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Welcome to the EC-47 History Site Newsletter

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Reunion Update

**6994th Security Squadron
September 21-23, 2016**

**Marriott Courtyard
2572 Southwest Blvd.
San Angelo, TX. 76901
(325) 703-6400**

The theme of this reunion is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the activation of the 6994th Security Squadron. A Remembrance Ceremony is scheduled at the EC-47 static display on Thursday, Sept. 22. The 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony has been rescheduled for the



Goodfellow AFB - Airman Leadership School - Class 16D

25 Years Ago - Airman Leadership School

A local legacy. . .

Late in his career while working at the Pentagon, Tom Nurre was tasked to review and realign enlisted personnel professional military education (PME) opportunities with then-CSAF Tony McPeak's "Year of Training" objectives outlined in 1991. Tom tells the story that during one particular PME review session, the CSAF agreed with a proposed new program aimed at entry-level airman supervisors and went on to suggest that it be named the Airman Supervisor School. After a brief discussion about the obvious acronym for that title, CSAF asked Tom what he wanted to name it. . .and as Tom suggested, the *Airman Leadership School* program and name were approved on that day 25 years ago. During the recent ALS Class 16D discussions and graduation, Tom visited with the students, instructors and guests...relating the ALS development and naming history, as well as a bit about the EC-47 aircraft and the ARDF History Exhibit. They were all very interested and appreciated our service during the Vietnam War. Thanks to MSgt Ferguson, TSgt Gibson, TSgt Baugh and ALS Class 16D. Through them, our own legacy continues.



Friday evening dinner, Sept. 23. The City of San Angelo mayor and representatives from the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program Committee will present lapel pins and other commemorative items. Representatives from the Angelo State University Department of History that are working the 6994th Security Squadron history declassification (FOIA) and NEH **War Stories** project will be available for separate discussions. The reunion RSVP date is July 31, 2016.

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THE AIRMAN'S CREED

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN
I AM A WARRIOR
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE
A TRADITION OF HONOR
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND
I WILL NEVER FALTER
AND I WILL NOT FAIL

**362nd TEWS
10th Annual Reunion**

**October 4-6, 2016
Ozark Regal**

**3010 Green Mountain Drive
Branson, Missouri 65616
417-336-2200 or 1-800-243-1903**

****Tell them you are with the
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Since the website counter was activated on March 30, 2015, there have been over 26,000 sessions, 16,000 users, and 124,000 page reviews. There are nearly 350 subscribers to this newsletter. Let us know if you would like a copy of the compiled listing for Newsletter/Guestbook members. Please do not redistribute this listing.

Welcome to the new EC-47 History Site Newsletter



The EC-47 History Site continues to work with other organizations to honor Vietnam War-era veterans through the 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program (CPP). All of our event after-action reports are available on the website. During many of our ceremonies, veterans ask for a lapel pin to give to either a friend or family member that lives outside the Concho Valley area. Rather than just hand out these pins, we first check the CPP list and try to put the intended veteran in contact with an organization closer to where he/she lives, and then help that organization arrange a presentation. Occasionally, this doesn't work out, so we started a CPP-approved mail-out program. Our mail-out packet includes the program objectives list, the lapel pin fact sheet and a commemorative lapel pin, as well as other commemoration materials. Just this week, while coordinating a possible mail-out package to a veteran in New Mexico, we made contact with 362nd TEWS (Pleiku - Oct 67-68) EC-47 maintenance chief, Chuck Andreas. Chuck is a retired CMSgt living near Holloman AFB, and we welcome his involvement. He has shared a couple of war stories already, and we hope to feature his recollections of Brew 41 and choppering in to recover the electronics and aircraft instruments...and more...in a future *Tell Your EC-47 Story!* A big "shout out" to Chuck for helping us reach out to Vietnam veterans in New Mexico. Our next ceremony is scheduled during the 6994th Security Squadron reunion dinner in San Angelo. The only way to get a commemorative lapel pin is through a registered CPP organization. If interested, check with your local veteran's organizations or contact us for more information about possible commemoration ceremonies close to where you live.

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6994th SS Histories FOIA Follow-up

In October 2015, Angelo State University history professors Lamberson and Wongsrichanalai submitted a FOIA request to 25th Air Force for copies of all the 6994th Security Squadron histories. To date, ASU has received declassified/redacted copies of the following histories and attachments: Jan-Jun 1966, Jan-Dec 1967, Jan-Dec 1968 and Jan-Jun 1969. ASU is also working with the 25AF FOIA manager to have items other than USAFSS documents reviewed and declassified, too. We are hopeful for a steady stream of additional history products over the next months. ASU and our own history analyst, Joe Martin, are working diligently to systematically process these history products and upload a synopsis on the EC-47 website. They are also working to upload the complete copies on the ASU War Stories website:



angelo.edu/warstories

Be sure to read these articles. . .



"Old Mr. Ross" submitted by Ken Flood, 360th TEWS 68-69. Please let us know if you can add to the discussion or can confirm that "Old Mr. Ross" is aircraft tail number 42-100513 with the QRC-346 jammer banjo antennas shown in the article photograph.

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"PHYLLIS ANN Makes Her Entrance" written by Joe Martin on July 10, 2016. This article is crammed full of info about the fledgling USAF ARDF program and its relationship with the Army Security Agency 509th Radio Research Group and their U-6 Beaver and RU-8 Seminole aircraft. Joe has integrated "proof of the pudding" results information in a *Table of Results in Support of Named Operations July-August 1966*. Certainly all frontenders and backenders alike should review these accomplishments and become even more aware and proud of the great ARDF support we provided to the ground and air combatant forces. This is the 7th article in the series: The Electric Goon in Southeast Asia.

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Above: This replica EC-47 was dedicated in the Air Intelligence Agency's "Vigilance Memorial Park" on September 30, 1994. It is configured with the ALR-34/35 antenna system and numbered in remembrance of Tide 86, tail number 43-49201, presumed shot down over South Vietnam on March 9, 1967.

Right: The aircraft in front of the Norma Brown Building on Goodfellow AFB is a replica of the ALR-38 ARDF system on an EC-47Q aircraft, tail number 43-15204, credited with the final USAF ARDF mission flown from Ubon, Royal Thai Air Force Base, on May 15, 1974. This display was dedicated on October 28, 2005. An EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit with crash site artifacts from CAP-72 shot down over Laos in 1969, as well as 6994th Security Squadron documents, plaques and memorabilia, was opened in July 2014. Both displays will be featured during a remembrance and tour scheduled for September 22, 2016. Stories about these exhibits will be uploaded to the website soon.



 June 15, 2016, 4:30pm: After 2 years of lobbying the NYS Senate and Assembly, legislation was passed designating a section of Interstate 86 as the **6994th Security Squadron Memorial Highway**. I am anticipating a dedication will take place early next year. NYS S05582-B & A09664B refer. Submitted by: Joe Giammichele