



# The 6th Dimension

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6th Weather Squadron  
(Mobile)  
Alumni Association

P.O. Box 7642  
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642

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The Board of Directors Voted  
to  
RETAIN ALL OFFICERS;

NOTICE OUR NEW  
ADDRESS?

Thanks for allowing  
us to serve you

The 2007 (Last) Reunion. . .

## Who Was There

Betzold, Carl 'Chuck'  
Bishop, Elbert 'Carl' & Ann  
Baker, John  
Bongiovanni, Robert 'Bongo'  
Brown, Floyd 'Ed' & Coralie 'Corky'  
Brown, Kenneth A  
Clarke, Carle & Margret  
Connolly, Brian  
Eldringhoff, Jim & Shirley  
Frieburger, Roy F & Elaine N  
Garbutt, Don & Erika  
Gladish, Stephen & Betsey  
Grace, John 'Tom' & Mary  
Grona, Pat  
Guay, Gerald P  
Hayes, Gerri  
Herman, Edward & M Ann  
Hewitt, Charles & Anita  
Hollingsworth, Frank  
Jones, Clifford T & Wylie, Joann

Jones, Lorraine D  
Kerwin, Joseph P 'Joe'  
Lassiter, John G & Eunice  
Lee, Charles E & Sarah  
McCann, Gordon & Barbara  
Miller, Clarence 'Chuck' & Carolyn  
Nissen, Donald  
Piel, Marty & Sherry  
Pusin, 'Col' Bernard & Elinor  
Reddick, Elmo E & Claire  
Simms, Lee  
Skowron, Edward 'Ed' & Joanne  
Stewart, Joseph R. & Justine  
Weiner, David A & Virginia  
Winder, James P 'Tex' & Jausell  
Workman, William G & Diana  
Zinke, Kenneth R & Jeannine  
Whiteman, Jan & Mike  
Hunt, Jerry D & Rosita  
Rivers, Thomas & Pee-Jay  
Biggs, Wilbur M

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What Did They Do? (see page 2)

## Welcome New Members

Robert & Mary Bailey	Michael & Cecelia Seaver
Robert 'Bob' & Margaret Demchak	Larry & Norma Flohaug
Miguel & Margaret Sena	Bob Chapman
Stan & Carol Campbell	

A  
**BIG**  
Thanks  
Renewing Members



Group Photo of Tinker Visitors

Trip to Tinker AFB



Lunch at the BX Food Court

NWS NSSL & WFO



Members Tour New NWS Bldg.



Observation Floor of New NWS Bldg.

TV-5 Rick Mitchell Welcomes 6WSAA Members



Western Sizzler Lunch before TV-5 Tour

KOCO TV-5



Members Briefed by TV Chief Meteorologist, Rick Mitchell.

TV-5's Rick Mitchell & Aaron Tuttle with Chuck Betzold



2007 Reunion & Financial Report

Banquet Cost		\$1857.83
Hospitality Room & Service Cost	\$ 504.94	
Name Tags, Envs for Info Pkgs	\$ 72.00	
Awards Cost	\$ 76.00	
<b>Total Reunion Costs</b>		<b>\$2510.67</b>
<b>Reunion Fees / Donations Received</b>		<b>\$2530.00</b>

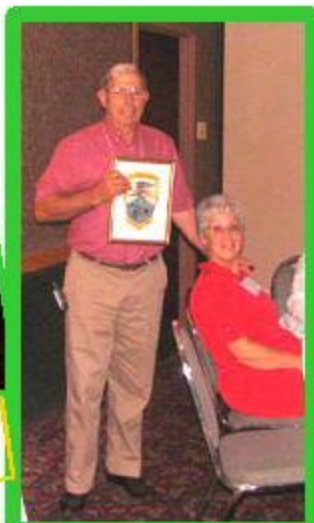
7/19/07 Bank Balance		\$3970.32
Dues Deposits	\$ 90.00	
Checks Outstanding & Mbr Ref	(\$ 199.00)	
7/27/07 Bank Balance		\$3861.32
1 Jul 06 to 30 Jun 07 Oper Exps		\$ 589.52



# 2007 Winners of Drawings



Cliff, Jim & Shirley, Tex, & Don Nissen  
Free Hotel-room Winners

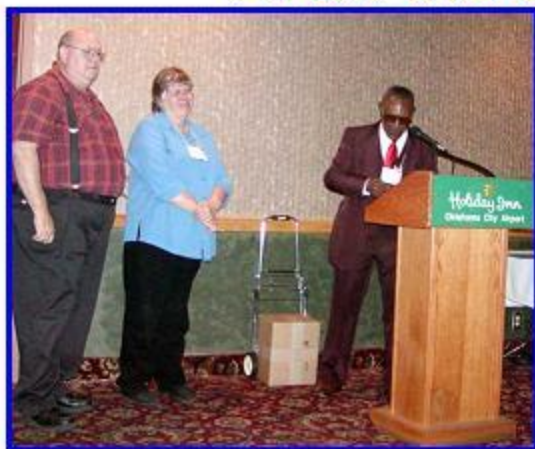


Roy Frieburger  
Shirley's Cross-stitch Emblem



Shirley presenting to Gordon  
The Historical CD Set

# Award Recipients



Mike & Jan Whiteman receiving Commemorative Coin & Orders in honor of Jan's Dad & Mom, Virginia Douglas



Gerry Guay—Chairman's  
Appreciation Award  
for 6WSAA Website  
Shirley Eldringhoff—  
Chairman's Award  
for Many Invaluable  
Contributions to  
6WSAA



Roy Frieburger—Cross  
Stitch Emblem from  
Drawing  
John Lassiter—Foundation  
Award  
Charter Member &  
Cornerstone of 6WSAA  
Jery Hunt—Pioneer Award  
1st 6WSAA Website

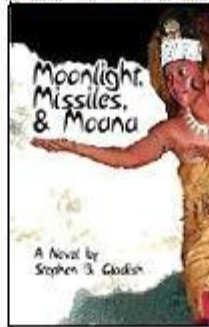


# Spotlight On Two Members



**Stephen B Gladish**—Our member, is a Published Author & Educator. Among his many Publishing's are the three shown here and soon to be released, "Tomado Fever".

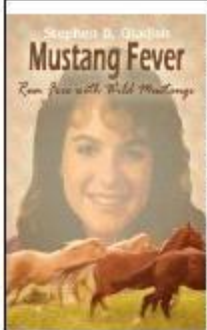
Happily married to his college sweetheart, Betsy, for thirty-eight years, Stephen is the proud father of two daughters—with full families and careers—and two adventurous sons, both Second Lieutenants currently distinguishing themselves on active duty in the U. S. Army. For more info, visit his web site at <http://www.stephenbgladish.com/index.html>



**Moonlight, Missiles, and Moana**

by [Stephen B. Gladish](#)

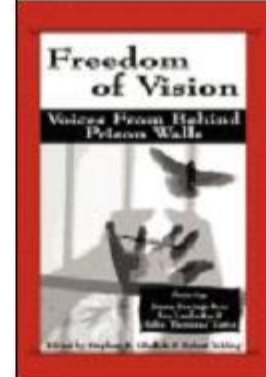
Three young Air Force servicemen on nuclear testing duty and three girls grow up during the Cold War confrontations of the early 1960s. Moana and South Sea Island greet Chance and Luke after they arrive in Samoa. Chance and Moana embark on a love affair that is interrupted by Chance's military obligations and his own doubts about commitment. They separate briefly, then reunite for a number of... [\(read more\)](#)



**Mustang Fever**

by [Stephen Gladish](#)

**Mustang Fever: Run Free with Wild Mustangs.** The long-awaited sequel to Moonlights, Missiles and Moana. While stationed at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site, Sixth Weather Squadron Airman Chance Chisholm becomes a protector of an endangered band of wild mustangs. He meets Cheyenne Autumn, a local Paiute woman and part of a family of long-time mustangers. This sets up a page-turning adventure full... [\(read more\)](#)



**Freedom of Vision**

by [Stephen B. Gladish](#)

Everyone's soul yearns to express itself without walls, fences and gates—especially those whose lives came crashing down beneath the weight of their own mistakes of judgment and/or action. In that spirit, Freedom of Vision presents more than 125 poems, essays and stories by current and former convicts from throughout the United States, as well as prison teachers.

Their stanzas, tales,... [\(read more\)](#)



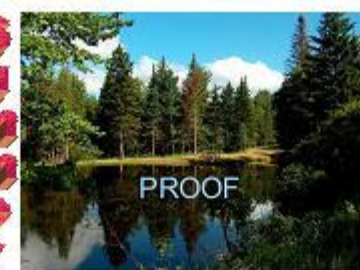
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Meet Robert 'Bob' Demchak, our new member & a member of JPG Magazine, who writes "I am an avid outdoors person living in Central Maine where I am a Registered Maine Guide licensed for hunting, fishing and recreational activities", & is also a Photographer. Samples of his work from his Gallery are shown here. He has several on-line sites where some of his excellent work can be viewed & purchased. You can get a better sense of who Bob is by reading "About Me" at [www.CentralMaineGuide.com](http://www.CentralMaineGuide.com). Photo samples here are from the 4 seasons and are shown with permission of Bob Demchak. **Thanks Bob!**



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**Members, let us know of Your Talents so we can Spotlight YOU !!**



# Memorabilia

**H**istory CDs are still 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 **direct** from;



**Shirley Eldringhoff, Historian**  
521 W Ring Factory Rd  
Bel Air, MD 21015

Please allow two weeks for processing.



### The original 6th Weather Sq. Patch is Available

If you have not ordered a Patch, we still have them available for you to purchase at **only \$2.50/each, includes postage**. To receive your Patch (s), complete the order form on page 4 and mail to;

**6WSAA**  
**P O Box 7642**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642**  
Allow 2-weeks for processing.



The **6WSAA Decal** is available for members to order. This is a window decal that is **transparent** in the white area around the eagle & out-side the Logo, and is 4" X 6" in size. The price is **only \$5.00** includes postage. Complete the order form on page 4 and mail to;

**6 WSAA**  
**P O Box 7642**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642**  
Allow 2-weeks for processing.

## Fourteen Coins Remain



We still have 14 of our 20th-yr commemorative Coins on hand. They are available on a first order basis. See PO form Pg.4 to order.

## Key-Chain Coin-holder

**N**ew! Now available, a key-chain that is also a coin holder. Thanks to BOD member Ted Lungwitz, these nifty coin companions add portability and allow members to carry their coin along for ready/instant display to one & all. \$6.00, Please allow 2-weeks to process.



## Our LOGO



## Shirts

**MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE**  
(Not our handsome BOD Models, but...)

“Polo” type shirts; white, with a collar, and a pocket just below the logo. These shirts are a very popular item. Shirts sold to date were undervalued causing us to nearly go red on the sales. The corrected price is listed on the Purchase Order form Page 6.

**6<sup>th</sup> WEATHER SQUADRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (6WSAA)****PURCHASE ORDER FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone No: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Description	Size	Qty	Cost \$	Total
6WSAA Decal	Adhesive back decal	6" X 4"		5.00	
6WS(MOB) Patch	Embroidered patch	6" X 4"		2.50	
* Coin	20th Anniv Commemorative			15.00	
Key-Chain Coin Holder	See Image on Page 5 of NL			6.00	
** Shirt(50% Cotton & 50% Polyester)	White Polo with 6WSAA Logo above left pocket	S, M, LG, XL		13.00	
" "	" "	2X		15.00	
" "	" "	3X		17.00	
** Shirts	Postage—Per Shirt		ADD	4.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>					

\* Limited number; Only 14 remain. First come, while supplies last  
Enclose a check or money order for TOTAL payable to 6WSAA.

**Mail to:** 6th WEATHER SQUADRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 7642  
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642

Thank you for your order. Please allow 2 to 4 weeks after receipt for delivery by USPS.



# Get Well Wishes To All Our Members Who Are Ill

## Family We Have Lost

**As reported by Cecilia Hatt, Gerald's wife—She wishes to keep in touch**  
**Gerald Hatt**, our long-time member, passed away **16 Jan 07** after a long illness at the age of 76. Gerald received a military funeral with an Honor Guard who gave Cecilia the flag. Gerald and Cecilia met while both was employed by KLM Air Line from 55 - 59—well after his service and 6<sup>th</sup> Wea days—and married in the late 50's. They were married more than 50 years and have a son Gerald Hatt and 2 grand children Brian & Julian. With Gerald and her being Canadian, they would travel to Nova Scotia every year by train because he didn't like to fly. She didn't like New York trains and would fly part of the way and join him. Gerald loved 6<sup>th</sup> Weather and always wanted to attend the reunions, but was never able. Cecilia kept his membership dues paid up because he wanted to stay connected. He would reminisce about his 6<sup>th</sup> Wea projects in the S Pacific and a service friend named Campbell. Cecilia was not sure of Campbell's first name but Gerald called him Soupy; she doesn't think the Campbell he talked about was ever a 6WSAA member. She said, although she had not met any of us, she believed 6WSAA and Oklahomans in general are great people just from observing the aftermath of the Murray Bldg. bombing.

**Ienna Mae "Lee" Simms** passed peacefully, after a brief illness, with her family at her side on 3 May 08. Lee was born April 7, 1930 in Eureka Kansas to Henry F. and Ella Mae Frances (Monfort) Myers. She was 78. In 1980, Lee met retired Air Force Master Sergeant, Harry C. Simms. They were united in marriage the following year in Del City, Oklahoma where they made their home. Harry brought to the marriage daughters, Cindi, Sherri, Debbie, and Holly, and son, Buddy. Preceding her in death are her husband, Harry C. Simms and parents, Henry and Ella Mae Myers. Loved ones remaining to cherish her memory are her children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, a sister, two brothers, and many nieces, nephews, other family members and a multitude of friends. **Lee was a loving person, and she loved, and was truly loved by all of her 6WSAA family.**



7 April 30—3 May 08



**Ronald G. Manning**, (1930-2007) 77, of Niceville, Florida, formerly of Norris City, Illinois, passed away June 10, 2007 in Ft. Walton beach, Florida. He was born March 28, 1930 in Alton, Illinois, the son of Glenn and Violet (Kelly) Manning. He married Judith M. Eye October 29, 1982 and she preceded him in death September 2, 2001. He served with the U.S. Air

Force, Air Weather Service, 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma from 1960 to 1968 and was a long standing member of 6WSAA, of which he was very fond. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. A special thanks to 6WSAA extended family members Bill and Connie Callicutt who were Ron's primary care-givers and close personal friends. They took care of him throughout his illness and saw to his every need in the absence of any relatives in the area. A fitting example of the character of our members and of our 6WSAA motto, "Willing and Able." A graveside service was held Saturday, July 14, 2007 at Rice Cemetery in Norris City, Illinois.

**William 'Pete' Brightwell**—From Millie, Pete's wife, Pete passed away Thursday morning, December 6 2007. Over the last several years, Pete had struggled with the complications of COPD. He had just turned 70 the day after Thanksgiving and they'd been married for 44 years in February '07. They spent most of their post-military years in the Ardmore, OK area. Earlier in 2007, they moved to Virginia where he was able to spend his remaining time with their daughter, Jennifer, her husband Jason, and their three wonderful boys. Jason, an Air Force Officer stationed at the Pentagon, provided Pete with plenty of humor, and provided Millie with much needed support during their time of transition. The memorial service and "inurnment" was held at Arlington National Cemetery on January 2, 2008. Millie thanks members for their prayers and said "Pete was an original. We will all miss him." We echo her words!!!

**Robert C. Garbutt**  
 Son of Don Garbutt



*In Memory Of*  
 Robert C. Garbutt

*Date of Birth*  
 December 15, 1959

*Date of Death*  
 March 23, 2008

*Place and Time of Service*  
 OKC Hilton Garden Inn  
 Rosewood Room  
 2:00 pm Sunday  
 March 30, 2008

*"A Time of Remembrance"*

*Officiating*  
 Don Garbutt

*Services Provided By*  
 Ford Funeral Service

**Charlie Real**—

was born on August 4, 1934, in Olaa, Hawaii.

He died on May 23, 2008 in Del City, OK, at the age of 73. He served with the U.S. Air Force, Air Weather Service, 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. A graveside service was held at 10 am on (1934-2008) Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at Arlington cemetery. Although Charlie was eligible, he was not a member of our 6th WSAA, but family just the same.





Financial Report as of 5/16/08

Pending Use Clarification	\$ 35.00	
Web Funds Remaining	\$ 118.00	
Dues Paid Beyond 1 Jul 08	\$ 1000.00	
Operating Funds Available	\$ 2984.92	
5/16/08 Bank Balance		\$ 4137.42



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Mark Your Calendars  
**2009 REUNION SET**

Thursday, 11 Jun 09  
to  
Sunday, 14 Jun 09  
Wednesday, 10 Jun 09, is Early-Bird  
of course!!!

**HOTEL MAKEOVER**

New Look Coming Soon...

TO BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 2008



OKLAHOMA CITY AIRPORT  
2101 South Meridian Avenue  
Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
1-800-622-7666

Rate will be  
\$79 + Tax

The hotel is currently under renovation, planned for completion in December 2008.

To the left is a preview of what amenities you can expect when the 2009 Reunion commences.

For those who have attended past reunions and are familiar with the hotel layout, you will be pleasantly surprised; the workout/game room between the pool and atrium will be renovated to become the New Hospitality Room. We were informed it will be available for our use. Also, the name will change to:

**Wyndham Garden  
Hotel  
Oklahoma City Airport**

CRUISE THE  
**RIVER**

COME EXPERIENCE  
OKLAHOMA CITY'S  
NEWEST ATTRACTION



Devon Discovery

**OKLAHOMA  
Your River Cruisers Await!**

Oklahoma River Cruises is Oklahoma City's NEWEST attraction! Come embark upon a unique experience you simply won't find anywhere else. The NEW Oklahoma River Cruisers, Devon Discovery, Devon Explorer and Devon Pioneer, tour a seven-mile stretch of the beautiful Oklahoma River. Take it all in from a new perspective ... there are countless treasures that await your discovery. Oklahoma River Cruises offer public cruises five days per week, exciting themed cruises and private cruises tailored to fit your needs.

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