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BOD Vote to Retain All Officers

Welcome New Members

Carl "Chuck" Betzold
Onis "Smokey" & Olga Lentz
Carl & Glenda Phipps
Aniello "Neil" & "Bobbie" Prete

A First-time Attendee In his Own Words. . . .

Carl 'Chuck' Betzold, a new member writes; "As a first-timer from the late Viet Nam era, I was probably one of the youngest members at our reunion.

I had only spent one enlistment in the Air Force (1968-1972) and except for basic and Chanute Weather School, my entire time in the Air Force was spent in the 6th Weather Squadron. And like all our alumni, I have always had fond memories of my times at Tinker AFB

I never really kept in touch with anyone from the squadron until a couple of years ago. But during a trip tp OKC in 2003 I was able to reconnect with John Lassiter and Jim McGregor, and it reminded me of why I so

(see First-time page 4)

ATTENDEES (not in alpha order)

- Gordon & Barbara McCann
- Tom & Mary Grace
- Chuck & Anita Hewitt
- Jim & Shirley Eldringhoff
- Cliff Jones & Joann Wylie
- Don & Ericka Garbutt
- Carl & Ann Bishop
- John & Eunice Lassiter
- Chuck & Carmell Morris
- Ted Lungwitz
- Chuck & Carolyn Miller
- Tom & Candy Rivers
- Buz Young & Kitty Womer
- Bongo Bongiovanni
- Bill King
- Joe & Justine Stewart
- Claude & Peg Barrow
- Carl Betzold
- Aniello "Neil" & Bobbie Prete
- Buck Bucklin
- Bill Callicutt
- Hammer & Margret Clarke
- Don Fry
- Jerry & Rosita Hunt & Jerry Jr
- Charles & Sarah Lee
- Ken Brown
- Leonard & Jean Allen
- Bob Plisek
- Ted Campbell & Roy, Bear, & Jim
- Steve & Betsy Gladish
- David Weiner
- Gerry Guay
- Tex & Jausell Winder
- Mary Hardy
- Gerry Hayes
- Ed & Ann Herman
- Jay & Ginny Hartz
- Col Barney & Elinor Pusin
- Joe Kerwin
- Harold & Cheryl Maille
- Ron Manning
- Don Nissen
- Elmo & Claire Reddick
- Lee Simms
- Col Turner & Mary/Lou Abbott
- Ernie Workman
- Rick Tasetano
- Ken & Jeanne Zinke
- Bill Weigle & Diana Bent
- Bob Reid

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ANONYMOUS MEMBER DONATE



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6WSAA COINS

When it was made known that our Association could not afford to buy a set of Commemorative

Coins, a member—*who wished to remain anonymous*—stepped up to the plate. Using the idea of another member (Joe Kerwin) who also acted as an intermediary, he collaborated with the Chairman on the design. Then, using his personal funds, he paid the total amount for 130 colorized bronze & 5 gold coins to commemorate our 6WSAA 20th year reunion. **We Are Gratefull!!!**

COMMEMORATIVE PINS DONATED BY MEMBER



Don Garbutt, our Past Chairman, designed the Commemorative Pin, and using his own funds, purchased 100 to provide each person that attended our 20th year 6WSAA reunion. **Thanks Don!!!**



WELCOME 5TH WEATHER SQUADRON

From our Base

*** OUR FIRST TOUR STOP; NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory (NSSL) ***

Holiday Inn.....



Friday, 26 Jun 05—We conveyed by car to Norman, OK where we received a briefing on the NSSL mission by Ms. Keli Tarp, and viewed an enthralling video that she narrated. Realizing that her audience was a group of seasoned meteorologists, Ms. Tarp tailored her briefing and video narration so that both remained interesting and informative; thereby, holding the attention of our entire group.



**** Then; we headed across the street to the NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) ****

After the excellent tour of the NSSL, our group was treated to a tour of the National Weather Service's (NWS) WFO by Forecasters Mr. Kevin Brown and our own Mr. Kenneth Brown. Being the consummate professionals, their briefing captivated our group as seen in this photo.



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******* While some returned to our Hotel, others of our group stopped at Luby's for lunch *******



Where we refreshed with a delicious meal.



******* OUR FINAL TOUR STOP; Tinker Air Force Base *******

When our car convoy arrived at the Tinker Gate, it took some convincing of the Contract Gate Guards that we were not terrorists. Our prearranged plans for entry to the base had somehow misnamed our 6WSAA as the WWII Group!?!? Finally, we met our Tour Guides, toured Tinker, & some even checked out the new BX. Everyone said they thoroughly enjoyed the tours from N to T.



Finally



Then...it was back to the hotel & rest!!!!



AWARDS

Awards were presented to some very deserving members at this 20th year reunion; following are recipients . . .



CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Carl Bishop



For his above and beyond performance while executing the duties in office as the 6WSAA Treasurer over the past 20 years. Additionally, he has been the chief collaborator on maintaining an active membership by personally calling or writing lapsed members and securing renewal. He actively participates in securing favorable contracts for each reunion along with being the focal point in receiving orders and distributing association accessories to the membership.

CHAIRMAN'S APPRECIATION AWARD

Ted Lungwitz



For his unflinching dedication to the 6th Weather Squadron Alumni Association, evidenced by his traversing three states and spending a night, at his own expense, to participate in the BOD decision process over the last two-years.

6WSAA FOUNDATION AWARD

Joe Kerwin



For his all-around efforts in assisting the 6WSAA. Where & when needed, sometimes out front, and many times unknown to others, but always thinking and ever working toward achievement of the Association's goals. He has been referred to as "...our equivalent of the 'M.A.S.H.' character R.A.D.A.R.". Specifically, he was highly instrumental in recovering our 6WSq Artifacts when the Squadron deactivated, and he actively functioned as the intermediary for securing our 20th year Commemorative Coin; from coordinating the design to the ordering.

ANONYMOUS COIN DONOR AWARD

Joe Kerwin accepting for



Anonymous Member

Special thanks to our 6WSAA Anonymous Member who-because the Association could not, solely used personal monies to purchase, and provide free-gratis, a unique set of bronze colorized, 20th Anniversary Commemorative Coins so each Active Member attending the 2005 reunion could receive one; plus, five Gold Coins for presentation to five 6WSq Commanders.

PRIZES

Several prizes were given to members who attended this 20th year reunion. We were fortunate to capture the lucky winners and prizes they won as shown.



Ken Brown—The coveted Cross Stitched Emblem



Harold Maille
The special Quilt with Signatures

Chuck Betzold—
A full set History CDs



Ernie Workman—
The Decal with Signatures



Buck Bucklin—
4 Free—Room Nights



Carle Clark—
4 Free—Room Nights



Gerry Guay—
4 Free—Room Nights





6WSAA GOLD COINS AWARDED TO FIVE FORMER 6WSQ COMMANDERS

June 26, 2005 During the Awards ceremony of the 20th-year reunion, five 6WSAA members who were former 6WSq Commanders were honored by being selected to receive a 6WSAA Gold Commemorative

Coin. These Coins were part of a batch that was procured by a member donor—who expressed a desire to remain anonymous—to specifically mark the 20th anniversary of the Alumni Association.

The five selectees were considered by the donor to be the top Commanders during the active era of the 6WSq.; they are Colonel Bernard ‘Barney’ Pusin, Colonel Elwyn ‘Mo’ Moseley, Colonel Howard D. Turner, Colonel Norman J. Clark, and Colonel Robert W. Vincent.

Each gold coin was presented in a handsome polished mahogany display box with the Commander’s name inscribed on an attached metal plate. As suggested, it was prearranged that specific members would be the presenter to each commander. Presenting to Col Pusin was Cliff Jones, to Col Turner was Joe Kerwin, to Col Mo (in absentia) was Ron Manning, to Col Vincent (in absentia) were Bill King & John Lassiter and to Col Clark (in absentia) was Carl Bishop.

Three of the Commanders—Col. Pusin, Col. Turner, and Col. Mo are regular reunion attendees; however, Col. Mo had to cancel at the last minute due to Monnie’s illness. Since Col Vincent is in ill health and lives nearby, Bill and John delivered his award before the ceremony. The Coin Awards were mailed to Col Mo and Col Clark with an explanatory letter and a picture of their respective Presenters. Photos below.



Col Pusin receiving Award from Cliff Jones



Col Turner receiving Award from Joe Kerwin

Bill King & John Lassiter Presenters to Col Vincent



Ron Manning Presenter to Col Moseley



Carl Bishop Presenter to Col Clark



—**First-time** (from page 1) thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Air Force — it was the great group of guys I had the privilege to work with and pal around with. John urged me to attend a future reunion and I’m so glad I did.

Prior to the reunion, I didn’t have any preconceived notion of what the reunion would be like. But I was hoping there would be a number of other alumni there from my era. Mainly to be able to rehash our good old days. As luck would have it, I was the only one from my era. But as it turned out, I had a great time anyway.

Yes, there were a couple “older” guys there who were project NCOICs during some of my TDYs, but otherwise everyone else was a new face and name to me. But these newfound friends had tales and stories that helped bridge the gaps between my

era and theirs.

Like the proverbial old pair of shoes, the guys in 6WSq just seem to fit and feel right. Whether discussing a project with someone from 35 years ago, or sharing a conversation with someone I had just met, there was a type of camaraderie that relates to life-long friendships and the comfort level that brings.

The side trip to NSSL and then to Tinker were just frosting on the cake.

The organizers of the reunion deserve more accolades than we can ever give out at our Awards Banquet.

I hope to come back for future reunions, again and again. Sincerely, Chuck Betzold, Chicago, ILL





**Only Active/Honorary Members
As Of June 2005 Who
Have Not Received One May
Request Your Coin...**

Send your Coin Request to:

GWSAA

P O Box 96922

Oklahoma City, OK 73143-6922

Include your check for \$5.00
to cover processing & postage.

Your coin will be mailed to you ASAP

**Following are Our ELIGIBLE
Active/Honorary**

Members of Record As Of 30 June 2005

Adams, Donald	Arkin, Jean
Bardusch, Albert	Arno, Audrey
Barker, Kenneth	Beauchamp, Ginny
Bates, Kenneth	Brooks, Julia Ann
Benedict, James	Coffman, Alice
Biggs, Wilbur	Cox, Doris
Boburg, Carlos	George, Shirley
Bowles, Billy	Goliwas, Mary
Brightwell, William	Horn, Cristine
Brown, Floyd	Kamer, Esther
Casey, Herbert	Larson, Johnnie Mae
Cheatham, John	McKissack, Jean
Contreras, Cesar	Miller, Katherine
Craig, John	Moyer, Barbara
Cummings, Fred	Northern, Sekiko
England, David	Rhodes, Helen
Fazio, Michael	Ridenour, Jean
Fennell, Robert	Salts, Eva
Franklin, Wayne	Shore, Wanda
Freese, Douglas	Stoltenberg, Anne
Gerth, Donald	Vineyard, Pat
Goddard, Richard	Skowron, Ed
Grant, John	McGlaun, Charles
Griffith, David	McGregor, Jim
Hatt, Gerald	Morrow, Tunis
Heggendahl, Donald	Orshoski, Robert
Hesbol, Douglas	O'Sullivan, Jim
Hill, Caryl	Phipps, Carl
Hill, Robert	Robinson, Kenneth
Holtkamp, Louis	Schlittler, Charlie
Jones, Billy	Schmidt, Howard
Jones, Lorraine	Slater, Walter
Kamp, Richard	Styron, Stephen
Kinnett, Arliss	Taiclet, Jack
Lentz, Onis	Varnado, Lathan
Longo, Michael	Webb, Lee
Louis, Phaedo	Williams, Jerry
Mabe, Charles	Williamson, Jack
Mathews, Len	Young, James

FINANCIAL STATUS TRESURER'S REPORT as of 7/1/05

Reunion Fees Received		\$ 3150.00
Reunion Expenses from Fees	\$ 3150.00	
Additional Expenses from Ops	\$ 100.22	
Total Reunion Expenses		\$ 3250.22
FUNDS - BY - CATEGORY * = reserved as described		
Operating Funds brought fwd	\$ 858.01	
Dues 1 Jul 05 — 30 Jun 06*	\$ 640.00	
Dues 1 Jul 06 — Beyond*	\$ 710.00	
Web Development Funds*	\$ 250.00	
Reunion Fees to Refund 6 Mbrs	<\$ 240.00>	
Bank Balance 1 Jul 2005		\$ 2750.01

Our 6WSAA Decal is now available for members to order.

This is a window decal that is transparent in the white area around the eagle & outside the Logo, and is 4" X 6" in size. The price is **only \$5.00 each**. You may order from Ted Lungwitz, 8 Churchhill Rd., Pueblo, CO 81001-2126; or send your order and make check payable to **6WSAA, P O Box 96922, Oklahoma City, OK 73143-6922**. Allow 2-weeks to process your order. **These Are Nice!**



**6th Weather Squadron
Patch Still Available**

If you missed getting a Patch, we still have them available for you to order at **only \$2.50/each**. To receive your Patch (s), make your check payable and mail your order to:

6WSAA
P O Box 96922
Oklahoma City, OK
73143-6922
Allow 2-weeks to process your order.



History CDs are also available for members to order. There are eighteen CDs that contain 6WSq history artifacts transferred from books and records retained/secured from the Squadron Deactivation and from some of our members. They are **\$1.50 each—includes postage**. You may order one, two or all 18 of the CDs from our Historian,
Shirley Eldringhoff
521 W Ring Factory Rd
Bel Air, MD 21015



Please allow two weeks for processing.

Thanks to Jerry Hunt
for our initial web site, and
for the Flying High Band.
We appreciate you!

A new web site is in the works for our Association as decreed at our 2005 General Membership meeting, by the general membership. It is under construction and is being developed by one of our members, **Gerry Guay**, in collaboration with other knowledgeable web savvy members. Great start!! The test-site is <http://members.cox.net/gguay3/>



These Special Ladies—You reunion attendees remember the ones, **Ann, Eunice, Claire, and Carolyn**—who toiled long hours to keep the hospitality room open, and ensure it was well stocked with refreshments, tasty snacks and friendly presence? We realized they did not receive the accolades they deserved at the banquet, nor did the members of the BOD who did all those behind the scene things for the reunion to be a success!

Well, each of them received a **Free Lunch** compliments of the Chairman when we met for the post-reunion BOD meeting. Those unable to be there will still get their **Free Lunch!!!**

Anonymous Coin Donor Revealed



On July 8 2005, Bill Callicutt and Joe Kerwin presented a revised Certificate of Appreciation which read "**Presented to Ron & Judy Manning**" from the 6 WS Alumni Association. Ron stated, "Judy and I had always planned to do something nice for the association and I thought the coin would be an appropriate gift to the membership and would serve as a memorable tribute to Judy and the Association she so dearly loved." Thanks Ron !!!

Big Thanks To

Gordon and Barbara Who showed up early to help shop for and stock the hospitality room. Your help was much Appreciated.

Member Publishes First Novel

*** Steve Gladish ***

has published his first of three Novels in the planned trilogy.

The title is **Moonlight, Missiles, and Moana**
By Stephen B. Gladish

Contact Steve for info on ordering your copy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Steve



Letters of Appreciation Sent

Letters of appreciation were mailed to the;

Holiday Inn for the Several of their Staff

NSSL & WFO for the Tours and Briefings and to

Tinker for the Tour

Get Well Wishes

These wishes go out to all our members who are experiencing health challenges, or who may have loved ones in ill health; you are in our prayers. God Bless.



Candolences

We were all saddened when we learned of the loss of two of our most faithful reunion attendees; **Jake Powell & Virginia Douglas**. We will miss them.



ANOTHER ORGANIZATION OF NOTE



Air Weather Association (AWA) is an organization to which all of our members—who were in USAF, USAAF, USAFR/ANG, Weather in any capacity—are eligible to join. Fee is **\$9.00 for a Life membership**. For more info, write to Air Weather Association Treasurer, 1879 Cole Rd., Aromas CA 95004-9681; or visit www.airweaassn.org on line.

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**Members Paid to 30 June 2005
Must Renew Dues to Remain Current.**