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6th Weather Squadron
(Mobile)
Alumni Association

6WSAA
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Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642
www.6thweathermobile.org

Officers—BOD

- Chuck Miller—Chair
- John Lassiter—Vice Chair
- Carl Bishop—Treasurer
- John Webb—Asst. Treasurer
- Elmo Reddick—Secretary

Board Of Directors

- Chuck Hewitt—Member
- Don Garbutt—Member
- Ted Lungwitz—Member
- Chuck Morris—Member
- Jerry Hunt—Member
- Leonard Allen—Member

BOD Advisory Committee

- Shirley Eldringhoff—Chair
- Buck Bucklin—Member
- Bill King—Member
- Joe Kerwin—Member
- Tom Rivers—Member
- Gordon McCann—Member
- Barbara McCann—Member
- Carle Clark—Member

Membership Committee

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

2013 Reunion Rapidly Approaching

Registered + Committed + Expected

Claude & Peg Barrow

Carl & Ann Bishop

Carlos & Betty Boburg

Jim & Shirley Eldringhoff

Tom & Mary Grace

Charles & Anita Hewitt

Gordon & Barbara McCann

Chuck & Carolyn Miller

Aniello Prete

Andrew 'Irv' & Gail Watson

2 Guests of Irv Watson

Gerry Guay

Ernie Workman

Buck Bucklin

John & Eunice Lassiter

Tex Winder

Charles & Sarah Lee

Tom & Candy Rivers

Fred LaPerriere

Guest of Fred LaPerriere

Ted Lungwitz

Elmo & Claire Reddick

John Webb

Lathan Varnado

Frank Gawron

Roy Frieburger

Don Garbutt

Bill & Gloria King

Dave & Virginia Weiner

Ken Brown

Joe Kerwin

Charles & Carmell Morris

Mike & Jan Whiteman

Joe & Justine Stewart

/Gerry Hayes

There's Still Time -- Send Your Registration

Welcome New Members

Belated Welcome to

Donald Jones

Joined in 2011

&

Recently

Stephen Doty

Robert DuVall

Richard Lynch

Garold Noyes

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Members Renewed ~ Thanks ~

Claude Barrow	7/2014	Gordon McCann	7/2014
Richard Dakin	7/2015	Marty Piel	7/2018
Tom Dorgan	7/2014	Neil Prete	7/2015
Tom Grace	7/2015	Ken Robinson	7/2015
Gerry Guay	7/2016	Joe Scannell	7/2015
Donald Hall	7/2014	Ed Skowron	7/2015
Robert Hill	7/2015	Irv Watson	7/2015
Tadd Kowalzyk	7/2014	Ernie Workman	7/2016
Onis Lentz	7/2014	Many Others —	Thanks!!!

Is this the Last Reunion Hosted By The OKC Reunion Committee?

(see BOD Question page 2)



BOD AT WORK—MEETING



Picture of the 6WSAA Board of Directors during one of the BOD meetings. From left is Elmo Reddick, Secretary, Chuck Hewitt -white cap, Ted Lungwitz, Don Garbutt, & Carl Bishop-Treasurer. Not pictured but present are John Lassiter-Vice Chair, Chuck Morris, and Chuck Miller-Chair.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY



Preparing Newsletters for mail-out to all our members not on email is a task part of our OKC Reunion Committee. completes. Carl and Ann are gracious enough to open their home and allow us to put the newsletter together, stuff and stamp envelopes. Ann always have refreshments for us. Thanks!!!

BOD Question ---- Is This The Last Reunion Hosted By OKC?

At the 29 Mar 13 BOD meeting , a New Business item was added to the agenda; Board members explained that the majority of active board members are in their early and mid-eighties, a couple are in the mid and late seventies, and one younger. Nearly all saying they are tired. So, they raised the question; **Is this the last reunion hosted by the OKC Reunion Committee?** They say it is time to look at alternatives such as possibly hiring an organization to take care of handling all the things necessary to conduct the reunion. They say, other organizations do it that way. Since we have an established Board of Directors Advisory Committee, I've asked the Chairperson, Shirley Eldringhoff to take up this issue among her committee and see what alternatives they may be able to offer. This will be an Agenda Item for the General Membership meeting along with Proposed Bylaws Changes. Put your thinking caps on and be ready to tackle this issue.

One Of 1st Weather Bureau Buildings On Classen Blvd. In OKC

Our new member Steve Doty, in 6th Wea '66—69 submitted this photo that identifies a bit of history in our OKC midst.

He said; "Speaking of weather observing history here's a bit of trivia for you. Did you know that one of the original Weather Bureau buildings was built in Oklahoma City? The building was constructed in 1907 and was used by the WB until 1955. The land was donated and the building cost \$10,520. It is located at 1923 Classen Blvd and it's on the National Registry of Historic Places. The building currently (as of 2004 anyway) houses the law offices of Howard K. Berry III. "The Building just to the left of the circled one now houses the Law Offices. A life-long meteorologist, Steve aspires to establish a National Weather and Climate Museum in Asheville. Thanks Steve, we wish you all the best



THEN

NOW



**Meet Karen Seikel-Dunkins
Senior Sales Associate
Wyndham Garden Hotel
Oklahoma City Airport**



**Karen has been
Our
Point of Contact
For more than a Decade
Providing us the
Best Accommodation's In OKC**

This newsletter is published for the exclusive use of our 6WSAA members. Information is included as reported without vett and is edited for space. If you discover an error or items that need a correction, please notify Chuck Miller, Editor, 405-424-5058, or email; cpemiller@sbcglobal.net. Or, you may contact any BOD Advisor Committee member listed in the left panel on the first page. Contact info? See Member List. Members are encouraged to submit articles, information or stories that would be of interest to the general membership.

Cor. FUND BALANCE As Of: 18 October 2012

Bank Balance	\$5,551.48
Less: Reserved Legacy Gift	(\$1,000.00)
Reserved Dues Paid Forward	(\$ 710.00)
Order Processing (shipping)	(\$ 33.71)
Total Reserve & Debit	(\$1,743.71)
Total Operating Fund Balance	Corrected \$3,807.77



6WSAA 2013 Reunion Registration Form

***** Complete and return this registration form not later than 1 Jun 2013 *****

Registration fee is \$45.00 per person—includes all Hospitality and Saturday Banquet Dinner (Registration fee cannot be refunded after 7 June 2013)

Please list the names of persons attending;

Blank lines for listing names of persons attending.



Total Number Attending _____ X \$45 = \$ _____

Number of Banquet Only _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Annual Dues; number of years _____ X \$10 = \$ _____ (Optional)

Total = \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: 6WSAA
Mail To: P.O. Box 7642,
Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642

How will you be Traveling?

Air _____ Auto _____ Other _____

Will you be staying at our Hotel?

Yes _____ No _____

If No, how can you be contacted? _____

Your Arrival Date?

Wed, 12 Jun _____ Thu, 13 Jun _____ Fri, 14 Jun _____ Sat, 15 Jun _____

Please indicate your Activity of interest:

Tinker _____ National Severe Storms Lab (NSSL) _____ CASINO _____ Western Heritage Museum * _____

The nearest local Casino is located at Remington Park Horse Race Track.

Brick Town Restaurants, Canal, Bass Pro, National Memorial, Western Heritage Museum (Formerly; Cowboy Hall of Fame)

All may be visited on your own via POV or Metro Trolley that runs on a regular schedule from a stop by the Hotel.

Disclaimer: The reunion has been arranged for the sole enjoyment of 6WSAA members and guests. The 6WSAA, it's Directors and reunion organizers are not liable for any damage, injuries or inconveniences incurred to reunion attendees. Over indulgence of alcoholic beverages causing impaired motor responses or navigational ability will be cause for terminating use of Bar faci-lities. The Association's Directors encourage responsible drinking and the use of a designated driver.

When you sign and return this registration, you agree to have read and understand these terms and assume personal responsibility for any damages or injuries resulting from your, or your spouse and for your guests' actions.

Date: _____ Signature: _____



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



BYLAWS Were Last Revised In 2003, Changes Are Proposed To Fit Our Evolved Association.
 As Are Presently Written Proposed Changes

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1: The purposes of this association are to promote the continued camaraderie established by members while serving on active duty with 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile), conduct periodic reunions and maintain communications among members with newsletters.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 6: Added

ARTICLE IV - DUES

SECTION 2: Delinquent Dues: Primary and Associate Members whose dues are delinquent 90 days past the annual due date shall be considered inactive. Inactive Members will receive no newsletters or other Association information until their dues are made current. Additionally, Primary Members shall forfeit voting privileges. Inactive Members will be notified in writing by the Board of Directors and advised how to bring their dues current.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SECTION 6: **Membership Committee (MC)**: A Standing Committee established by the Chairperson to assist the BOD better serve our 6WSAA membership. The MC shall consist of an appointed Chairperson who shall select a number of Primary Active members to assist. The principle function of the MC is to interact with Members, the BODAC, and the BOD. This includes but is not limited to using any appropriate method to; be the member Point Of Contact (POC), ensure member contact information is current, remind members of delinquency, determine eligibility and recruit new members, and address member concerns.

ARTICLE IV - DUES

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ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) and Board OF DIRECTORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BODAC)

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We Need Your "Yea" or "Nay" on Each Change by 6/1/13. Call, email, or snail-mail Chuck Miller

RESERVATION

Reunion Hotel



Wyndham Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City Airport

2101 South Meridian Avenue
 Oklahoma City, OK 73108

Reservations; Call 1-800-622-7666 or (405) 685-4000

Blocked Room Rates are \$79 Single/Double/Triple/Quad, plus Tax

Reservations must be received by Tuesday, May 28, 2013

(After that date, reservations will be accepted on a Space Availability basis Only)
 (Rates available Wednesday—Sunday; Check-in 3:00 pm, Check-out 12:00 Noon)



Current BYLAWS (continued from Page 5)

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: General: The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of the Officers and all other Primary Active Members in attendance at any scheduled BOD meeting.

SECTION 2: Officers: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Secretary must be Primary Members, and shall each be elected by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following a scheduled reunion. Only Primary Active Members who have participated in Board meetings during the past two years may vote in the election of Officers.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S & OFFICER'S DUTIES

SECTION 2: Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board and oversee all Association operations and projects. He/she shall appoint members to committees which will formulate recommendations and assist the Board as necessary when preparing for each reunion. In the event the office of Secretary is vacant or the Secretary is unavailable, the Chairman may designate any Member present to record the proceedings of the meeting.

SECTION 3: Vice-Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall perform any duties prescribed by the Chairman. He/she shall assume the duties of the Chairman whenever the Chairman is unavailable. If both the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer are unavailable, the Vice-Chairman shall assume those duties.

SECTION 4: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of the Association's General and Reunion funds and related records. He/she shall prepare a status report for use in reunion planning, present this report to the Board and make it available for publication in the Association newsletter. If both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman are unavailable, the Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Chairman

SECTION 6: Secretary: The Secretary shall record, maintain and publish in the Association newsletter, minutes of all Board and General Membership meetings

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

SECTION 2: Financial Review: The Association's finances shall be reviewed following each reunion, and prior to the first post-reunion Board of Directors meeting. The review shall be accomplished by a committee appointed by the Chairman. Recorded findings of the review shall be provided to the Treasurer and reported to the Board of Directors.

Proposed BYLAWS Changes (continued from Page 5)

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SECTION 1: General:

a. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and any Primary Active Members in attendance at any scheduled BOD meeting.

b. The BODAC, a Standing Committee established by the Chairperson as an advisory entity to the BOD and shall consist of an appointed Chairperson and a number of Primary Active Members selected by the appointed Chairperson. The principle purpose of this committee is to assist the BOD by being a liaison or intermediary between the membership and the BOD. Other functions include but are not limited to; accept a written Issue (s) from a member(s) or the BOD, gain consensus from Committee members, formulate a coherent recommendation for BOD action.

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2013 Reunion
Schedule of Events

Welcome

Wednesday Early Bird Arrivals – Meet & Greet
4–6 pm & 8 pm—Close; Registration – Hospitality Room Area

Thursday **Breakfast – On your own**
8 am – Close: Refreshments – Hospitality Room
3–6 pm & 8–11 pm Registration – Hospitality Room Area
11:00 am – Front of Hotel; Car Caravan to Tinker AFB
Lunch – BX Food Court
FREE Tour – 1:00 pm Tour Tinker AFB
(See Tinker Main Base & former South 40 Areas 1 & 2)
Afterward, Car Caravan Return to Hotel
Afternoon – Open
* **Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino – On your own**
Dinner – On your own
Movie Night Surprise Showing

Friday **Breakfast – On your own**
8 am – Close: Refreshments – Hospitality Room
3–6 pm & 8–11 pm Registration – Hospitality Room Area
9:00 am – Front of Hotel; Car Caravan to Norman, NSSL & WFO
FREE Tour - 10 am National Severe Storms Laboratory & Weather Forecast Office
11:30 am - Lunch (pay as you go) TBD
Afterward, Car Caravan Return to Hotel
Afternoon – Open
* **Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino – On your own**
Dinner – On your own
Movie Night Surprise Showing
Time TBD – BOD Advisory Committee Meeting – Shirley Eldringhoff

Saturday **Breakfast – On your own**
8:00 am – 5:30 pm & 9:00 pm – Close: Refreshments – Hospitality Room
8:30–9 am & 5–6 pm Registration – Hospitality Room Area
9:00 – 10:00 am **General Membership Meeting – Aspen**
Lunch – On your own
* **Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino – On your own**
6:00 pm – **Banquet Room Aspen/Birch; Dinner & Program**

Sunday **Breakfast – On your own**
8 am – 11:00 am Refreshments – Hospitality Room
<< * Farewell Farewell*** >>**
* **Trolley/Bus Stop near Front of Hotel (Time & information available near registration area)**
NOTE: (On your own; a local member may be willing to participate/transport)

TBD = To Be Determined

TBA = To Be Announced

Willing & Able



Lee Robbins, Born to Eternal life and reunited with loved ones on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at the age of 79. He was surrounded by family. Loving brother of Gene (Ellen) Robbins and brother-in-law to Ken Aubol. Dear uncle to Allan, Robert (Debbie), Ken, Barb (Robin), Robb, Mark (Kelly) and Marty (Sandy). Lee also leaves great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Earl and Clincie Robbins, a sister June Aubol and by his beloved friend and partner Ron Easterday. Lee served with the 6th Weather Squadron from 1954 to 1959. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant. He went on to work for Easterday Fluid Technology and retired as CEO after over 26 years. Lee enjoyed time spent at his Crandon, WI cottage and his friends "up-north" the Bauknecht's. He loved traveling with Ron, and the two visited Miami Beach, California, Mexico, Puerto Rico and all places warm and sunny. Lee joined the 6WSAA in 2010 and reconnected with many old friends from his 6th Wea. days. He will be missed by all who knew him. His funeral service was conducted with full military honors. Private interment at Westlawn Memorial Pk, Racine.

Robert L. Smith - Robert L. Smith, 77, of Urbana died at 4:30 a.m. Friday (June 29, 2012) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Robert was born Sept. 10, 1934, in Milford, a son of Wilbur and Lavina Hasselbring Smith. He married Sherrill A. Nelson on Nov. 18, 1955, in Perry, Okla. She survives. Also surviving are his children, Bryan (Tina) Smith of Ogden and Debra Smith of Urbana; grandchildren, Melissa (Kenny) Schrock of St. Joseph, Jessy (Ronelle) Smith of Ogden and Zachary Smith of Ogden; great-grandchildren, Tierra and Jordan Stiverson of St. Joseph and Makynzie Smith of Ogden; and sister, Donna Gossett of Milford. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jimmie Smith; and one sister, Ramona Beam. Robert served as a weatherman in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-1973 and served in 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile). He worked as a construction laborer out of Local 703 in Urbana. He was a member of First Christian Church in Champaign. He enjoyed watching all sports, collecting baseball cards, playing poker and euchre, and above all spending time with his family.



Jerry A. Williams - Jerry A. Williams 79, of Mesa died April 9, 2013. He was born December 1, 1933 in St. Petersburg, Florida to Arthur and Gladys Williams. He lived in AZ since 1996. Jerry worked as a meteorologist in the United States Air Force, served in 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) from 1959 to 1963 and retired as an E8 after 21 years of service. After that he returned to college at age 42, completing his degree at University of Omaha at the ripe "old age" of 44. During this period he also prepared climatology studies for the building of the Alaska Pipeline. In 1976 he returned to full time meteorology, prepared weather forecasts for the ocean shipping industry, represented his company in weather related law suits, and was named as President of the company in 1994. He retired in 1996. He was a Certified Consulting Meteorologist, a member of the National Council of Industrial Meteorologists, and a member Emeritus of The American Meteorological Society. He was a member of 6WSAA for many years, but attended his first reunion in 2011. Jerry enjoyed 25 active years as a volunteer for the BSA, leading troops at three locations, While living in Alaska he was summer camp director for the Midnight Sun Council, led a 50 mile mining road hike, and winter camps at 40 below zero. He was awarded the highest volunteer Scouter's award, the Silver Beaver, and the Award of Merit from the Mid America Council, Omaha. He was active in the Street Rod automobile hobby starting in 1989. At the time of his death he was a member of the Arizona Street Rod Association, National Hot Rod Association, and GoodGuys. He was preceded in death by a son Reed,13. He is survived by his loving wife Adele "Muffy" of over 58 years, son Jerry M. Williams of Seoul, Korea, and son Alan J. Williams of Queen Creek, AZ and grandchildren Jerry LM Williams currently serving in the USAF and Janet K. Williams of Seattle WA. Memorial services were held on Thursday 18 April at 10:00 am at Red Mountain Christian Church, Mesa, AZ. He will be missed