The 6th Dimension
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Members Proclaim 2009 Reunion As Best Yet!

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MEMBERS & GUESTS WHO ATTENDED THIS REUNION

Leonard Allen
John Baker
Wilbur Biggs
Georgia Biggs
Carl Bishop
Ann Bishop
Ken Brown
Buck Bucklin
Col Norman Clark
Jim Elderinghoff
Shirley Elderinghoff
Don Gabbutt
Erika Gabbutt
Steve Gladish
Steve Gladish II
Tom Grace
Mary Grace
Pat Grona
Gerry Guay
Jay Hartz
Rickey Heister
Chuck Hewitt
Clifford T Jones
Joann Wylie
Christine Moglia
Joe Kerwin
Bill King
Fred LaPerriere
John Lassiter
Eunice Lassiter
Charles Lee
Sarah Lee
Ted Lungwitz
Charles Mabe
Betty Mabe
Harold Maille
Gordon McCann
Barbara McCann
Chuck Miller
Carolyn Miller
Chuck Morris
Mark Neitenbach
Don Nissen
Bob Plesk
Anello Prete
Elmo Redick
Robert Reid
John Tasetano III
Matt Tasetano
Virginia Tasetano
Kenney Tasetano
John Webb
Dave Weiner
Virginia Weiner
Elizabeth Huttowski
Matt Weiner
Danielle Weiner
Tex Winder
Jasell Winder
Ernie Workman

Board Of Directors—Officers

- Chuck Miller—Chair
- Chuck Hewitt—Vice Chair
- Carl Bishop—Treasurer
- John Lasiter—Asst. Treasurer
- Emo Redick—Secretary
- Don Gabbutt—Past Chair
- Ted Lungwitz—Member
- Jerry Hunt—Member
- Leonard Allen—Member
- Chuck Morris—Member
- Bill Weigel—Member

Membership Committee

- Buck Bucklin—Chair
- Shirley Birdinghoff—Vice Chair
- Wilbur Biggs—Member
- Bill King—Member
- Joe Kerwin—Member
- Tom Rivers—Member
- Gordon McCann—Member
- Barbara McCann—Member
- Gerry Guay—Member—Web Master
- Dave Weiner—Member
- Neil Prete—Member

BOD Voted to Retain Incumbent Officers
Chair Secretary Treasurer Asst. Treasurer
See upper left panel

DD-214s NOW Online
The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their form DD-214
http://vetrecs.archives.gov/
Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use the system to request documents.

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Welcome New Members!

Shirley Eldrinhoff, Our Historian Sez...

- A BIG thank you for the 20 “histories” that have been completed by members and are now in a notebook. They are interesting, funny, entertaining and sincere. We need many, many more. If you need another form, please contact Shirley at shirknjim@aol.com or call 410-838-0973.

- If anyone is having difficulty with veteran’s benefits and needs some guidance, Charlie Lee is involved with the Veterans Assistance Commission in his locale and will gladly listen to and advise you. He can be contacted atCharles1@accessus.net.

- We lost a good friend with the recent death of Clifford T. Jones. If you have a favorite memory of Clifford that you would like to share, either please mail it to our Historian, Shirley Eldrinhoff or email to shirknjim@aol.com. These memories will be placed in a notebook for sharing at the reunion of 2011.

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Thanks to John Webb, the spirits and goblets that were dedicated at the 1st reunion—to be used by the final two 6WSAA members living to toast the demise of the Association—were returned after being missing for the last decade. John found them while going through his late wife’s storage and presented them at the 2009 banquet. Welcome back.

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Membership List Get A Makeover

The Ad Hoc committee recommended the Membership List be re-formatted into categories. The General Membership vote passed and was accepted by the Board of Directors to reorganized the list as follows; Active (Dues current) and Honorary, In-active (Dues non-current), and Potential (prospective members). Legend is first.

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The Participating Board of Directors—including Gordon McCann—formed the Reunion Committee. All the members and their families who take the time & effort to attend make your reunions possible & enjoyable.

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Financial Report as of 7/29/09

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Electronic 1099R for 2009 is available on “myPay” at https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx?flps=99R-RCPS. Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) implemented the myPay web-based system in March 2000. The Web-based system allows members to access electronic 1099R, RAS and other financial information. If you do not have a Password for accessing myPay, you can obtain one by clicking on the New Password button at the address shown above to get a temporary Password. If you have any questions about myPay, please call our center at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411. For questions on your 1099R, please call 1-800-321-1080.
Awards and Recognition
Life Membership Awarded to Two Members

Col Barney & Clifford T. both in their 90's & icons of the former USAF 6th Wg Sq (MOB), and faithful members of the GNWAA, were awarded Life Membership. The award confers paid-up membership and full retention of all voting privileges. Unable to attend, Col Pusin's Life Award was mailed to him. Congratulations!

Awards and Recognition
Honorary Member to Frédéric Laperrière

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Author, Educator, Member, Benefactor Awarded to Stephen G. Gladish, Sr.

John LaBette Presents Appreciation Award to Chuck Miller

Steve Gladish gets History CD Set

Appreciation to Jerome Thomas for providing Music

Chairman Shows Life Award mailed to Col Pusin

Chuck Hewitt gets Chairman's Award

Wilbur wins the Coveted Cross Stitch

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Key-Chain Coin-holder

New! 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.

History CDs are still available for members to order. There are 18 CDs that contain 6WSa history artifacts transferred from books and records retained/secured from the Squadron Deactivation and from some of our members. They are $15.00 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.

Full Color Logo Polo Type Shirt

Complete and submit the Order Form with your check.

Purchasing Order Form

Name: ____________
Street/P.O. Box: ___________________
City: ____________ ST: _________ ZIP: ____________
Home Phone: _________ Alternate Phone No: _________
E-mail address: _______________________

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Enclose a check or money order for the 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 for delivery by USPS.

Fewer Coins Remain

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 and mail to:
6WSAA
P O Box 7642
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642
Allow 2 weeks for processing. Many Available

The 6WSAA Decal is 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 includes postage. Complete the order form mail to:
6 WSAA
P O Box 7642
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642
Allow 2 weeks for processing. Many On Hand
NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership categories are:

Primary Members: Former members of the USAF 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) or any of its predecessor units including civilian employees. Annual dues are required to remain Active.

Associate Members: Current or former members of any organization that provided direct service to 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile). Civilian employees, spouses or other immediate family of this group may become Associate Members. Annual dues are required to remain active. Spouses of Primary Members in good standing hold Associate Membership and are exempt from dues. Voting privileges are not enjoyed by Associate Members.

Honorary Members: Persons who must be nominated for Honorary Membership by a Primary Member and who must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Widows and widowers of Primary Members are deemed Honorary Members by relationship. Honorary Members are exempt from dues. Voting privileges are not enjoyed by Honorary Members.

*YOUR NAME: ____________________ NICKNAME: ____________________

YOUR SPOUSE: ____________________ NICKNAME: ____________________

Check Type Membership Applying For: Primary ________ Associate ________ Honorary ________

*Widow/Widower of alumni member - Enter the deceased Member’s name, rank, and year in which deceased:

Deceased Member’s Name: ____________________ Rank: ________ Year Deceased: ________

Your Mailing Address:

STREET/P.O. BOX: ____________________

City: ____________________ ST: ________ ZIP: ________

Date of Birth: ____________________

Home phone No: (____) __________ Office phone No: (____) __________

E-mail address: ____________________

Years in 6th WS (MOB) (ex. 60-64): ____________________

Organization (if not 6th MOB):

Enclose a check or money order for $10.00/year payable to 6WSAA.

Enclosed is $ _____ for (# years) _____ Dues.

Mail to: 6th WEATHER SQUADRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Final Launch

Robert W. "Bob" Reid was born April 28, 1936 in Tacoma, WA to
William V. and Marie Reid. He died on November 13,
2009 at Integrity Hospice House of congestive heart
failure. He graduated in 1954 from Prosser
High School in Prosser, WA. Bob joined the Air
Force in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1958.
He was a member of our 6WSq (MOB) from 1956—
1958. Known to many of his fellow service men as
"Swede", he was well liked and developed life-long
and lasting friendships that continued until his death.
After the military, Bob then graduated from Central State College
in 1962 with a B.S. in chemistry. He was an agent for Allstate Ins. Co for 31 years. After this retirement on
December 31, 1993, he spent many happy hours fishing,
hunting—much with our own Tex & Ernie—and cooking. Bob married Angela Demmer in 1957, and they had
three children. He is survived by his wife, Angela, and children: Susan Reed and husband Mike, Steve Reed and
wife Barb of OKC, and David Reid of Houston, TX. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren, all of OKC, and sister,
Arlene Reynolds and husband Len of Yaki na, WA. Mass of
Christian Burial was at 10:00 am on November 16, 2009, at St.
Francis of Assisi Church in OKC. Interment will be at the Union City Catholic
Cemetery. Many of us will miss the Swede. FAREWELL BOB...

Col Robert Vincent, a former 6th Ws Sq (MOB) Commander, &
6WSA member died December 9, 2005 after an extended illness
according to his daughter, Pat Black. It was also said that his wife,
Patti still lives in Stillwater, OK but we’ve been unable to make
contact. This information was revealed in response to our Historian’s
initiative of sending all members of record a “My 6th Weather History” form to complete so a historical record can be established and compiled.
Col. Vincent was one of 5 former Commanders who received the
specially designed 20th Year Commemorative Coin during our
2003 reunion. John Lassiter & Bill King presented it to him at home.

Robert T. Fennell. Another returned “My 6th Weather History” form from Lou Fennell, widow of Robert T. Fennell. Lou
said and I quote, “Bob died of complications of lung cancer
surgery on May 21st last year (2008). He would have enjoyed this.”
Our condolences go out to Lou and her family from our 6WSA family.

Shirley Eldrighoff wrote, “I learned that Walter Slater died and I looked it
up on the SSDI and he died on June 12, 2009. Looks like he died during our
reunion and isn’t it curious because his wife, Lee also died during one of our
reunions” —Another result from her “My 6th Weather History” project.

Edward Allan Town: Mr. Edward Allan Town, age 70 of Weston,
Texas passed away July 8, 2009 in Plano, Texas. He was born on
August 31, 1938 in Grove City, Pennsylvania to Eugene and Josphine (Rossi) Town. On December 23, 1955, he married Sharon Gun
in McKinney, Texas. Mr. Town proudly served his country in the U.S.
Air Force and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1955. Following his
military retirement, he assumed a career with Rockwell and Boeing
Edward is survived by his wife, Sharon Gun Town, daughters, Mary
Heath, Michele Town and Melissa Zak, 7 grandchildren, 2 nieces and
a nephew. According to our member, Joe Kerwin, Ed Town was an
airman in 6th Weather Sq. (MBO) and went on to get his commission
and was a Para Weather Jumper, then retired as a Lt. Col.

Clifford T. Jones passed away
Monday, September 28, 2009 at
the age of 92. Life member of
the 6WSAA. He served with the
6th Weather Squadron (Mobile)
from 1951 to 1958 and 1960 to
1963. He was an icon of both,
the 6th Weather Squadron
(MOB) and of the 6th Weather
Squadron Alumni Association. Even
when he was seriously ill, he still opted to have his
dear friend, Joann Wylie, help him make the trip to
OKC where he attended the 2009 6WSAA reunion
through it’s duration in June—he never missed one.
The Association honored him by bestowing on him
one of only two Life Memberships ever awarded.
Cliff was well loved by many of our 6WSA family &
will be greatly missed. He is survived by a son & his
daughter, Christine Moglia. Those knowing Clifford
who may have memorable stories may send them to
our Historian, Shirley Eldrighoff, see Member list.

Billie R. Wright: In collecting “My 6th Wea History”,
Shirley Eldrighoff received from our member, Arthur
I went to a funeral for Billie R. Wright also a Det 6
troop of earlier times. He was retired as a MSGt and
thought the world of 6WS and its mission. Whenever I
saw him (Commisary, RX), all he could speak of was the
old times in 6 WS, etc. I worked with and for Billie
in times past. A tough master! Please remember him in
your notes!” Billie died on 7 May 2007.

Pat Vineyard, widow of our late member, Jerry Vineyard
passed away in March of 2009, it was learned. Pat
lived in New Brunswick, TX at the time.
No other details were available.

KAMP, Richard L. “Dick,” 70, of Tampa, passed
away June 12, 2009. He was born in Mt. Carmel, Ill. and came here in 1978, from Illinois.
He was a Lutheran by faith. He served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force. During the period when
he was in the USAF, Dick was assigned to 6th
Wea. Sq. (MOB) 1962—1970 and developed life-long
friends among his fellow service members. He was a
member of our 6WSAA and attended several reunions
where he was well known and loved by many. Richard
retired after 24 years with the National Weather Service
in Ruskin, Fla. He enjoyed bowling and golf. He is
survived by his children, Jeff Kamp of Miami, Fla.,
Scott Kamp of Lithia, Fla. and Tracey L. Nicholson of
Tampa, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were
held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 18, 2009, at Brewer
and Sons Funeral Home, Tampa, FL. Military honors
service was conducted at Florida National Cemetery in
Bushnell, Fla. Photo copied from his NWS retirement.
**Final Launch continued**

Dr. Roland H. Alexander Ph.D., 82, of Fairview Heights, Ill., died Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Ill. He was born Nov. 29, 1926, in Radford, Va. After 23 years, Roland retired as a MSG from the US Air Force in 1968. He was a member of the 6th Weather Sq (Mobile) from 1954 to 1956, and a long standing member of our 6th Weather Sq Alumni Association. Roland began another career as an instructor Vocational Electronics at East St. Louis Senior High School in East St. Louis, Ill from 1971 to 1979, he earned a BS in Technical Education, an MS in Occupational Education, and a PhD in Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Dr Alexander served as System Director of the East St. Louis Community College and Loyola Regional Vocational Program. During his tenure, he earned numerous awards and teaching honors. His professional affiliations were many. Dr Alexander preceded in death by her parents, Muriel Douglas and Lillie Clark Alexander, and six siblings. Surviving are his loving wife, Jocey and more than 24 years, son, Judith and Robert Alexander, and a sister, two brothers, and a host of other relatives and many friends. Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 at Trinity United Methodist Church, East St. Louis, Ill. Interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

Donna Mae (Bradshaw) Taiclet, 71, of Newton, home-maker, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, passed away Monday, April 27, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Jack Taiclet of the home; children, Terri and Bryan Williams of Boise, Idaho, Sharon Fisher of Wichita, Kan, and Jackie Butler of Nampa, Idaho; George and Peggy Taiclet of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jack and Laura Taiclet of San Angelo, Texas; brothers, Dewey and Blackwell, OK; 17 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Candie Christine Taiclet, great-grandson, sister, father, Don Bradshaw, and mother, Avesta McCune. Services were Thursday at Liberty Baptist Church, Newton, KS.

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**Good Wishes and Prayers**

For all of our dear members and their families—unfortunately, too many of us to list individually, but nearly all of us are in various stages of some form of illness or health issue. Know that many of us pray that your health remain or improve to a level of functional comfort, then to full wellness—God willing. So we are able to carry out the normal day-to-day tasks of daily living, not only for ourselves, but for others we love including our 6WSAA family. God Bless!

Chuck Miller

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Ted Wilfred Campbell, 78, of Fairfield, VA died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, in Advance of Waynesboro. Mr. Campbell was born March 11, 1930, in Rockbridge County, to the late Harry Houston Campbell and Josephine Chittum Camp-bel. A veteran of the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to the 6th Weather Sq (Mobile) from 1954 to 1957. Ted was a member of the 6th Weather Sq Alumni Association, and attended the 2005 22nd year reunion. He expressed great enjoyment and vowed to return. He was a member of Fair-field United Methodist Church, and was the principal of Rockbridge High School for several years. His wife, Thelma Louise Campbell preceded his death. Surviving are three children, Michael Scott Campbell of Clifton, Terry Patrick Campbell of Fairfield and Lisa Anne Campbell of Tampa, Fla., a brother, and a sister, and three grandchildren. Funeral was conducted on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008, at Harrison Funeral Chapel.

Edwin Dickerson: It was learned from a member during the 2009 reunion that Edwin passed away in 2005, and that his wife, Mary Lou still lives in OKC.

Harry Kohler: deceased in 2007, from a member.

Jack Van Maire: With another returned unopened History form, a check of the Social Security Death Index revealed he died on October 26, 2001; his DOB was listed as July 1930. And Sharon? No clues.

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**The United States Military's Highest Aviation Award**

**DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (DFC) AWARDED**

June 27, 2009, Phoenix, AZ

Army Capt. Stephen Gladish II was awarded the DFC in a Ceremony for his heroism & extraordinary achievement in combat operations in Afghanistan as an AH-64D Apache Longbow Helicopter Pilot. There were 18 documented reports of his heroics. Steve is the son of our own Stephen G. Gladish, Sr. Here, Steve II renders a salute after being pinned with his DFC medal.

Congratulations Steve II and thanks for your service.