make sure to pass it along. If you have questions on reunion planning, please give me a call and I would be happy to answer any questions you have. Hope to see you in Nashville.

*John*

## **AFGA VICE PRESIDENT - BOB ASHLEY**



Hello AFGA, Bob Ashley here, your new AFGA Vice President. I would like to thank the AGFA members that were at the Reno Reunion for electing me to the next level in the AFGA officer ranks.

I talked to President John Stallings and understand my duties are to provide the president with any help he needs with his duties. John is the backbone of the AFGA. His time and efforts are what make our reunions the best ever.

I don't know if I can fill the shoes of the past V.P.'s because we have had some great aerial gunners fill that position. Our new president John has been a vice president and president for many years in the past. He has the GUNNER PRIDE that many of us might have lost in the years since being taken off the B-52. With Johns help I will fulfill my duties to the best of my abilities.

I started my gunner career in 1973 and ended it in 1992. Retiring from the USAF in 1997, and up to this day I have never met a better fellowship of comrades. I truly enjoy each reunion getting to know those who call themselves GUNNERS. Our next reunion planning is already in full swing and I anticipate a great time in 2017. Hope to see you all then.

*Bob*

## **REMEMBERING FORMER VICE PRESIDENT - RICK SWAIN**



I sure do miss Rick Swain.

I first met Rick in Thailand in early 1974. We arrived about the same time and lived on the bottom floor of the gunner mod across the hall from the wing and staff gunners. Rick was a genuine straight arrow so proud to be a gunner and of his home state, Ohio. We did a lot of buddy preflights and hung around the mod afterward when we weren't flying some of U-Tapao's finest D models.

Rick knew the mama-san that cooked up the best kow-pot (Thai fried rice) by the maintenance dorms. We worked tirelessly and hung out together as newly arrived gunners did to get acquainted and became good friends.

Back then being deployed to U-Tapao, it was a great time to meet the gunners from different bases, hear about all the gunners you knew in common along with the maintenance folks, aircrews, and their stories from their home bases. Rick was out of KI Sawyer, I was out of Wright Patt. A few years later, I got assigned to KI Sawyer and when I made it to stan-eval as the new S-03 gunner, Rick was on S-02. We got real close working together those years and became close friends, so did our families.

Rick was a true gentleman in the finest of gunner tradition. I learned so much from Rick. I was looking forward to his tenure as the new vice president and was sure he would take the AFGA to new heights with his talents, experience, and love of this gunner association.

Rest in Peace my gunner brother, see you on the other side.

*(editor)*

## **MEMBERSHIP CORNER - CHUCK DEAN**



First of all let me start by saying, “THANK YOU” to all the guys that called to check on my family and I after the recorder breaking rainfall we had here in SC. Lucky for my family, we did not receive that much rain as the midlands and low country received. Hope everyone enjoyed OUR great reunion in Reno!

We have three (3) new members this quarter. We have still lost quite a few of our members in the past few months. It is important that we continue to actively solicit new members for OUR association as we lose our senior members.

Our active membership is still around 1000 members.

Gentlemen, you are doing better with the updated address information. The past few renewal mailings I’ve only had one (1) returned. Please remember if you are planning on moving (or have recently moved) be sure you inform me or any of our officers of your new address info so we can continue to keep in touch with you. You can send me an e-mail with the update or if you don’t have e-mail, drop me a short note in the regular mail. Calling me directly is also an option.

**Remember that the SB Subscription fees are in addition to your annual dues if you pay annually and Subscription fees are additional if you are a life member.**

Annual members, I will continue to send Membership renewal notices on a monthly basis. The renewal notices typically go out towards the last week of the month prior to your due date. Please review the information on the notice for accuracy and provide any changes as needed. Then, please return the lower portion of the notice along with your check in the provided envelope. Also, sometimes your annual dues and SB subscription dates don’t coincide, so you might get a renewal notice and a subscription card within a month or two.

**Please make your checks out to AFGA instead of a specific person. Also, include your membership number on your checks.** Thanks.

*Chuck*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Jack Cotrel	Jonesborough, TN	B-52D/G
Manny Alegria	Tucson, AZ	B-26, B-50
Paul Maye	Penrose, CO	B-52F, H (Pilot)



## EDITOR'S COMMENTS - PETE KARJANIS



The August 2015 issue of the Short Burst was the final issue for our editor for the past ten years, Bob Matherly. We are truly blessed to have members who devote their time, talents, and energy to keep our heritage alive. I would like to personally thank Bob for the dedication, hard work, and effort he put into each and every one of these publications. But more importantly, we value his leadership and friendship he brought to this unique organization that will never be duplicated in history ever again. Our gunner organization and I certainly salute you for all your selfless long hours of making it better, making it happen, and making it last! You've set the standard very high with your brilliance!



Let me introduce myself as your new editor. I am Pete Karjanis, married to my childhood sweetheart, Connie, for almost forty-four years. I apologize first for growing up in Appalachia, North Carolina, and the world-class education I received there. You all should have no problems reading my articles if you grew up in the Deep South, I did finish the eighth grade, and I will try my best to deliver easily read articles of interest to all.

My dad told me would you like to sleep in a bed or in a hole on the ground, so I joined the USAF instead of being drafted into the Marines like most of my friends who went to Camp Lejeune in 1970. In basic training I met Rory Koon, we became gunners together, and spent our AF careers as gunners then ended up at Tinker after being laid off as gunners in 1991, but that is another story for a future edition for our new historian to document from his perspective, you can't make this stuff up.

For those gunners that knew me from Wright Patt, U-Tapao, Guam, KI Sawyer, Warner Robins, Mildenhall, Fairchild, Tinker where about 50 of us former gunners ended up, and the reunions since 1987 at Orlando, I still have my black van in the driveway and my old panhead. Chief Fred Arthur, my first wing gunner, when he first saw me on that panhead sternly warned me, "Don't get hurt on that damn thing, that is way too much bike for your scrawny ass". Since I witnessed him physically beat the crap out of a disrespectful gunner right in front of our squadron building at Wright Patt, I always remembered his words to this day when I ride.

Speaking of Chief Arthur, the founding member of this organization along with Bill Dayton and Jim Zaengle, he told me to give his best regards to all the gunners reading this. He couldn't make the Reno reunion due to being unable to travel such long distances across country anymore. In our recent conversations, he warmly remembered Al Moore, one of his favorite gunners from Wright Patt, visiting him every time his trucking route took him through Bossier City before he passed in 2009. Fred still has the helmet bag that was on the flight over Hanoi on 24 December, 1972, that Al presented to him. He also talked about his motorcycling days while at Fairchild and riding to see his love of his life, Shirley, who he met while at gunnery school near Denver. I just made that drive to the 325th Bomb Squadron Reunion in Spokane through Denver from OKC. I couldn't imagine riding a motorcycle through Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Washington in unpredictable weather in high elevations, with all the wild critters, on a non-stop mission to be with Shirley then to return to duty on a long weekend, what an Ironman!

The Reno Reunion was just spectacular! The tours were the absolute best to Virginia City, Truckee, the National Automobile Museum. The Peppermill Resort was extremely luxurious, food was off the hook, and facility was second to none. As President Stallings noted, start now to plan and save for Nashville. Looking back at all the reunions we have attended, there is no better way to get acquainted with a new city and what it has to offer so nicely than to sign up, not to mention the world-class camaraderie that will never be duplicated by any other band of brothers!

Please keep those e-mails and letters of interest to the gunners coming, without them, we have no Short Burst! Please have a safe and memorable holiday season and remember the gunners and their families that are no longer with us. Again, start putting away some funds right now and start planning to be at the Nashville Reunion in 2017!

*Pete Karjanis*

## LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

### LOOKING FOR CONFIRMATION

U-Tapao AFB, Thailand, March or April 1968

It was in the evening on the approximate months listed above that a Gunner and I wandered to the Swan Lake bar outside the gate. Walking into the establishment we noted that (as far as we could tell) that the contingent was mostly officers. We sat at a table and ordered two beers.

Soon a young woman dressed in skimpy clothes emerged. She was the entertainment. She was a fire breather. She would take a mouth full of flammable liquid, spit it out, light it, and a stream of fire approximately 3 to 4 feet long would emerge. She danced close to us and spit the flame to a table with 3 or 4 guys sitting there. The flames hit the shirt of one of the guys and caught fire. In total reflex, we yanked the table cloth from the table and smothered the flames on the guy's shirt. In the chaos that followed we had him on the floor.

The place went nuts with guys throwing beer bottles, kicking furniture in anger because of what happened. I believe that part of this anger was fueled by the consumption of alcohol by the customers. We heard sirens getting louder and louder. My Gunner friend and I thought it was time to get out of there.

In all the years that have passed I have thought about this and for the life of me cannot remember who was with me. If the Gunner who was with me reads this article please contact me. To be realistic, he may have gone away on final flyby.....I say this for the following reason. At the Fort Worth reunion memorial we rang the bell 66 times, at the Reno reunion the bell was rung about 72 times. So I say in closing, God Bless those who have departed.

Harry Tolmich e-mail B-52@cox.net

### Hey Guys

It's been a busy month since the great Gunners Reunion in Reno, so I'm just getting around to expressing my deep gratitude and appreciation for getting to attend. Couldn't have felt more at home and I really enjoyed sharing the comraderie and the great good humor of this special group of warriors. My membership plaque for the Society of Bulldogs is proudly displayed on my study wall.

Not that I'm bias, but I'm sending you an initial flyer for a previous Colorado Springs reunion we sponsored--just in case it remains a future AFGA candidate. Lots to do and see as well as having access to Space Command and the Air Force Academy. The opening season Air Force football game was a big hit, as was the Flying W Ranch buckboard dinner and show. Including a little more detailed schedule for your info.

The Antlers Hotel was outstanding and there is also a full service Marriott near the Academy that did a good job for a B-52 Association reunion this past summer. I know John Stallings could negotiate a competitive deal that Donald Trump would be proud of.

Thanks again!

Paul Maye



## GUNNER PROFILES

**Harry Tolmich**...I was Raised in Eastern Washington. Enlisted in the U.S. Air force in June 1954. After basic training, sent to Lowry AFB to attend electronics school. Upon graduating, my PCS move was to Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Washington. At that time Fairchild was home to two B-36 wings. The 92nd and the 99th.

I was assigned to the 325th Bomb Squadron. My gunner position on the B-36 was lower right turret. After firing training missions, the gunners had to clean their own guns. The 20mm with attached cradle weighed 115lbs, my weight was 130 lbs., I had a devil of a time removing and installing those two cannons.

I was sent to Castle in December of 1957. I met my aircraft commander Ray Dahl then and we continued a friendship relationship until his passing in 2013.

I was at Fairchild for eleven years. I enrolled at Eastern Washington University and attended classes on base. When I was on alert, the classes were piped into a speaker in an office at the alert shack. I did the best I could listening to the professor conducting the classes. I had to put my quest for a college degree on hold when I received orders for the Big Sky country of Glasgow, Montana, where the winters there were 0 to minus 40 degrees. The wing departed for Arc Light in September 1966, returning to Glasgow in March 1967.

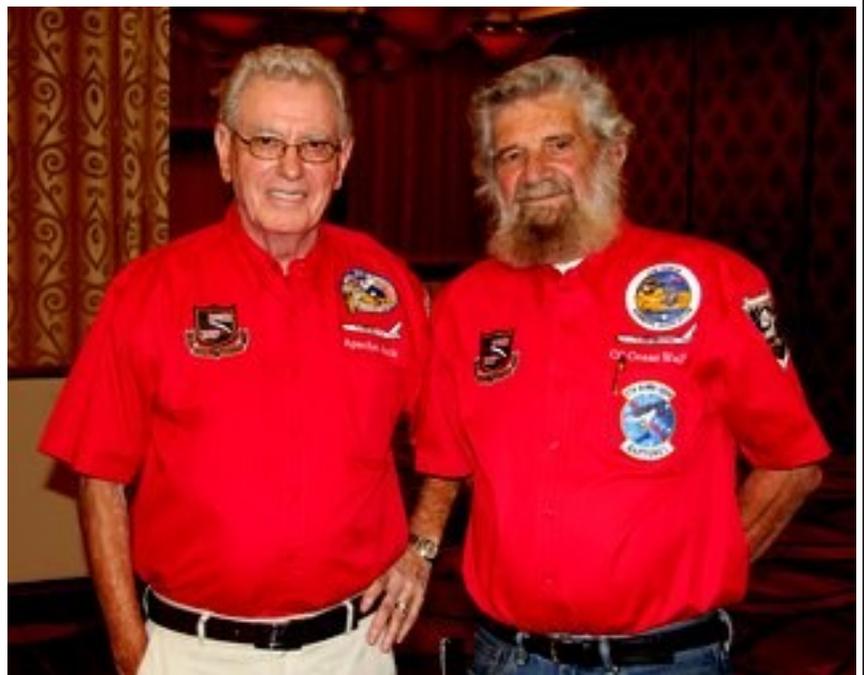
February 1968 the Navy ship, the Pueblo was attacked and captured by North Korea. Our wing was alerted, and in 3 days we departed for Kadena, Okinawa. When the war with North Korea did not materialize, the Wing Commander addressed us and said, "Since you are here ". No more had to be said, we were back in the Arc Light mission.

Returning to Glasgow in April 1968. My PCS orders were waiting. Yuck, Blytheville AFB, Arkansas, not knowing that assignment was the turn in my AF career. At that time I had 450 hours in the B-36 and 3500 in the B-52. Not that many hours compared to some gunners that I have met, but enough hours for me. I visited Mr. Wilson, GS 15, the base education officer. He asked me if I would like to be the base education office NCOIC. Needless to say that the Buff Sq. Commander was not happy. I attended college courses 5 nights a week until I completed 3 years of college. That made me eligible for the Bootstrap Commissioning Program. I was accepted and attended Park University in Kansas City, Missouri. To supplement my income, (no flying pay) while attending college I worked at Macys department store. That was an eye opener working with the civilian population! Upon graduation from Park University, I was PCS to Lackland AFB for OTS. I then transferred to Lowry AFB, Colorado, for Avionics Maintenance.

My assignments then were to Beale AFB, Howard AFB, Panama, then to Mather AFB, in ATC Command. Wow, what a difference from SAC! I was a Captain with 22 years active duty and at that time the Boeing Company made me an offer I could not refuse. Boeing assigned me as manager for the T-43 (737 ) aircraft that were used for navigator training. The same aircraft I was responsible for while I was on active duty! After 18 years at Boeing, (Golden Parachute), I retired with credit for 23.

Since retirement I have stayed active and busy. I taught school as a substitute, I was a volunteer at St. Rose Hospital, and played golf 2 times a week. I recommend the military for any person who has, does not have any set goals. The experience is invaluable. The military was a God send to me.

P.S., I met Colin Campbell Walker in 1955; We have remained good friends for sixty years!!! Let me do the math again, yep sixty years.



## **LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR**

I'm going to start a different category of gunner stories. This is a repeat of one of my dumbest stunts I ever pulled as a gunner. *Does anyone have the balls to top this one?*

This is the time while on taxi crew I couldn't wait to be rolled back into a parking place so I told my pilot I was going to get out the right wheel well, and commenced to get to the right wheel well before the engines were shut down.

I'm sitting on the walkway and I hear the engines coming up to purge the fuel pumps on the engines for shut down, and I reach over to the little ledge by my finger tips and swing down with my feet about a foot off the ground.

My bad because to my disbelief, the plane started taxiing to another spot. I hung on for as long as I could but finally let go. The jet blast was so strong my feet never touched the ramp and I landed right on the hardest part of my body, my head.

No serious damage and right back to the flying schedule.

*Clyde Ketcham*

### **A SAC B-52 "BROKEN ARROW" STILL PLAGUES SPAIN AND US FIFTY YEARS AFTER B-52 AND KC-135 COLLIDE**

On January 17, 1966, a B-52 carrying four nuclear weapons and a KC-135 collided over Almeria, Spain, along the Mediterranean Coast. Seven airmen lost their lives in this incident called a "Broken Arrow". Three of the weapons fell upon the beach; while one fell into the water. All were recovered.

However, two detonators went off and spewed seven pounds of Plutonium 239 on the beach. Franco was anxious that Spain's main economic contributor, tourism; would not be damaged. He swam in the area to allay fears. The US removed about 2000 tons of sand and shipped it to a recovery facility in South Carolina.

There were political consequences however. The Spanish Congress insisted that the US Navy nuclear attack submarines based at Rota be removed. They were transferred to Holy Loch, Scotland. Also, nuclear weapons would no longer be permitted at Moron AFB in Spain.

An area near Almeria called the "Palomeres Site" has been fenced off for a half century. Last month Secretary of State Perry agreed to have the US remove additional earth and sand, and send it to a nuclear disposal facility in the US.

Bill Gaddes. (Source: Wall Street Journal, 20 October 2015)

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## **LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR**

Subject: **Heads Up**

I am sending you a “heads up” for the **next Arc Light/Young Tiger reunion**. Seems as how I skipped the business meeting at the last one in Dayton this past June (I do not go to “meetings” now that I’m retired – had my fill of them in my “working days”). And!!! Somehow the meeting attendees voted on having the **2017 reunion in Omaha** and railroaded me into running it! I was not too pleased with their actions, but in reality, didn’t have a good reason to refuse it.

Now!!! I want all of you to think about it and attend if you can. I have already signed a contract with the Embassy Suites in downtown Omaha for the event ( 3 – 6 June, 2017) and everything will be at that location except for a golf tournament, shopping trip, Zoo trip and if the STRATCOM HQ building is up and running, a possible tour there. Also backup is a SAC Museum tour. There will be free time to pursue anything else you would like. I have secured a rate of \$139.00 per day for a double suite (Living room, king-size bedroom and kitchenette with refrigerator and microwave. This price also gets cook-to-order breakfast, free parking, free cocktail hour with snacks, free transportation to and from the airport and free shuttle service to anywhere within 3 miles of the location (this includes all the Casinos in Council Bluffs and all of downtown Omaha). Should you elect to go to the Zoo by yourself, the shuttle will take you there and pick you up. There will be a buffet on the evening of arrival (3 June) and a Banquet on the last day of the event. All will be catered at the Embassy Suites.

For those of you that are unfamiliar with the “Old Market” in the Omaha area, I chose the Embassy Suites because there are at least a dozen restaurants, watering holes and shops within a 2 or 3 block walk. You don’t have to find a parking place to have a multitude of places to go or things to do.

Since I do not have all the addresses of old “Arc Lighters or Young Tigers” I am asking you to tell all of your “fellow AC/BS” friends of this event. I have attended a number of them and have always had a very enjoyable time. Those “war stories” have a way of growing with the passing years!!

Hope to see you there and if you have any questions, please feel free to email me a line. I’ll do everything I can to take care of you.

*Johnny*

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Subject: **Gunners Sculpture**

I am still working on getting a sculpture to put in the Maxwell/Gunner Memorial Park at the Enlisted Heritage Hall at Gunter. I am sending you some illustrations Mike Maiden has completed. I want ideas. I would like inputs from as many people as possible. I want to know if they think the idea is good.

The project will take about a year to complete once the decision is made as to what it should look like. It will take some fund raising. I would like a sculpture of a gunner with his flight cap on, holding his helmet. Mike will give a price when a selection is made. We could make a wall with all the aircraft that had aerial gunners are just a few ideas about what we can do. Photos of the Memorial Park and a sculpture where the Sculpture will be is attached.

I am sending you some ideas in the mail from Mike Maiden.

*Art Pollard*

## **2015 MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MINUTES**



The AFGA Membership (Attending) met in Reno, Nevada on Saturday, 12 September 2015. Approximately 51 members were present at the meeting (may have miscounted by 1 or 2). This bi-annual meeting conducts the necessary actions to provide the AFGA Officers some direction in which we would like to go over the coming next two years as well as any follow-up on the Ft. Worth Business Meeting notes/recommendations received at that meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by our President, Larry Lewandowski followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sergeant-at Arms Frank O'Neal. Chaplain Iggy Cruz then gave the Invocation and the meeting began. Bob Matherly read the minutes from the 2013 Ft. Worth Business meeting. A motion was made by Bill Saska and seconded by Scotty Burns to accept the minutes as read and approved by hand vote. President Larry Lewandowski then proceeded with opening remarks before the reports to the membership began from the Board of Officers.

**FINANCE REPORT** – AFGA Finance Officer Ralph Stearns gave his report (which will be printed in the April 2016 Short Bursts). Notes taken indicated the following monies are available at this time:

CDs – Three CDs with a value of \$5,467 each – Total - \$16, 401  
Regular Checking account - \$3095  
Reunion Account - \$25,326 (before all Reno reunion bills are paid).  
BX - \$537  
Short Bursts - \$10,000

Note: These numbers are approximate and the official accounting will be made in the April 2016 Short Bursts where the Finance Officer will provide a full accounting of all monies at that time showing expenses and income \$\$ for the period ending December 31, 2015.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – Membership Officer Chuck Dean provided the following information:

954 Active Members  
- 669 Life Members  
- 172 Annual Members  
- 100 Widows

Some discussion concerning how quick the membership renewal checks were being cashed (as well as the BX checks). Chuck stated that he typically sends received checks to the Ralph Stearns 2X a month for deposit into accounts the AFGA holds – Membership and Short Bursts accounts that he receives checks for. Ralph then deposits them within a week or two after receiving them...as one can see, it does take a little time for them to get deposited and cashed so be patient.

Some discussion for increasing memberships continued and the membership indicated that we all should make more efforts in getting some of the younger gunners (those who became gunners in the late 1970s and 1980 -1991 to join...looking at the B-52 Gunners Facebook site, there are many gunners out there who do not belong to the AFGA and we need to make a more concerted effort to have them join our association. This is an on-going issue and will continue to be so unless we can get more to take an interest the AFGA.

A short discussion on “opening up” the Association to others followed and was quickly killed by all as we had had these discussions before and there is no interest in all in opening up the AFGA to others than that provided for in By-laws. All agreed and the meeting moved on.

## **2015 MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS (Cont)**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER**, Dan Danish, informed the attending membership that Bob Ethington had sent in “Wooden Nickels” for the AFGA Reunion and these were passed out during registration. A BIG THANK YOU to Bob and sorry that he was unable to attend our reunion this year. Looked like we have about 65 – 70 Gunners attending along with guest that total about 170 for the Banquet on Saturday night and about half that for the Open Mike on Sunday as many depart on Sunday to return home that day.

**SHORT BURSTS EDITOR**, Bob Matherly reported on the Short Bursts publication efforts. The SB is doing well and continues to be the strong thread that holds us together. The new website now has 5 years of back issues on it and is available to ALL AFGA members and others who may be interested in our Association (all are open to the anyone except the most current one which still requires an ID and PASSWORD to get into).

The website itself continues to be an item of discontentment and needs an AFGA WEBMASTER that can improve it and bring it back to something we can all be proud of. Current website just does not reflect what we want (and that is our fault for being unable to properly manage the new website construction due to the old Webmaster being extremely ill and not able to monitor the building of the website as it was being put together). The new AFGA officer slate needs to take this and attempt to find a webmaster within our ranks, if possible, that can oversee the continuing day-to-day operations of it. The biggest benefit right now is that the Short Bursts are on-line, the BX inventory is being re-built and will eventually provide easier access and ordering operations. Our new BX Officer, Bob Dick Jr., is working steadily to get a good handle on these operations and should have a much improved operation by the time we roll into the coming years before the next Reunion in Nashville.

Bob brought up some concerns over the rising number of “Free” issues being printed and provided to the surviving spouses of our LIFE members. After some discussion amongst the general membership a motion was made, seconded and approved by the General Membership to reduce the time that free issues would be distributed to 2 years after the passing of a Life Member. After that time those widows receiving the free SB would be offered the option of entering the subscription program or having it dropped completely. A notice is to be sent to all widows currently receiving the free issue with information about this new change. Currently out of 500 SB issues being mailed out, 100 are sent to widows at no costs and this is why the change is being implemented. Membership Officer Chuck Dean will soon be mailing out postcards so informing all to this new change and the new program will be implemented after the April 2016 issue for all.

Bob is retiring effective this reunion and a new Editor will be elected so there will be new changes with a new Editor that will enhance the Short Bursts even more. He wishes him well ...and knows the bar will be lifted even higher in the future. NOTE: Pete Karjanis was elected as the new SB Editor.

**EXCHANGE OFFICER**, Bob Dick Jr. (appointed by the President after Neal Richards was no longer able to continue due to major health issues) reported on his efforts to revive the BX operations. He has almost completed the inventory received from Neal and will provide that data to the new President. He is currently working to enhance the capabilities to charge items via credit card, pay pal, etc. upon ordering off the website. Another effort is in being made to consolidate shipping charges for multiple items being bought at the same time so as to be able to pay a lower shipping cost on them rather than as individual items. Look for these changes to be available in the future. Bob will also be updating the items available to the membership and reducing the old items by reducing prices on them and clearing them from inventory so as to update the merchandise that will be more desirable to all. The membership appreciated his efforts so far and let him know that it is being well received.

**HISTORIAN**, Bob Ashley called for continued stories to be provided by those who have stories to tell, particularly those who flew during the Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom operations. Only by getting a written account of these gunner’s stories will our history of this era be made known and our Gunner Legacy maintained by sharing

## **2015 MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS (Cont)**

these memories. Very few personal stories exist as of yet but it is hoped this will soon change – GET INVOLVED by providing your experiences for all eras to the Historian or Short Bursts Editor. Biographies on all are also needed and an effort will get underway to get these updated.

**CHAPLAIN**, Iggy Cruz reminded all members that they really need to keep their military records up to date and copies available (including wills) to family members. Too many times our military records are not available to the family after the passing of one of our members. The VFW, DAV and American Legion can help the deceased member's family but a good copy of the DD214, insurance records and any other military records one has is vital to them in obtaining the benefits due to the family upon passing. Current addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if available) to the AFGA are also very important as they can help reduce times in notifying others of the passing and getting help for them too.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

John Stallings reported on his efforts in securing “reasonable” hotel rates from the hotels in the Nashville area for the upcoming 2017 AFGA Reunion there. His worry is that the hotel rates are a little excessive – averaging around \$140 a night (including taxes) and this may be a big block for some members to attend there. There was a very lively discussion on the floor among members about what to do, including moving the 2017 location to another city. After several minutes a floor straw vote was conducted as to whether or not we continue to plan on Nashville or look elsewhere. The straw vote was overwhelmingly voted to continue the planning for the Nashville reunion and then a motion by Bob Matherly and seconded by Dick Parker that Nashville be kept as the 2017 reunion was voted on and approved by all members.. A slight change was then suggested in our future planning efforts – that at least 2 cities be considered as our next choice of reunions and those planning the reunion would visit both sites, look for the best deals we could get for the membership and then report back at the following reunion as to their selection of which one offered the best benefits for us. A motion was made and seconded and passed that this be the method of selecting our new reunions sites beginning with the one after Nashville. In Nashville, the results of the reunion planners will be provided and made known as to which of the two cities being suggested was the winner and all planning pointed for that city alone.

These reunion discussions were very lively and took a while as members wanted to fully explore and understand all of the options being discussed. In the end, the way we select our upcoming cities and the continuing East, Middle and West locations were to be continued as always. John explained quite a bit in the way of attempts of keeping costs down and all of this was greatly appreciated and provided quite a bit of insight into how site selections impacted costs for transportation as well as hotels. He and Larry will be off looking at the 2 new sites once we decide upon them when the discussions come up in NEW BUSINESS.

There being no further discussions on OLD BUSINESS the meeting moved on to NEW BUSINESS.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The first order of New Business was the election of Officers for the 2015 – 2017 terms of office.

**President** – John Stallings was nominated, seconded and elected by acclamation after a motion by Andy Anderson and seconded by Bob Matherly that the nominations for President be closed – this was voted upon and carried immediately with John Stallings being elected for the 2015 – 2017 term of office.

**Vice President** – Bob Matherly nominated Bob Ashley, our current Historian, for the Vice President's position and seconded by John Stanton - (currently vacant position upon the untimely passing of Rick Swain in 2014). Again, motions were made, seconded and carried by the membership to close the nomination and to make Bob Ashley our

## **2015 MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS (Cont)**

Vice President which carried by acclamation.

**Short Bursts Editor** – Pete Karjanis was nominated, accepted and was voted into the Short Bursts position being vacated by Bob Matherly after 10 years. Again, the vote was by acclamation by all attending. Welcome aboard Pete....

**BX Officer** – Bob Dick Jr., previously appointed to this position when Neil Richards, then BX officer, was no longer able to continue in that position. His continuing appointed position was immediately voted on and approved by the Membership.

**Historian** – Rory Koon was nominated and there being no other nominations, was voted upon and approved by the membership.

**Chaplain** – John Stanton was nominated and there being on other nominations (Iggy Cruz desired to step down after many years as our Chaplain upon the nomination of John) was voted on and approved by the Membership

**Sergeant at Arms** – Frank O’Neal desired to continue on in this position and motion was made to close the nominations which was then approved and Frank will continue on in the current position he holds.

NOTE: There was some confusion as to whether or not this nomination could be reopened as the President failed to see another hand up. Roberts Rules of Order, according to our President, prevented reopening the nomination and therefore no other nominations could be made. IN THE FUTURE, PRIOR TO ALL NOMINATIONS BEING CLOSED IMMEDIATELY, THERE WILL BE A 2 MINUTE PAUSE BEFORE VOTING IN CASE THERE IS ANYONE ELSE DESIRING TO MAKE A NOMINATION FOR SOMEONE TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN.

All other AFGA Officer Positions currently being held would continue by those holding those offices; Public Affairs Officer, Dan Danish and Membership Officer Chuck Dean to continue their fine efforts in those positions.

With the Election of Officers completed, next order of New Business was the selection of the 2019 AFGA Reunion Site. Needless to say there were numerous cities tossed about, more than 6 cities mentioned. This was resolved by voting on each of the cities, taking only the top 4 cities, voting again and eliminating all but three cities and then a final vote to select two of the three cities to be seriously considered for selection. The three cities in the final voter were Oklahoma City, OK, Colorado Springs, Co and Branson, MO. Oklahoma City and Colorado Springs were the winners in this final vote and will be visited by our planners and results presented at the Nashville Business meeting as to which one looks the most promising as previously discussed in these minutes under OLD BUSINESS.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1200 by President Larry Lewandowski.



## ***RENO REUNION NEWSFLASH UPDATE***

There was an unfortunate incident during the Reno Gunner Reunion Banquet on Saturday night.

An elderly gentleman, not associated with the gunners, was coming out of the restrooms adjacent to the grand ball-room at the Peppermill Resort, passed out, and fell down hard. Several people witnessed the fall and noticed how suddenly the gentleman started turning blue from not breathing. John's and Ralph Stern's daughter and their quick thinking, training, leadership directing the AMTs, and controlling the crowd definitely saved this man's life.

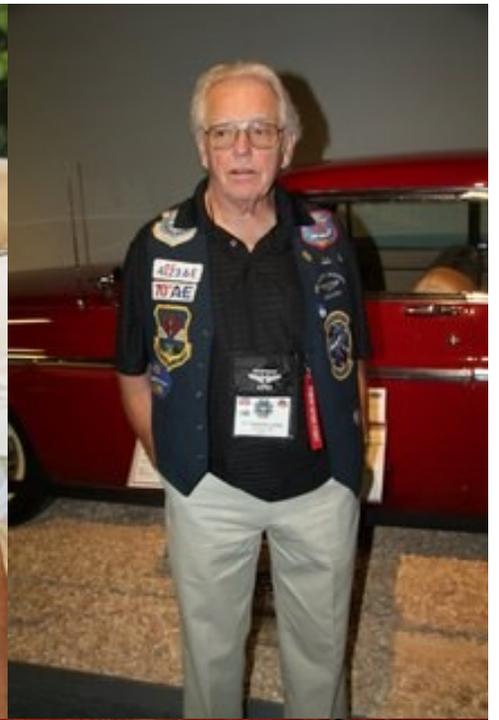
For a more accurate account of this incident, please see John Stalling's President's Message at the front of this publication. Saving a life is a monumental accomplishment, very well done!

## ***RENO REUNION IN PICTURES (MANY THANKS BOB MATHERLY!)***









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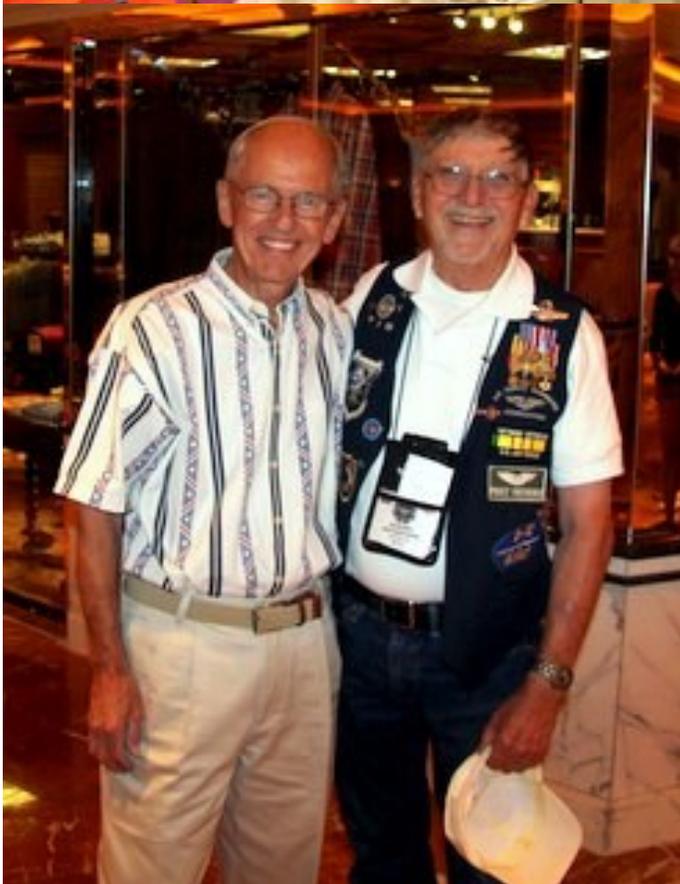
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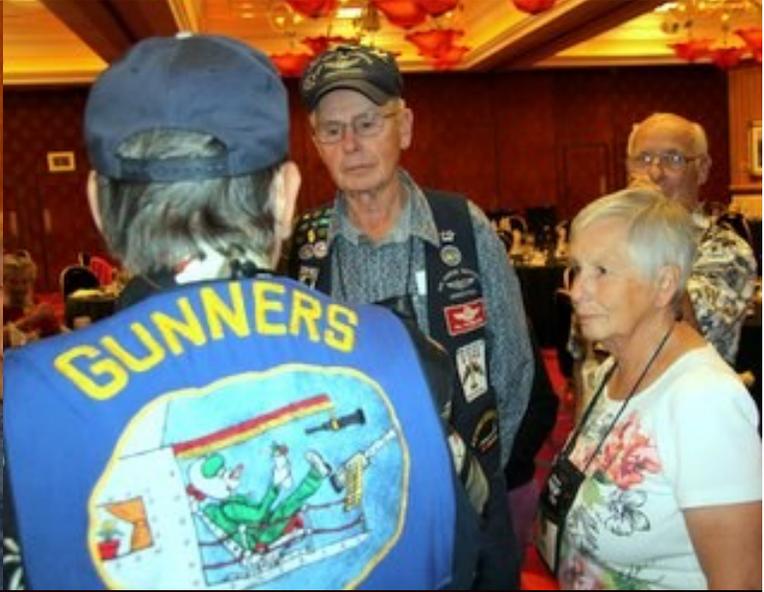




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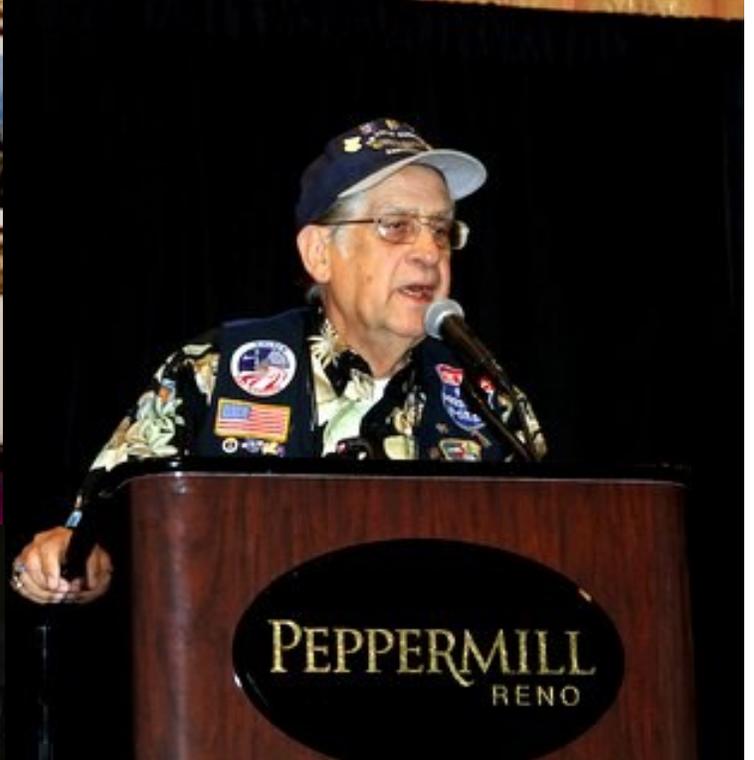












## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### **B-29 GUNNERS WERE INVOLVED IN A REAL SHOOTING WAR IN KOREA By Bill Gaddes**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

June 21 1950 caught the United States Air Force almost totally un-prepared; both tactically and strategically. The few jet aircraft in the Korean theater were totally unsuited to the task, and strategic bombers were non-existent. It took about four months to get B-29s in place; and about a year for the Air Force to get adequate fighters in theater. In the meantime, ground support was conducted using WW II aircraft; the P-51 Mustang and the B-26 Invader.

#### **B-29 GUNNERS GET A REAL TASTE OF COMBAT**

Three SAC bomb wings deployed to Yokota Japan and to Okinawa. Yokota also had the 91st and 56th Strategic Recon Composite groups.

In April of 1951, B-29 gunners shot down ten MIG-15's; while losing four of their 12 aircraft on the mission. In total over the three-year duration of the Korean War, B-29 gunners were credited with 34 confirmed kills. Sixteen were MIG-15s, and the remainder were propeller driven YAK-9s.

One B-29 was designated an "Ace"; having shot down five fighters. This B-29 is at the Air Force Museum, Dayton, Ohio.

#### **B-29 LOSSES**

A total of 34 B-29 aircraft were lost in combat. Sixteen were shot down by fighters, four were lost to flak, and an additional 14 were classified a "Combat Operational Losses". There were a few, perhaps as many as eight more B-29 losses over this period that were classified "Top Secret". These were "Cold War" and "Special" missions; MANY over Chinese and Russian soil.

A total of 1,841 US airmen died in combat in the Korean War. This is an astonishing number considering the number of Air Force people involved. B-26 INVADER missions were the most dangerous by far. The DFC was awarded to crews who survived 50 missions during 1950 and 1951. Our beloved Pete Pettit flew as a B-26 gunner during this period.

A total of 441 B-29 combat crewmen were killed in action during the Korean War. An estimated 4,000 B-29 crew members actually flew combat in Korea. This combat loss percentage is hauntingly similar to that of the "Mighty Eighth Air Force" during WW II. However, the B-29s did not face the tragic losses of the 8th AF over the skies of Germany in 1943 and early 1944.

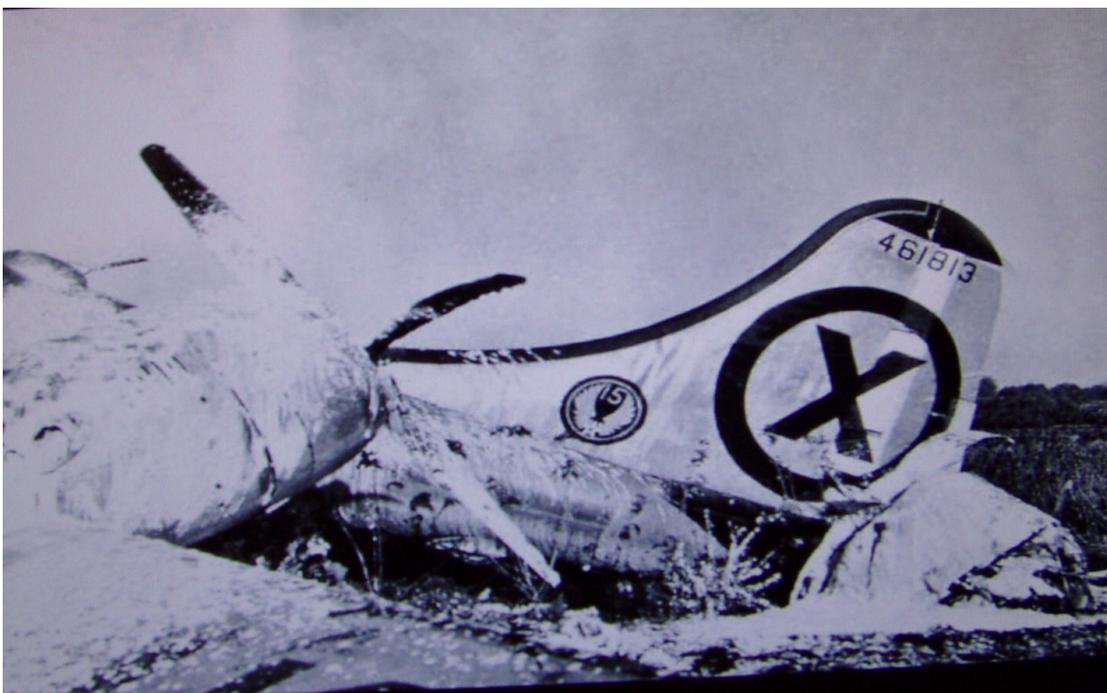
#### **THE 91ST STRATEGIC RECON SQUADRON**

The 91st conducted photo, ELINT and communications intelligence over Korea and even over China and Russia during the Korean and Cold wars. The 91st lost a total of five RB-29s during the Korean War, and an additional RB-50 in July of 1953 near the disputed Kurile Islands. One of the most tragic loses was a 91st RB-50G; shot down over the Sea of Japan by MIG-17s. Seventeen crewmen lost their lives. Again; our Pete Pettit flew with the 91st during this time.

Shown in Photo One is the RB-29 #44-61727; shot down by MIG-15s over China on 04 July, 1952. Two crewmen were killed in action and 11 were POWs. They were finally returned after long prison terms.



RB-29 44-81813 was shot down by MIG-15s over the Yalu River separating North Korea from China on 12 December 1950. The aircraft managed to crash land at Johnson AFB in Japan. Five crewmen were killed in the crash.



## CONCLUSION

B-29 combat crews faced a real shooting war over Korea. This fact is generally not recognized; as the “Forgotten War” did not receive much attention back home. The B-29 gunners were not only credited with 34 fighters shot down; but USAF records show that it was deemed probable that an additional 17 MIG-15s were shot down. What an accomplishment by B-29 gunners; utilizing the GE Central Fire Control System (CFCS) and its analog computers. What do you B-52 gunners think of that?

Cheers, *Bill Gaddes*

by Senior Airman Stephanie Morris  
Minot Air Force Base Public Affairs

9/29/2015 - MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. -- Three B-52H Stratofortress' took off for a training mission from Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Sept. 23, 2015.

The mission took place to ensure the 5th Bomb Wing remains fully capable of providing a full, simultaneous spectrum of devastating global strike options to combatant commanders anywhere, anytime, said Capt. Margaret Ingerslew, 69th Bomb Squadron assistant director of operations.

Ingerslew explained, the 69th BS is tasked with both conventional and nuclear mission sets, and maintains the capability to perform both mission sets simultaneously.

"Specifically for the conventional mission, we have a wide arsenal of weapon types that we're capable of employing," Ingerslew said. "This group of sorties is the perfect example of making sure we're able to successfully employ multiple weapon types on multiple targets with minimal time and exposure to threats.

One pass the aircraft made included six weapons on four different targets, another pass included four weapons on four different targets.

"The ability to respond to multiple contingencies at once, worldwide, with a broad set of capabilities to bring to a given scenario, is the reason Minot succeeds in its deterrence mission," Ingerslew said.

This mission was not the first of its kind, Ingerslew stated. However, the base is only allotted a small amount of these precision guided munitions.

"We train to all of these various tactics and weapon types every day, but to employ them with actual weapons, instead of using the simulated mode of our aircraft offensive avionics system, is a way for crews to get more realistic training," said Ingerslew.

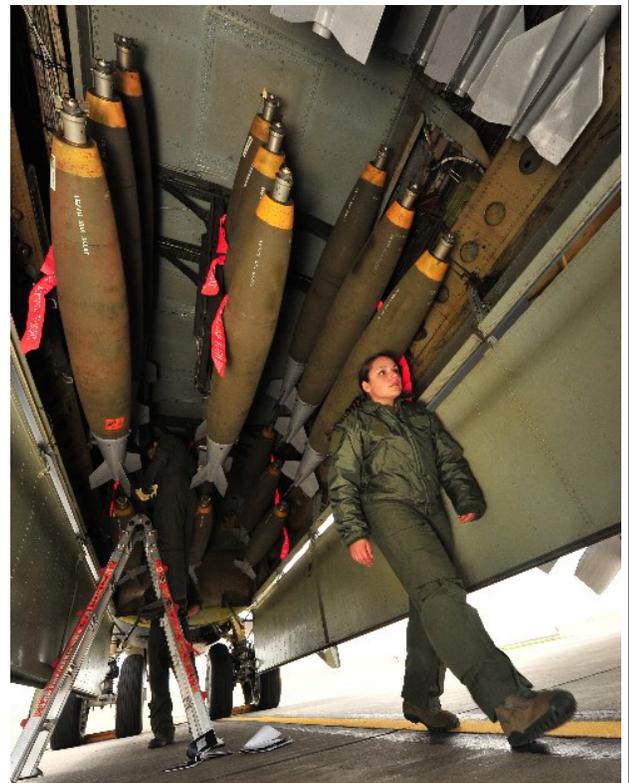
For Ingerslew the most satisfying part of missions like this is verifying that the weapons system continues to function as advertised or better, and enabling B-52 crewmembers to foster greater confidence in their own abilities.

Maintenance Airmen who loaded the munitions onto the aircraft and maintained them before loading echoed her sentiments.

"Every time we load a jet the world sees that we will not back down, and I get to play a direct role in that show of force," said Staff Sgt. Mark Kelly, 5th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons load crew team chief. "When munitions release from the aircraft, it is a testament to the hard work and many hours spent to ensure we win wars."

Members of the 69th BS prepared for the mission by conducting detailed mission planning, intensive study of the various weapons, employment procedures, standards and aircraft systems, as well as regulations governing the use of bombing and gunnery ranges.

"Mission planning and coordination started a month and a half prior to mission execution," said Capt. Michael Hansen, 5th Operations Support Squadron flight commander. "This is the proof and truth data of Minot's deterrence."



## AFGA NEWSREEL

Two B-52s from Barksdale AFB, LA., completed a **44-hour, nonstop mission** to Australia and back, according to a US Strategic Command release. "These flights are one of the many ways the United States demonstrates its commitment to a stable and peaceful Indo-Asia Pacific region," said Adm. Cecil Haney, STRATCOM commander. During the mission, which concluded on July 2, the B-52s of Barksdale's 2nd Bomb Wing integrated with Australian airmen on the ground, dropped inert conventional weapons on the Delamere Air Weapons Range in northern Australia, and performed a low approach over RAAF Base Tindal, states the release. The base is north of the range. Since 2010, the Air Force has periodically deployed B-52s to Australia for short training stints. B-52s have been frequent world travelers this year. For example, in June, three B-52s from Minot AFB, N.D., operated for a while from RAF Fairford, Britain, supporting NATO training exercises in the Baltic Sea area.

A B-52 bomber from Minot AFB, N.D., launched July 9 on a **16-hour, non-stop training sortie**, rendezvousing with Colombian air force aircraft over Colombia this week, US Strategic Command announced. The 5th Bomb Wing crew also flew a demonstration as part of the Colombian international airshow in Antioquia, Colombia, on Thursday. "The aircraft's participation in this airshow and the training conducted alongside our Colombian partners allow our strategic aircrews to maintain a high state of readiness and crew proficiency," STRATCOM Commander Adm. Cecil Haney said in a release. A B-52 conducted training in the US Southern Command area of responsibility last year during Exercise PANAMAX, and also appeared at the Colombia international airshow back in 2006, according to STRATCOM.

The Air Force could buy **Long-Range Strike Bombers** for "25 years or so" and the aircraft will eventually replace the B-1 and B-52, Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh said Monday. Commenting on a new Bomber Roadmap, which he said remains unfinished, Welsh said the Air Force would "start to field" the LRS-B "in the mid-'20s, and it would probably continue for 25 years or so; that's a rough guess depending on production rates, etc. in the program." Other senior USAF officials have suggested the LRS-B would be bought over about 10 years, starting in about 2023, noting service plans call for both the B-1 and the B-52 to serve into the 2040s, and the B-2 to almost 2060. Either way, Welsh said, "the B-52 and B-1 will time out, eventually," joking that the "B-52's going to try to make 100 years." Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James said USAF has stepped up to "check our numbers" on the LRS-B and confirmed that revised acquisition and operating figures provided to Congress recently are correct. She admitted that previous ones supplied were inaccurate because they were inadequately "coordinated," though the actual cost estimate hasn't changed.

More than 70 years after their **B-26G Marauder** was shot down near Seffern, Germany, a crew of airmen is coming home, the Defense Department POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Tuesday Aug. 11. Army Air Forces 1st Lt. William P. Cook and a crew of five airmen took off from Saint Quentin, France, on Dec. 23, 1944, to bomb an enemy-held bridge in Eller, Germany. The plane crashed near the Germany-Belgium border, but Army Graves Registration Command was unable to find the aircraft and crew after the war, according to the release. The site of the crash was first located in 2006, and after excavations in 2012 and 2013, Cook and three crew members were returned to their families in the US and Canada for military burials over the last year. Flight Officer Arthur LeFavre of Red Bank, N.J., and SSgt. Ward Swalwell Jr. of Chicago will be buried with full military honors this month in Arlington National Cemetery, Va., as will other recovered remains representing the crew.

The Air Force Reserve reactivated the **489th Bomb Group at Dyess AFB, Texas**, on Oct. 17. The group, which includes the 345th Bomb Squadron, the 489th Maintenance Squadron, and the 489th Aerospace Medical Flight, operates under the 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La. It will provide B-1 training as well as combat support alongside with its classic associate, the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess, states a release. Col. Denis Heinz, commander of the 489th BG, said he is happy to be part of the unit's legacy. "As I read books published by former group members, I was in awe of their ability to fly, fight, and win under such austere conditions," Heinz said. "I am proud now to be part of a heritage that dates back to the early days of World War II, when the 489th fought a much different war."

Volunteers are on the home stretch to **returning a B-29A Superfortress bomber to the skies** at McConnell AFB, Kan., after its official rollout back in March. The aircraft, nicknamed Doc, was successfully fueled, exposing no major leaks, and is currently undergoing final preparations for system pressurization and engines runs, according to a release, Aug. 12. "Before the B-29 can be flown, Doc's Friends must receive an airworthiness certificate from the FAA," according to the group supporting the restoration. The group plans to request permission to conduct flight testing from McConnell, and base permanent flying operations from the civilian Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport. Volunteers have installed the aircraft's turbocharge casings, are finishing the customized exhaust system, and installing the required modern avionics, communications, and navigations systems required for flight. No firm date is set for Doc's maiden flight, though the group hopes to fly before year's end. Doc would join Fifi as the only flyable B-29s.

**Re-engining the B-52**—a perennial dream of those heading Global Strike Command—is being "looked at again," but no one should hold his breath for it, Air Force acquisition chief William LaPlante said in an interview. "I know that this has been 'Lucy and the football' for awhile," he said in an interview with Air Force Magazine, and "it may not be feasible, but it's always worth trying to save money." LaPlante acknowledged that USAF plans to keep the B-52 in service well into the 2040s, and "if it's possible to come up with a scheme that actually saves us money, we will try to do it." However, the budget is really tight, and a powerful case would have to be made for substantial cost reductions in fuel and maintenance. Some have suggested funding the re-engining through a federal law allowing managers to add "green" or efficiency upgrades to facilities with the anticipated savings, but "the current answer as I understand it is 'No,'" LaPlante said. He added that he's "open minded to any idea that people think will save money, even if it's an idea that's been tried before." The trick is to study why it didn't work previously "and learn from the lessons," he said.

Airmen and B-52s from the 20th Bomb Squadron at Barksdale AFB, La., returned to home station earlier this week from a **six-month deployment to Andersen AFB, Guam**, according to an Aug. 25 release. Now in its 11th year, the continuous bomber presence mission taps USAF bombers to rotate to Andersen to participate in a wide range of joint and allied training activities as well as conduct assurance and deterrence tasks in the Asia-Pacific region. Maj. Joe Foster, the 20th BS assistant director of operations, said Barksdale's airmen worked closely with all the agencies comprising Andersen's 36th Wing, as well as international militaries and other US services. The deployment was a "total joint international effort to support the [CBP] mission in the region," Foster said. With Barksdale's 20th BS now back home, the 23rd BS from Minot AFB, N.D., will take its place in the rotation. B-2s from Whiteman AFB, Mo., also recently deployed to Guam on a separate training rotation.

Airmen at **Fairchild AFB, Wash.**, have been demolishing 1950s-era **munitions bunkers** in an effort to reduce the Air Force's building footprint, according to an Air Force news release. The bunkers were used for storing munitions when the base was part of Strategic Air Command. The project, which began in the summer of 2014, involves demolishing 33 munitions storage bunkers and four roads through the grounds. Though originally planned as five separate projects, it was consolidated into one project, saving about \$3.5 million, according to the news release. Now, members of the 92nd Civil Engineer Squadron and the 92nd Contracting Squadron are working with contractors on the second phase of the project: the actual demolition. The project is slated for completion in April 2016. Most of the materials are being recycled and reused; discussions have just begun about how to use the land after the demolition.

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) welcomed the Air Force's announcement this week that **Northrop Grumman** will build the service's **Long-Range Strike Bomber**, saying the move is critical to replacing the aging bomber fleet. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Congress will defer to the Pentagon to decide what is needed for future missions while also providing the needed oversight to ensure the cost and schedule of the new bomber remains on track. The award to Northrop means the Air Force's "big three" acquisition programs—LRS-B, KC-46, and F-35—will be built individually by three separate prime contractors, a move that helps the health of the industrial base. However, Kaine acknowledged the contracts aren't job placement programs.

## **AFGA NEWSREEL**

The Air Force recently awarded a \$46.7 million fixed-price incentive, cost-plus contract to Boeing for seven full-rate production **Combat Network Communication Technology (CONNECT)** kits for USAF's B-52 fleet. The kits will modernize and update the bomber with networked, beyond line of sight communications technology, machine-to-machine targeting tools, and allow more flexibility in upgrading the types of weapons it can carry, such as stand-off weapons and air launched decoys. The Aug. 28 contract also covers associated support equipment and engineering assistance for the USAF depot maintenance shop, located at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex at Tinker AFB, Okla. In addition, the contract covers the conversion of 21 CONNECT kits from low-rate initial production configuration to the full-rate configuration, which will also be performed at the OC-ALC. Work on the contract is projected to be complete by May 2017. The first CONNECT-modified B-52 was delivered to Air Force Global Strike Command in April 2014. USAF plans to eventually modify its entire B-52H fleet with the upgrade.

Pacific Air Force officials have not yet signed a memorandum of understanding that would allow Air Force Global Strike Command to set up a **detachment of personnel at Andersen AFB, Guam**, to support the command's continuous bomber presence mission. "We are still in discussions with AFGSC regarding the MOU," PACAF spokesman MSgt. Matthew McGovern told Air Force Magazine. "Currently, we are determining how the detachment will operate within the PACAF chain of command. This, understandably, raises questions regarding administrative and operational control." Global Strike has proposed a detachment of roughly 30 Active Duty personnel in a variety of specialties, including mission planners, combat crew communications, a flight safety officer, a standardization and evaluation officer, as well as maintainers, former AFGSC boss Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson said in June. Lt. Col. Michael Pritchett, who has been tapped to lead the detachment, was originally expected to deploy to Andersen in September along with his superintendent, while the rest of the personnel were slated to arrive by December. However, those deployments are on hold until the MOU is signed, AFGSC officials said. "I cannot provide a specific date of completion, but both of our commands are working closely to ensure effective, responsive lines of control," said McGovern. "PACAF has maintained close working ties with AFGSC since its founding and we believe this detachment will further enhance our relationship."

The first B-52Hs began conversion to only carry **non-nuclear weapons at Barksdale AFB, La.**, in compliance with the New START arms reduction agreement with Russia, Air Force Global Strike Command announced. Serial number 61-1021 of Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing at Barksdale is the first of 30 Active B-52s slated for conventional-only conversion by 2017, according to a Sept. 17 release. An additional 12 B-52Hs currently in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., will also be converted to spare them from destruction under the treaty, officials announced. Conventional-only B-52s will be outwardly identifiable to ease Russia's treaty compliance monitoring efforts. New START stipulates that both the US and Russia meet limits of 1,550 deployed warheads, 700 deployed launchers, and 800 deployed and non-deployed launchers by February 2018. AFGSC plans to fully complete conversions early to provide for unforeseen delays. The conversions will leave a nuclear capable fleet of 20 B-2A and 46 B-52H aircraft.

A B-52 from the 2nd Bomb Wing recently completed a roughly **30-hour nonstop sortie from Barksdale AFB, La.**, to Postojna, Slovenia, where it participated in Exercise Immediate Response 2015 and then returned home, according to an Air Force Global Strike Command release. While in Slovenia, the bomber aided Slovenian and US joint terminal attack controllers, providing close air support during training exercises. The bomber also conducted a low-altitude pass for distinguished visitors and leaders. The exercise provided aircrew an opportunity to train with coalition partners and foster multinational integration, practice the B-52's capability to transit several areas of responsibility on a single sortie, and hit "very precise objectives on the ground," said Capt. Ryan Loucks, the 96th Bomb Squadron's assistant director of operations. EIR 2015 is a multinational exercise using computer-assisted simulations along with field training at locations in Croatia and Slovenia. The long-range sortie follows a June deployment of three B-52s from Minot AFB, N.D., to RAF Fairford, England, where they participated in BALTOPS and Exercise Saber Strike.

## **AFGA NEWSREEL**

The 7th Bomb Wing at **Dyess AFB**, Texas, and the 28th BW at **Ellsworth AFB**, S.D., will hold **realignment ceremonies** on Monday, marking the transition of the B-1 fleet from Air Combat Command to Air Force Global Strike Command. The move means the Air Force's entire bomber fleet—the B-52, B-2, and B-1—will be consolidated under the command of 8th Air Force, but for the roughly 7,000 airmen involved, the transition should be relatively seamless, 8th AF (Air Forces Strategic) Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Clark told Air Force Magazine. "They will wear a different patch, but aside from that it won't be a significant change," said Clark. However, "behind the scenes, we'll have more consolidated advocacy for long-range strike, and a consolidated center for strategic thought for long-range strike and standoff weapons." Even though all three of the service's bombers are "unique weapon systems," Clark said "the core competency of long-range strike is something common to all" and the B-1 transition will help "build some synergy" within the bomber community. He said, "in general this is a really great move for the Air Force," one that brings 8th AF "back to our heritage."

The nuclear-capable **B-52 Stratofortress** and **B-2 Spirit** "will continue to be the forces provided" to US Strategic Command, but officials are still trying to determine how the conventional-only B-1 will fit into the mix after it transitions to Air Force Global Strike Command on Monday, 8th Air Force (Air Forces Strategic) Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Clark told Air Force Magazine. Those discussions are taking place between the "highest levels of the Air Force" and the combatant commands, he added. "How those forces are provided will continue as it stands until a different decision is made, if a different decision is made." All three forces already are stretched "very thin," with the B-1s supporting the anti-ISIS fight in Iraq and Syria, the B-52s rotating to Guam in support of the Air Force's continuous bomber presence mission there, and the B-2s also conducting assurance and deterrence missions, said Clark. "We have to be smart about how we manage that global bomber presence. It's something we're taking a hard look at right now, but it's hard to say how we're going to manage that [long-term] right now," he said. Clark said he "fully expects" the transition to bring some long-term "adjustments" to bomber tactics, techniques, and procedures, but it's too early to say what. "As we garner lessons learned from each other there very well may be things we do differently to try to enhance our training so we are better able to deliver the firepower the commander needs," he said. "I don't know exactly where those will be, but certain opportunity will present itself to the entire community."

Air Force Global Strike Command named the **top bomber** and ICBM wings during a ceremony marking the conclusion of the annual Global Strike Challenge at Barksdale AFB, La. The 509th Bomb Wing from Whiteman AFB, Mo., and the Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing took home the **Fairchild Trophy** for best bomb wing for the fourth time since the competition began in 2010. The 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., claimed the Blanchard Trophy for the best ICBM wing for the first time as part of the Global Strike Challenge. The wing last won the trophy in 2008 during Air Force Space Command's Guardian Challenge, a wing spokeswoman told Air Force Magazine. The award demonstrates how far the wing has come since last year's cheating scandal. "It's a trend, and we're trending in the right direction," Malmstrom Vice Commander Col. Jay Folds told the Great Falls Tribune. Although Folds acknowledged there is still work to do, he said morale has greatly improved. "This is our Top Gun. These airmen are the best of the best. We just delivered on that, we just proved that to the world," reported the paper. Airmen from AFGSC's nine wings participated in the 2015 challenge along with units from Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command, and the Air National Guard, states a release.

Keep the information to the **Air Force Gunners Association** flowing in a timely manner. E-mail any association officer listed with e-mail and US Mail addresses on the front pages of our Short Burst of any news important to the group and especially the passing of any gunner, honorary gunner, crewmember friend, or wife, whether a member of the association or not.

If you have any ideas, thoughts, or suggestions for a **gunner memorial** that Art Pollard is trying to get off the ground at the Enlisted Heritage Hall at Gunter, home of the Enlisted PME Center, in Montgomery, Alabama, please forward to any of your officers or e-mail Art directly at [APollardFlyboy@aol.com](mailto:APollardFlyboy@aol.com) or US Mail at 769 Dubuque Drive, Montgomery, AL, 36109. Thank you all for serving and continuing to serve, You made the difference!

## AFGA NEWSREEL

The Air Force on Oct. 27 awarded the contract for its **next generation stealth bomber** to Northrop Grumman Corp., beginning a several-year, multi-billion process to reshape the service's nuclear force. The long-awaited and heavily anticipated announcement was originally expected in the spring, with Air Force officials repeatedly delaying the award to make sure they "do it right." Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James announced the award during a Tuesday evening press conference at the Pentagon, accompanied by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh and several other officials. The Air Force plans to procure up to 100 bombers, with a goal cost of no more than \$550 million per aircraft, a goal that amounts to about one-third of the cost of the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber. The new bomber will replace the service's aging B-52 and B-1 fleet, flying both conventional and nuclear payloads. The bomber will fly manned, and eventually the Air Force wants the platform to be able to fly unmanned. Northrop Grumman and the joint team of Lockheed Martin and Boeing have been developing their entries in advance of the award, with Northrop especially making a public case for its entry with high-profile advertisements. "The Air Force has made the right decision for our nation's security," said Northrop President Wes Bush in an Oct. 27 statement. "As the company that developed and delivered the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, we look forward to providing the Air Force with a highly capable and affordable next-generation Long-Range Strike Bomber. Our team has the resources in place to execute this important program, and we're ready to get to work."

Under the **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**, all Americans including all military members (active duty, retired, Selected Reserve, or Retired Reserve) and their eligible family members must have health care coverage that meets a minimum standard called minimum essential coverage or pay a fee. *Your TRICARE coverage meets the minimum essential coverage requirement under the ACA.*

Beginning in January 2016, DFAS will be providing IRS Form 1095-C to all U.S. military members, and IRS Form 1095-B to all Retirees, Annuitants, former spouses and all other individuals having TRICARE coverage during all or any portion of tax year 2015. An IRS Form 1095 documents you (and your family members, if applicable) have the minimum essential coverage.

More information will be forthcoming about the delivery method of these forms. These forms will document the information that DFAS will provide to the IRS on yourself and your authorized family members. The forms will be required to be reported with your 2015 federal tax return. DFAS will provide you with IRS Form 1095 series forms no later than Jan. 31, 2016.

You can find more information about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on your federal income tax at: <http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act>, or <http://www.dfas.mil/taxes/aca.html>.

To all that submitted e-mails, newspaper articles, letters, or other information, I sincerely apologize for not being able to include all in this first edition of the Short Burst that I had the honor to put together. I will include these in the next edition. I simply ran out of time.

Stay positive, keep the information flowing, and now that I have been signed off with my three-level in the new editor position, I will start working immediately on the next Short Burst so I won't be working right up to the suspense to make this edition happen and get to you all in December, on time and on target.

Again, many thanks to all that contribute to this fine organization, start planning and saving to experience the reunion event in Nashville in 2017, and hope to see you all there!

Take care of yourselves and your families, Check up on your gunner buddies and think of them often with your fond, priceless memories, and their families this holiday season, and may God bless you all and our Great Nation.

*Pete Karjanis*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER - JOHN STANTON



Greetings from California's great central valley. I am happy to report that the long hot days of summer have been replaced by the moderate temperatures of autumn. We really need the rains and more important the snow in the mountains to release the western United States from this devastating drought.

The reunion in Reno, Nevada, was a great success. I want to congratulate those responsible for organizing it. We did have election of officers for the years 2015 to 2017. I was elected as the association chaplain. I have held a lot of positions in my life but never chaplain. I will do my very best to live up to the highest standards set by my predecessor, Iggy Cruz. I want to thank Iggy and the other officers for all their help and support.

It is very important that our officers are informed if any of our members are suffering from a serious illness or have passed away. I can be contacted by post or Email. My address is listed with the AFGA Association Officers.

In closing it is my family's wish that all our members, and their families have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

*John Stanton*

## FINAL FLY BY



**William Warren Brine** passed peacefully in his sleep January 8, 2015 with his family by his side.

Bill was born in New Boston Michigan, the oldest of four children. As a boy, the start of WWII had his family move to Long Beach, CA where his parents worked in the shipyard as part of the war effort. He always loved aviation and as a young teen he took a job at the local airport pumping gas to pay for his flying lessons. At 16 he soloed and shortly afterwards had his pilot's license. He started pursuing an aeronautical degree at Northrop Aeronautical Institute, but with the start of the Korean War, Bill enlisted in the Air Force. He trained as a gunner on the B-26 Invader and was soon attached to the 729th Bomb Squadron, 452 Bomb Wing where he flew 60 combat missions over Korea. Bill was awarded three air medals.

Upon his return from the war he worked for Douglas Aircraft and continued his education. Eventually, he earned a B.S. in Aero/Astro Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1964 followed by a Masters in Management from USC. In

1960 Bill started a 30 year career with Lockheed Missiles and Space Corporation. He worked on such programs as Minuteman Missile, Rocket Motor Test and Development, and he finished out his career with the Trident Missile System.

He married Eleanor O'Loughlin of Billings, Montana in 1955 and together they had 5 children. Last July they celebrated 59 years of marriage. Bill is survived by his wife Eleanor, sister Joan Dickenson, Children: William, Robert, Gail Ball, John, and Maureen Rush. William and Eleanor have 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband and father and will be sorely missed.

## FINAL FLY BY

Hello, Joan Young called this morning to tell us that Johnny died last week of cardiac arrest. He was taken to the hospital, and was on life support briefly. The family made the decision to remove life support when Johnny's condition became apparent. At Johnny's request, no services will be held. Here is Joan's contact information. She does not have access to e-mail right now.

Joan Young  
205 E. McCune St.  
Roswell, NM 88203-1827  
575-622-6523

*Lyn Snell and Gary Knowles*



**Johnny Young**, June 24, 1930 - October 21, 2015. Johnny M. Young, affectionately known to generations of family and friends as "Da", passed away on October 21, 2015. Johnny was a long time resident of Roswell. He retired from U.S. Air Force as a Master Sergeant having served for 20 years as a gunner on B29, B50, B36 and B52 aircraft.

He is survived by his wife Joan, daughters Debbie and Julie, son-in-law Bob, granddaughter Lisa and her husband Adam, grand niece Rachel, and his "favorite kid" great granddaughter L'Rissa in addition to numerous other family members.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the Roswell Humane Society, 703 E. McGaffey St., Roswell, NM 88203. Johnny M. Young, affectionately known to generations of family and friends as "Da", passed away on October 21, 2015.

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**Paul Young**, B-52 Gunner Passes Away,

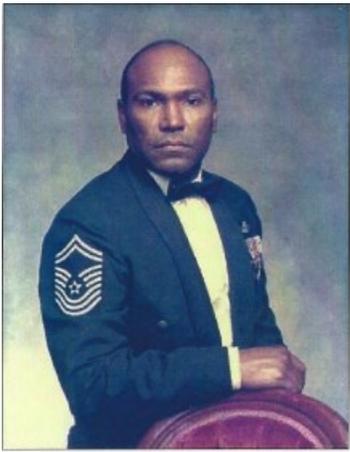
Hi Everyone, I received the sad news that a fellow gunner, Paul Young passed away on August 28th of this year. I served with Paul in Stan/Eval at Barksdale on the B-52G. He is survived by his wife Muriel who resides in Jacksonville, Arkansas and two daughters. Rest well our Friend

*Mike Roll*

Retired MSGT Paul Joseph Young 65, of Jacksonville passed August 28, 2015. Loving memories left to wife: Muriel Young, children: Tiffany Young-Parker and Anita Young-Sattler (Juergen) all of Jacksonville, grandchildren: Joseph Young (Mariah), Jasmin Young, Jamilla Glass, Aneesha Young, Joslynn Young, and Brandon Young, great-grandchildren: Shaniya Young, Jordyn Ellis, and Kamau Young, Goddaughter: Nichelle Marshall- Wright, siblings: Robert Young (Maude), Gerald Young, Doris

Wilson, Ann Brown, Lois Blanchard (Thomas), Valarie Willis (Tyree), and Faye Hill (Harvey). Visitation September 3, 2015, 6-7 p.m. at Superior. Home going celebration September 4, 2015, 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church 401

## **FINAL FLY BY**



### **Ocie Love Snider**

January 11, 1932 - June 20, 2015

USAF CMS (Rt'd) **Ocie Love Snider** transitioned suddenly, in his Temple Terrace home the early morning of June 20, 2015. Aged 83, he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Millie R; daughter, M. Ruth; son, Orson L.; and a sister, Inell Banks of W. Blot-ton Alabama.

Ocie was an active member of Tampa First Presbyterian Church, since transferring membership in 1990 from Covenant Presbyterian in Durham, NC. Over the years he had served as an elder, usher and liturgist. He was an initiate of Omega Psi Phi Fraterni-ty. Snider also became a member of a Prince Hall Masonic Lodge, while stationed at Ramey AFB- Puerto Rico.

Chief Snider was a fan of most sports and an exceptional athlete in baseball, football, racquetball and basketball. His prowess in baseball, while stationed in Japan, earned him an offer to try out for the developing Tokyo Giants. The newlyweds, then stationed at Griffiss AFB -New York, were not up to the gamble. Of course, it was often won-dered through the years- what if? Drawn to sports wherever he lived, he could be found officiating for high school and college competitions whenever his work schedule would allow. It must be noted that Snider rarely missed Saturdays with Par and Bogie Golf Club.

Ocie availed himself of educational opportunities and advanced himself throughout his career, earning his B.A. from Park University and MBA from Nova University. In 1968 he earned his private pilot's license for single engines. He had recently committed to study Spanish again.

Ocie Snider was ever present as a volunteer in every community in which he lived. Over the years he belonged to a host of organizations; The Gray Club, Lions Club, Toastmasters and the American Red Cross as a multi-gallon blood donor. Most recently his commitment to the community was met by his some 10 years as an AARP Driver Safety instructor.

Above all Ocie was the kindest member of the Snider family. No desire or wish was ever unanswered and every path was made smooth thanks to his perspective and labor. There will never be another like him and we are all poorer.



**John Alden Snell III**, March 22, 1950-July 1, 2015, 65, Goldsboro, passed away Wednes-day, July 1, 2015, at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

John was born in Buffalo, N.Y., March 22, 1950, to the late John Alden Snell Jr. and Hele-ne Graham Snell.

He proudly served his country as a technical sergeant in the United States Air Force, and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

John was a graduate of Wayne Community College, and was a member of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

A service celebrating John's life will be held Monday, July 6, 2015, at 7 p.m. at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, with the Rev. Barry Williamson officiating.

The family will receive friends Monday following the service at the church.

John is survived by his wife, Phyllis D. Snell; daughters, Megan Snell and fiancé, Nicholas Goldberg, and Meredith Snell and fiancé, Sterling Gehn; grandsons, Logan, Maxon and

Colsyn; sisters, Barbara Buyalos, JoAnn Noland and Robin Williamson and husband, Edward, all of Virginia; sister -in-law, Joy Roberts of South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Pet Food Pantry of Eastern North Carolina, P.O. Box 2492, Greenville, N.C., 27836.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.seymourfuneralhome.com](http://www.seymourfuneralhome.com).

## FINAL FLY BY

### Jim Siedenburg

Jim died last week in Spokane Washington. He was 87 years old. He joined the Army Air Corps in August of 1950. He had a long career in the Air Force starting as a gunner in B-36s and changing to the B-52 in 1956. After a long and decorated combat career he served as 1st Sergeant of various squadrons and retiring from Fairchild in September 1977.

He was survived by his wife Lila, three daughters, three grand children and three great grandchildren.

Jim was my roommate on Guam in 1966. We were partners in HURTS-RENT-A-CAR and had many adventures together. He was a great friend and we kept up with each other over the years.

I attended his funeral and military ceremony on August 31st at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery.

*PETE LARSEN*



SIEDENBURG, Jim R. (Age 87)

Jim was born February 28, 1928 to John and Mable Siedenburg in Holyoke, CO. He graduated in 1946 from Holyoke High School. Jim Joined the Army Air Corps in August of 1950 and was stationed at Fairchild AFB, after basic training and Tech School where he met his future wife Lila Laverne Morigeau. They were married at the Hitching Post in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho on January 29, 1953.

He had a long career in the Air Force, starting as a Gunner in B-36s and changing to B-52s in 1956. After a long and decorated combat career, he served as the 1st Sergeant of various squadrons, ending back at Fairchild AFB where he retired in September 1977.

Jim's life was family focused, his generosity had no boundaries, his greatest joy in life was to be able to help and give to others.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents John and Mabel Siedenburg of Holyoke, Colorado; his brothers Wesley Siedenburg of Holyoke and Theodore E. Siedenburg of Johnstown, Colorado. He is survived by his wife Lila L. Siedenburg; daughters Renee C. Siedenburg and Michele G. Siedenburg of Spokane Valley, and Janine M. Sears of Redmond, Washington; brother Harvey E. Siedenburg; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Monday, August 31, 2015 at 1:30pm at The Washington State Veteran's Cemetery, 21702 W. Espanola Rd., Medical Lake, WA, 99022.



## FINAL FLY BY

Subject: Tom Keiser

Pete,

I met Tom in n1955, going way back. He was in the 326th Bomb Squadron, then the 326th activated Glasgow AFB by orders of SAC.

He was a member of the AFGA. While he managed casinos, CC Walker and I never paid for a meal or a cocktail. Our rooms were discounted too to \$ 24.00.

Tom was a good guy, he will be missed.

*Harry Tomlich*



### THOMAS KEISER

Thomas R. "Tom," "Tucker," "Tuck" Keiser, 80, of Las Vegas passed away Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015. He was born Aug. 2, 1935, to Helen and Myrl Keiser in Cody, Neb., and was a 53-year resident of Las Vegas. Tom served in the U.S. Air Force and was a slot manager in the gaming industry for 42 years.

He is survived by his wife, Tatyana; son, Bill; daughter, Cindi; stepdaughter, Gergana; sisters, Mary Ellen and Kay, brother-in-law Jerry; nephews; nieces; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Tom will be missed greatly by everyone who knew him. "Rest in peace Tom, you will remain in our hearts forever."

Celebration of life will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 27, at the German-American Social Club of Nevada, 1110 E. Lake Mead Blvd., N. Las Vegas, NV 89030. Private services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005.

See more at: <http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=175879426#sthash.QSWGIceo.dpuf>



Subject: Leo Graham

From: CEASE

LEO WAS A FAIRCHILD TROOP, WENT THROUGH CASTLE IN'57.. NEVER KNEW WHERE HE WENT... I WOUND UP WITH A PIECE OF FURNITURE LEO HAD BUILT FOR CHARLEY McCARTHY, A BAR, AND THREE BAR STOOLS... THEY TOO ARE RETIRED NOW...*Cease Walker*

Hi Chuck,

Thank you to those who remembered my brother, Leo (8-9-1933 to 10-1-2015) and my family in prayer. He is now at peace with the Lord as of this morning. He had a late day visit w/ his wife yesterday and his daughter conversed w/him and gave him permission to leave. Please continue to keep his son, Gary and daughter, Robin Graham in prayer. Thank you so much!

While his wife was visiting with him late yesterday, someone witnessed to her and led her to Christ. Think she was a life-long Lutheran. Leo had a very fast advancing case of Alzheimer's. If you wish to get in touch with his son, he is Gary Graham on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/gary.graham.3914>

Sincerely, *Beulah Garrett*

## **FINAL FLY BY**



**DUPREE, Naida Frances** (Age 82) passed away July 21, 2015.

Naida was born October 10, 1932 in Kingston, Idaho to Thomas and Ivy Irene Hunt. She was the fifth of five children. She moved with her family to Coeur d'Alene where she graduated from Coeur d'Alene High School in 1951 and attended North Idaho College.

Naida married Stanley Dupree on January 14, 1956 and moved to Fairchild AFB where Stanley was stationed in the USAF. After retirement from the service, the couple returned to Coeur d'Alene and a few years later built a home in the West Plains area of Spokane.

Naida was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Spokane for over 35 years where she was active in the alter circle and LWML. Naida loved to grow and arrange flowers and was a member of the Lincoln Heights Garden Club and the Spokane Flower Arrangers Club. She also enjoyed painting flowers and various watercolors.

Naida was preceded in death by her sisters Grace Smith of Priest River, ID, Billie Stanley of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and her brother Thomas Hunt of Tacoma, WA. She is survived by her husband Stanley Dupree of Spokane; son Paul Dupree (Julie) of Libby, MT; sister Margret Toomey of Sandpoint, ID; granddaughters Rhiannon O'Neill of Marysville, WA, Danielle Dupree of Murray, UT; and grandson Christian Dupree of Barksdale AFB, LA.

Naida was deeply loved by all her family and friends and heaven will be a better place with her there. A memorial service will be held for her on Saturday, August 1, 11:00am at St. John's Lutheran Church located on Hwy 195 South at 5810 Meadow Lane Rd., Spokane, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. John's Lutheran Building Fund.

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/spokesman/obituary.aspx?pid=175368758#sthash.KK58Fb3g.dpuf>



**Gregory Chavez** was born on May 9, 1932 and passed away on Friday, July 3, 2015. Gregory was a resident of Smithfield, North Carolina at the time of his passing.

Gregory Chavez, age 83, died Friday morning, July 3, 2015 at his home. Born May 9, 1932 in Bowie, AZ he was a son of the late Emilio and Josephine Marguerite Gonzalez Chavez.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Taylor Brooke Baker on April 18, 2015. Gregory was a member of the American Legion Post 132, and VFW Post 5886 where he served as 1st Vice Commander and Quartermaster.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015 in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home. Burial, with military honors, will follow in Knollwood Memorial Park.

Surviving are his son, Gregory Chavez and wife Kelly of Clayton; daughter, Angela Braswell and husband Benjamin of Kenly; brothers, Carlos Chavez and wife Rose of California, and Albert Chavez and wife Judy of Arizona; sister, Pauline Chavez of Arizona; and grandchildren, Riggs Williamson, Morgan Baker, Landen Chavez, Owen Chavez, Emily Braswell, and Autumn Chavez.

Flowers are appreciated or memorial contributions may be made to the Gregory Chavez Fund, c/o American Legion Post 132, P.O. Box 70, Smithfield, NC 27577.

## **FINAL FLY BY**



**HAROLD ROBERT WINTERS - ZANESVILLE:** Harold Robert "Bob" Winters, 89, of Zanesville, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

He was born in Zanesville on November 12, 1925 to the late Harold V. and Edna Walsh Winters Graduated from Lash High School 1943.

Member of Immanuel United Church of Christ of Zanesville. A Mould maker by Trade at Zanesville Mould Company and retired in 1988. He served on the executive board of the American Flint Glass Workers. Founded Early Times Custom Car Club and was an avid pottery collector.

During World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps on December 3, 1943 where he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant as a nose gunner on a B24 Liberator. He was a member of the 531st Bomb Squadron, 380th Bomb Group, Fifth Air Force. He received an Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with five Battle Participation Stars (Air Offensive Japan, China, Bismarck Archipelago, Northern Solomons, & Southern Philippines) Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal. He also earned two Presidential Unit Citations. As a member of the 380th Bomb Group, he also had the unique honor of being able to wear the bomber wing insignia of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Moeller Winters; his brother, Donald E. Winters; and his good friend, Mose Mesre.

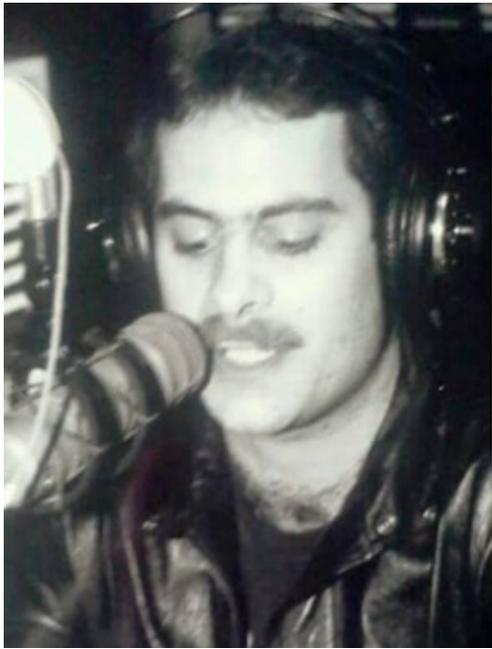
Surviving are his daughters, Sharon (Don) Mullinnex and Shelley (Carl) Fuller and his son, Stephen Winters, all of Zanesville; his four grandchildren, Trent (Jacqueline) Jay of Wisconsin, Tyrone (Elaine) Jay of Tennessee, Jessica (Chris) Martin of Westerville, Ohio, and Matthew Fuller of Minnesota; six great grandchildren, Justin Jay, Cory Jay, Calvin Jay, Megan Jay, Connor Martin and Owen Martin; also, cousin Edward (Pat) Walsh of Gaysport.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Immanuel Church of Zanesville, 105 South Seventh Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or Genesis Healthcare Foundation, 2951 Maple Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Sent in by: *Rodney Robinson*, AFGA



## FINAL FLY BY



Rick Shannon, (**Nick Manzi**) 9/25/1958 to 7/4/2015, was a Sacramento radio icon, both on the air, and in the production studio. He and his voice will be missed.

As many of you know, Rick Shannon (Nick Manzi) passed away early July 4th - Independence Day, in the comfort of his own home and under the care of his children after a very short fight with a long time un-diagnosed stage 4 cancer that metastasized along with kidney failure. Things took a turn for the worst June 22nd, 2015.

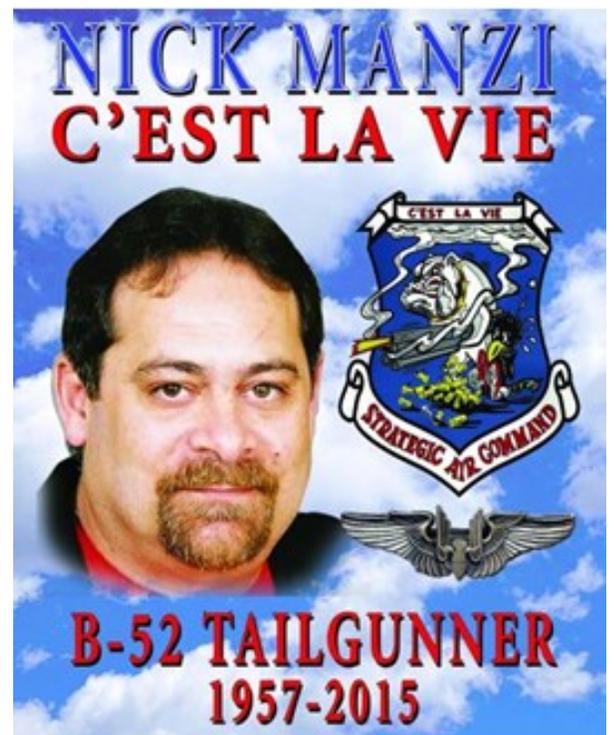
Rick (Nick) Shannon started his career in Radio at KOBO radio in Yuba City California. It was a dream come true for Rick to be working in radio. ...In his own words "After a year and a half of learning my craft at KOBO Yuba City (the alma-mater of a great many major-league jocks), Dave Camper, whom I idolized since '72, called me with thrilling news: the mighty KROY in Sacramento was interested in hearing my act in consideration for a weekend gig. ACT?! My "act" consisted of "The Basics" and occasionally hitting a post or two."

Rick left KROY in 1978 and went to work for KSLY in San Luis Obispo where he worked on-air and as a Music Director at just 19 years of age. In 1979 Rick returned to KROY and served as an afternoon on air and Music Director. Shannon worked several radio stations and groups including KOOL 101.9, Willson Broadcasting, April 1980 – September 1980 (6 months) Fresno, California Area. Royce International Broadcasting, February 1981 – September 1982 (1 year 8 months) Sacramento, California Area, 7-12M air talent for KWOD106.

Instructor Defensive Aerial Gunner, B-52G, United States Air Force, September 1982 – December 1986 (4 years 4 months) Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA. Member of the instructor team of gunners in the 441st BMS at Mather, tasked with instructing and insuring line gunners stay current and qualified on the ASG-15 fire control system employed for bomber defense on the B-52G, and that all line gunners conduct operations according to SAC Tactical Doctrine, and current Dash-1 and Dash-5 procedures.

Fuller-Jeffery Broadcasting December, 1984 – March 1986 (1 year 4 months) Sacramento, California Area. He served as an on air Talent Y-92 (nights)/Production Director Westinghouse Broadcasting 1986 – 1997 and held the evening show position for 11 years. Skyhawk, He was Production Director CBS Radio Sacramento 1997 – 2000 (3 years). He spent the last 15 years as Production Director Entravision Communications, January 2000 – June 2015.

Rick also did Voice over/Production talent Communications and Dennis Colbert 2000 – June 2015(15 years)



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**Frederick R. "Fritz" Payne**, a World War II fighter ace who left his mark on aviation and wartime history by shooting down six Japanese warplanes during the Battle of Guadalcanal, a bloody, months-long confrontation that helped change the course of the war, has died at age 104.

The retired Marine Corps brigadier general, who was believed to be the oldest surviving U.S. fighter ace, died on Aug. 6 at his home in Rancho Mirage. Hundreds had turned out to honor him last Memorial Day at the Palm Springs Air Museum, which on Tuesday confirmed his death. "He was an extraordinary guy, and we can only hope that we can live up to his and others' example and carry on in their footsteps and

remember what they did," said the museum's director, Fred Bell.

What Payne did between September and October 1942 was take to the skies in an F4F Wildcat and shoot down four Japanese bombers and two fighter planes during a crucial, months-long battle for control of the Pacific that Allied forces had launched with no clear indication they could win. "Fritz came along at a time when we were essentially losing the war," said Bell, adding Payne and others who "stood their ground at Guadalcanal" kept the Japanese from gaining control of the Pacific Ocean from the east coast of Australia to the western United States. The battle marked a turning point in the war's Pacific theater.

Payne, meanwhile, would be honored with the Navy Cross, silver star, Distinguished Flying Cross and other medals during a long military career. When Congress decided earlier this year to honor all of the nation's fighter aces with a Gold Medal, its highest civilian honor, he was too frail to attend the ceremony in Washington, D.C. Instead, Rep. Raul Ruiz, D-Palm Springs, brought it to him at the Air Museum. "Terrific," he said when it was presented. "He was a very humble guy," noted Bell.

The title fighter ace is reserved for those who have shot down at least five enemy aircraft in battle. Technically Payne was awarded 5 ½ kills because he had help from another pilot in downing one plane.

Frederick Rounsville Payne, Jr., was born July 31, 1911, in Elmira, N.Y., the son of a Spanish-American War veteran. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy for two years before completing his college education at the University of Arizona in 1935. Upon graduation he had hoped to join the Navy's cadet program but learned it was full. "My father said, 'You're a college graduate, go to the recruiting office and tell them you'd like to join the Marine Corps,'" he told the Palm Springs Desert Sun in 2010. So he did and the Marines made him a second lieutenant. When he retired in 1958 he was a brigadier general. Later he worked for Southern California Edison, managing the utility company's aircraft operations until retiring in 1976. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy. Survivors include three children and three grandchildren.



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**Walt Ferguson** - The 25th of June I made a trip with the Honor flight out of Quincy IL. We were all Vietnam vets. Most were Army but there were three of us who were Air Force. We were meet at the Baltimore airport by a group of young Navy members. My first stop was the Wall. I was looking for Walter Ferguson lost on the first night of Linebacker II. I was stationed at Blytheville AFB with him and he was a good friend.

I met **Charlie Poole** on my first Arclight trip and we lived in the trailers together. It seemed like we were on the same schedule as we hooked up several other times. If you look at the first picture Fergie is under my finger. In the second one Charlie is listed. They are two lines apart. There may be some others there that some of you might recognize. Forgive me for the way I look as I am

in the final stages of defeating a cancer in my stomach. It has been a long hard three months but we have gained on it and with a little luck may have it killed by the end of August.

*Leon Kearns*



**Day is done ... Gone the sun ... From the lakes From the hills ...  
From the sky ... All is well .. Safely rest . God is nigh ...**

**Fading light ... Dims the sight .. And a star Gems the sky...  
Gleaming bright ... From afar ... Drawing nigh Falls the night ..**

**Thanks and praise ... For our days ... Neath the sun . Neath the  
stars... Neath the sky ... As we go ... This we know ... God is nigh ..**

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First 325th Bomb Squadron Reunion, Fairchild AFB, WA, 31 July - 2 August, 2015, Fairchild AFB Base Tour. Alum included former CINCSAC, several flag officers, commanders, wing gunner, squadron gunner, and over 200 squadron members. Pre-reunion for the gunners was held at the Village Tavern in Airway Heights Thursday evening. Reception was downtown Spokane Friday evening, and Grand Banquet was held in the ballroom of the new Airway Heights Casino Saturday night. In the finest gunner tradition, the gunners in attendance closed down the bar after closing down the ballroom. Most memorable and unforgettable time was had by all.

**AFGA BX OFFICER - BOB DICK Jr.**



I'd like to thank the few who helped with the BX at our latest reunion in Reno, they helped make my first reunion as the BX officer a little less stressful and smoother running. I'd also like to thank my new wife Mendy for all her help and support, and for not minding spending her honeymoon with us gunners working in the BX.

I'm hoping the next reunion will have a published schedule of when the BX will be open and be available to make purchases. I'd also like to find some volunteers that would be willing to work the BX for a couple hours here and there so that we can maximize the amount of time the BX can be open as well as the amount of sales achieved. The total deposit from the reunion sales and the donation from Crew Dawg Creations sales totaled: \$1,307.55, total shipping cost to and from Reno: \$633.11, leaving a total of \$674.44 in the black.

I'd like to have some new merchandise in for the Nashville reunion in 2017. If anybody has any ideas of what they'd like to see, please feel free to e-mail me with your ideas. Please keep in mind that most of the merchandise has a minimum to order as well as a set-up fee if it is the type of merchandise that has to be produced. I have had the request to have a "daughter of a gunner patch" produced. If this is of interest to you, please e-mail me and if I get enough responses, I can work on getting one produced. *Bob*

**Red/white/blue B-52 cap - \$15 (ck availability with Bob D.) #36**



The "Official" 2015 Gunner's Reunion His & Her personalized coffee mugs are hot off the press. 15oz His mug \$17.99, 11oz Her mug \$14.99.

These can be ordered anytime  
[WWW.crewdawgcreations.com](http://WWW.crewdawgcreations.com).



Customized 15oz coffee cup—contact Bob Dick Jr. at [crewdawgcreations.com](http://crewdawgcreations.com) for \$\$\$ and how to order. You can put just about any AF patch, ribbon bar, photo, art that you desire. Seem to be dish washer and micro wave safe (I put mine in both with no issues) #45



**Gunner Beer Mug—\$40— Large— price includes shipping #43**



**Magnetic Bumper Sticker \$9 (a few left yet (3-4) size: 8"X 3 7/8" #68**



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DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL
Item #21 – Gunner's Bullet Wings.....2.75" Replica of original Gunner's bullet wings.		\$8.75		
Item #21 – Gunner's Patch Emblem Lapel Pin.....1" Gunner's patch emblem lapel pin		\$5.25		
<b>DECALS</b>				
Item #23 – Gunner's Patch Decal w/white background Outside application ..... 8.25"x11" Gunner's patch decal w/white background. Outside application.		\$7.25		
Item #24 – Gunner's patch decal w/clear background Inside application ..... 8.25"x11" Gunner's patch decal w/clear background Inside application		\$7.25		
Item #25 – Gunner's patch decal w/clear background Outside application ..... 8.25"x11" Gunner's patch decal w/clear background outside application		\$7.25		
Item #26 – Gunner's Patch Decal - Clear back Inside 7.25"x8.25" ..... 7.25"x8.25" Gunner's patch clear back decal. Inside application.		\$7.00		
Item #27 – AFGA 7.75" Round Decal Outside Application..... AFGA 7.75" Round Decal, blue with silver wings and lettering. Outside Application		\$7.25		
Item #28 – AFGA 7.75" Round Decal Inside Application..... AFGA 7.75" Round Decal, blue with silver wings and lettering. Inside Application		\$7.25		
Item #29 – Air Force Gunner's Association Lettered Decal..... This 17.25" Air Force Gunner's Association lettered decal is perfect for inside rear window application.		1.25		
Item #30 – "Son of a Gunner" gunner's patch decal – Large..... 6-1/2" Gunner's patch decal features the Large bulldog with the baby bulldog.		\$5.25		
Item #31 – "Son of a Gunner" gunner's patch decal – Small..... 4-1/2" Gunner's patch decal features the Large bulldog with the baby bulldog.		\$3.25		
Item #32 – Gunner's patch decal – 3 per order.....		3/\$1.25		
Item #54 – AFGA Biplane (Round).....		\$1.25		
Item #55 – USAF Enlisted Chevrons Decal (set of 4)..... Msgt, SMSgt, SMSgt - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt available.		\$1.25		
<b>BALL CAPS</b>				
Item #33 – Air Force Gunner's Association - Blue Ball Cap..... Air Force Gunner's Association - Blue Ball Cap w/silver lettering and bullet wings		\$15.25		
Item #34 – Air Force Gunner's Association - White Ball Cap..... (ONE REMAINING) Air Force Gunner's Association White ball cap with silver and blue lettering.		\$15.25		
Item #35 – B-52 Black Silhouette - Blue Hat..... This Blue hat features an embroidered black silhouette of a B-52		\$15.25		
Item #36 – B-52 B-52 Silver Silhouette - Red Hat..... This Red hat features a silver embroidered B-52 silhouette.		\$15.25		
Item #37 - B-52 Silver Silhouette Black Hat..... This black cap features a silver embroidered silhouette of a B-52.		\$15.25		
Item #38 - B-52 Silver Silhouette Blue Hat..... This Blue hat features an embroidered silver B-52 Silhouette.		\$15.25		
Item #39 - B-52 Gunner's patch emblem - C'est La Vie Ball cap..... Gunner's patch emblem sublimated C'est La Vie Ball cap has emblem in the middle, wording B-52 left side & gunner right side. Mesh back.		\$16.25		
Item #40 - Camouflaged B-52 - White Ball Cap.....		\$9.25		
Item #56 – Gunner's Patch Emblem - White Ball Cap..... White Ball Cap featuring the Gunner's Patch Emblem		\$13.25		

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DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL
Item #57 – B-52 Gunner - White Ball Cap..... White Ball Cap featuring a blue patch with silver silhouette of a B-52 and yellow lettering – B-52 Gunner		\$13.25		
<b>BELT BUCKLES</b>				
Item #41 – SAC Gunner’s Patch Belt Buckle.....		\$12.25		
Item #42 – AFGA w/Biplane image Belt Buckle.....		\$12.25		
<b>DRINKWARE</b>				
Item #43- Gunner’s Beer Stein..... 32oz Ceramic Stein w/ SAC emblem one side, Gunner’s patch emblem opposite side (Priority Shipping included)		\$40.00	included	
Item #44 – Gunner 2015 Reunion 15oz Coffee Mug..... 15oz ceramic coffee mug featuring all bomber aircraft crewed with gunners throughout history Personalized w/name. Please include name with spelling desired when ordering.		\$17.99		
Item #45 – Gunner 2015 Reunion 11oz Coffee Mug..... 11oz ceramic coffee mug featuring all bomber aircraft crewed with gunners throughout history Personalized w/name. Please include name with spelling desired when ordering.		\$14.99		
<b>CLOTHING</b>				
Item #46 – Windbreaker Jacket – Navy..... Snap front, nylon, AFGA logo left breast XXL, XXXL Only!!!		\$12.25		
Item #47 – Golf Shirts.....AFGA Logo Left Breast				
White, Sizes Available – S, M, L, CLEARANCE		\$12.25		
Light Blue, Sizes Available – XL		\$27.25		
Royal Blue, Sizes Available – M, CLEARNCE		\$15.25		
Navy Blue, Sizes Available – M, XL		\$27.25		
Item #48 – Golf Wind-shirts.....AFGA Logo Left Breast		\$15.25		
Navy Blue, V-neck XL Only CLEARANCE				
Item #49 – Sweat Shirts.....AFGA Logo Left Breast				
Navy Blue, Sizes Available – S, M, XL, XXL, 3XL		\$26.25		
White, Sizes Available – S, M, L, XL, XXL CLEARANCE		\$20.25		
Item #50 – Sweat Shirts.....Camouflaged B-52		\$20.25		
Blue - Sizes Available – L or XL Natural (Tan) - Sizes Available – XL Only				
Item #51 – T-Shirt.....Navy, AFGA Logo Embroidered Left Breast		\$20.25		
Sizes Available – S, M, L, XXL				
Item #52 – Vest.....Navy, Polyester w/AFGA Logo		\$30.25		
Sizes Available – 40L, 42L, 48L, 3XL				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>				
Item #53 – Mouse pad.....AFGA Logo		\$1.25		
Item #58 – Golf Ball/Sleeve.....		\$3.25		
3 Balls per sleeve featuring the AFGA Logo				
Item #58 – Magnet Proud to Have Served.....		\$9.25		
8"x4" Magnetic Car Decal, Full Color featuring the words, "Proud to Have Served, Freedom is Not Free" B-52 D w/SAC emblem B-52 w/SAC emblem B-52 w/Gunner Patch emblem				
Item #59 – SAC Gunner Patch Emblem Banner.....		\$25.25		
20"x24" Vinyl Indoor/Outdoor Full colored banner featuring the Gunner’s patch emblem.				

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DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	SHIPPING	TOTAL
Item #60 – SAC Gunner Patch Emblem Sign.....		\$25.25		
20"x20", printed on 1/8" backboard w/sculptured edges				
<b>SHIPPING PRICE GUIDELINE</b>				
Jackets, Shirts, Mugs.....		\$11.00		
Each additional add		\$2.00		
Hats.....		\$6.00		
Each additional add		\$2.00		
Small Flat Goods.....		\$3.00		
Each additional add		\$1.00		
(Wings, Pins, Patches, Decals, etc)				
Belt Buckles.....		\$6.00		
Each additional add		\$2.00		
<b>"If in doubt for large orders, call or email for an estimate"</b>				

We also have 2 Ft. Worth Memory Books remaining for sale—\$40 each includes the mailing—contact Bob Dick Jr. for info.

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