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Dennis Crouch

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dennis Crouch FAC Association Pres.

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The FAC reunion 2008 hosted by our Colorado area FACs is less than 4 months away! You should have already received the Registration mailing, and it's also available at www.fac-assoc.org.

Our reunion committee, chaired by **Joe Potter**, has planned a super reunion. Get your registration in as soon as possible. The reunion will be held from 1-5 October. The memorial dedication, a memorial to which many of you have generously contributed, is planned for 3 October and I know you won't want to miss that. Colonel (Ret) Bud Day, Medal of Honor recipient, and POW in North Vietnam, is the dedication speaker. Uniquely, two memorials will be dedicated. The "Slow" FAC Memorial and a separate "Fast" FAC Memorial funded by the Misty FACs will also be dedicated. Many activities are planned and the committee needs your registration no later than 15 August. However, it's expected that the Air Force vs. Navy football game will be a sell-out and if you haven't gotten your reservations in, do so as soon as possible. Tickets are available on line as shown in the registration material. You can buy them beginning 1 July. Don't wait until 15 August for you will be too late. We are also fortunate to have Maj. Gen Mason Whitney, a former O-2 FAC and retired Adjutant General for the Colorado ANG. The reunion will be a super time, so register now and prepare for the great fellowship with our FAC brothers, family and friends.

We will also be having elections at our FACA Membership meeting so if you'd like to serve, please let me or Bob Green, VP, know of your desires. We hope to have a slate ready to go before the reunion. I thoroughly appreciate all of those officers and committee chairs that have stepped forward to serve again should the membership agree. In addition, we hope to have up to four proposals for reunions in 2010 and 2012. Although not certain, we should have proposals for the Fort Worth area by **Terry Tabor** and the Phoenix area by **Pratt Ashworth**. Additionally, **Mike Connors** is looking at interest by folks in hosting a reunion in the Washington D.C. area, and **Claude Newland** is looking at the Fort Walton Beach area. If you can help in any of these areas, let us know and we'll place you in contact with the right people.

The actions taken by the FAC Association Officers and BOD have been of great importance and ensure improved governance and business practices of your association. As I reported in the last newsletter, we have been fully re-instated as a Corporation in the State of Florida, and have since submitted our CY2008 Annual Report as required by Florida state laws. We recently received notification of acceptance. Importantly, omissions that occurred early in the formation of the association have now been corrected. I selected a CPA firm, Essex and

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Associates, with the consent of the BOD and legal advisor. After the reconstruction of prior year association records and the assistance of the CPA firm, our formal application to the IRS was completed in March 08 for recognition of the "Forward Air Controllers Association, Incorporated," as a 501 (C) (19) Veterans Organization. I expect a reply from the IRS in mid-July based on recent conversations with them and I am not currently expecting any major issues. I will report the status to the membership at the Reunion Membership meeting. In addition, our Treasurer, **Bob Gorman**, has asked for and gained volunteers to do an audit of our financial records. We will continue that action on an annual basis. To the members that volunteered to assist Bob in this effort, I thank you.

The effort to reformat the FAC CD History Book, a great asset to us all, is on track to publish it as a Table Top Book. This will allow our family and friends easy access to it. **Peter Condon**, Tamale 15, is the major architect and he is in the second draft. He still plans to have it available for ordering at the FAC Reunion in Colorado Springs. Thanks Peter for your outstanding effort and endurance. Also, thanks to **Darrel Whitcomb**, FAC Historian, and for the input of our Legal Advisor, **H Ownby** along with the advice of **Tom Harnden**, former FAC, lawyer and Director of a non-profit organization.

On another front, we dedicated the outstanding O-2A painting at the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) highlighted in the last newsletter. The painting, commissioned by **Toby Rushforth** and painted by artist **Andy Whyte**, memorializes an O-2A mission with which not only Toby, but many of our FAC brothers, identify. The dedication ceremony included the attendance of several of the local area FACs along with other family and friends. Three brass plates were placed on the frame; 1) Center- "Forward Air Controller-O-2A Under Heavy Ground Fire in Southeast Asia", 2) Left- "Feats, don't fail me now!" and 3) Right-"Now I've got them where they want me." Thanks to **John "Skip" Little**, **Bob Green**, and **Ed Kalkbrenner**, who submitted the winning inputs on the FACNET. Also, **Walt Want**, O-2A FAC, was so impressed with the painting that he volunteered to handle the sale of prints to interested members of the association. Andy Whyte has now agreed to allow prints of the original painting. It's expected that Walt will be ready to take orders at the upcoming reunion with various options/prices. Walt expects that prints can be sold to all who are members of the FAC Association, to include spouses, other FACs and non-FACs eligible to become members. Pricing is still being determined and it's expected that eligible non-members will pay a surcharge for the prints. Walt, thank you for taking this on. Please see Walt at the reunion.

I want to thank **Al Matheson**, our Archivist and FAC CD History focal point, for getting the history data out to the members that want them. In case you didn't get the word from the last

Treasurer's report

Bob Gorman

1 June 2008



Caution

While the Association has been reinstated as a "non profit" corporation in the state of Florida, and has filed with the IRS, until we let you know the results, you should not assume that the IRS will recognize this status at the Federal level.

During the past six months most of the hard work in the financial world has been done by Denny and a "hired gun" (CPA) in Dayton. Their job was to prepare the associations' non profit submittal to the IRS. They had to gather and organize all of the financial data since the associations formation in 2001. All I had to do was feed them the '07 data from my computer. So the next time you have the opportunity, either via email or in person in Colorado, take a moment to say thanks to Denny.

As of 1 May '08 the total Life Membership deposits are \$82,113 and annual membership deposits are \$14,362 .

Our Investments in CDs and a money market account that have returned \$3,315.14 .

We spent \$3,740 on Newsletter production and delivery, \$2000 was donated to the FACM in Texas, and \$500 was donated to the Memorial being constructed in Colorado. We spent \$621 to become reinstated as a non profit corporation in the state of Florida and we sent \$750 to the IRS requesting that we be recognized as a "non profit corporation" at the Federal level. After all of the above activity, our "bottom line" is now \$113,303.50

As of 1May I have 595 "validated" email addresses in the electronic FAC Newsletter database. This represents a \$600.00 cost avoidance every time we publish the newsletter.

Where are the rest of you?

Bob Gorman, Jake 44

newsletter, the historical data, organized in 3 CDs consisting of Unit histories, aircraft and system files, and operational history of battles/engagements, are available. If you are a paid up member of the association, you can request one copy of each CD at no cost except for a shipping charge of \$5. Let Al Matheson know. We also are working to gain an agreement with the Texas Tech University (TTU) to ensure we have a location to store the "hard copy documents" containing a wealth of FAC history. This is a change from our previous plan to store the documents at the Southern Utah University. The TTU hosts the Vietnam Center and Archive and their Board is made up of Viet-

IN MEMORIAM

“To fly west, my friend, is a flight we all must take for a final check.” — *Author unknown*

H. D. Allshouse	17Dec 2007
Pete Borgos	31Dec 2007
Russell B. Hodges	Dec 2007
Gary Yarger	2Feb 2008
James E. Peel	Unk
Ray Stratton	28Feb 2008
Leslie H. Quinn	17Dec 2006
George Peckham	22May 2008
Paul Power	Sep 2007
Robert L. Cummings	13Apr 2008
James E. Adams	8May 2008
Don Service	2June 2008
Dick Crook	2June 2008
Karl Feuerriegel	4 Mar 2008
Robert Krutz	1 Nov 2002
Charles V. Gibson	28 May 2008

President's Corner cont.

nam veterans. We're confident that our archived history will be in good hands. The Vietnam Center is well manned. **Rick Atchison** is leading the charge on this with the support of **Al Matheson** and **Darrel Whitcomb**. A written agreement between the TTU and the FAC Association will be signed by both parties after review and agreement by our Board. A special thanks to Rick for taking this on.

A final reminder. Our Colorado Springs reunion committee has put together a super reunion. Please get your reservation in as soon as possible. Also, don't delay on getting your seats for the USAFA vs. Navy football game as it's expected to be a sell out.

As we near Independence Day, I know I speak to the choir when I ask that we keep our troops in prayer to keep them safe and give their families the courage they need.

See you in Colorado Springs!!

My warm regards,

Denny Crouch



2008 Cowtown Warbird Roundup, Ft. Worth, TX

May 30 & 31 marked the fifth CWR presented by the Veteran's Memorial Airpark, the FAC Museum, and the OV-10 Bronco Association. A record 66 aircraft were present, from a classic AT-6 to modern warbirds such as the F-16, A-10, C-130, and everything in between. They were guided in by a TACP from the Louisiana ANG. Friday night featured a fun night of Mexican food, music, fun and friends for 250 people, including flight crews and VIPs.

Saturday saw the arrival of the civilian warbirds including O-1, O-2, YAK and various L-birds. The Patriot Guards motorcycle group opened the show with a THUNDER RUN down the runway to center stage with over 70 bikes and riders who set up an honor guard of flags for skydiver Dana Bowman. He jumped in, trailing a huge American flag under a Purple Heart parachute. A two-mile run on the Meacham taxiways followed. Many of the 3,000 visitors took advantage of airplane rides in a vintage UH-1 Huey and a B-25 Mitchell bomber.

Another highlight of the day was the world premier of the documentary film, “**One Tough Ride, the OV-10 Bronco Story**”, by Jami “Hollywood” Clayman. Jami was honored for her work with the presentation of the “Bronco Buster” award.

*CWR Follow Me truck at work
Photo by Johnnie Eller*



Literary Corner Additions

Add these to your reading list:

[Here There Are Tigers](#) Just out! By Nail 31

[American Patriot: Life and Wars of Bud Day](#) by Robert Coram

[Lucky's Bridge, Termite Hill,, Tango Uniform](#) Trilogy by Tom Hill



L-r Denny Crouch, MGen Metcalf, Andy Whyte, Toby Rushforth



2008 FAC Reunion Colorado Springs – 1-5 Oct

If you haven't yet registered for the 2008 FAC Reunion in Colorado Springs, time is running out! You should have already received either the Reunion Registration Flyer OR email notification directing you to the FAC Web site. IF you have moved or if your email bounced, you can find all the Colorado Springs Reunion registration at: www.fac-assoc.org/ColoradoSprings.htm or call Ken Blutt at 719-351-8284. Be advised, the initial Registration Flyer Merchandise Order Form had incorrect pricing information, the Web site is correct!

If you need hotel reservations, be sure to call the Crowne Plaza Hotel direct at 719-576-5900 or go to their web site at:

www.crowneplaza.com/coloradospring. If calling, tell them you are

with the Forward Air Controllers to get the discounted rate of just \$95 a day. If on their web site, enter your requested dates then enter our Group Code F01 (F Zero One) then click Check Availability

The Memorial Dedication Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Friday, 3 Oct, will be the highpoint of the reunion! Pictured here is the Air Force Academy Class of '68's donation presentation that "put us over the top." The Class of '68 donated \$2000 for EACH of their 5 FAC Classmates lost in SEA. Additional information can be found at:

www.usafa68.org/Bulletins/FAC2008/bu7.htm. We thank the AFA Class of '68 and all the donors for their contributions to this Memorial. Additional contributions will be accepted and will be applied to "Honored Family Members" (KIA family) expenses.

The AF Academy Falcon Football game against Navy is expected to be a sell out! By the time you receive this FAC Newsletter the Group Ticket window will probably be sold out. So if you still want to go to the game, please let us know and we will see what we can do.



Jim Palmer, FAC Memorial Chairman, accepting the \$10,000 Class of '68 donation from Bob Sallee, Rhup Worrell, Steve McPhail and Al Blunberg

See you at the FAC Reunion!

FAC Association Elections

Our reunions are great times of renewed friendships and camaraderie. But we also must set aside some of our precious time together for Association business. Since taking on the VP job, I have had my eyes opened concerning the inner workings required to keep our group strong and running smoothly. It is a labor of love, and requires commitment of time and energy, and is a rewarding experience. It is customary for the VP to conduct the election process, therefore I ask all of you to consider putting your name on the ballot for one of the positions available. This October during our business meeting we will again be accepting nominations for our elected offices. I am happy to report that our current elected officials have all agreed to run again, however it is our consensus that "new blood" can only make an organization stronger, so we encourage one and all to consider running for an office.

Best regards, Crew Chief Bob Green.

AUSTRALIAN FAC REUNION ANECDOTES by Peter Condon
(condensed for space and to protect the guilty)

When the planning for this reunion started a few years ago, the intention was to dedicate OV-10 #639 at the Australian War memorial during the reunion. A few difficulties were experienced in getting the aircraft from the Philippines to Canberra in time to complete the refurbishment, so we could not dedicate #639. However, we were able to touch her.

During the last FAC reunion in Dayton quite a few USAF FACs indicated they would like to join us at this 2008 reunion. Well, they did. The 22 Aussie FACs were outnumbered by 39 USAF FACs. In all, 120 attended the banquet on the last evening. A great turnout, especially by our friends from the United States.

We visited the Mitchell Annex of the Australian War Memorial (AWM) where OV-10 #639 is located and where she will be refurbished. We were allowed to climb all over her and then managed to get all those who flew her to pose in front of her for a photograph. This visit to the Annex was followed by a quick visit to the Australian War Memorial... we all dressed up with our coats and ties to visit the US Ambassador's residence for the presentation of US Air Medals to the Aussie FACs. A very nice ceremony, followed by drinks at the Canberra Club in the city centre. ...ANZAC DAY, Friday, 25th April, O dark:30. Other people were making their way through the darkness from all directions to join us. People all over Australia were doing the same. A very moving ceremony followed, only interrupted by the laugh of an Aussie Kookaburra bird. A few Cockatoos helped out a little later...we formed up with the other Veterans for the Anzac Parade. The parade was reviewed by our Prime Minister, Mr. Kevin Rudd. We were led by Peter Larard and Dale Thompson. Passing the dais the Prime Minister leaned forward and thanked the USAF members for their efforts. They were all wearing their caps and medals...the trip to the country town of Temora where we were special guests of the Aviation Museum there. The theme for the day was "Forward Air Controlling" and both the Cessna O-1 and O-2 participated in simulated airstrike control. A Canberra bomber (B-57) even joined in the attack. Remember the "Magpies"? Back on the buses at the end of the show for the return to Canberra.... but the boys in the second bus had no such creature comforts. Yes, you guessed it. There they were, all lined up along the edge of the country road getting comfortable again. A good day was had by all ...Monday morning for the final reunion event, the plaque dedication ceremony at the Australian War memorial. The weather was cold and windy but we made it through the ceremony without getting wet. The current RAAF trainer, the PC-9, opened the ceremony with a two-aircraft flyover. After the ceremony we warmed up with a cup of coffee before saying our farewells and heading off in different directions. That completed a very successful reunion. Thank you Mac and Fran Cottrell for organizing the reunion, and thanks to our friends from the US who joined us and made the show a very memorable event.



#639 Flyers of all accents

Photos by Condon/Whitcomb



A FAC and his lady

(Howie & Gilberta Pierson)

TASS REPORTS

No news from the individual TASSes this issue, but thanks to Ed Gunter for a word from the **RAVENS**:

The Ravens were drawn from many sources, so we have ties to all of the TASSes represented here. Also to the Air Commando world, and there are a couple of guys that we think were brought in from Area 51 or maybe that underground refrigerated hangar at Wright-Pat.

The Distinguished Raven Memorial Scholarship program is getting bigger and better each year. This year we had about 50 Lao and Hmong applicants. Our committee selected 9 winners from a very talented and accomplished pool. We awarded \$10,000 to these direct descendants of the men and women we worked with in Laos. All scholarships were awarded in honor of one of our departed Raven brothers. One of our finest moments. For more details, check our website at www.ravens.org.

On a sad note, we just lost Don Service, Raven 50, this month. Some of our guys were able to make it to the service at the Academy. Slow hand salute, Don.

More News From the OBA, FACM, VMAP

Adventures galore in hauling the TF-102 to Meacham; let the pictures tell the story:

This means you are meeting a Deuce on the highway. 32 feet wide looks even worse on a two lane road!



This means you are stuck in a bridge. "Out of 100 concrete posts, we only hit 38!"

Photos and quote by Johnnie Eller

All's well that ends well!

FAC Trip Down Under

After a 12 hour flight from LAX the infamous FAC Assoc "Gang of 39," arrived in Auckland, NZ for phase 1 of Op Aussie and the 22 day extravaganza. On 10 April, under the great leadership of Denny Crouch and Howie Pierson, the group "took" Mt. Eden in a coordinated attack. At dinner that evening in the Spire Restaurant which overlooks the city, rumor had it that "a FAC," bungee jumped off of the 1,000 foot structure. However, no pictures have yet surfaced.

The group then moved south on a touring bus, taking in tourist sites as we went. After a session of glow worm sighting in a very dark cave and lunch on a private farm, the gang of 39 redeployed to Rotorua for some ethnic experiences. We spent a lovely evening with a Maori tribe exploring the real meaning of the word Ka Oua and some totally under whelming food. The next day, we checked out some Kiwi birds, geysers, and sheep shearing, before flying on to Queensland. Awesome. Just like Vail. We did dinner on the mountain top, and the next day, drove to Milford Sound for a boat ride out into the Tasman Sea. GPS confirmed our southernmost travel at E 168deg 14.343 min, and S 45deg 40.205 min. What a beautiful country. The group then drove to Mt. Cook for lunch and then on to Christchurch for the night.

The next day, 15 April, The gang of 39 traveled on to Melbourne for phase 2. There, we spent two days, taking in the city sites, and visiting the Victoria War Memorial. We also traveled to the Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillips Island where Denny donated \$500 to them on behalf of the Association. We spent a late evening watching the penguins return from a long stay at sea, and then enjoyed a seafood dinner of freshly killed penguin.(?) The next stop was Alice Springs for a study of all things aboriginal and a super ranch dinner. The next day, we flew on to Ayers Rock to see the monolith mountain at sunset, sunrise, and from every possible perspective.

Oz is a beautiful land full of friendly blokes, shielas and numberless - numberless Asian tourist groups.

On 19 April, the group traveled on to Cairns and spent a great day snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef. The next day, the gaggle continued on to Sydney to find a city very similar to Seattle, with beautiful beaches and a busy harbor.

The group arrived in Canberra on the 23rd and joined our Aussie FAC brothers. For the next several days, we participated in a series of ceremonies, dinners and social events in and around Canberra. We went to the US Embassy and watched the Aussies receive US air medals for their Vietnam duty. We spent a great deal of time at the Australian War Memorial seeing the exhibits and watching the dedication of a plaque to the Aussie FACs. We saw the restoration efforts on OV-10 #639. We visited the old airfield at Temora for a special airshow dedicated to the FACs. Several O-1s, an O-2, A-37, and a T-28 all flew to celebrate our presence. The crowd of almost 4,000 (largest ever) was very friendly and even had some of our guys come out front and tell a few war stories.

But the best was the ANZAC day celebration. The dawn service and veterans parade in which we were the second vets group, were transcendental experiences, far more moving than any I have ever experienced in our country. The crowds were between 20-30,000 and totally friendly. The Aussie PM reviewed us all, and as we passed he was just five feet from us.

The rest was almost nonstop partying and dinners. We had a wonderful barbeque at a local country club and walked out on the greens and visited with the local kangaroos. The last evening, we had our formal dinner and listened to the air vice marshal talk about where RAAF FACing is today. And we got to spend a bit of time with several officers from the Aussie FAC school. They did a flyby for the Memorial dedication in their PC-9s. Sign me up. Our Aussie brothers really put on a TOP NOTCH reunion.

Then on 28 April, we departed Canberra for our flight out of Sydney the next day. It was 13 hours to LAX. I have to say that it was hard to leave. It was been the trip of a lifetime - made even more special by the folks in the group and reunion in Canberra.

So, on to Colorado Springs for another great reunion of friendship, pride, brotherhood, and remembrance.

V/R, Darrel Whitcomb FAC Association Historian



Aussie and New Zealand FACs

Goodonya, y'all!



US FACs in Australia

Milford Sound boat ride

South New Zealand



Photos by Darrel Whitcomb

Pilot's remains come home after 39 years

By Art Thomason—The Associated Press, Mar 28, 2008 **Phoenix** — When Lana Taylor of Mesa shares memories of her father with family members, there will be a lot of talk about the number 39. “This has been going on a long time, 39 years to the day,” she said. “He was 39 years old when he was killed, and it took 39 years to bring it to a conclusion.”

An Air Force pilot, **Maj. Robert F. Woods** was shot down over Vietnam’s Quang Binh Province on June 26, 1968, during a visual reconnaissance mission, according to the Department of Defense.

Taylor was notified recently that the remains of her soft-spoken, 6-foot-4 father along with those of his co-pilot, **Capt. Johnnie C. Cornelius**, were identified by the Air Force a few months ago.

“Dad’s gift to us is that he is bringing all of our family together again,” Taylor said. “All of us are scattered, all went our own ways and have not seen each other for many years. Now I’ll be looking forward with mixed emotion to April 9.”

That’s the day the family will reunite at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington, D.C., for Woods’ funeral with full military honors. Among them will be Taylor’s brother and sister. Most of Woods’ immediate family—he was one of nine children—have died, Taylor said. “Laughingly,” she said, “we may have to wear name tags to identify each other.”

The following day there will be a group service to honor Woods and Cornelius, who had flown together in the O-2 Skymaster plane when it crashed in a remote, mountainous area. The crew of another aircraft saw no parachutes and heard no emergency-beeper signals, according to the Department of Defense.

Woods’ wife, Mary, however, always believed that her husband somehow survived. “Mother refused to accept the fact that my father was killed until she died in 1995,” Taylor said from her home in northeast Mesa. “She kept saying ‘Bob is still alive.’ And the younger children accepted what Mom told them and grew up through all of junior high and high school believing Dad was still alive.”

It was a chapter in a prolonged saga that Taylor’s husband, Tom, called “a tough time for all of us.” Now there is a sense of comfort knowing that closure is imminent, Lana said....

Taylor, 65 and a retired teacher, said her father had two loves, in addition to his family: jazz music and flying. He fulfilled his passions in the Air Force as an enlisted man who rose through the ranks before becoming a commissioned officer, then a pilot. Woods’ missions as a pilot included the Berlin Airlift, which nobody in the Air Force forgot, she said. “They did 12 searches for him in the 22 years after he was shot down,” Taylor said. “Needless to say, they brought it to a conclusion, and I’m satisfied that there is nothing else to find.”

“It’s what he deserves, the respect he needs.”



Keeping The Promise

“During an excavation in Vietnam in the mid 1990’s, a reporter asked a soldier why he thought it was important to search for the remains of those who went missing so long ago. The soldier answered, **“We’re just keeping the promise, sir.”**”



Crew Chief Bob presenting FAC Tribute to Lana Taylor



FACs attending l-r, General Eberhart, Bob Green, Mike Connors, Dave Mackay, Rick Atchison



MLA flag flies over the common casket of Major Woods and Captain Cornelius at Arlington National Cemetery 9 April 2008

*Is Pratt Ashworth
PATRIOTIC, or what?*



*Photo by Pratt
Ashworth*



*Another milestone:
The last student
Tweet mission.
April 2008*

Please mail in your dues to Treasurer Bob Gorman today. Use the form on page 8.

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THE FAC ASSOCIATION

If you're interested in the mission and history of Forward Air Controllers, then we invite you to join. The requirements are simple; you have to volunteer to join and pay dues.

Annual dues are \$20

Life membership dues depend on your age

55yrs and under—\$225

56 to 60 yrs — \$200

61 to 65 yrs —\$175

66yrs + —\$150

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