



Remain in Touch

Freedom Through Vigilance Association

Annual History

October 2009 – September 2010

Objective

The overall objectives of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA) are to foster continued awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force, in general, and specifically those of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency – and to provide Association members a forum for desirable social, educational and humanitarian services.

Period of history

This history covers October 2009 – September 2010 and spans the social year of the FTVA.

Organization

The Kelly AFB Commander, Col. John Webb, organized the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, formerly known as the USAFSS/ESC Association and the USAFSS/ESC Alumni Association, on October 26, 1981, with the approval of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. The Alumni charter was granted on December 2, 1981. William T. Ballard was the chartering president.

FTVA Board of Directors

The Association's 2010 officers and directors consisted of the following:

Executive Board

Lee Anthony – President
Ron Haygood – Vice President
Bob Cope – Treasurer
Loren (Phred) Sevensing – Secretary
Chris Cook – Immediate Past President

Directors

Barnie Gavin – Historian
Bob Baert – Membership/Webmaster
Dennis “Rass” Rassmussen – Newsletter Chairman
Jim McLendon – Official activities
Joe Hurst – Sports
Ken Williams – Social Chairman
Kenny O’Neal – Membership Chairman
A.J. Harrison – Picnic Chairman

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Bill Ballard – Hall of Honor
Grover McMakin – Social Chairman
Dennis Rassmussen – Newsletter Chairman

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Bob Sherwood – Hall of Honor Chairman
Doug Holden – Special Activities

Chapter Presidents

Gary O’Shaughnessy – National Capital Chapter
J.J. Graham – Heritage Chapter
Ken Een – Aloha Chapter
Steve Carney – Gold Country Chapter

AF ISR Agency Advisory Officers

Col Mike Shields – Senior Liaison Officer
Maj Luis Cario – Reunion Coordinator
Wayne Amann – AFISR Agency /PA

Deceased Association and Former Command/Agency Members

During 2010, the FTVA Board of Directors (BOD) noted with great sadness the passing of the following members, whose names were published in the Remain in Touch newsletters. We miss them all and remain indebted for their dedication, sacrifice and service.

In Memoriam

Brian Barbor, USAFSS Vet; Harvey Baker, MSgt, USAF-Ret; Dwight Leo Black, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Richard A. Blair, USAF Vet/GS-Civ (Ret); Leslie James Bolstridge II Col., USAF-Ret; HOH, FTVA Lifetime Member; Charlie Bonham, USAF- Ret; Richard Bowie, TSgt. USAF –Ret; Nate Britt, USAF –Ret; James Patrick Bryan, USAF-Ret; William “Bill” Loomis Burkhart, USAF-Ret; Ralph Quinn Butler, Maj, USAF-Ret; Jesse B. Cardin, MSgt, USAF-Ret; A.C. Chamblee, CMSgt, USAF Ret; Carlton E. Chambers, MSgt USAF-Ret, FTVA Member; Bradley G. Chandler, USAFSS Vet, FTVA Lifetime Member; C. Lloyd Chandler, USAFSS Vet; Marcel-Henri Cliang, FTVA Lifetime Member; Louis E. Coira, Maj. Gen., USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member, HOH; Henry N. Connors, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Robert. W. Cork, USAFSS Vet; Robert Criss, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Bartholomew J. Croisette, USAFSS Vet; Clayton Davis, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Robert H. Dobbins, USAF-Ret; Willard R. (Bill) Ellerson, GS-Civ/Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member, HOH 1990; Segundo Espinoza Sr., Father of Segundo Espinoza Jr. FTVA Member; Mark R. Feeney, USAFSS Vet; Raymond Winslow Field; MSgt, USAF-Ret; Richard “Dick” Fitts, MSgt, USAF-Ret; Howard J. Floyd, Sgt, USAFSS VET; Jerry R. Freeman, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; FTVA Lifetime Member; Thomas Emers, TSgt, USAF-Ret; John W. Felt, USAFSS Vet, Bremerhaven; James Flodine, USAFSS, COMSEC Vet; Earl Eugene Frank, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Cascille French, Wife of Lt Col C.T. French (Ret) FTVA Member, HOH; Bill Frizzell SMSgt, USAF-Re; Earlish M. Gause, USAFSS Vet; Walter D. Goss, Capt., USAF-Ret; George Greene, MSgt, USAF-Ret; Marshall James Gregory, USAFSS Vet; Glen Hartman, GS—Civ, (Ret); Rocklin “Rocky” L. Harvey, MSgt, USAF-Ret; John Havice, USAF-Ret; Gary A. Hivko, USAFSS Vet; John Higley, USAFSS COMSEC Vet; John C. Higley, USAFSS, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Robert (Todd) Honea, ESC, Vet; Edgar Hopler, USAFSS COMSEC Vet; Joe T. Hudson Sr., CMSgt, USAF-Ret; William H. ‘Bill’ Hughes, USAFSS Vet; Roger Kenneth Gavit, SMSgt, USAF Ret/USPS-Ret; Timothy F. Goode, USAFSS Vet Misawa; Bryan Michael Taylor “Mike” Hunter, MSgt, USAF-Ret/GS-Civ-Ret.; Leona Rosemary Jacobs, Wife Lt Col Ron M. Jacobs, Lifetime Member; Paul Roy Johnson, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member; Richard Allen Jule, USAFSS-Vet GS-Civ/Ret; Rodney D. Kastens, USAFSS Vet; Terrence J. Kearney. Maj. USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Arthur William Kellond, Brig.Gen. USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Richard C. Kletka, USAFSS Vet, Misawa; William H. Kohl, CMSgt, USAF-Ret; Joseph Kulick, MSgt, USAF-Ret; Allen J. Lavelle, Lt Col. USAF-Ret; Jerold ‘Jerry’ Lewis, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Lloyd W. Lindsey, CMSgt, USAF-Ret; Bruce Limpus, USAFSS. USASF-Ret; Billy Roy Locke, GS-Civ (Ret) FTVA HOH Inductee; James L. “Jolly” Lomax, USAFSS Vet; John “Jack” Lowry, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Eugene C. Lyon, CMSgt, UASAF-Ret, FTVA Member; James H. Macia, Jr., Col USAF-Ret, HOH, FTVA Lifetime Member; Phillip J. March, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Paul H. Martin, MGen, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member, HOH 2001; Richard E. (Dick) Martindale, Lt. Col, USAF-Ret; Bobby Martin USAFSS COMSEC; Sanford (Sandy) Thomas Matthews, USAFSS Vet; James Ingram Mayer, Col., USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Robert “Alan” MacManus, CMSgt, USAF-Ret; Doyce Ray McWaters, USAFSS Vet Karamursel AS, Turkey; Alan Andrew Miller, MSgt, USAF-Ret; Ben Miller, USAFSS Vet; Charles M. “Catfish” Miller Jr. USAF-Ret; Bert H. Mongeon, Maj., USAF-

Ret; John Edwin Neeley, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Bill Nettles, USAFSS/ESC; Reginald R. R Michael Morris, USAF-Ret; Reggie Nevels, TSgt, USAF-Ret; Hugh J."OB" O'Brien, SMSgt USAF-Ret; Airlee Owens, USAFSS Vet; FTVA Lifetime Member; Jan Parcell, USAFSS Vet.; Michael Park, USAF-Ret; Florence M. Parrish, FTVA Lifetime Member; Neil Paul Peck, USAFSS Vet 6913th RSM; Wilma L. Pickard, FTVA Member; Jack Pitchford, Lt Col, USAF-Ret; Marilyn Spangler Polansky, GS-Civ/Ret; Cecil L Poole, USAF-Ret FTVA Lifetime Member; William Y. Powell, Lt.Col, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member; William M. Price Jr, USAFSS Vet; David L. Probst, USAF-Ret; Alfred H. Quigg, CMSgt, USAF-Ret; James R.Riley, Col., USAF-Ret; Raymond Dale Riley, USAF/GS-Civ (Ret); Mary Jeanne Royal, GS-Civ/Ret, FTVA Member; Lucius (Pappy) Ruff Jr. SMSgt, USAF-Ret FTVA Member; Ralph William Sagan, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; Robert H Scott, USAFSS Vet; Earl "Vic" Schwartz, USA/USAF-Ret; Jerry H. Smith Maj. USAF-Ret; Blanche Sorola, GS-Civ/Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Edward E. Stacey, SMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Robert F. Stark, Col, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member, HOH; Jack Stemple, MSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; David Scott Sublett, SSgt, USAFSS Vet; Richard Takahashi, JR. USAFSS Vietnam Vet; Luther A. Tarbox, Lt Col, USAF-Ret, FTVA Member; J. Craig Teller, USAF-Ret; Paul D. Tharp, USAFSS Vet; Fred Thomas, MSgt, USAF-Ret; Joseph F. Thomasson, MSgt. USAF-Ret; Father Albert E. Verbrugge. USAF-Chaplain-Ret; David Tom, USAFSS Vet/ 6990th; Jaime Torres, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Barney Tracy, SSGT, USAFSS Vet; James Walter Tremblay, USAF-Ret; Robert Dean Trump, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; James C. Van Kirk, SMSgt, USAFSS Vet; Lawrence O "Larry" Walls, MSgt, USAF-Ret; William Lowell Wasserman, USAFSS Vet; George Ryan Weinbrenner, Col., USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Richard E. Williams, Col., USAF -Ret; Charles Wilson, CMSgt, USAF-Ret/GS-Civ; Coleen (Pribil) Wiseley, GS-Civ (Ret), FTVA Member; Darrel "Woody" Wood, USAFSS, FTVA Member; Elbert S. Wooten, CMSgt, USAF-Ret, FTVA Lifetime Member; Adolf M. Wright, Col., USAF-Ret; John E. Wright, SMSgt, USAF-Ret; James V. Yonkovig, USAFSS Vet

Hall of Honor

In 2010, Bob Sherwood once again did an outstanding job chairing the FTVA's Hall of Honor (HoH) selection process. The Hall of Honor's purpose is to identify, recognize, and honor individuals with lineage to USAFSS, ESC, AFIC, AIA and/or the AF ISR Agency, who have served with great distinction and who have brought recognition, credit and honor to the command/agency and themselves. Many thanks to CMSgt (Ret) Sherwood for his leadership and sense of purpose to again select the "best of the best".

The 2010 Hall of Honor (HoH) Selection Committee included the following personnel:

Command Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Bob Sherwood – Chairman
Brigadier General (Ret) Grover Jackson
Colonel (Ret) Bob Cope
Colonel (Ret) Bill Ballard
Command Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Okey Warden
Chief Master Sergeant/GS-15 (Ret) Bob Egger
Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) A.J. Harrison

The HoH Selection Committee met in June 2010 and reviewed seventeen nominees for induction. All committee members received a copy of the FTVA Hall of Honor Charter along with the nomination packages. The Committee selected the following four individuals for induction into the Hall of Honor:

General Michael V. Hayden, USAF (Ret)
Lieutenant General John C. Koziol, USAF
Chief Master Sergeant Edward L. Barnes, USAF (Ret)
Chief Master Sergeant Donald W. Hatcher, USAF (Ret)

Social Activities & Significant Events

Annual Spring Social

The annual Spring Social was a great evening for over 70 attendees—a recordbreaking number! All of us are indebted to Ken Williams for his outstanding job of planning, coordinating, and executing this event at a new location, the Gateway Club. This has become one of my favorite evenings, and it again provided an opportunity to meet and hear from recently-deployed AF ISR Agency active duty personnel. Twelve recent returnees from various theaters detailed their personal experiences in a manner that made all attendees extremely proud. Mr. Kenny O’Neal passed out coins to all of the returnees.

We were again honored to have Maj Gen Bradley Heithold, AF ISR Agency/CC, share an exciting account of his recent “in-theater visit”. It left no doubt about the significance of our Agency and the accomplishments of this generation of airmen.

Fifty Years of Leadership, Tradition, and Pride

“THE CHIEF”



1 Dec 2009 is the 50th anniversary of the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. Until the Career Compensation Act of 1958, MSgt (E-7) was the highest enlisted grade. The services found themselves with a situation known as Grade suppression or promotion stagnation. Congress created E-8 and E-9 to address this issue. The law authorized the Services to promote 2% of its enlisted force to E-8 and 1% to E-9. The Air Force was already in the process of phasing out the Warrant Officer Program; the last Air Force Warrant

Officers were appointed in 1959. The Air Force assigned most of the duties formerly performed by Warrant Officers to SMSgts and Chiefs – but that was a Service decision; it was not the intent of the Career Compensation Act. The first Air Force promotions to Senior Master Sergeant occurred on 1 September 1958; a second group was selected and advanced on 1 March 1960. Quotas, for the first time in Air Force history, were allocated by specific AFSC and selection boards were held at command level. Up to this point, promotion boards were held at base level and all Airmen recommended for promotion for each rank specific competed against each other.

When the Career Compensation Act was enacted, Air Force officials grouped all career fields into one of three categories (highly technical, technical, or non-technical). There were about 58,000 Master Sergeants in the first group of eligibles to select from. On September 1, 1958, 3400 were selected for promotion to E8, Senior Master Sergeant. The rank of “chief” remains the most respected enlisted rank in today’s Air Force.

On December 1 of this year, there will be numerous celebrations for 50 years of this prestigious enlisted grade. Two such celebrations are at Barksdale AFB, LA and at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. For further information, you can contact CMSgt (Retired) Jim Flaschenreim at FLASCHME@AOL.COM for Barksdale events or CMSgt (Retired) Jim Anderson

Heritage Chapter, Goodfellow dedicates Sebers Hall

Members of the 316th Training Squadron and the FTVA Heritage Chapter held a ceremony Friday, honoring an Air Force intelligence NCO for whom Building 519 is named. "We need to make our new intelligence students aware of our intelligence pioneers, those men and women who laid the foundation for what we do today", said Chief Bendinelli, who also serves as the Heritage Chapter vice president. "It's important for them to know and understand the intelligence contributions made by these men and women. They have quite a legacy to live up to." Fred Sebers, an Everett, Wash., native, enlisted in the Navy at age 16 during World War II and manned a 50-caliber machine gun aboard a landing craft in Okinawa. Sergeant Sebers left the Navy after the war, but reenlisted in 1949 for four years before joining the Air Force as a parachute rigger and stunt jumper. After a few "close calls" in his initial Air Force specialty, Sergeant Sebers crosstrained into the intelligence career field in 1959, becoming a communications analyst at Goodfellow. Ironically, his first assignment as a "202" (today's 1N4, Signals Intelligence Analyst specialty) took him back to Okinawa, which was a considerably more tranquil place than when he was there 15 years earlier. Following his Okinawa tour, Sergeant Sebers volunteered for an assignment in Taiwan before returning to Goodfellow in 1964 as a member of the 6948th Security Squadron. During his assignment to Goodfellow, Sergeant Sebers learned the Air Force had developed a method of conducting radio directionfinding operations from aircraft. Intrigued, Sergeant Sebers volunteered for this new mission, even though it meant going to Vietnam. Arriving in Nha Trang, Republic of Vietnam, in the summer of 1967, Sergeant Sebers spent the next couple of months as an airborne communications analyst with Det 1, 6994th Security Squadron, flying specially modified EC-47 "Electric Goon" aircraft on the new and highly classified Airborne Radio Direction Finding missions. On the evening of Sept. 8, 1967, he and several friends were dining at the local NCO club when an enemy detonated a claymore mine near his table, mortally wounding Sebers and injuring many others. Sergeant Sebers passed away Nov. 7 of that year, as a result of his wounds,

leaving behind a wife (now deceased), a son, and two daughters. Sergeant Sebers' military decorations include a Purple Heart, an Air Medal, a National Defense Service Medal with a bronze service star, a World War II Victory Medal, an Asian-Pacific Campaign Medal, an American Campaign Medal, and an Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp. He also earned a Navy Occupation Service Medal, a Navy Good Conduct Medal, an Air Force Good Conduct Medal with three bronze loops, and a Vietnam Service Medal with a bronze service star.

“Big Willy” Wilford Hall to be Torn Down and Replaced by 2014



U.S. Air Force photo

Under BRAC directives, the 50-year-old Wilford Hall Medical Center will be razed and, by 2014, be replaced by a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgical center.

NSA/CSS Inducts Four Pioneers into the National Cryptologic Museum's Hall of Honor

Four pioneers of American cryptology were inducted into the NSA/CSS Hall of Honor Dec 1, 2009 at the National Cryptologic Museum. In his keynote remarks during the induction ceremony, John C. Inglis, Deputy Director, National Security Agency, highlighted the distinguished achievements of each of the inductees: Mr. Richard A. Day, Jar, Ms Minnie M. Kenny, Maj Gen Doyle E. Larson, USAF and Mr. Arthur J. Levenson. Maj Gen Doyle E. Larson, USAF significantly increased the Air Force's role in Command, Control, and Communications Countermeasures. He served as the first commander of the Electronic Security Command, established the Joint Electronic Warfare Center, and saved countless American lives by helping to devise the TEABALL system. The Museum's Hall of Honor, created in

1999, pays tribute to the pioneers and heroes who have made significant and enduring contributions to American cryptology. For more information on the NSA/CSS Hall of Honor or the National Cryptologic Museum, visit the NSA Homepage at www.nsa.gov.

Vietnam Wall Memorial Calls For Photos

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) -- The National Call for Photos, a campaign to gather images of the more than 58,000 men and women whose names are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was launched recently at a 'Newseum' event here hosted by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and FedEx Office. FedEx Office will use its locations across the country to assist in gathering the photos. Established in 1979, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial here. The fund's latest initiative is The Education Center at The Wall, an underground facility near the memorial that is being designed to help visitors discover the stories of those named on The Wall and celebrate the values embodied by service members from all of America's wars. Exhibits will include a wall of photographs of people whose names are on The Wall, a selection of the more than 100,000 items that have been left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a timeline of key military events of the Vietnam War and a history of the memorial. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Annual Reunion Activities

The association held its 2009 Reunion activities on 24-26 September 2009. It was an outstanding weekend, thanks to the strong support from the AF ISR Agency personnel. Each year dedicated agency members donate time and extensive effort to make the reunion a success. Of note, Lt Col Tim Woliver oversaw this year's team and provided outstanding leadership throughout the all planning processes and the events themselves.

Golf Our annual golf tournament was held again this year at the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville, Texas on September 24th. This year was remarkably different from past years due to the weather; instead of applying sun block and looking for shade, our players pulled on foul weather gear and dodged rainstorms. Despite the unseasonable weather, of the 144 people signed up to play, 134 signed in and about 125 kept dry enough to finish

As usual the Alsatian staff provided us very good support throughout the day. We also were able to use the recently completed clubhouse for the first time this year—quite a change from last year's trailer and the old shack before that. The course was in excellent condition with the rain it received in the days leading up to the tournament. A consequence of the rain however was that carts had to be kept on the paths. For the first time the Alsatian staff prepared the BBQ served at the end of the day, using their new kitchen facilities. Special thanks again to the volunteers who show up each year to build the goody bags, prepare the score cards and put them on the carts. One individual in particular is there early every year, doing anything necessary, and that is Armando Zepeda. Prizes were awarded to the top nine teams and the last place finishers, in addition to two closest to the pin and one longest drive prizes. Additional prizes year, maybe because he did have his Chaplain on the team. There were many new names among the winners.

The top prizes went to:

First Place: Ham, Turner, Tucker, and Brumm

Second Place: Icenogle, Stallings, LaFreniere, and Teusher

Third Place: Heithold, Houge, Weseloh, and Jackson

Longest Drive: McLendon

Closest to the Pin Hole 6: Thompson

Closest to the Pin Hole 12: Tucker

Security Service Federal Credit Union again helped defray the cost of the tournament with a cash contribution and gave us the goody bags, along with many of the things in the bag. The FTVA also contributed a significant cash donation to reduce the cost of the day. Hope to see you at the 2010 tournament!

FTVA & AF ISR Agency RF-4C Dedication Ceremony On the morning of Sep 25, an enthusiastic crowd gathered to participate in the dedication of the RF-4C display on Security Hill in honor of Maj Gen Robert F. Worley I (deceased) and Col Robert F. Brodman. The two RF-4 pilots were shot down in July 1968 over Vietnam. Family, friends, and FTVA members witnessed the dedication which included a look-back on the role of the RF-4C in providing reconnaissance intelligence and concluded with presentations to both honorees. Maj Gen R. M. Worley II, current AF/A8, addressed the crowd on behalf of his father, the senior honoree.

The Annual Remembrance Ceremony Honoring Our Fallen Eagles: The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, along with the Freedom through Vigilance Association, held their annual Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 25 in the shadow of the recently repainted RC-47 displayed near the headquarters buildings. MGen Bradley Heithold, AF ISR Agency Commander and Col (Ret) ChrisCook, President FTVA met with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schulte prior to the 2009 Remembrance Ceremony, at which time the Schulte's were presented a personal copy of the framed photo memorializing their daughter, 1LtRoslyn Schulte. Lt Schulte was an intelligence officer, killed during an IED attack near Kabul, Afghanistan on May 20th, 2009. MGen Heithold highlighted 1Lt Shulte's service at the Remembrance Ceremony and her photo was unveiled in front of those attending. The photo was later placed in the Bernard A. Langer Auditorium, located in the Agency Headquarters and surrounded by other AFISR fallen heroes. 1st Lt. Roslyn L. Schulte was posthumously awarded the **National Intelligence Medal for Valor** on Friday for her efforts to teach Afghan military officials how to gather and interpret military intelligence. The ceremony included the AF ISR Agency Honor Guard conducting a 21-gun salute followed by "Taps" and the Alzafar Shrine Highlander Pipe Band playing "Amazing Grace." To honor the men and women's commitment to the intelligence mission, retired Col. Chris Cook, outgoing FTVA president, accompanied by Joe Hurst, FTVA Sports Chairman, led the audience in calling out names of people and organizations from the past year "lest we forget." "Gone but not forgotten," said Mr. Cook. "Today we honor their contributions and the examples they set for the rest of us."

Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony: The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency together with the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, inducted four new members into the Hall of Honor during a ceremony held in the B. A. Larger Auditorium here Sept. 26th. The Hall of Honor was created in 1983 to honor individuals who served with great personal distinction and contributed immeasurably to successful mission accomplishment. The Hall of Honor preserves the legacy of those who have gone before, highlights their deeds, and honors their contributions to the nation. This year's inductees: (Right L – R) Col (ret) Robert A. Leech, CMSgt (ret) Charley R King, CMSgt (ret) Larry E. Mills, and GG-14 (ret) Steve D. August,.

Picnic: After the conclusion of the Remembrance Ceremony by the C-47 displayed in front of the AFISR Agency headquarters buildings, a crowd gathered in Stapleton Park on Security Hill for the annual reunion picnic. CMSgt (ret) A.J. Harrison and his stalwart crew of cold drink distributors served a thirsty group of attendees. Several concessions provided burgers, nachos, etc.

THE FTVA/AFISRA ANNIVERSARY REUNION BANQUET. Saturday evening, over 250 FTVA/AFISR Agency members and their guests gathered at the Lackland Gateway Club for the 61st annual USAFSS anniversary banquet. After Ms Bridget Grace sang the National Anthem again this year, our newly elected FTVA Vice President retired Col Ron Haygood led the Pledge of Allegiance. Heading up the distinguished attendees was our guest speaker for the evening, Major General Bradley Heithold. Also joining us in the audience from the AFISR Agency were Command Chief CMSgt Paul Weseloh and Director of Staff Ken Williams. We were especially pleased to see Mrs Doyle Larson and her daughter Nancy in the audience. Each one of the 2009 Hall of Honor inductees was then introduced. After a moment of silence for those serving our nation in harms way and especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, Chaplain Col Gerald Hogue gave the invocation. A tasty dinner was then served while SSgt Venture Carter provided background music on the piano. After dinner, our guest speaker, Maj Gen Heithold put his prepared notes away and shared his very personal and informed perspective on recent significant developments in the ISR Agency. Based on the standing ovation, his audience was both entertained and more aware of the Agency's current status.

AF ISR Agency Briefing: Following the Induction Ceremony, Maj Gen Heithold provided an excellent update on the agency's current activities, with emphasis on the significant role in the Global War on Terrorism and other worldwide operations. These annual updates provide a critical link between the generations of "Silent Warriors" on the agency's evolving mission. The FTVA remains deeply indebted to Maj Gen Heithold and his staff for the time and research efforts in preparing these annual updates for our membership.

General Membership Meeting: Following the command presentations, a brief FTVA business meeting was held. The following minutes capture the events from the general membership meeting.

- 1. SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** President Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 1154 hours in HQ Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency's Bernard A. Larger Auditorium (BALA), Larson Hall (Building 2007) on Security Hill. Chris opened the meeting by expressing his gratitude for all the membership support for the reunion activities.
- 2. QUORUM.** President Cook called for a quorum. Phred Sevening, FTVA Secretary, determined we have a quorum. Meeting proceeded.
- 3. MINUTES:** The 2008 FTVA General Membership Meeting minutes from September 27, 2008 were read and approved. President Cook followed by expressing his appreciation to Gen Heithold, and Staff (Director of Staff, Commander's Action Group, Protocol, Public Affairs) for the continued outstanding support to FTVA and all our activities throughout the year. Thanks for braving the weather, heat, etc. and giving up tee times to be here and sharing information with us.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's Report was presented, discussed, and filed for audit.
- 5. VIGILANT PARTNERS PROGRAM.** Jim McLendon presented an update on the Vigilant Partners program's newest members and overall program status.
- 6. HISTORY REPORT.** Historian Lee Anthony announced that copies of the FTVA Annual History report for the previous year were available.
- 7. MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT.** Bob Baert was not present so no membership support report was available. President Cook commented about the excellent job Bob continues to do for us.
- 8. MEMBERSHIP.** This new program focuses specifically on increasing our membership in the organization, with Kenny O'Neal as the Chair for the Membership Program. Kenny was off on a short tour of Afghanistan and could not be here with us to present a membership report.
- 9. HALL OF HONOR.** Program Chair Bob Sherwood reported that this is the 27th FTVA Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony this morning, bringing the total inducted into the Hall of Honor to 155. As Hall of Honor program chair for the last eight years, Bob requested the FTVA membership reflect on

worthy nominations for next year, because each year gets tougher. Thanks to the entire committee for their excellent dedication

10. AIR FORCE ISR AGENCY LIAISON. President Chris Cook mentioned several Air Force ISR Agency active duty members who are active with FTVA: Col Amanda Gladney who PCSd earlier this year, Col Hank Toussaint, Mr Wayne Amman, Kenny O’Neal and others. The official Air Force ISR Agency Liaison to FTVA is Col Hank Toussaint.

11. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. Program Chair Ken Williams shared with us that there are two main social events for FTVA each year, the Spring Fling and the annual Banquet. Last year was the 60th anniversary and there were a total of 302 banquet tickets sold. This year there were 250 tickets sold. The guest speaker is the Commander of the Air Force ISR Agency, Major General Heithold. Cocktails start at 1740 and dinner starts at 1830. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

12. CHAPTER REPORTS.

a. Heritage Chapter (San Angelo, TX -- JJ Graham President). This past year has been a great year for the Heritage Chapter; a busy year, but a great one. Thanks to all the support from the FTVA Board of Directors in San Antonio for all the support, both financial and in person. There were many challenges in San Angelo over the past year. The EC-47 Restoration Project tackled the outside of that aircraft and got it all restored and now we are working to bring the inside of the aircraft back to period specifications. This is a huge challenge because it has so far been impossible to find any pictures telling us what the inside of the EC-47 is supposed to look like. (Lee Anthony chimed in that he would take this for action through his Big Safari contacts). The second major challenge undertaken by the Heritage Chapter has been the scrolls of history that were originally placed in the NCO Academy at Goodfellow. Once that school closed, the Heritage Chapter took on the challenge of finding a new home for them. President Graham presented a query to the audience whether to proceed with placing the scrolls inside the schoolhouse buildings at Goodfellow Air Force Base or not. Bernie Gavin suggested the Heritage Chapter press with placing the scrolls in the schoolhouse buildings. Rationale is that the scrolls were originally created to share the heritage of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, and the only way to follow through on that idea is to get the scrolls out where students can see them. Multiple comments from the audience were made, all affirming Bernie’s recommendation. President JJ responded that the Heritage Chapter would follow through with the wishes of the FTVA general membership present at the meeting, and proceed with placing the scrolls of history in the schoolhouse buildings at Goodfellow AFB. JJ next stated that he hopes the Heritage Chapter members can increase their contributions to the FTVA Newsletter. Heritage Chapter meeting locations were changed from an on-base location to off-base in hopes of getting more members to attend. Too soon to determine if the new location has the desired effect. They still have EC-47 coins for sale. The Fred Seivers memorial

project at building 519 has lots of base support. The memorial is inside building 519 it was a great dedication ceremony. The ceremony increased awareness of the FTVA and our heritage among students and faculty at the schoolhouse. The quarterly dinner with the international students continues to be a great event. Members of the Heritage Chapter are sharing information with the foreign students for them to take back to their home countries and share with their leadership. There was a retired MSgt (I missed the name) who's dying wish was to ride on a C-47. The Heritage Chapter helped to make this wish come true. It was a very emotional event for the Heritage Chapter members and all of Goodfellow Air Force Base and the local community. Initially the retired MSgt thought he was only going to be able to see the C-47 up close, but when he realized there was an actual ride involved his excitement soared. JJ concluded with a sincere thanks to the FTVA Board of Directors for outstanding continued support.

b. Gold Country Chapter. The Gold Coast Chapter did not have a member present, but FTVA President Chris Cook shared with us that it was members of the Gold Coast Chapter that initially made us aware of the Airman Colton Read issue, which we subsequently got involved with when he relocated here to San Antonio.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS. According to the bylaws of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, each election within the organization must be overseen by an election committee to manage the process and properly vet the nominees. Election Committee Chair Dennis "Rass" Rassmussen presented Lee Anthony as the candidate for FTVA President, and Ron Haygood as the candidate for FTVA Vice President. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the new candidates as officially elected into office.

Comments from outgoing President Chris Cook: Thank you everyone for all the support and participation during my time as President of this fine organization, which I have been a member for several years. I started as Vice President for four years and then two years ago moved up to President – what an honor, and it has been a great experience. There are so many ways to get involved with this organization and it will be great to see you each month at the meetings. I will be there. Thanks again.

13. Constitution and By-Laws update. Joe Hurst. We updated both documents, and then posted them on the website for review. The updates were mostly administrative, and there were a couple minor changes to clarify some of the language. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the changes to the documents.

14. Base Security. Chris Cook made some remarks about how base security is getting quite strict, making it difficult for our members who do not have an appropriate ID card to get on base. Thanks to Air Force ISR Agency Security Team, led by Bob Eddy, the restrictions were eased significantly for us and we appreciate the efforts.

15. OPEN FORUM.

a. Who came the farthest? Several states mentioned, but by unanimous (consensus) decision, Hall of Honor inductee Andy Leech came the farthest, from Washington State.

b. Who is the most senior member present? Doug Holden was not present but Chris Cook did share that he started service to USAFSS in 1949, and he is still very active on the FTVA Board of Directors. Additionally, Bill Ballard grew up in USAFSS to the position of Director of Staff, and he started the FTVA with guidance from Gen Doyle E. Larson. Among the members present, a surprisingly large number began their service in the 1950s, with two starting in 1952.

c. Grover Jackson thanked General Heithold for his leadership and support of FTVA, saying we are like a body, we need fresh blood to keep going, He made an appeal to Gen Heithold and Air Force ISR Agency leadership to encourage people, “to the maximum extent allowed by the lawyers” to join FTVA.

16. There being no further business, motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1237. The next FTVA Board of Directors meeting will be on October 16, 2009 in the SSFCU Board Room at 1330. Remain in Touch!

Respectfully Submitted,

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LOREN R. “Phred” SEVENING

FTVA Secretary

FTVA Vigilant Partners' Program

The Freedom Through Vigilance Association realizes its objectives, in part, by providing funds for programs that reward the hardworking, dedicated AF ISR Agency people who go "above and beyond" to achieve the command mission. Since 1985, the Vigilant Partners' Program has helped provide an expanded base of support. Modeled after the Industrial Associates of the Air Force Association, the program permits industry, corporations, businesses and even individuals interested in the agency's mission to join us in helping fund agency programs. As of December 2007, the Vigilant Partners were as follows:

PLATINUM Partners

SAIC; Trofholz Technologies, Inc; Booz Allen Hamilton

GOLD Partners

Prop Wash Gang; L-3 Communications (Greenville); Security Service Federal Credit Union;
Air Force Federal Credit Union; Mrs. Doyle Larson; USAFSS Roll Call
"Picnic Partners"

SILVER Partners

FTVA; Grover Jackson; Bob Cope; Arrowhead Electric Service; To The Penny Tax Services;
Lee and Jen Anthony; Regis F. A. Urschler

BRONZE Partners

Grover McMakin; Donald Bundy; Jerry McKenna, Sculptor; 6924th Heritage Association;
Stanfield Systems, Inc.; Anthony F. Jensen; William F. (Bill) Sheck
Berlin Island Milton Driggers; Tom Holden

PATRON Partners

Francis R. "Frank" Sabourin; John H. 'Jack' Riedel; Thomas H. Tennant; James Mayer; Gregory
C., Radabaugh; Howard Bunton; Richard Pl. Cheny;
VFW Chestnut Hill Post 5205 Philadelphia, PA; Curtis E. Chaffin, Jr.

Finances

FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenditures (For the Year Ending December 31, 2009)

Revenues:

Banquet Tickets	\$ 5,675.00	
Donations (Vigilant Partners)	14,498.00	
Membership Dues	14,995.00	
Interest Income	2,716.00	
Social Events	260.00	
Special Activities	<u>1,363.00</u>	
Total Revenues		<u>\$ 39,507.00</u>

Expenditures

Administrative Support	\$ 797.00	
AIA Support (Grants)	15,978.00	
Chapter Support	0.00	
Golf Tournament	750.00	
Membership:		
Contract Labor	4,775.00	
Directory	3,076.00	
Internet	132.00	
Newsletter	10,575.00	
Postage	3,106.00	
Printing	1,120.00	
Reunion:		
Banquet	5,244.00	
Picnic	1,603.00	
Socials	887.00	
Special Activities	<u>674.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 48,717.00</u>

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures <\$ 9,210.00>

Robert S. Cope, Treasurer