This display case contains plaques that represent the mission accomplishments, sports prowess, and recognition programs of the 6994th Security Squadron and its Detachments. Additional plaques provided by Rick Yeh are not displayed in the exhibit, but are included below for our online viewers. The actual display case and individual plaque photos are shown below.



The Travis Trophy

In 1963 a worker at Arlington Hall Station, home of the Army Security Agency and some elements of NSA, found a trophy on a shelf in a storeroom, which was brought to the attention of the Director, Lt. Gen Blake.

The Trophy had been given to the United States in 1948 by Sir Edward Travis, Director of Britain's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). Travis proposed that it be awarded to the winner of a complicated sports competition between the Army and Navy Cryptologic organizations. The trophy was awarded to the Army after a tournament that involved games of tennis, golf, and chess. As far as is known, there was not another such competition after 1948.

After the discovery of the trophy in 1963, General Blake consulted with the Director of GCHQ, and, with his concurrence, designated the loving cup as an annual award to the U.S. cryptologic field station that had made the year's most important contribution to the operations, management, or administration in cryptology. Though later loined by other competitions and awards, the Travis Trophy became the most prestigious award in the cryptologic community and still holds that position today.



LTC Leon Inge, Commander 6994th Security Squadron accepts the Travis Trophy plaque on behalf of the 6994th Security Suadron from VADM Noel Gayler, Director National Security Agency as NSA Deputy Director Dr. Louis Tordella and MGEN Carl Stapleton, Commander USAFSS, witness the presentation









Unit plaque presented to Detachment 3 personnel at the end of their tour of duty. This is the first plaque used as the template for this award designed by SSgt Tom Nurre at NKP in 1970.













