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Freedom Through Vigilance Association

Annual History

October 2016 – September 2017

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 2016 – September 2017 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.

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FTVA Hall of Honor Selections

The Hall of Honor selection committee takes great pleasure in announcing this year's selections for induction into the Hall of Honor at the 29 Sep 2017 induction ceremony. The following Hall of Honor members comprised this year's selection committee: Brig Gen Grover Jackson - USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Crabtree – USAF Ret; CMSgt Ed Jolly – USAF Ret; CMSgt Bob Egger – USAF Ret; CMSgt Marco Aldaz – USAF Ret; CMSgt Edward Barnes - USAF Ret; and SMSgt Lee Anthony – USAF Ret. On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to announce the following individuals have been selected for induction into the FTVA Hall of Honor for 2017:

Col William D. W. Grimes, USAF (Ret)

Lt Col Paul J. McKenna, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Kenneth C. Maynard, USAF (Ret)

CMSgt Jesse L. Greene, USAF (Ret)

Thank you and Remain In Touch,

A.J. Harrison Hall of Honor Chair



Compiled by Ken Maynard, Auxiliary Staff

FROM ELEPHANT CAGES TO RQ-4S

Adapted from an article by Guido Locati, 25th Air Force Public Affairs
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND AFB, Texas

As the Air Force celebrates its 69th birthday this year, the Twenty-Fifth Air Force turns 68. Born the USAF Security Service (USAFSS) in the age of vacuum tubes and punch cards, “Elephant Cages” and Cold War methodologies, today the 25 AF continues its legacy into the 21st century. What hasn’t changed though are the dedication and professionalism of the Silent Warriors doing the mission. Some of today’s information collection still relies on updated Cold War era platforms such as the U-2 or the RC-135, flown and maintained today by Airmen who could be the grandchildren, or even great-grandchildren, of the Airmen who preceded them. Technology has brought us Remotely Piloted Aircraft, satellites and cyberspace tools, which not only help keep warfighters out of harm’s way but also transmit collected data at the speed of light. This technology has given us “Eyes in the Sky” that “vacuum up” video and telemetry at a rate unfathomable to the uninitiated. Data passes down at a daily rate that easily exceeds the total of all the televised professional football championships since Super Bowl II!



Airmen in the past often sat listening to static-filled headphones, seeking one recognizable signal to analyze. Others studied films from Corona and KH-series satellites, which kicked actual film canisters back into the atmosphere for aerial capture, wet processing and, finally, exploitation. Born into a world filled with laptops, smart phones and tablet computers, today’s analyst finds the tech-filled workspaces immediately familiar. Today’s tech-savvy Airmen sort and study every bit and byte. By gleaning every piece of relevant information and making critical judgments on targets and appropriate responses, these Airmen provide around the clock tactical advantages to coalition forces. Today’s technology combined with still-valid legacy capabilities allow our Airmen to reach out to warfighters both real time and through carefully produced and vetted fused analytic products, providing battlefield commanders tactical advantage for immediate results. The alignment of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft under 25 AF, along with two host base wings, presented the storied command with missions and responsibilities widely dissimilar from the ISR missions of the past 68 years. The numbered Air Force now oversees two entire bases and flying wings, gaining installation management, runway maintenance, and personnel and base support missions, as well as targeting and

analysis through the addition of a third new wing. With these new wings, the NAF also gained electronic warfare and command and control capabilities and responsibilities for the Air Force. It also retains its role as the Air Force Service Cryptologic Component for the National Security Agency.

INTELL SQUADRON HONORS BARON 52 VIETNAM VETS

Adapted from an article by SSgt Alexandre Montes, 70 ISRW/PA



ARLINGTON, Va. — During the Vietnam War, intelligence Airmen were crucial to ground forces and decision makers. These warriors used intelligence to triangulate the position of adversaries from onboard an EC-47Q electronic warfare collection aircraft, or ‘Electric Goon,’ tail number 43-48636, call-sign BARON 52. On Feb. 5, 1973, eight Airmen set out on a mission to locate tanks along the Ho Chi Min trail. Those Airmen lost their lives aboard Baron 52, the last EC-47Q lost during the Vietnam War. The crew of eight were assigned to Detachment 3, 6994th SS, and the 361st TEWS. Those Airmen’s heritage is being commemorated by the

94th IS Squadron at Fort Meade, Maryland. Since 2014, the Airmen of the 94th IS have invited Vietnam Veteran Airmen from the 6994th SS and 361st TEWS to a commemoration ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. to honor those who sacrificed their lives during the Vietnam War.

“There were numerous sacrifices of these brave Airmen, as part of their mission being above the combat zone. ‘Alone, unarmed and unafraid,’ they had the highest casualty rate in the Security Services,” said Lt. Col. Laura Bunyan, 94th IS commander. “Today, the men and women of the 94th IS pay tribute to those who came before us and pledge to always remember the sacrifices of 6994th SS, to include the crews of TIDE 86, CAP 72, PRONG 33, CAP 53, BARON 56 and BARON 52.” Bunyan explained that the current Airmen are somberly reminded of their predecessor’s sacrifices and honored to have the Veterans among them for the annual commemoration.

The guest speaker for this year’s commemoration was retired Master Sgt. Joe Martin, formerly of the 6994th SS and a Morse Code operator. Martin explained to attendees the significance of Security Service Airmen’s missions. “Today, there is a war going on that started way before 9/11, and there is no end in sight,” Martin said. “The 94th IS and similar units are our first line of defense in that conflict. Carrying out that mission, you’ve enriched a heritage going far beyond the 6994th SS and its war.” Beginning with Security Service, Electronic Security Command, Air Intelligence Agency and now 25th Air Force, Martin said today’s 94th IS Airmen are the latest in a long line of silent warriors who labor in the shadows on signals intelligence. As he closed out his remarks, Martin further commended the Airmen of the 94th IS. “It can be a tough, and often a thankless job,” he said. “Just as we did in that other war so long ago, you’ll do it and will do it well.”

Closing out the ceremony, Bunyan and Martin laid a wreath alongside the tomb that honors the Airmen of BARON 52.

Shortly after, the names of those killed in action aboard BARON 52 were spoken by 2nd Lt. Erica Volino, 94th IS, and a moment of silence was observed.

“From the 361st TEWS, Capt. George R. Spitz, pilot; 1st Lt. Severo Primm III, co-pilot; Capt. Arthur Bollinger, navigator; 1st Lt. Robert E. Bernhardt, third pilot and from the 6994th SS, Staff Sgt. Todd

M. Melton, airborne cryptologic linguist; Sergeant Joseph A. Matejov, airborne Morse systems operator; Sergeant Peter R. Cressman, airborne Morse systems operator; Sergeant Dale Brandenburg, airborne electronic warfare systems operator.”

**Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center
Honors Five Linguists Killed in Vietnam Including
Four USAFSS Members**
(Submitted by Larry Miller)

During Memorial Day ceremonies on May 25, 2017, the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC) entered the names of three Vietnamese language graduates of DLI into DLIFLC’s Hall of Heroes. The three inductees were:



(L) SSgt Todd Melton, whose aircraft was shot down in 1973 while he was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron in Thailand;

(R) SP5 Richard Hentz of the 138th Army Security Agency Company, Phu Bai AB Republic of Vietnam, who died when his aircraft was shot down in 1971 and whose brother is Air Force CMSgt (Ret) Ron Hentz;



(L) Sgt Clarence “Boone” McNeill, also a member of the 6994th, who perished when his aircraft was shot down in 1969.

Two other Air Force Vietnamese linguists and former members of the 6990th, **MSgt Steven Moser** (Photo unavail) and **TSgt Robert “Marty” Flynn** (R), who both perished in a helicopter crash in Vietnam in 2001 while assigned to Joint Task Force – Full Accounting operations, were also honored during the ceremony.



USAFCOS VISITS ISR AIRMEN STANDING WATCH

Adapted from an article by Lori A. Bultman, 25

AF (Right) Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein met with Airmen and leaders at 25th AF Headquarters Dec. 19.



JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO – LACKLAND, Texas —“My mission this week is to get out and say thanks to all of those who are standing watch, not only on behalf of the Joint Chiefs, but also on behalf of a very grateful nation,” Goldfein told the Airmen of the 625th Operations Center. Goldfein thanked the Ops Center Airmen for their hard work and dedication. “Nothing that you do is easy. Nothing that you have shown me walking around here is simple, but the way you knit it together ... the way you work the relationships that matter so much in this business, are very often what keeps our nation safe and allows us to sleep at night,” Goldfein said. The Chief of Staff, a Texas native, reminded Airmen they are an important to global security. “It’s not only our families, it’s families around the world that rely on us,” he said. “We are a global power for one reason and that is because we have global capabilities, and that is what you provide every day. Never take for granted the impact that you are having on a truly national level. Our families sleep well at night because you here. And I, for one, couldn’t be prouder to serve with each and every one of you and to say thank you for what you are doing every day.” During his visit, Goldfein also presented his recognition coin to several outstanding team members at 25th Air Force Headquarters. Maj. Octavia Heard, squadron section commander, was recognized for her courage in ensuring the safety of one of her Airmen.

In early December, an Airman under her supervision was abducted by a group of men, beaten and forced to drive around town withdrawing cash from ATMs and selling his personal property at pawn shops. When the Airman did not report for work the next morning, Heard worked with the Airman’s apartment complex manager and the San Antonio Police Department to conduct a welfare check. While they were there, the abductors drove into the apartment complex in the Airman’s car, with the Airman in the back seat. Heard approached the car, opened the back door and pulled the Airman out of the car as the abductors attempted to drive away. The alleged perpetrators were later arrested, and the Airman was treated and released from the hospital. Tech. Sgt. Dan Schultz, an airborne mission systems manager, 625th Air Support Squadron, was recognized for his key role in finding a more problem-centric, deductive and anticipatory approach to ISR operations. An example of his impact was shown when he recommended delaying an RC-135 to assist when another aircraft was incapacitated. His actions allowed 25th Air Force to continue support for a critical Focused Collection Operation. Schultz also assisted with coordinating and synchronizing ISR activities supporting EC-130H missions designed to test a new capability in support of the 624th and 625th Operations Centers. Carol Glover, spouse of 25th Air Force Command Chaplain (Col.) Bruce Glover, was recognized for her service as the 25th Air Force Key Spouse coordinator. She coordinated efforts to recognize and care for the families of deployed service members.

HISTORY & MEMORIES

AN/MSR-1

("Misery") Communications Intercept Van

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DAYTON, Ohio -- AN/MSR-1 ("Misery") Communications Intercept Van on display in the Southeast Asia War Gallery at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo) During the Southeast Asia War, the Department of Defense sought to limit the amount of information having possible intelligence value that could be gathered by enemy intercept teams. Long range HF (high frequency) radio communications were known to have been monitored and short range VHF (very high frequency) and UHF (ultra-high frequency) communications had not only been monitored, but also had been intruded upon; that is, false information had been passed by the enemy. The need for better transmission security to protect military operations had become so important that Headquarters USAF asked the Air Force Security Service to provide the means for improving that security.



The Air Force Communications Security Center at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, as the Air Force Security Service's experts, took on the task with assistance from the 6906th Electronic Security Squadron located at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. The result was the development of the air transportable AN/MSR-1 Communications Intercept Van for monitoring friendly communications. Its purpose was to determine if sensitive military information was being inadvertently divulged in radio transmissions. If so, improved communications security procedures then could be quickly established.

In addition to its capability of monitoring HF, VHF and UHF radio transmissions, the AN/MSR-1 could monitor microwave communications as well. This last capability was useful in keeping a watch over Department of Defense microwave communications that might be vulnerable to interception by hostile forces. The fully-equipped van had four racks of equipment, and two racks containing three radios (one HF, one VHF and one UHF). The microwave rack consisted of monitor equipment and 12 cassette recorders, which were later removed because of operational restrictions. The AN/MSR-1 van had several qualities that "endeared" it to those who used it. It was said that "... in the winter you could use it to store popsicles and in the summer you could fry eggs in it." Furthermore, individuals taller than 5-feet-8-inches tall either had to bend over or sit down. When the van was in transit, it would lean precariously when rounding corners. The van monitored air-to-air, air-to-ground and intra-base radio communications during operational readiness exercises and inspections, training exercises and contingency support operations. During its 10 years of service it has been to all corners of the globe. It was operated in deserts, jungles, forests and cities, and has been subjected to snow, monsoon rains and typhoons. Whatever the environment, the "Misery" served well in fulfilling its missions.

BUILDING DEDICATION HONORS LEGEND
55th Wing Public Affairs / Published July 06, 2017



OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. -- A dedication ceremony was held at the 97th Intelligence Squadron headquarters facility here June 30. The facility was dedicated Tennant Hall in honor of retired Chief Master Sgt. Thomas H. Tennant who played a major role establishing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance operations in multiple units which later became the 97th IS.



“Today we recognize a chief, an operator, leader and friend who gave so much to his Airmen and mission,” said Lt. Col. Jennifer Saraceno, 97th IS commander. “I never had the chance to meet Chief Tennant, but I wish I did. If he were serving today, I would want him by my side. He was the type of chief every squadron commander wants on their team.”

(Right) We are honoring ... the godfather of airborne operations,” said retired Maj. Dick Oliver, who served with Tennant during multiple assignments. “It’s absolutely appropriate for us to recognize Tom for his service and name this building in his honor.”



Tennant served 31 years in the Air Force, enlisting in 1950 as a Russian linguist. In 1958, he became an airborne cryptologic linguist and over the next 24 years logged more than 7,500 flight hours. Tennant first arrived at Offutt in 1964 serving with Detachment 1 of the 6940th Security Wing, which would become the 97th IS. He led a team of 12-14 Airmen, working at the Strategic Air Command headquarters providing non-flying analysis support. The following year Tennant helped establish the 6949th Security Squadron at Offutt. Their mission was to provide security service crews for SAC’s Big Team RC-135C Burning Pipe missions. Tennant went on to serve in Vietnam before returning to Offutt in 1973. For his second tour here, he served as the NCO-in-charge of the 6944th Security Wing, managing the wing’s new RC-135V Rivet Joint fleet. After a tour in Thailand, Tennant returned to Offutt for his third and final assignment. While managing all Rivet Joint service crew support, he also spearheaded the NSA’s request for Spanish linguists during Nicaragua’s ongoing civil war.



(Left) “We have nothing but love and appreciation for what Chief Tennant did on behalf of us,” said retired Chief Master Sgt. John Schultz, a former Spanish linguist, who worked with Tennant. “His magical management, unwavering support and outstanding leadership enabled us to accomplish our mission. This building is well named and I’m sure the people who are in it will continue with his spirit and can-do attitude.”

When Tennant retired in 1983, he had served as NCO-in-charge of every heritage ISR unit whose lineage is tied to the 97th IS. Today, the 97th is one of the largest squadrons in the U.S. Air Force with more than 550 Airmen. On a daily basis, they are deployed downrange providing combat ready aircrew to provide ISR support to warfighters and national leadership.

This honor and dedication to the life and work of Chief Tennant ... is incomprehensible,” said Penni Tennant-Schumacher, one of Tennant’s children, who attended the ceremony along with her mother. “The amount of time and effort and dedication and contributions of so many made this possible and we are humbled that you worked so hard to make this happen for him.”



WING MAKES MOVE TO NEBRASKA

From an article by 55th Wing Public Affairs

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — *Editor's note: This is the third article in a series that annotates the history of the 55th Wing from its early days as a World War II pursuit group to its current form as an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance unit.*



After nearly two years of planning, the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing moved from Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, Aug. 16, 1966

This past August, the wing marked 50 years in the greater Omaha community.

Just prior to the wing's full move, the wing's detachment at Offutt assumed flight operations of Strategic Air Command's airborne command post, known as the EC-135 Looking Glass.

SAC began the Looking Glass mission Feb. 3, 1961, and from that day forward the aircraft was airborne 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Looking Glass name was used because the aircraft's mission was to mirror ground-based command, control and communications of the nation's strategic nuclear forces. It was to be able to control the nation's bombers and missiles if ground control was lost at SAC. After initially being flown by the 34th Air Refueling Squadron at Offutt, the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing assumed Looking Glass responsibilities July 1, 1966. The EC-135C was assigned to the wing's 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron and later the 7th ACCS, and The EC-135C was assigned to the wing's 2nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron and later the 7th ACCS, and its crew consisted of two pilots, a navigator, an airborne refueling systems operator and communications systems operators.

The Looking Glass' battle staff was divided into seven operational teams from all branches of the armed services and was under the command of a flag officer when airborne.

On July 24, 1990, after nearly thirty years, Looking Glass ceased continuous airborne alert, but remained on ground or airborne alert 24 hours a day. When SAC was deactivated on June 1, 1992, the mission became part of U.S. Strategic command until Sept. 25, 1998, when the U.S. Air Force handed the mission over to the U.S. Navy's E-6B aircraft. In total, EC-135C crews accumulated more than 281,000 accident-free flying hours. In addition, the Looking Glass mission provided a key element of the U.S. nuclear deterrence and was a significant contributor to U.S. victory in the Cold War.

In addition to the Looking Glass, the wing also assumed another high-profile mission in just under 10 years at Offutt when Air Force's entire E-4 fleet and its National Emergency Airborne Command Post mission was transferred here Nov. 1, 1975, from Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The E-4's mission during the late 1970s and 1980s was to provide the president a safe location to conduct wartime operations in the event of a nuclear attack, earning the jet the dubious moniker, "the doomsday plane." The aircraft and her Night-watch team have been continuously ready, serving "hot" alert 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As the Cold War came to a close in the 1990s, the E-4 remained on alert status, but saw its mission expand and name change to the National Airborne Operations Center in 1994. And just this past October, its mission was transferred to Air Force Global Strike Command and out of the wing.

Beyond those two C2 missions, the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth continued its worldwide ISR missions and gained host responsibility for Offutt in 1986. The wing deployed to the Persian Gulf Aug. 9, 1990, and began 24-hour-a-day reconnaissance of the region for U.S. Central Command. Amazingly enough, the wing remains there today. To reflect the wing's performance of a diversity of missions, the 55th SRW became the 55th Wing Sept. 1, 1991. The unit was transferred to Air Combat Command June 1, 1992, when SAC disestablished. As the clock turned towards a new century, the 55th Wing continued to expand its mission set with the addition of the EC-130H Compass Call. The unit was assigned to the wing under the 55th Electronic Combat Group at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. Today the 55th Wing is the largest wing in Air Combat Command, the second largest in the Air Force and

conducts operations out of Offutt, Davis-Monthan, Kadena Air Base, Japan; Royal Air Force Mildenhall, U.K.; and Souda Bay Naval Support Activity, Crete.



FALLEN EAGLES

We have learned of the following losses from caring relatives, friends or obituaries and we offer prayers and sympathy to loved ones. "It is the soldier above all others who prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." D. MacArthur

Abate, Patrick V., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Adams, Newell F., USAFSS; Alverson, James E, SMSgt (Ret), USAF FTVA Lifetime Member; Amitrani, Donald J., CMSgt (Ret), USAF; Anderson, Raymond, USAFSS; Becker, Julie Ann, MSgt (ret), USAF; Bee, Michael E., MSgt (ret), USAF; Bieber, William; Boul, Donald J., USAFSS; Broussard, Lou, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Byargeon, Frederick, Eugene, CWO (Ret), USAFSS; Cafferty, William H., MSgt (Ret), USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member; Carney, Bert R., USAFSS; Carstensen, Harold T., USAFSS *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Carter, Louis Allen (Pete), MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Cave, John Benny "JB", USAFSS; Chapman, Gerald L., USAFSS; Colby, Carlton F., USAFSS; Conigliaro, Michael G., USAFSS; Cook, Joseph J., MSgt (Ret), USAF; Cooper, Robert, Capt (Ret), USAF *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Coultas, Raymond L., USAF, *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Croak, John D., SMSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Cronin, James T., CMSgt (ret), USAF, *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Dairyko, Samuel, USAFSS; Damp, Edward F., USAFSS; Dean, Stanley V., USAFSS; Dearman, Robert (Bob) T., CMSgt (Ret), USAF; Demler, Lewis F., USAFSS; DePeter, Thomas George, USAF; Dermody, Richard F., Maj (Ret), USAF; Dickerson, Warren L., CMSgt (ret), USAF; Dickson, Donald L., USAFSS; Doran, James V., USAFSS; Eakin, Robert A., SMSgt (Ret), USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member; Emdy, Thomas R. USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member; Emerson, Paul R., USAFSS; England, Marvin, USAFSS; Fairley, Virginia J., (Spouse of Clarence, FTVA Lifetime Member); Fields, Eddie, USAFSS; Feit, Donald L., USAFSS; Feller, Robert M., USAF; Finch, Robert H. "Bob", SMSgt (ret), USAFSS; Fredette, Douglas A., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; French, Chancel T., Lt Col (ret), USAF *FTVA Hall of Honor*; Frick, Carlos W., USAFSS; Fulton, Richard D., USAF; Garner, James, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Gephart, Robert MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Gladden, John A., TSgt, (Ret), USAFSS; Glenn, Clinton M., Col (Ret), USAF; Glorioso, Dominic M., USAFSS; Graczyk, Wayne S., USAFSS; Griffin, Billy D., MSgt (Ret), USAF FTVA Member; Hance, Gary S., USAFSS; Harris, Richard James, USAFSS; Hance, Gary S., USAFSS; Hatcher, Howard E., CMSgt (Ret), USAF; Hebel, Lynn R., SMSgt (Ret), USAF, FTVA Lifetime Member; Heckler, Daniel G., USAF; Heinrich, Thomas J., USAF; Higgins, Charles E., USAFSS; Hine, Joseph L., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Inge, William A., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Inskeep, Karen A LtCol (Ret), USAF; Jackson, Flando, E., Lt Col, USAF; James, Herschell M., USAFSS; Jasper, Ralph E., USAFSS; Johnson, Jerome E., CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS FTVA Lifetime Member; Kramarsic, Kenneth J., USAFSS; Kubeck, Donald J., CMSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Kuchenriter, Louis, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Lance, Carl, USAFSS; Langton, Roy H., USAF; Lewis, Lucien G., USAFSS; Liaci, James A., Maj (Ret), USAF; Lightell, Vernon E., MSgt (ret), USAF; Loiselle, Gordon W., SMSgt (ret), USAFSS *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Lovett, Robert L., MSgt (ret), USAFSS; Lynam, James "Vernon" Sr., USAFSS; Mahan, William G., USAFSS; Marshall, Margaret; Mason, James, MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Masinos, Jerome S., CMSgt (ret), USAF *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Mastronardi, William E., USAFSS Matowitz, Keith G., SMSgt (Ret), USAFSS; McDaniel, Thomas Robert, USAFSS; McMahan, Ossie D., MSgt (Ret), USAF; McNulla, Patric M., Capt (ret), USAF; Meneely, Max, CMSgt (Ret); Moeckel, Shirley H., USAFSS *FTVA Lifetime Member*; Molder, Robert (Bob) Leroy, USAFSS; Moll, Raymond C., USAFSS; Morales, Henry, CMSgt (Ret); Mrak, Leonora; Petersen, Robert D., Lt Col (ret), USAF; Ouellette, Emile R., USAFSS; Pucillo, Patric M., USAFSS; Ramey, Carl D., MSgt (Ret), USAFSS; Rekstad, Paul Oliver, USAFSS; Robinson, Neal T., Brig Gen (Ret) USAF, Lifetime Member, HOH; Rose, Vincent "Vinny", USAFSS; Russell, Erik M., Maj (Ret), USAF; Rivera Ramon A., SMSgt (ret), USAF & Rivera, Joan F. (spouse); Sarg, Thomas Eugene, USAFSS; Seay, Marion E., USAFSS; Seigel, Jules P., USAFSS; Sellman, Jack W., *FTVA Member*; Setser, Luther P., USAFSS; Sheppard, Lawrence, J., USAFSS; Shipley, Robert M., USAFSS; Shroads, Jacqueline; Shulenski, John T, USAFSS; Siegle, Ronald Edward, USAFSS; Smith, Howard P., Maj Gen (ret), *USAFSS Commander 1974 to*

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"A Gentle General"

Robinson, Neal T., Brigadier General, USAF (Ret), 65, passed away May 27, 2017. Born to a USAF family, he was appointed to the USAF Academy in 1970. He became an intelligence officer serving in hot spots around the world: South Korea, Iran (where he was taken hostage during the 1979 crisis), Panama, Italy and Germany. After Signals Intelligence School at Goodfellow AFB, TX, he served as the flight commander and Chief of Operations Management with the 6903rd Electronic Security Squadron at Osan AB, South Korea. He was then assigned to the National Security Agency as an intern, and later at both the Defense Intelligence Agency and AIA as a Middle East analyst. General Robinson was head of intelligence for European Command during the Kosovo War. General Robinson was Director, Air Force Cryptologic Office, Fort George G. Meade, Md., and Vice Commander, HQ Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), Lackland AFB, TX. In 1990, the General went to U.S. Southern Command, Panama, and served in the Directorate of Operations as Chief of Intelligence for the Deployable Joint Task Force. He returned to South Korea as the Director of Intelligence for 7AF, and was then assigned to AIA at Kelly AFB as Director of Operations. The General has served as the Director of Intelligence, C2, NATO Combined Air Operations Center, Vicenza, Italy, and as Director of Intelligence for U.S. Air Forces in Europe. He later served as the Associate Director of Operations for Command, Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance with the Directorate of Air and Space Operations at HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA. After retirement in 2005, he continued his service in industry, most recently with Oracle Corporation. He is survived by his wife Pat.



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As of September, 2017

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Consolidated Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
(For the Year Ending December 31, 2016)

Revenues:

Banquet Tickets	\$ 7,050.00	
Donations (Vigilant Partners 15,425)	15,749.00	
Membership Dues	8,955.00	
Interest Income	620.00	
Social Events	235.00	
Special Activities	<u>12,881.00</u>	
Total Revenues		<u>\$ 45,490.00</u>

Expenditures

Administrative Support	\$ 580.00	
25 th Air Force Support	6,066.00	
Chapter Support		
Golf Tournament	750.00	
Honoraria	450.00	
Membership:		
Contract Labor	6,000.00	
Directory	4,103.00	
Internet	129.00	
Other Postage and Printing	312.00	
Newsletter:		
Envelopes	595.00	
Postage and Printing	8,685.00	
Reunion:		
Banquet	6,125.00	
Picnic	331.00	
Socials	1,884.00	
Special Activities	<u>8,486.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$ 44,496.00</u>

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures \$ 994.00

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