



# The 6th Dimension

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6th Weather Squadron  
(Mobile)  
Alumni Association

6WSAA  
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Oklahoma City, OK 73153-1642  
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**Did You  
Receive  
Your  
Invitation  
In The Mail?  
Membership Chair  
Buck Bucklin Sent**



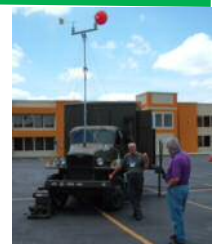
**Every Member!** <http://6thweathermobile.org>

**SAVE THE DATES  
JUNE 13 - 16, 2013  
OUR 15TH REUNION**



**SCM-1 WW II  
Restored Weather Van  
Returns**

Honorary member, Fred LaPerriere has again agreed to display his restored WW-II Weather Van for this reunion. Fred transports it from Colorado Springs to OKC at his own expense.



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**Welcome New Members**

**Paul S Laman  
Roger "Tut" Tuttle  
Thomas S Uppstad**

**Thanks  
Renewing Members**

Don Adams	John Addesa
Ken Austin	Ken Barker
Claude Barrow	Phil Downey
Dave Guenther	Chuck Hewitt
Chuck Miller	Jim O'Sullivan
Dan Rea	Stephen Styron



# BREAKING NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT



**Member, Wilbur Biggs has announced that;**

**“Miss Cheryl De Paola has consented to be my wife.”**

**“The wedding is planned for later in the summer.”**

*Congratulations*  
**Wilbur**

## Member List Receives Major Update

Thanks to our **Membership Chairman, Buck Bucklin**, our Membership List has undergone a major update over the past several months. He has spent many hours locating addresses of members of whom we have lost contact along with finding potential members who didn't know the alumni association exist.

Sadly, he also discovered some of our dear members with whom we lost contact had passed away without our knowledge.

We encourage you to carefully review your individual information to ensure it is correct. Let Buck or me know if changes are needed so we can have the most accurate list possible.

*Thanks Buck*

### Military Retirees & Annuitants

#### DFAS Retired Pay Newsletter: Learn More About Your Retired Pay

12 MONTHS OF RETIREE ACCOUNT STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON MYPAY

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter/1099rcopies.html>

12 MONTHS OF RETIREE ACCOUNT STATEMENTS AVAILABLE ON MYPAY

We keep up to 12 months of electronic Retiree Account Statements (eRAS) in myPay. Find out how to get your statements.

For more information about myPay, please contact the Customer Support Unit toll-free at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411, Commercial 216-522-5096, or DSN 580-5096, 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. Option 5 is for myPay.

**PAPER CHECKS TO END**

Those receiving paper checks will be required to sign up for direct deposit by March 1, 2013. Get ahead of the rush.

**T**his 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](mailto: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.

<b>FUND BALANCE As Of: 18 October 2012</b>	
<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$5,551.48</b>
<b>Less: Reserved Legacy Gift</b>	<b>(\$1,000.00)</b>
<b>Reserved Dues Paid Forward</b>	<b>(\$ 710.00)</b>
<b>Order Processing (shipping)</b>	<b>(\$ 33.71)</b>
<b>Total Reserve &amp; Debit</b>	<b>(\$1,743.71)</b>
<b>Total Operating Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,813.77</b>



### 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;

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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-ities. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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.



## “Original Storm Chasers” Cap

**It is Royal Blue with White Lettering and White Trim, un-dated. Really nice and available.**

Complete and submit the Order Form with your check.



## Full Color Logo on White Polo Shirt

Complete the order form to get yours



### 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.



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 and mail to;

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

## 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)



**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	
*** Postage Already	Included in Decal & Patch	Price ***			
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	
Cap (Royal Blue White Letters & Trim)	“Original Storm Chaser”	Adjustable		10.00	
Shirts and/or Caps order	Postage—Per Order		ADD	4.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>					

Shirt Size – Circle Size for **S, M, LG**, and/or **XL** to specify the size desired  
 Enclose a check or money order for the TOTAL payable to 6WSAA.

**Mail to:** 6th WEATHER SQUADRON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION or 6WSAA  
 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.



### NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership categories are:

**Primary Members:** Former members of the USAF 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> WS (MOB) (ex. 60-64): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if not 6<sup>th</sup> 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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*2013 Reunion*  
**Tentative Schedule of Events**

*Welcome*

Wednesday Early Bird Arrivals – Meet & Greet  
 6 pm – Close: Registration – Hospitality Room Area

Thursday **Breakfast – On your own**  
 8 am – Close: Refreshments – Hospitality Room  
 3 pm – 8 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 pm – 5 pm & 8 pm – Close: 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  
 9:00 – 10:00 am **General Membership Meeting – TBD**  
**Lunch – On your own**  
 \* **Visit Oklahoma City / Brick Town / National Memorial / Casino – On your own**  
 6:00 pm – **Banquet Room TBA; 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



**Norman Johnson Clark**, 84, of Tulsa, passed away Friday, June 15, 2012. He was born 7 Feb 28 in Midland, MD, son of the late James Kirkwood and Mary Etta (Johnson) Clark. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburg, PA where he studied Aeronautical Engineering withdrawing in 1946 to enlist in the Army Air Force serving as a weather technician in a B-29 Weather Recon Squadron based in Guam. He was called to service again in 1952 during the Korean War. The same year he married his beloved wife, Madeline Feucht

Clark. She passed away in 2008 after 55 years of marriage. Norman was assigned by the AF to Texas A&M University for graduate training in Meteorology and was awarded a Master of Science degree. His final assignment was as Commander of the 6th Weather Squadron (Mob) located at Tinker AFB near OKC. Colonel Clark retired from the AF 1 Jun 78 with 30 years of service. He worked for Embry Riddle as a Registrar, and volunteered with the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. Col. Clark was an ardent member of the 6WSAA and a regular attendee at the reunions. In Oct of 2009 he married Wilma Brakey, she preceded him in death a few months later. He is survived by his son, Doug Clark of Eules, TX and daughter, Debbie Milberger (Mark) of Tulsa; three grandchildren; two sisters, Helen LaPrade and Evelyn Burdette. A Memorial Service was held 20 June 12 in the chapel of Freeman Harris Funeral Home. **Farewell Friend!**

**TSgt Jay Wagner Hartz**, (Ret) USAF, 77, of Palmyra, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 9, 2012 in The Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. He was born Friday, 4 Jan 1935 in Annville Township to the late Jacob and Mary Ellen (Speraw) Hartz. He was predeceased by his loving wife Virginia Anne Herwegh Hartz on 22 Dec 08. He was a 1952 graduate of Annville High School. He was a Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and received numerous commendations and citations during his decorated career. He served in 6th



Weather Squadron (Mobile) from 1956 to 1963 and retired as TSgt from the US Air Force, in Sep 1972, after 22 years of service. His love of 6th Weather led him to join the 6WSAA where he attended reunions even as his health started to fail. Jay received the Legacy Award for donating funds to establish an tribute to all wives & children left behind during 6th MOB deployments. He was a member of the Annville American Legion, Post 559. He is survived by a nephew, Keith L. Ulrich (Diana) of Gettysburg; two nieces, of West Chester and Palmyra; several great nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by four brothers, one a twin; and one sister. Funeral services were held 12 June at Rothermel Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 25 West Pine Street, Palmyra, PA. So Long Friend!



**Erika Else Garbutt** was born July 19, 1933 in Breslau, Germany and passed away on October 28, 2012 in Mid-west City, OK. She leaves behind her husband of sixty-one years, Donald Lee (lovingly known as Papa); four sons, Donald, David and wife Marla of Midwest City, OK, Edward George of Richardson, TX, Lee Owen and wife Sherrie of Midwest City, OK, Gary Michael of Nicoma Park, OK. She also leaves behind 2 grandsons, 5 grand-daughters, 2 great-grand-sons and 6 great-grand-daughters. Erika is preceded in death by her son, Robert Charles Garbutt in 2008. She came from a family of 5 sisters and 6 brothers. She met her husband stationed with the U.S.A.F. in Munich, Germany where they were married and their first son was born before coming to the United States in 1954. She has been a devoted and faithful Jehovah's Witness since 1957. She was baptized in New York City in 1958. She will be dearly missed and in our hearts forever by all her family and many friends. A special memorial service was conducted 3 Nov at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 3601 S. Anderson Road, MWC, OK. She is missed by her many 6WSAA friends.

**MEMBER LIST UPDATE SEARCH  
LEAD TO SAD FINDINGS**

*While conducting a comprehensive search from various sources to relocate members whose address were no longer valid, Buck, our Membership Chairman found some of our dear members were deceased and we had not been informed. Sadly there was only the date of death with no other info.*

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Charles E McGlaun</b>  | <b>23 Sep 09</b> |
| <b>Elmer B Struck</b>     | <b>30 Dec 03</b> |
| <b>Valois 'Buz' Young</b> | <b>26 May 12</b> |
| <b>Richard L Link</b>     | <b>18 Apr 97</b> |
| <b>David L Griffith</b>   | <b>22 Feb 06</b> |
| <b>Bennie Bankston</b>    | <b>No Date</b>   |
| <b>George W Cusisk</b>    | <b>No Date</b>   |