



THE 6TH DIMENSION

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2013 REUNION A SUCCESS

The 6th Weather Squadron Alumni Association's 15th Reunion took place in Oklahoma City once again, home of Tinker AFB which was the home of the 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile). The newly renovated Wyndham Garden Hotel hosted our Reunion. The Hospitality Room in the center of the atrium served as the meeting place for the many dedicated members who attended the 2013 reunion.

Fred LaPerriere of Colorado returned with his renovated WWII era SCM-1 Mobile Weather Van. A number of items were added to the weather equipment memorabilia on display in the van in front of the hotel. It is a great collection of old weather instruments that were once utilized by weather observers and forecasters. The van was restored to original specs and looks like it just rolled off the assembly line.

Early bird arrival on Wednesday allowed members to greet one another and start the sharing of stories of the old days in 6th Weather Squadron. The schedule included Thursday's Tinker AFB tour, the BX and restaurants, the South-40 area and the Friday visit and tour of the National Severe Storms Laboratory in



Norman. Members also visited local sites on their own such as Oklahoma City National Memorial and the famous Bricktown area.

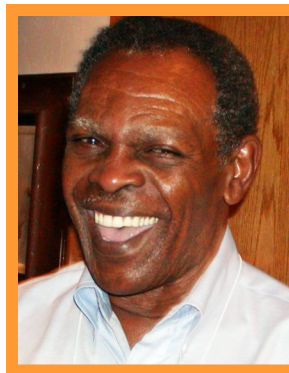
The General Membership Meeting was conducted Saturday morning and the evening consisted of the Reunion Banquet with a delicious hot buffet dinner and followed by award presentations made by our Chairman Chuck Miller. There were also appreciation awards from the general membership to members of the Board of Directors for all their service in planning and conducting the reunions over the years.

Sunday morning, groups gathered together for breakfast before departing for different points of the compass and saying their goodbyes until the reunion in 2015. Thanks go to Chuck Miller and the reunion committee for your dedication and job well done.

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"Chuck" Miller



Our beloved Chairman of the 6WSAA Clarence "Chuck" Miller, of Oklahoma City died December 30, 2013. Chuck loved 6th Weather and gave much of his time and his efforts to keep everyone informed regarding the association, for which we are grateful. He served in 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) at Tinker AFB from 1955 to 1959 and 1962 to 1964. He was Chairman of the 6th Weather Squadron Alumni Association for ten and a half years starting in July 2003 and also served as Vice Chairman before that. He was always recording our reunion activities and trips, wrote, assembled and published the association newsletter 'The 6th Dimension', created necessary forms, and kept track of all the members and updated their information and coordinated what needed to be done for the good of the association. His dedication was much appreciated by all association members and he will always be remembered.

Officers—BOD

- Vacant—Chairman
- Ted Lundwitz—Vice Chair
- John Lassiter—Treasurer
- John Webb—Asst Treasurer
- Carl Bishop—Asst Treasurer
- Chuck Hewitt—Secretary

Board of Directors

- Elmo Reddick—Member
- Don Garbutt—Member
- Ted Lungwitz—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 Clarke—Member

Membership Committee

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

Mark Your Calendars

2015 Reunion June 10 - 14, 2015 at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel, OKC.

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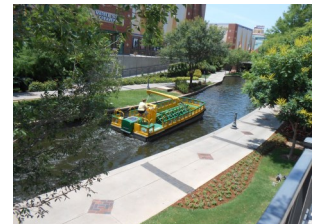


A Welcome Home from Charles Hewitt
Reunion Attendees

The 2013 Reunion was well attended and members taking part in this reunion were: Chuck & Carolyn Miller, Carl & Ann Bishop, Charles & Anita Hewitt, Ted Lungwitz, Claude & Peg Barrow, John & Eunice Lassiter, Ernie Workman, Carlos & Betty Boburg, Buck Bucklin, Jim & Shirley Eldringhoff, Tex Winder, Tom & Mary Grace, Charles & Sarah Lee, Bill King, Gordon & Barbara McCann, Fred LaPerriere, Rich Denneson, Ken Brown, Joe Kerwin, Aniello Prete, Elmo & Claire Reddick, John Webb, Gerry Guay, Pat Grona, Gerry Hayes, Steve Gladish, Carle & Margret Clarke, Don Nissen, Paul Laman, Tom Fahey, Bob & Fay Oshorski, John Baker, Tom Dorgan, Irv & Gail Watson, and Bob Plesek.

Welcome to our new Members

Ben Lee Carr of Auburn, CA '49-50
Karl Doughty of Titusville, FL '56-58
Joe & Karen Temming of Oneonta, NY '61-63



NWS—OKC Memorial—Bricktown & Canal



Getting Together & Awards





Are your dues up to date?

If your dues date is 7/2014 or older, then your membership has expired. With this year's **Dues Amnesty**, renew your membership today using enclosed Membership Renewal form and send in the \$10 fee per year to keep your association membership current. Thank You!

More 2013 Reunion pics at: http://6thweathermobile.org/2013_reunion_pics.htm

Newsletter Changes

You will have noticed a change in the in the format of the 6th Dimension Newsletter. Until now it has been written, edited and published by our chairman Chuck Miller who is now deceased. I have volunteered to take on the task and to continue the publishing of this newsletter, a bi-yearly publication for 6WSAA members. I hope you enjoy the changes and the content and I encourage members to submit notes or articles that may be of interest to other 6th Weather members. Thanks,

Gerry Guay , 6WSAA - Webmaster

This 6th Dimension newsletter is published for the exclusive use of our 6WSAA members. Information is included as reported without vetting and is edited for space. If you discover an error or items that need a correction, please notify Gerry Guay Editor, Email: webmaster@6thweathermobile.org Or you may contact any BOD Advisor Committee member listed in the right 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.

2013 REUNION AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

Chuck Miller presented the Chairman's Award to Buck Bucklin, and the Chairman's Appreciation Award to Tex Winder. Certificates of Appreciation from all 6WSAA Members were presented to Chuck Miller, Charles Hewitt, John Lassiter & Carl Bishop and gifts were given to Carolyn Miller, Anita Hewitt, Eunice Lassiter & Ann Bishop for their continuing support, and a flower planter to Shirley Eldringhoff. The needle point emblem made by Shirley Eldringhoff was won by Bob Oshorski.

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History 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.

15th Reunion 2013 Cups



Only 7 left. \$10 + Shipping

E-mail Shirley to order.

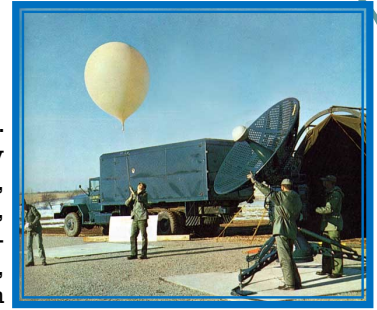
First come first serve.



2013 Reunion Banquet



Final Launch



Bernard "Barney" Pusin—Col. Bernard "Barney" Pusin, U. S. Air Force (ret.), born June 29, 1916, passed away peacefully Friday, April 11, 2014. Barney was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, and grew up there after spending his early years in Powers Lake, North Dakota, and a short time in Long Beach, California. He thoroughly enjoyed his military career with the Air Weather Service, where he served as Commander of 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) at Tinker AFB, OK from Sep 1955 to May 1961, before retiring in Austin, TX, in 1974. He also served in Korea and such exotic locations as Kapingamarangi, Micronesia, and Enewetak, Pacific Ocean. He moved to San Antonio 4 years ago, settling in at Air Force Village, where he and Elinor benefited from tremendous services and care. Retirement has been well spent with family and travel, and spiritual time within the Jewish communities. Both in service to his country and as a family man, he was a "true hero" who will be celebrated and kept alive in our memories. Barney recently lost his wife, Elinor, with whom he shared the past 21 years. He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Brita, his son Steven, brother, Herman Pusin, and sister, Minn Sidley. Barney is survived by his daughter, Barbara (John) DeLoach; Elinor's daughter Linda (Lew) Barnett; Elinor's son, Steven Golding and grandson, David Golding; Barney's nephews and niece, Norman (Carol) Sidley, Michael (Sharon) Pusin, and Marla (Merle) Levitt; and other beloved friends and relatives. There was a Graveside Service at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.



Elinor Pusin - Elinor Pusin was born in Tokaj, Hungary on March 16th, 1926. Both her parents contracted tuberculosis and died before she was six. She was smuggled out of Europe onto a boat to America, where she was adopted by her aunt and uncle in Pennsylvania. Elinor had a thirst for learning. She acquired a bachelor's degree from New York University and a Masters in social work from Rutgers University. She worked as a social worker administrator in Greystone Park N.J. She met her first husband, George Golding at the YMHA in Washington D.C. They had 2 children, Linda and Steven. George Golding passed away in 1990 after over 50 years of marriage. Elinor remarried Colonel Bernard Pusin with whom she was united until her passing on January 22nd, 2014. Elinor was a "people person". She never met a person she didn't like. Elinor was warm and hospitable to everyone. She was a member of 6WSAA and a member of Beth Israel and Beth El Congregation. Funeral services will be held at half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Rabbi Eliezer Langer officiating, with interment to follow at Cook Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville, Texas.

Make a point to attend the 2015 Alumni Reunion on June 10 to 14, 2015. Our leadership and members, so it goes, are getting older and unfortunately some are passing on, and who knows how many more reunions we can muster. Our reunions are every two years and at our age, many things change in two years, as some well know. As our departed leader Chuck Miller said, *"We are grateful that we can gather*



together once again to renew friendships and make new ones, celebrate with those who are present, remember and miss those who are absent, and mourn those who are departed".

SIXTH WEATHER SQUADRON (MOBILE) REUNION - JUNE 2013 by Steve Gladish

"What a celebration of life! The reunion here in Midwest City--and your part in the sharing of stories, expertise, and friendship--hit the high water mark + excellence. I heard and noted down scores of records and adventures of the mobile teams who covered the entire world. I met new friends and reestablished the iron bonds of military duty and friendship with old friends." Sixth Weather Squadron (Mobile) has provided detailed histories of its projects and operations. In particular, I thank Joe Kerwin, Dave Guenther, Ed Skowron, Buck Bucklin, Paul Laman, Don Nissan, John Baker, Marty Piel, Gerry Guay, Neil Prete, Bill King, Tom Kinney, Irv Watson, Carle Clark, Gordon McCann, Barbara McCann, Shirley Eldringhof, Tom Grace, Ernie Workman, Ken Brown, Chuck Miller, Carl Bishop, Chuck Hewitt, Ted Lungwitz, John Lassiter, Elmo Reddick, John Webb, Don Garbutt, Fred LaPerriere, Tom Rivers, Ken Zinke, Ed Herman, Mel Turnbow, Dave Weiner, Robert Bongiovanni, Robert Orshoski, Michael Seaver, who over the years have communicated with me and sent information, but most of whom especially took the time during the 2013 Reunion to fill me in on numerous projects during the decades when Six Weather ruled the upper atmosphere with its weather information gathering. Tinker Air Force Base outside Oklahoma City fittingly was our headquarters roughly from 1955 to 1985, and we were initially formed to track and study tornadoes. The first prediction of a tornado by two military weather forecasters happened at Tinker AFB in 1948. "We provided surface weather but more importantly upper atmosphere weather recordings for important missions that nobody else was equipped to do. Unlike most military operations, there were no officers in charge at the sites. Each flight or team was headed by an NCO, another unique aspect. This said a great deal about the integrity, reliability, and maturity of our personnel."

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