The 6th Dimension
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31 Aug 2008

The Board of Directors Voted
to
RETAIN ALL OFFICERS;
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, Cecile & Margret
Connolly, Brian
Eldridgehoff, Jim & Shirley
Frieburger, Roy F & Elaine N
Garbutt, Don & Erika
Glahdi, 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

What Did They Do? (see page 2)

Welcome New Members
Robert & Mary Bailey
Robert ‘Bob’ & Margaret Demchak
Miguel & Margaret Sena
Stan & Carol Campbell

Michael & Cecelia Seaver
Larry & Norma Flohaug
Bob Chapman

A BIG Thanks
Renewing Members

NOTICE OUR NEW ADDRESS?
**Trip to Tinker AFB**

Group Photo of Tinker Visitors

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 6WSSAA Members

Western Sizzler
Lunch before TV-5 Tour

Members Briefed by TV Chief Meteorologist, Rick Mitchell.

**KOCO TV-5**

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

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### 2007 Reunion & Financial Report

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2007 Winners of Drawings

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

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

Cliff, Jim & Shirley, Tex, & Don Nissen—Free Hotel-room Winners
Shirley presenting to Gordon The Historical CD Set
Roy Frieburger—Shirley's Cross-stitch Emblem
**Spotlight On Two Members**

**Stephen B Gladish** — Our member, a published author & educator. Among his many publishing’s are the three shown here and soon to be released, “Tomato 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 website at http://www.stephenbgladish.com/index.html

**Freedom of Vision**

By Stephen B. Gladish

Everyone’s soul yearns to express itself without walls, fences and gates — especially those whose lives have been crushed 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)

**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 Islander 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 B. Gladish

Mustang Fever: Run Free with Wild Mustangs. The long-awaited sequel to Moonlight, 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)

Meet Robert ‘Bob’ Demchak, our new member & a member of JPQ 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. Photo samples here are from the 4 seasons and are shown with permission of Bob Demchak. Thanks Bob!

Members, let us know of Your Talents so we can Spotlight YOU!!!
History CDs are still available for members to order. There are eighteen CDs that contain 6WSq history artifacts transferred from books and records retained/secure 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:
6WSAA
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
Now! 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.
6th WEATHER SQUADRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (6WSAA)

PURCHASE ORDER FORM

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* 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 with 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 were employed by KLM Airline from 55–59—well after his service and 6th Wea days—and married in the late 30's. They were married more than 50 years and have a son Gerald Hatt and 2 grand children Brian & Julianna. 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 6th 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 6th 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 Soup. She didn'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 Blight bombing.

Leona 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 1950, Lee met and married 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 home the marriage children, Cindy, Sherri, Debbie, and Holly, and son, Eddie. Preceding her in death are her husband, Harry C. Simms and parents, Henry and Ella Mae Myers. Lee's many remaining to cherish her memory are her children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, 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.

Ronald G. Manning, (1930-2007), 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, 1952 and they had three children. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. A special thanks to 6WSAA extended family members Bill and Connie Caldecott 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 miss him.” We echo her words!!!

In Memory Of Robert C. Garbutt

Date of Birth December 15, 1929
Date of Death March 23, 2008
Place and Time of Service GEX, Hilton Garden Inn Rosewood Room 2:00 pm Sunday March 30, 2008
“A Time of Remembrance”

Charlie Real—was born on August 4, 1934, in Olalla, 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.

Robert C. Garbutt
Son of Don Garbutt

Charlie Real

Services Provided by Fred Funeral Service
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...

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
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 Cruises, 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.

okrivercruises.com