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Dennis Crouch

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Dennis Crouch FAC Association Pres.
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Our FAC brothers in Fort Worth are readying to host the 2010 FAC reunion. It's less than 4 months away and the reunion committee is working hard on the many details. You can go directly to our www.fac-assoc.org website for the link to

the registration materials, which are also contained in this newsletter. Our reunion committee staff has had some changes as Terry Tabor resigned due to personal reasons. Importantly, **Jim Hodgson** has picked up the responsibilities and he and his crew are carrying the effort to the goal line. His committee includes **Terry Tabor, Tom Kemp, Debbi Lambert, H Ownby, Jack Thompson, Charlie Yates, Harv Stewart**, and is being supported by the Armed Forces Reunion, Inc. contractor. As announced previously, the reunion is being held from **October 27-31**. Fort Worth is a great place to hold a reunion and many activities have been made available for your enjoyment. Activities include tours of the Stockyards National Historic District, a Lockheed Martin Tour (F-35) with limited reservations, the Fort Worth Museum, the new FAC Museum and also the highly rated Fort Worth Alliance Air Show. The Alliance Air Show includes the F-22, U.S. Army Golden Knights and the Navy Blue Angels. Golf is also available for those that like to hit the little white ball. Importantly, the committee has worked hard to provide transportation to meet your needs. A Service of Remembrance is being planned for those we lost. And of course, we'll have lots of time for fellowship and flying tales at dinners, the banquet and the hootch. Time is also available for Squadron/Call Sign get togethers. Get your reservations in as soon as possible. They need them by September 27. So register now and prepare for fellowship with our FAC brothers, family and friends.

Elections will also be held at our General Membership Meeting. If you'd like to serve, please let me or Bob Green, VP, know of your desires. We'd like to have a slate ready to go before arriving at the meeting. However, nominations will be accepted from the floor. So if you're thinking about serving, please let us know as soon as possible. I truly appreciate all those that have served and continue to serve on the BOD and on committees. It's the lifeblood of the organization. As you know, our reunion for 2012 is in Tucson, Arizona. **Pratt Ashworth** is our reunion chairman and he is well along in planning. We'd like to have a nomination for the 2014 reunion to ensure we are well ahead of the power curve. If you have ideas for the 2014 reunion, let us know. We'll discuss this at the Membership meeting.

Our "Forward Air Controllers (FAC) Designated Scholarship" will be awarded to a child of an Air Force member, retired or active duty, during the month of July. The winner will be announced at the reunion General Membership meeting. As a reminder, the scholarship we are underwriting is for a minimum \$5,500, comprised of a \$5,000 interest free loan and a \$500 grant. For 2010, the amount is \$5,500, and this amount is likely to increase over time. Importantly, the FAC Association scholarship will be given to deserving individuals in perpetuity.

I'm very pleased that our Historian, **Rick Atchison**, along with **Al Matheson**, has compiled and transferred over the last two years most of our non-copyrighted FAC data to the Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive. This

will ensure that the data will be available forever. We no longer have to worry about losing our history. It will be there long after our last members depart this earth. The project continues and as additional data becomes available it, too, will be transferred to the TTU archives. Thanks to Rick and Al for all their efforts in bringing this about. Additional information is available on this subject in an article by Rick Atchison on page 9 of this newsletter.

A reminder: Our Fort Worth reunion committee has been working hard to put the FAC Association 2010 reunion together. I know we all will enjoy the activities and the fellowship. Please get your reservations in as soon as possible. See you there.

We continue to see changes in our country. More than any other time for our generation, we need to be informed and thoroughly cognizant as to what is happening. Speak out and share your thoughts with your friends and neighbors. We will be voting in November, right after the reunion. If you don't have time to get home after the reunion, I strongly encourage you to vote by absentee ballot before the reunion. I don't think anyone wants to miss voting in November 2010.

See you in Fort Worth!!

My best to all,
Denny Crouch

A THIRD FAC BOOK? WHY NOT?

Just received and read "Cleared Hot" I and II. What an enormous and historic treasure for the ages! To any and all contributors from our FAC family, you have earned the heartiest "Sierra Hotel" from everyone who was-is-and will be in the FAC brotherhood. And there is more gold to be mined.

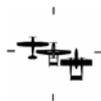
I was thrilled to read of comrades thought lost. Dozens of FACers who participated brilliantly throughout the SEA campaign surfaced for me. Just their names, but knowing that they had been players, and survived, was fulfilling.

There are hundreds of untold FAC scenarios still to be shared. Our over 5,000 names on the FAC roster must be encouraged to "sound off." FAC Pres, Nail 23, Denny Crouch has faithfully invited the membership to offer their inputs. Many responded. Many more are still "holding high and dry?" If you're one of us, and haven't joined the FAC Association just do it. Then, take the time, effort, and reach down for that same patriotic zeal, enduring loyalty, and personal pride that qualified you to be one of us--and "check in." Your story must be told.

One more time, let's salute the comrades who put together the first two volumes of the FAC legacy, and to those out there still hovering.

You're "Cleared Hot" on Volume Three!

Howie Pierson
Nail-01
FAC Chaplain



TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Gorman

1 July 2010

As of close of business 31 June 2010 our financial status was as follows:

Checking : \$3267

Money Market : \$36332

Investment CDs : \$117834

Total in the Bank: \$158179

Our future liabilities include:

Life Membership: (\$87,176

Designated Scholarship: (\$15000)

"Honored Family Support: (\$5800)

The 2010 spend plan that has been approved by your Board of

Directors has the following provisions:

Mandatory Expenses

Newsletter \$3800

President \$500

Historian \$300

CPA Support \$600

Admin/Postage \$200

Non Profit Annual Rpt \$72

Discretionary Expenses

Archive Support \$300

Fallen Brothers \$400

FACM Support \$2000

FAC Association Designated

Scholarship Program \$5000

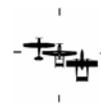
Management Reserve \$2037

The Association has made it's second contribution toward the "FAC Association Designated Scholarship Program" on the 13th of Jan . 2010. Again, my personal thanks to the "Jakes", Nail 01 and Nail 28 who sent in donations to this worthy cause. When we meet in Fort Worth for our next reunion I will have put together our spend plan for the years of 2011 and 2012 that will include additional funding for this program.

You'll notice that we have set aside nearly \$6000 in future support of our "Honored Families". The exact definition of "support" is still up in the air and may be a topic of discussion at our next reunion.

Be sure to check your membership status shown on page 8 of this newsletter.

See You in Fort Worth. Bob, Jake 44



IN MEMORIAM

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

James F. Record	22Dec 2009
Audrey Hare	07Jan 2010
Jack Dale	18Jan 2010
Duane M. Henden	07Dec 2009
Jake Jacobs	
Norm Munsey	12Feb 2010
Jerry Rhein	15Feb 2010
Don Quane	12Feb 2010
Carleton “Sonny” Vail, Jr.	05May 2009
Albert Estes, Jr.	12March 2010
Leonard Reed “Bud” Naramore	24March 2010
Mike Burke	26May 2010
Heinie Aderholt	20May 2010
Phillipe Bouchard	09June 2010
Randy Austin	09June 2010

Frederick T. Mackall

If this name stirs your memory cells, please contact Crew Chief Bob Green, contact numbers on page 1. He served in the 19th TASS from Nov. 1969 until Nov. 1970 as Chief of Maintenance, or Squadron Maintenance Control Officer at Bien Hoa. Crew Chief Bob is helping his daughter, Sandy Mackall Sweep find out more about his war service. If you knew him (now deceased) please speak right up! Thank You.

Membership, Dues, Reunions, and the Newsletter

Bob Gorman

In the January 2010 Newsletter I told you that your Board of Directors had established a new newsletter distribution policy that says in effect “future issues of the FAC newsletter will be sent only to those who are FAC Association Lifetime and Annual *paid up* members. This policy is very similar to other associations and organizations that eliminate non-paying members soon after delinquency. Renewing membership shows member interest and eliminating non dues paying individuals reduces cost to the association. The original plan was that the Jan 2010 issue of the newsletter was to have been the last issue to be distributed to everyone in the database regardless of membership status.

In light of the upcoming October Fort Worth reunion, and the need to get the word out to all, the distribution cut off will be delayed until the Jan 2011 issue. However, If you are reading this article in the paper version of the newsletter, be sure to turn to the back page where you will be able to see your current dues status as of this printing. If you are current with your dues it should read *10 Pd Jan 10* (meaning that you paid your '10 dues in January of 10). If it reads anything else, for example *01 Pd March 01* you will need to take some action and become current in your membership by filling out the form on page 12 and mailing your dues to the address indicated. Please don't hesitate, update your membership now and avoid being removed from the mailing list. **We want all to become current members of the FAC Association.** Take action today.

Thanks to Ed Gunter for correcting the source for the words, “I'd have been a better friend, but I trusted time.” Here is the proper story.

The verse was written by Art Cornelius after the death of his friend Sam Deichelmann. Unashamedly emotional, and written immediately after the loss, the knowledge that it is not the work of a poet but the heartfelt tribute of a warrior to a fallen comrade gives its words a poignant authenticity. It is now a ritual reading at Raven reunions

In my memory I carry
The twinkle of your eye, the delight of your laugh,
And the courage that was life, as we expected every
day to die.
The red mud stuck
To our boots and tires, the dust to our bodies,
And silver wraiths of mist swirled over and around
Green mountains.
Smaller men stood taller and larger than our size,
But you towered over us all, your grin, your tears,
Every orphan was your child, every life a part of
yours,
When Chou held on to the thread of life,
You'd have bled for him, breathed for him,
You'd have given your life for him, if you could.
We lived each day in fire and air,
And every dawn life's croupier spun the wheel again,
**And I'd have been a better friend, but I trusted
time.**
There never was a man more strong, more peaceful,
More fierce, more fair,
And we were all proud to love you.
Perhaps one day when the fire is out,
Green mountains will show a flash of gold,
I'll see the twinkle of your eye
And smile again



Sam Deichelmann Raven 47 KIA 6Sep 1968

**FAC REUNION 2010
Fort Worth, TX
October 27-31, 2010**



**Y'ALL COME, YA HEAH?
www.fac-association.org
Watch this website**

You won't want to miss this great younger, so every opportunity to rief, fellowship, and pay tribute to event. It seems to your humble the like are fun and interesting, with guys I haven't seen in many years is the most meaningful and satisfying aspect of a reunion. It gets better every time. This one promises to be no different in that aspect. Please be a part of this reunion!

reunion! We aren't getting any get together to share memories, sto- our fallen brothers is a precious editor that while activities, tours and the time spent just sitting and talking

You will find all the pertinent information beginning on the next page. The preferred method of registering is online, by going to the website noted on the registration form. You may also use the forms on pages 7 and 8 to detach and send in via snail mail. Remember to make copies to save. Memorabilia, shirts, hats, and patches will be available via the website soon after you receive this newsletter. Lots of people are working very hard to provide you a great reunion. Terry Tabor, the committee chairman, had an unfortunate family problem and had to bow out at an inopportune time, but others are stepping into the breach and all the details are coming together. Our sympathy goes out to Terry.

Here are scenes from past reunions to bring back fond memories and whet your appetite for October!



Beautiful Colorado Springs

2008



Dayton, 2006

That's Ken Semmler leading an unholy choir in an authentic

Aussie version of Waltzing Matilda. Nobody ever has any fun!

Honolulu, 2002

George and Doris Day



San Antonio, 2004 Some rowdy Coveys

**FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION REUNION
OCTOBER 27-31, 2010
OMNI FORT WORTH HOTEL- FT. WORTH, TX**

Wednesday, October 27

2:00pm - 7:00pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 9:00pm Early Arrival Reception
2:30pm - FAC Association Board of Directors Meeting
Informal Call Sign/Squadron gatherings

Thursday, October 28

7:30am - 9:00am Reunion Registration Open
7:00am - 1:00pm Golf Tournament (7:30 Arrival, 8:00am Shotgun Start)
9:30am - 2:00pm FORT WORTH CITY TOUR/STOCKYARDS NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (description follows)
2:30pm - 5:00pm FAC Association General Membership Meeting
4:00pm - 5:30pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - 10:00pm JOE T. GARCIA'S: MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT AND DINNER (description follows)

Friday, October 29

7:30am - 8:30am Reunion Registration Open
10:00am - 3:00pm FORT WORTH MUSEUM SHUTTLE/LOCKHEED MARTIN TOUR (description follows)
2:00pm - 5:00pm Reunion Registration Open
6:00pm - Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar
7:00pm - 12:00am Reunion Banquet

Saturday, October 30

9:00am - 5:00pm FORT WORTH ALLIANCE AIR SHOW- SHUTTLE BUSES (description follows)
6:00pm - 10:00pm Squadron/Call Sign Dinners TBD

Sunday, October 31

10:00am - 11:30am Service of Remembrance
Farewells and Departures

Hootch

The FAC Hootch will be in the Omni and will be the gathering place to link up with old friends, meet new ones, and swap stories and flying tales. After you complete the obligatory chores at the reunion sign-in desk, head for the Hootch to share the latest gossip, tales, and beverages, or just relax and watch others wander in and out. The FAC Hootch will be open long hours but closed when we have major events such as the Reception on Wednesday and the Dinners on Friday and Saturday.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$7 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays. Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

REGISTER ONLINE AND PAY BY CREDIT CARD!

www.afr-reg.com/FAC

FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION REUNION *Tour Descriptions*

FORT WORTH CITY TOUR/ STOCKYARDS NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT- Thursday, October 28

During a driving tour of Ft. Worth, your guide will explain some of the history of "The City of Cowboys and Culture". Now the 17th largest city in the U.S., Ft. Worth started as an army outpost in 1849. Fort Worth's history includes stories of Indians, cattle, railroads, and oil. The Stockyards National Historic District was once the biggest and busiest cattle, horse, mule, hog, and sheep marketing centers in the Southwest. Authentic western buildings house Old West shops and restaurants. The Cowtown Coliseum features Wild West Shows, rodeos, and concerts year round. Weather permitting; check out the daily Longhorn cattle drive through the middle of town (11:30am and 4pm daily). Your guide will suggest some great places for lunch. You may want to consider making your way to Billy Bob's, the world's largest honky-tonk!

9:30am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel.

\$31/Person includes bus and guide. Lunch is on your own.

JOE T. GARCIA'S: MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT AND DINNER- Thursday, October 28

Established in 1935, Joe T. Garcia's remains one of Fort Worth's most popular Mexican restaurants. The venue features beautiful fiesta gardens with a patio and outdoor seating, complete with ferns, rippling water and huge shade trees. Enjoy your choice of either Bistec (grilled tenderloin) Fajitas or Chicken Fajitas served with rice, beans, guacamole, flour tortillas, pico de gallo, sour cream, cheese, chips, and hot sauce.

6:00pm board bus, 10:00pm back at hotel

\$49/Person includes bus, escort and dinner.

FORT WORTH MUSEUM SHUTTLE- Friday, October 29

Get out and discover Fort Worth! You can decide to spend the amount of time you wish to at one or more museums throughout the city with the convenience of door to door service on a shuttle bus. The first stop is at the **Fort Worth Museum of Science & History**. The museum recently reopened after an \$80 million renovation and addition and features a new planetarium, five Innovation Studios, Stars Café, an Omnimax Theater, the Cattle Raisers Museum, a Fort Worth History gallery and a multi-sensory energy exhibition. A block down the street is the **National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame** which honors and celebrates women, past and present, whose lives exemplify the courage, resilience, and independence that helped shape the American West, and fosters an appreciation of the ideals and spirit of self-reliance they inspire. The **Kimbell Art Museum**, widely regarded as one of the most outstanding architectural achievements of the modern era, is the second stop on the tour. The Museum's holdings include international artworks ranging in period from antiquity to the 20th century. The collection includes masterpieces by Fra Angelico, Caravaggio, El Greco, Cézanne, Matisse, and Picasso. The museum also recently acquired Michelangelo's first known painting, The Torment of Saint Anthony. The last stop is the **Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame** which features many unique Western Exhibits such as: the Sterquell Wagon Collection, John Justin Trail of Fame, Chisholm Trail Exhibit, Zigrang Bit Collection, Adventures of the Cowboy Trail, a Western Gift Shop, and the Jersey Lilly Old-Tyme Photo Parlor. An additional bus will shuttle to and from the **Forward Air Controller's Museum and Veterans Memorial Air Park**. The mission of the FAC Museum is to perpetuate the history and educate the public on the contributions of those men and women throughout history who served as Forward Air Controllers. The mission of the Veterans Memorial Air Park is to restore and protect the aircraft and aviation heritage of Fort Worth, and North Texas and to educate the public. Café's or restaurants are available at the Science and History Museum and the Kimbell Art Museum.

Admission prices:

Museum of Science & History- Museum-\$12 adults, \$8 Seniors/ Kids; Omnimax- \$7 adults, \$6 Seniors/Kids;

Cowgirl Hall of Fame-\$8 adults, \$7 Seniors and Kids; Kimbell Art Museum- FREE;

Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame- \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, Students, \$3 Children, Military are FREE

(Admission prices subject to change.)

Bus will Shuttle with pickup/drop-off at the hotel each hour on the hour and at each stop as follows-

Fort Worth Museum of Science and History at :15, Kimbell Art Museum at :25, Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame at :35

LOCKHEED MARTIN F-35 BRIEFING AND PLANT TOUR

As an additional option, you may choose to board the bus at 10:00am and go on a tour of the Lockheed Martin Plant. The tour is approx. 2 hours total and you will have the option of either returning to the hotel or going to the museums on the tour. This tour is limited to the first 52 people to register. **A picture I.D. is required to attend this tour.**

10:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at the hotel

\$30/Person includes bus and escort. Museum Admissions and lunch on your own.

FORT WORTH ALLIANCE AIR SHOW: SHUTTLE BUSES- Saturday, October 30

Shuttle Buses will be provided from the Omni Hotel to Fort Worth Alliance Airport for the Air Show. The first buses will depart at 9:00am to arrive in time for the 10:00 show start time and then will pick up at the Air Show every hour until the last bus departure at 4:15pm to return to the hotel. General Admission to the Air Show is free. Limited seating in the Flight Deck is available for purchase at the show for \$10 per person and includes seating just south of show center in uncovered folding chairs. Sky Box tickets are \$15 purchased in advance or \$20 on-site and includes center seating in uncovered garden chairs as well as private restrooms. **TO PURCHASE AIR SHOW TICKETS IN ADVANCE, PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: www.AllianceAirShow.com**

9:00am board bus, 5:00pm back at the hotel

\$32/Person includes shuttle bus. Air Show Admission on own.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All tours require a minimum of thirty people.

FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS REUNION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/FAC. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **September 27, 2010**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: Forward Air Controllers

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____	Date Received _____
Inputted _____	Nametag Completed _____

<i>CUT-OFF DATE IS 09/27/2010</i>	Price Per	# of People	Total
TOURS			
THURSDAY: FT. WORTH CITY TOUR/ STOCKYARDS DISTRICT	\$ 31		\$
THURSDAY: JOE T GARCIA'S MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT AND DINNER	\$ 49		\$
FRIDAY: FT. WORTH MUSEUM SHUTTLE <i>(Please check one) I will attend the Lockheed Martin Tour <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</i>	\$ 30		\$
SATURDAY: ALLIANCE AIR SHOW SHUTTLE BUSES	\$ 32		\$
EVENTS & MEALS			
THURSDAY: GOLF TOURNAMENT <i>(includes shuttle bus, green fee, & lunch)</i>	\$ 80		\$
FRIDAY: REUNION BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			
Grilled Chicken	\$ 49		\$
New York Strip	\$ 60		\$
Vegetarian	\$ 51		\$
MANDATORY REGISTRATION FEE <i>Includes admission to the Hootch, additional reunion incidentals & AFR reg fee.</i>			
PRIMARY REGISTRANT	\$ 20	1	\$ 20
ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT(S) -per person	\$ 15		\$
MEMBERSHIP DUES <i>(Please check one)</i>			
I am already a life member <input type="checkbox"/>			
I would like to become a life member <input type="checkbox"/>		Please write in your date of birth:	
Life membership cost is based on your age <i>(please write in price in far right column):</i> 55yrs & under: \$225 56 to 60 yrs: \$200 61 to 65 yrs: \$175 66yrs +: \$150		____/____/____	\$
I only wish to pay my annual dues at this time. This will continue my membership through 2012. <input type="checkbox"/>		\$ 40	\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

I am the: Veteran Widow Child Grandchild Other Name of your Veteran _____

CALL SIGN _____ AIRCRAFT _____ YEAR(S) AS FAC _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GUEST NAMES *(If needed, please list additional guests on a separate sheet.)*

1. _____ 2. _____
 Spouse Widow Child Grandchild Other Widow Child Grandchild Other

3. _____ 4. _____
 Widow Child Grandchild Other Widow Child Grandchild Other

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS *(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)* _____

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO *(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).*

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____ - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-8401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-8 weeks after reunion.

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OMNI FT. WORTH HOTEL – FORT WORTH, TX
817-535-6664

FOR A MORE EFFICIENT RESPONSE: PLEASE CALL (800) THE-OMNI

The Omni Ft. Worth Hotel is located at 1300 Houston Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76102. The hotel is ideally situated across from the Ft. Worth Convention Center and within easy walking distance of a variety of restaurants. It is approximately 27 miles away from the Dallas Fort Worth International airport (DFW). If you are driving, please feel free to contact the hotel directly for directions. Each guest room features a touch of Texas as well as natural linens, plush bedding with saddle blanket throws and stitched pillows, as well as complimentary WiFi in all guestrooms. The hotel has a fully equipped fitness center & health club as well as a full-service spa and swimming pool/bar. The hotel's gift/museum shop is located in the lobby. The hotel offers handicapped accessible and non-smoking rooms, which are based on availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your reservation.

Valet parking is available at the discounted rate of \$15/day. Self-parking is not available. Check-in time is 3:00pm, and check-out is 12:00 noon. *Cast Iron* serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and *Whiskey & Rye Neighborhood Bar* serves lunch and dinner. The hotel also offers *Bob's Steak and Chop House*, a nationally renowned steak house that also offers a private dining room, and the *Wine Thief*, a wine bar offering an array of hand-selected labels and a "pub food" menu. 24-hour room service is available.

The Omni Ft. Worth Hotel does not offer shuttle service from Dallas Fort Worth International airport (DFW) but recommends Super Shuttle for round trip or one way service. Currently, the rates are \$17 per person one way and \$34 per person roundtrip. Call 972-615-2410 or book online at www.supershuttle.com for more information or to make your reservation.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number at (888) 441-7575 for details.

If you are traveling on American Airlines to the reunion, please include our Business Extra Account Number: 809443 on your ticket order. This is free to you, but by doing this, the FAC Museum will also earn reward points. Thank you for your support!

Vendors and schedules are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION – HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
EVENT DATES: OCTOBER 27-31, 2010

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FAC HISTORY ACTIVITIES

By Rick Atchison, Nail 229, FAC Association Historian

Over the past two years there has been a lot of effort put into FAC history activities. The two volumes set, entitled “Cleared Hot, Forward Air Controller Stories from the Vietnam War” has been published and is available through <http://www.lulu.com/content/2813093> and <http://www.lulu.com/content/7783910>. Peter Condon has done a great job of laying out the written material and photographs in book form and getting both volumes published. Charlie Peacock worked wonders as the FAC Book Chairman with Section Chairmen Jim Roper, Mike Morea, Tim Eby, Ned Helm, Jim Gabel, Chuck Johnson, Claude Newland, Jimmy Butler, and Al Matheson. The cover photographs by Gary Dikkers and Brad Wright are outstanding. The big thank you goes to all the authors who provided their stories and recorded their history for future generations. If you don't have your own copy of Cleared Hot Volumes I and II go to the web site and order them. Once you start reading the stories you won't come up for air for several days. Good stuff.

It is very important that we provide the generations that follow access to the materials that will allow them to better understand our war, how we fought, and what technologies we used. Over the years we have evolved a process where the materials that were collected for the Association were provided to Al Matheson who converted them to digital media. Once that was accomplished, the question became what to do with the original materials. That was solved with an agreement with the Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archive at Lubbock, Texas. Al is sending the original materials to the Vietnam Archive where the materials may be scanned and put into the virtual archive. This will allow internet access to all scanned documents.

The original documents, to include any copyrighted materials sent to TTU, will be maintained in an extensive climate controlled research library and available to researchers studying the war in SEA and FACs. As a member of the FAC Association you have access to any of the documents in the FAC Association collection while you are at the Archive in Lubbock.

Al Matheson maintains an extensive data base of information, the FAC Association Archive, which he publishes on CD and makes available to the membership. If you want to contribute to the FAC Association Collection you can send your documents to Al for recording into the FAC Archive data bases and ask him to forward the original documents to the TTU Vietnam Archive. Ned Helm is collecting photographs and images into a photo data base. This is a tremendous undertaking requiring a great deal of effort and media storage space. The rules for use of photos is a little more convoluted than documents, so if you send personal photographs please include a statement that they may be used for historical purposes and publication .

If you have clothing, books, or other materials that obviously cannot be digitized there are at least three options you may want to consider; The FAC Museum at Fort Worth, The National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF), and the Texas Tech Vietnam Center and Archive at Lubbock, TX. You can contact the FAC Museum, Jim Hodgson at txavi8or@gmail.com or Tom Kemp at tjkafatx@flash.net or call the FAC Museum at 800-575-0535. The NMUSAF Curator, Terry Aitken, can be reached by phone at 937-255-1292; or e-mail at terrell.aitken@us.af.mil. The TTU Vietnam Center and Archive point of contact is Ty Lovelady at 806 742-9010 or t_lovelady@ttu.edu. These facilities are interested in both official and unofficial memorabilia. The NMUSAF and Vietnam Archive storage and holding facilities are environmentally controlled to protect items needing such protection. I will be more than happy to assist you.

If you are doing research I recommend that you contact Al Matheson first for any information that he may have in the data bases. Much of what he has is available on CDs. The holdings are extensive and Al periodically publishes lists of materials that he has available. By the way, I am looking for a listing of Delta Points in the 71-72 time frames.

The Texas Tech Vietnam Archive has an extensive oral history program under the direction of Kelly Crager. This is a superb way of recording your entire life history and making it available to others. Oral histories are very important because the interviewers are trained to pursue interesting threads of information and make sure they are properly documented for future research. There are numerous oral histories in the Vietnam Virtual Archive and they make fascinating reading. You can find out more about the TTU Vietnam Archive Oral History Program on their web site at www.vietnam.ttu.edu which also provides access to the Virtual Archive. Or you can call Kelly Crager at (806) 742-9010 if you have specific questions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Al, Ned, Peter, and Charlie for their work in collecting and recording our very important historical information – they deserve a hand shake, a thank you, and a cold beer at the reunion.



Staff Sergeant Howard Cutter
19 TASS August 1966 – August 1967 TACP 1st Squadron,
11th Armored Cavalry Regiment
15 April 2010

When we open an email or a letter, I suppose there is always a certain element of curiosity instilled within us that produces a small amount of apprehension. Yesterday I received an email from a long time friend and one of our Radio Operators from 19 TASS, Bill Fargo. The subject line simply stated "Howard Cutter". Knowing that Howard wasn't in the best of health, I feared the worst. Bill informed me that our brother Howard Cutter passed away yesterday from a heart attack. No matter how hard you prepare yourself for the inevitable, this type of sad news always comes as a shock.

Howard was originally an AFSC 30454 – Radio Repairman. However, like so many of our Radio Repairman the needs of the Air Force, due to our involvement in South Vietnam, changed his position to that of Radio Operator. The majority of us are quite aware of the hardships our Radio Operators endured while in South Vietnam, especially the ones tasked with going out on operations with their assigned Infantry units. It's true that many of us fortunate (?) Crew Chiefs were assigned to numerous Forward Operating Locations (FOL's) but, the simple fact remains that we were "still in the rear with the gear" and not humping the bush with the grunts like our RO's were, complete with jeeps and radio backpacks.

Howard was an E-4 Sergeant assigned to the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and shipped out with them from the CONUS via the USS Upshur. He arrived in country during August 1966 and served his tour until August 1967. Like so many of us who tried to participate as a GIB with our FACs, Howard was successful on numerous occasions flying with his ALO, Major Post and Major Stefanelli. Howard logged numerous missions during Operations Junction City and Cedar Falls, two very large operations during the latter part of 1966 and early 1967. Howard was a very hard worker and very dedicated to his job. I have my suspicions that initially he was not too excited about his Radio Operator assignment with an Army unit, but like so many of us, He just accepted it and did the best he could.

It is not customary in the Air Force for one enlisted troop to salute another enlisted troop save for one exception, i.e. during the funeral service. I ask that you join me in a slow hand salute to my friend and brother Staff Sergeant Howard Cutter.

Sincerely,
 Crew Chief Bob (Green)

Thanks, Bob, for all you do... Ed

SSGT Howaard Cutter and Major Steffanelli



THIS IS WHY WE DO IT

Below is the thread between Karen Baris, Captain Fearn's daughter, LtCol. Dale Amend and me. This reunion has been long overdue, but it finally happened. Karen asked that you publish her thank you to the FAC Association in the next newsletter. I think it's a grand idea and it may persuade other to come forward when help is needed.

I'd like to add my personal thanks to our outstanding organization for making these opportunities possible. It still comes Down to team work.

Regards,
 -Robert B Green

Mr. Green,

I just got off the phone with Dale. Thank you so much for helping me find him. He told me about my Dad's crash and the chapter in his book. We talked about other things, writing letters and how the letters he wrote home helped him write his book 40 years later. I told him after I read his book may I call him again and he said yes. He was so glad I called.

This means so much to me. It shows what wonderful men you both are and the sacrifices you made for all of us. I am very proud to have been able to have met both of you and talk with you. Please, if you would publish my letter in your newsletter so all the other men will know how proud we are of the jobs they did for us. God bless you all,

Karen Jeanne Baris
 15003 Lamplight Way
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72211





Dear Bob,
 Thank you so much for your preparation to insure my husband, Charles (Chuck) MacIvor, received recognition by the FAC organization. The plaque is inspiring and has a place of honor along side his medals and Arlington Flag.

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The work you and others do to preserve the spirit and integrity of the FAC brotherhood is inspiring, and I thank you again for the plaque.

Sincerely,
 June MacIvor
 April 6, 2009

ATTENTION ON DECK—NOW HEAR THIS!

CLEARED HOT—BOOK TWO

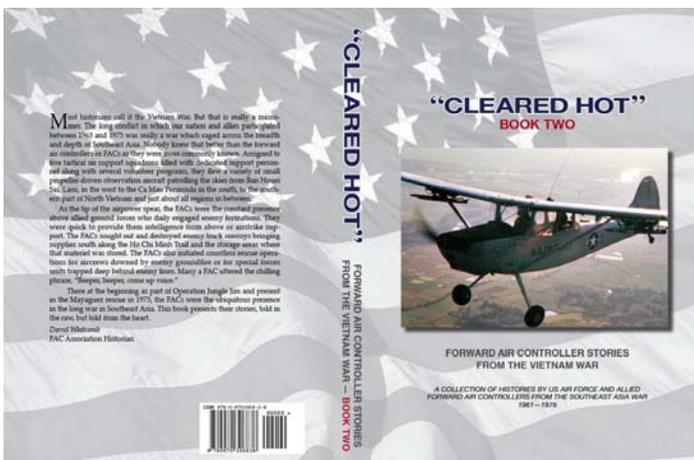
This is to let you know that the table top “Cleared Hot” Book Two is now completed and is on sale for a “dirt cheap” price of \$25.00 through the FAC Association website (www.fac-assoc.org) and its link to www.lulu.com. Just go to the FAC Association website and click on the link next to the FAC aircraft picture denoted as “Books” or at the bottom of the page denoted as “FAC Book Project.” You can also just click on the following link: <http://www.fac-assoc-org/book/book01.html>.

As most of you are aware, Book Two is the follow-on to the original table top “Cleared Hot” book which has been on sale since 2008. These two volumes contain each and every story that was in the original “FAC History Book CD” and new ones as well. There is a total of 488 stories in these two volumes with 256 in Book Two and 232 in the original volume. If you bought the original “Cleared Hot” you know that it is perfectly suited for the table tops and make great gifts. They are both a superb addition to the FAC History Book CD and I hope you enjoy them. They are absolutely great.

I want to give a big thanks to **Peter Condon** for his leadership in putting “Cleared Hot” Book Two together, a repeat of his superb efforts on the original Cleared Hot book. To have all the stories from the original CD is a wonderful and important achievement. His leadership and hard work in this effort is enormously appreciated. I also want to thank the Section Leaders that spent many hours on both projects. These include **Charlie Pocock, Jim Roper, Mike Morea, Tim Eby, Ned Helm, Jim Gable, Bob Gorman, Chuck Johnson, Claude Newland and Al Matheson**. On behalf of Peter, a special thanks to **Jim Gabel** for the meticulous comprehensive effort and assistance he provided to Peter on the project. And finally, a BIG thanks to every one of you, the authors of each and every story. Without you there would be no books at all.

So please go to the FAC Association website and link to lulu where you can buy “Cleared Hot” Book Two or “Cleared Hot” book one. You can also purchase additional FAC History Book CDs.

Dennis Crouch
President, FAC Association



CAPT. WILLIAM FINN, MIA

Ladies and gentlemen, this association is at its best when we are able to help families and friends of our departed brethren learn more about their heroes' service. Many heavy hearts have been lightened, many long-suffering families have had questions answered, many tears of relief have been shed because we have found people and information that loved ones have missed all these years. Here are excerpts from a recent contact, forwarded from FAC to FAC, looking for a picture, if nothing else, of one of our FACS, lost on Christmas Eve, 1971. It is unique in a way, yet shares sadness, yearning, and memories with all the other requests we have received. Please help if you knew or remember Capt. William Flinn, an OV-10 Covey, lost along with Timothy Tucker.

My name is Linda Capriotti. When I was in the 5th grade I purchased a POW bracelet, the name on that bracelet was 1st Lt William Finn. I remember watching on TV as our POW's came home waiting to see him come off the plane, listening for that name that I will never forget. That never happened...was listed as MIA. I didn't know anything else about this young man lost so far away from his home... It was about 28 years later that I was able to visit The Wall in DC, when I found his name on the black cold wall. I reached up and touched it with my hand. I could not even see for the tears pouring from my eyes, so many tears for this man I never knew...

He was lost over Laos on the night of 12/24/1971, back seater to Timothy Tucker. They were flying an OV-10 Bronco as Coveys... What I long for is a photo of this American Hero of mine, perhaps an AF academy class photo, even. I know that the family's info is very private and I in no way desire to cause them further pain. Do you have any idea how or where I may find a photo of this man? This is, for whatever reason, very important to me, I don't want his memory to ever fade if I can help it.

If you knew Capt. Flinn, especially if you have a picture of him, please let this editor know at teby540@embarqmail.com. I will put you in touch. Thank you. Let's make this another mission accomplished.



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L-r Glenn Wright, Randy (R2) Wright, Tim Eby. We all flew 675

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