Videmus Omnia 55th WING ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well colleagues, another decade is now in our rear-view mirror. As we look back on the "Flying-by 2010s", I encourage each of us to inventory family, friends and Fightin' Fifty-Fifth compatriots who will not be "crewmembers" on your Association's flight into the 2020s. We remain thankful and blessed with fond memories of



their service to the nation, USAF and our chosen profession. My take-away challenge: CHERISH those who remain!

Your **Association** accomplished much over the last ten years; and I would be remiss if not passing on our collective "THANKS!" to all who contributed to those successes.

Looking forward, there are more exciting challenges on the horizon. My crystal ball for 2020 reveals a "Year of Realignments" to return joint **Wing/Association** activities to a "normal" (our historical) schedule for 2021 and beyond.

Though many 2020 events will realign activities, several joint initiatives are new; *in toto*, our 2020 includes:

- **55th Wing's** transition to Building 500 (formerly HQ SAC/USSTRATCOM) precipitated by:
 - USSTRATCOM move to new facility (Bldg. 1000) sited on the old Warrior 9 Golf Course.
 - Destruction of 55th Wing HQ (and other buildings) after 2019's historic flood.

- o More to follow on the **Association**'s related participation/contributions.
- Omaha National Cemetery (ONC)
- **Association**'s Monument Rededication (new granite base installed).
- Wing CC Dinner (long anticipated) with local Associations members.
 - 80th Birthday Cake for dessert—55th
 Pursuit Group established in 1940.
 - o Talk about **Wing**'s 2019 USAF Doolittle Award win.
- 55th Wing Assn/55th Fighter Group Memorial Day Wreath Laying:
 - o Madingley (Cambridge, UK) American Cemetery
 - OPR: **Jim "Strike" Thomas** ICW 95th RS, RAF Mildenhall.
- OAFB/ONC cemetery clean-ups for Memorial Day service.
- ONC Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony.
- Out-of-cycle (summertime) Heritage Week
 1. "Tales of the 55th"
 - 2. Hall of Fame (criteria/submission calls in April)
 - 3. Palm Trophy presentation
- USAF Ball (September)
 - 55th Wing Assn Award for Excellence Trophy presentation

Looking deeper into that crystal ball, **2021** reveals a year which (will return to **joint Wing/Association** activities) is a "Return to Normalcy". After adjusting in 2020, we should see:

- 55th Wing Birthday Ball return (1Q/2021)
 - o **Wing**-wide event
 - o Birthday cake cutting ceremony

- o Focus on Wing-proper vice USAF
- Preceded by Heritage Week ICW "Tales of the 55th", Hall of Fame and Palm Trophy awards.
- o Excellence Trophy presented at the Ball.
- Foundation to return--and always remain--a Wing-focused birthday in this timeframe.

• 55th Wing Association

Reunion/Rendezvous

- o Tucson (OPR: Val Dugie).
- o Mid-late April 2021
- o More info included in this newsletter.
- Memorial Day Events
 - o Madingley UK
 - o OAFB Cemetery
 - ONC Cemetery
- USAF Ball
 - Rules of Engagement are same as 2020—and likely forever after.

As mentioned in my previous PREZGRAM, I was excited to have **Jon Adams** launch a test program for **on-line membership** registrations, renewals and dues payments. That test period worked well (although the tried and true hard copy membership form/checks still work) with positive feedback on its use. Jon discusses this process later on in this "Sir Max" production. (pg 4)

Of course, the same is true of another anticipated event, our next reunion in Tucson with the *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth's* Electronic Combat Group (ECG) at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. Val continues to refine support, activities and infrastructure. His article later in this issue will entice you to make it a "must do" event, and we hope to see you there in a little more than a year. $(pg\ 14)$

In closing, "The Sun Never Sets on the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth", nor does it on all of you who commit to its service—past, present and future. You truly exemplify our tradition of "Honoring Those Who Served and Serving Those Who Do". Thank you!

Videmus Omnia,

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In spite of the high cost of living, it remains popular.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 15 February 2020, the treasury had an account balance (rounded) of 47,800. A significant



portion of the money in the account comes from dues paid in advance. Therefore, we must keep money in reserve for each calendar year to which the dues apply. For example, dues paid for years thru 2022 (or more) are prorated and spent through the ensuing years.

Although the **Association** is solvent, we have expenses, obligations, and bills to pay, such as this newsletter, directory and the postage.

We do have a budget.

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Please remember that the **Association** is a **non-profit IRS 501**(C)19 **veterans, federal tax exempt organization**.

Thus, you may **donate** additional funds to the treasury, or in the memory of a comrade or loved one who has taken their final celestial journey.

Those **donations** (**NOT DUES**) are tax deductible under an IRS ruling for the organization. Every amount, large or small, is very much appreciated. It happens, and thank you very much.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There were 458 members in good standing as of 5 March 2020, compared with 457 on 20 October 2019. Holding steady.

About 90 members' dues expired on 31 December 2019, but are receiving this mailing as encouragement/reminder to renew before the grace period ends on 1 April.

133 widows receive the newsletter gratis. As always, they are welcome to any and all **Association** functions.

Fifty **55**th **Wing,** and associated units and offices, are sent the newsletter for PR purposes, and to keep them connected with the **Association**, and vice versa.

Occasionally, this effort has a payoff of exposure for the **Association**, and new active duty

members to the organization, now at 23, plus one member of the Royal Air Force;

The top five states where members reside: **Nebraska** (Surprise!!), 132; Texas, 82; Virginia, 43; Florida, 38; California, 33.

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WHEN DO MY DUES EXPIRE?

That is the most asked question of the membership chairman. That date is on the address label: 20XX.

Check it on the envelope you threw out.

Please make a note of this year-date to keep up with your dues.

IF "EXPIRED" IS ON THAT LABEL, NOW IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR DUES.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, MEMBERS WHO DO NOT UPDATE THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY 1 APRIL, REGRETABLY, THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU RECEIVE.

If you are still not sure of your dues expiration date, to inquire on same, please e-mail to **treasurer@55wa.org**; or drop him a note at the address noted later in this text to get an update on your membership status.

When in doubt, send money. It will be credited toward future years. One gent is paid up to 2048!!

Please pay your dues prior to 31 December of your expiration year; but no later than 31 March of the following year to remain in good standing.

Life Members (LM) and widows are dues exempt.

Please note: Your cashed check or other statement is your confirmation dues were paid.

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ALWAYS USE THE ASSOCIATION'S ADDRESS ON THE MEMBERSHIP FORM WHEN SENDING DUES OR NEW CONTACT INFO. THANK YOU.

> 55 Wing Association, Inc., PO Box 13165 Offutt AFB, NE 68113 * * * * * *

Please help us stay current.

There is a membership/information update form at the back of this newsletter (pg 19), as well as on the Association web site. Please use that form <u>any time</u> you pay dues, even if there are no changes to your basic info; and/or to report any address or other changes in your contact information. That is the best way to ensure we have your latest information on file.

It is imperative to update your latest contact information, especially if you have relocated, changed your e-address, etc., within the past six months.

If you own more than one home, please give us <u>the</u> address you want any Association correspondence mailed to, and to go into our data base.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT TO YOUR ADDRESS IN THE ASSOCIATION DATA BASE.

If sent first-class to a former address, we get returned mail if it cannot be forwarded. Third-class mail is not forwarded, nor returned.

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NEW ONLINE DUES APP

Contributed by Jon Adams

To make <u>renewing or joining</u> the **Association** as convenient as possible, we have added a website which accepts credit or debit cards as payment options. You can renew/join with a 1 year or 3 year membership. We have had a trial period, and it is very easy to manage.

The free website is a little finicky and doesn't display correctly if you're using Internet Explorer. If you open the website from the newer version of Internet Explorer, which is Microsoft Edge, the website will display correctly.

You can open the website from Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome and it will display correctly. See following text for directions to sign up online.

To purchase/renew a one or three year membership: go online and follow these steps.

- 1. Go to this website: https://55th-wing-association.square.site/ (If using Microsoft Office you might need to hold down the CTRL key and click the link)
- 2. The 1 year and a 3 year membership options appear. Click **Shop Now** for the membership option you want.

- 3. Click Join/Renew.
- 4. Click Checkout at the bottom right of the screen.
- 5. Enter your information. Click Next.
- 6. Enter your payment information. Click Next.
- 7. Review your order, and then click: **SUBMIT** your order.
- 8. Fill out the membership application on page 2 of the document <u>and email to</u> Michael.Cook@cox.net

After you complete those steps, you will be good to go! If you have any questions, please let us know. 55waonlinehelp@gmail.com

Please note: the Association does not issue membership cards. So, your canceled check or credit card statement is your confirmation.

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THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

What is the first thing you do when you get a new directory? You look up yourself to see what's there, huh?

(Please note: The alphabetical **Widows** listing begins on page 25 **after** the Members listing)

Then, if something is amiss, most comments will be some version of: "My (insert item) is wrong!!" Usually a more correct term would likely be 'outdated'.

After months of diligent work to make it the best directory possible, unfortunately, feces occurs. No amount of proofreading over 700 entries of names, addresses, phone numbers, etc., will catch every typo, and we *mea culpa* on those.

But, if members relocate and do not tell us, how can we know? Changes are even more prevalent with e-mail addresses as folks change servers, or revise their e-addresses.

Worse yet, some packages will be returned as **non-deliverable** for whatever reasons to which the USPS attributes. First-class mailed is forwarded unless the addressee has moved over one year before. Otherwise, it is returned to sender. Third class mail is not forwarded nor returned.

If/when mail is returned to the **Association**, then 'we' research and try to locate those members, or widows, and resend when possible.

We need members' help in keeping all the contact info current.

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ASSOCIATION WEB SITE 55wa.org

The **55wa.org** web site is operating smoothly and securely. On the URL bar at the top of the page, the site now has an **upgraded security status** – https:// rather than the former http://



You can now use a search box to look for a name rather than scrolling through long lists on the TAPS, or dues date pages.

You can view

the 55th Cold War Memorial page in the Heritage section and find the location of your (or another) patio brick. Memory Lane has several "there I was" tales. You can add yours.

I'm always open to positive suggestions and recommendations to improve access to, and navigation of, the site.

Jim Maloney, the Web Guy.

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55TH WING'S NEWEST DORM IS DEDICATED AS COBB HALL

A ceremony at 1100 on 7 November 2019 officially dedicated Offutt's state of the art enlisted residence facility in honor of **ChiefMSgt (Ret)** Lawrence A. Cobb.

Colonel Allan Dayton, 55th Mission Support Group commander (and an Association member), presided at the event. He stated, "For 40 years Chief Cobb had a lasting effect on our legacy here. He is deserving of having this dormitory named for him."

Colonel Dayton noted that Chief Cobb was a career maintainer, so it is especially fitting that the dorm residents are maintenance and security forces (now referred to as defenders) personnel.

The three story, 51,000 sq ft building has 30 suites (a common area and four rooms with individual bathrooms) that can accommodate 120 airmen. It is in the dormitory complex on the hill north of Bldg C. A central dining facility is adjacent to the dorms.



Depicted is the west-facing half of Cobb Hall with the main entrance to the lower left.

Dayton added, "The building is world class. It sets the standard for what we need for all military members: safe and secure housing, dorms and lodging."

At the ribbon cutting (on a perfect autumnal day) Colonel Dayton recognized **Doug Shapland**, **55**th Civil Engineer Sqd. project manager, who oversaw the process from inception to completion, even delaying his retirement to see it finished.



L to R: Shapland, Colonel Dayton, 55thWing Command Chief Brian Thomas, Cobb Hall representative resident AIC Shane Potter, 55th Security Forces Sqd.

For decades Chief Cobb's management and support had a major impact in developing and maintaining the 55th Wing's combat mission capabilities. He was recognized for his service to

and accomplishments for the *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth* with his induction into the **55**th **Wing** Hall of Fame in 2008. He passed in November 2013 in Greenville, TX. A tribute was published in the December 2013 issue of the *Videmus Omnia* newsletter.

Colonel Jon Shumate, 55th Wing Vice Commander, attended the event, as did Mrs. Shapland, Mrs. Amy Dayton, and several Cobb Hall residents and friends, among others.

Colonel (Retired) **Joe Spivey, 55th Wing Association** president, headed a delegation of **Association** members: **Denny Haun, Rich Holsinger, Carl Edmiston**, and Max Moore.



At a mock-ribbon cutting: L-R: Chief Thomas, Holsinger, Spy V, Edmiston, Haun, Moore. (All photos by Moore.)

(This article contains material provided by **Ryan Hansen**, head of **55**th **Wing** Public Affairs, 8 November 2019)

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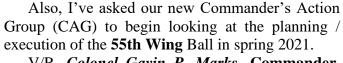
Joe,

I read (cover-to-cover) the October 2019 edition of *Videmus Omnia*.

What an excellent, well-put-together publication!

I was particularly impressed with the "easy going" tone and nature of the articles—well written, but not overly dense or serious.

Thanks for sending it to us.



V/R, Colonel Gavin P. Marks, Commander, 55th Wing. (From an e-mail 19 November 2019)

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55TH WING UPCOMING POSTION CHANGES

As is often the case, the summer months bring myriad assignment changes. Following is a list as announced by **Colonel Gavin Marks**, 55th **Wing** Commander in February.

He stated, "It is such an honor and privilege to lead, and while command is mentally and emotionally challenging, I know these leaders will cherish this time for the rest of their lives. I am excited to watch as these world-class officers settle into their assignments. I'm also



positive that their squadrons, groups, and organizations will thrive under their leadership."

(Changes of command dates TBD):

55th Operations Group, Colonel John Litecky (an Association member); 55th Electronic Combat (at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ), Colonel G. Mike Cundiff; 55th Maintenance Group, Colonel Donny Bagwell; 55th Dental Squadron, Colonel Webb: 38th Reconnaissance Squadron, LtCol Narada Felder: 343rd Reconnaissance Squadron, LtCol Chad Backes; 55th Intelligence Support Squadron, LtCol Jason Guyette; 55th Operations Support Squadron, LtCol Brent Lipovsky; 488th Intelligence Squadron (at RAF Mildenhall, UK), LtCol Robert St Cyr; 95th Reconnaissance Squadron, Det 1 (at Souda Bay, Crete), LtCol David Gottlieb; 41st Electronic Combat Squadron (at D-M), LtCol William Owen; 42nd Electronic Combat Squadron (at D-M), LtCol William Gery; 55th Communication Squadron; LtCol (S) Christopher Wong; Chief Nurse, 55th Wing, Colonel Beth Dion.

(Note: While some of the officers are PCS-ing into the **Fightin' Fifty-Fifth**, many are moving onward and upward within the **Wing**.)

GENERAL OFFICER PROMOTIONS

The most recent past 55th Wing commander, Colonel Michael Manion. who weathered (pun intended) a tornado and historic flood during his tenure (June 2017-2019) has been June nomination for promotion to brigadier general. His current is position HQ **USAF**



Director, Joint and National Security Council Matters, Pentagon, Washington, DC.

He will next head the HQ USAF, *Electromagnetic Spectrum* Superiority Directorate, also in the Pentagon.

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Colonel Ann Marie (Kiley) Anthony, has been promoted to BG, as well. She is currently the Air National Guard Advisor to USSTRATCOM, and



will soon lead the Joint *Electromagnetic Spectrum* Office at USSTRATCOM.

She has previously served in the 38th RS as an RC navigator/stand eval, ADO, 1996-2002, she then transitioned to the NE/ANG.

Some members may remember her from last April's reunion when she gave the

STRATCOM unit mission briefing at the seminar.

(Electromagnetic Spectrum. Do 'we' detect a trend here, hmmm?) * * * * *

343RD RS REOPENS ITS CREW LOUNGE

Contributed by Max Moore

On 7 February 2020 the squadron had an open invitation roll call to rededicate what is now called *The Hoover*, meant to honor the late, lamented **Robb Hoover** who passed in 2012.

Now located on second floor of Bldg 40, north end of the row, and east of the parade ground, the unit was displaced from Bldg 497 by last year's flood, and shuffled from place to place for months. But, the mission never slowed, a credit to the leadership, professionalism and ability to adapt.

Robb's son and daughter, **Grant Hoover** and **Lisa Curtis**, were there.

LtCol Nelson Tirado, 343rd commander presented them with challenge coins.

Shirley Hoover was basking in the



Florida sun. She did talk with Nelly via telcon earlier in the week about the event.

LtCol Tirado noted the room was not fully completed, but he wanted to do it on his watch.

This was actually was the third time the crewdog pad had been dedicated. First in July 2006, and after a renovation in April 2010 while still in Bldg 497. Robb attended both of those, as did many former seasoned squadron crewdogs

Nelly made opening remarks to a standing room crowd of 60 or more, including spouses and children, and welcoming former squadron commanders, alumni, and guests.

Frank Kumor, the 343rd co-commander, and an **Association** member, was recognized.

Nelly then turned the proceedings over to "Mayor" **Capt Ian Thompson** (a former *Tales* speaker) who ran the event according to established rules in which squadron members are well versed. The *esprit de corps*, camaraderie, tales, and unit pride were front and center. Gratifying for the more senior generation to witness.

As I looked at the group and realized that those troops could be Robb and/or my grandchildren, and other than the wall of memorabilia (including Robb's Hall of Fame plaque and multi-patch party flight suit) they probably had little to no idea why the room was named for Robb Hoover.

When Nelly recognized me to speak (how could he stop me?) I asked how many in the crowd knew or even met Robb. Maybe five hands.

I felt it was necessary and important for them to know the man as we knew him, and I proceeded with my best effort to impart that.

Grant and Lisa added their remarks, much shorter than mine, of course.

Pivoting from that, I asked if they wanted to hear a Tale to top theirs. Moderate polite head nodding, and who was going to deny the old dude?

So I related the 17 November 1970 **Jimmy Jones**' crew, Soviet fighter weapon firing episode. The group's attention was rapt, no shifting of feet, nor unrest. Perhaps polite respect to an old guy.

Jim Caldwell who was an EWO on that mission attended. Other **Association** members who were there: **Brian Tingstad**, a former 343rd commander

who officiated at the second dedication of Hoover Lounge in April 2010; John Cooper, Trav Smith, **Scott** Hackney, and Wes Thibodeaux (His son, Capt Patrick J., is a navigator in the squadron, and half a head taller.)



Yet another in a long line of legacies coming to the best wing in the Air Force! Hoo-rah!

May have missed a few alumni attendees. Sorry. In summation, it was an excellent event and a rewarding experience for the 'elders' to see today's generation of crewdogs in their natural habitat, and the 'ritual' and traditions of a cohesive unit. The 343rd's present and future are in good stead.

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MEMORIES OF BERLIN

Contributed by Wolf Samuel

Berlin has been central to my life, and if I identify with any city in particular in the world then it has to be Berlin- *ich bin ein Berliner*.

As a ten-year old in 1945 I experienced the devastating bombing raids of the 8th and 15th Army Air Forces during daylight hours, and the Royal Air Force at night. As a child I had no idea why all this was happening.

But this is what I remember of those traumatizing days: a dying city. We fled north, to

escape the Russian onslaught and in time, fleeing with a German Army unit that surrendered to men of the 82nd Airborne and the 7th Armored Divisions.

Life in the Russian Zone of occupation was traumatic. In 1946 we fled to the British Zone, living in a down and out refugee camp adjacent to Fassberg Air Base near Hannover.

Fassberg became one of USAFE's Berlin airlift bases in 1948, and I wanted to be like those men who flew to save the city of Berlin, the same men who three years earlier had bombed me when I lived there.



Life has been kind to me; I immigrated to the US in 1951, not speaking a word of English with an 8th grade education, if that, and no money.

Eleven years later, I am an Air Force officer flying reconnaissance flights in the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing against the Soviet Union, and yes, some of the pilots were Berlin airlift veterans.

In 1970, after a tour in Vietnam, I was stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. I had frequent business in Berlin, then divided by a concrete wall.

On one flight to Berlin I sat next to an Air Force colonel. Turned out he was the commander of the US Air Force Berlin element, **Colonel Gail Halvorson**. Gail was the embodiment of the Berlin airlift, and many years later we would meet again at the National Air & Space Museum.

On the flight Gail and I talked, and when he learned of my Berlin connection he tried to arrange a helicopter flight for me around the perimeter. It didn't work out then. Years later it did.

This is what it was like: There was a strip of death on the East side of the wall for anyone who dared to cross from East to West Berlin, and many did anyway, showing you the futility of building walls to imprison the human spirit.

I frequently passed through Checkpoint Charlie to East Berlin, on my way to the Teufelsberg and our legation in the East, where we had some interesting facilities. East German camera crews were in the buildings in the background taking our pictures.

The contrast between a thriving and free West Berlin and the down and out East was stark, especially at night. The West lit brightly, the East in near total darkness.

The wall on Bernauer Strasse in West Berlin had an elevated platform to allow people to look into a wasteland in the East. The wall was filled with names of men and women who died trying to cross the death strip.

In spite of all the changes I remained a Berliner in the spirit of our former president, **Ronald Reagan**, who called out, 'Mr. Gorbachev, take down this wall.' In time Mr. Gorbachev did just that, and Berlin again became a free city.

On one of my last visits to a divided Berlin, I stopped at the Eternal Flame of East Germany and the memorial to their equivalent of our Unknown Soldier.

The East Germans had just a few years to go before the Stasi (secret police) started frantically shredding their files on nearly every inhabitant of its police state. The Deutsche Democratische Republic, neither Democratic nor a republic, was no more.

Today, Berlin is a thriving city. My wife **Joan** and I visited Berlin in 2016 (us in front of the Berlin Hilton). She convinced me to return to Schoenwalder Allee, where at one time I cowered as a child fearing for my life. The building had survived but I could not get myself to go



down to the basement where I spent some of the most fearful hours of my life.

If the Berlin Wall means anything, it is a symbol of the human spirit. No wall is high enough or strong enough to deny us our freedom from tyranny.

Wolfgang Samuel, privileged to be an American. Fairfax Station, VA.

(Former RB-47 EWO, Forbes AFB, KS, circa 1960s) (From an e-mail 9 November 2019)



NEWSLETTER INPUTS ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME

Yes, we are aware that these newsletters tend to be Offutt-centric. It is where stuff happens.

Here is how members can help diversify the coverage in Videmus Omnia:

Editor's usual plea: If anyone wishes to contribute letters, true (humorous or otherwise) stories, photos and articles, please do so.

Send them to MaxMoore55@aol.com, preferably; or mail to the address in the Directory on page 2. We encourage and welcome any input.

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When events featuring 55th members occur in your area (Florida, Texas, MD/VA/DC metroplexes, Denver/CSprings, California, wherever), gatherings great or small, that you think would be of interest to the general readership, mail or e-mail the pertinent details, and include the names of those who arrange and attend.

Names are news. Use 'em. Pictures are good. Send 'em in.

The **only way** to broaden our coverage is to get input from throughout **Fifty-Fifth**-land.

Letters, articles, photos, and other items in this issue are examples.

(Contributions may be,..... well, of course, they will be, edited for content, readability, and spacing. It is what I do.)

Also welcome would be any suggestions on how to improve these issues to better inform the membership, so that they do not become stale, which is this editor's biggest concern.

What would you like to see or read more about,..... or less of?

Just lemme know.

Thanks, and Videmus Omnia, Max.

(Graphic by Patricia Gros, friend of the Association.) (Note: The graphic is dated, but so am I; however, I long ago



upgraded to a flat-screen monitor, tailless mouse, plus a new computer last November. Hoo-rah!!

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EAST COAST "CHAPTER"

East coast area alumni, including active duty, retirees, Pentagon habituates, and 'beltway bandits', have occasional social gatherings. Events are organized periodically for reconnecting and camaraderie in the *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth* spirit.

For information on **55th Wing Association** East events, or to get on the e-mail listing, phone Ricky McMahon's cell: 571-643-2602, or e-mail at potomacpistol@gmail.com. His cohort is Trish Seinwill, pseinwill@yahoo.com

If you know of any former *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth'ers* in the DC/VA/MD region who is **not currently** receiving **55th Wing Association** information, let Ricky or Trish know, or provide contact information for those persons, and one of them will make sure they get an **Association** membership form and the information they need to become connected in that area.

Ricky and Trish are considering a wine tasting in the Piedmont area of Virginia in the future.

Emery Breznai and **Jeanette Rivera-Breznai** hosted a **55th Wing** alumni social and dinner Saturday, 19 October.

Hello Max!

Here's the picture from the get together 19 October 2019 at the Rivera-Breznai home. Jeanette

and Emery put out quite a spread.



Pictured above are: L-R: **Bill Jensen, Ron** and **Jean Huggins, Dennis Gillion, Diane** and **John Rauch,** Jeanette and Emery, Trish Seinwell, **Ann** and **Bill Strandberg.** Not pictured is my hubby who was taking the photo!

Still planning on that wine tasting get together, as well, in the spring, location TBD.

(E-mail 20 October 2019. Photo by **Jeff Seinwell**)

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SAN ANTONIO LUNCH BUNCH

This alumni 'chapter' remains active. **Charlie McBride** and **Dave Frutchey** report, they gather the **second** Thursday each month, 1200 hours, and at TGI Fridays, McCullough and Loop 410.

Numbers vary at each monthly gathering, but it is a time of reliving the past and just enjoying one

another's company.



L-R: Stan Shackleford, Frutchey, Bruce Barker, McBride, Bill White, Ron Nickerson.

"I tried to get the six best looking guys in San Antone, but this is who came," Charlie. (Photo by McBride, taken 13 February.)

To join this convivial group, contact McBride at cmcbride40@yahoo.com, or Frutchey at dfrutchey@att.net. Better yet, just show up.

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If there are any new 55th 'chapters' (big, small, in-between) forming out there, please let it be known so the word can spread. California, Florida, Colorado, and other parts of Texas (to list just a few) all have pockets of alums where such activity may occur. Some groups meet for breakfast or lunch regularly, others the occasional dinner with spouses.

(Hello, Greenville, TX, Colorado Springs, and Dayton, OH, what say you?!?)

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EC-135 RESTORATION UPDATE

In early 2015, the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum projected that the restoration of EC-13C Aircraft 38049, and putting it on display, would take five years and cost \$250,000. The ultimate goal is to restore the plane to its original status as it flew its last *Looking Glass* mission in 1990. It was the high time EC-135C with 29,151.2 airborne hours.

The volunteers continued sanding the fuselage and repairing corrosion on the lower fuselage and landing gear. Some exterior painting has been done on the nose of the aircraft.

The exterior painting has been delayed due to potential fumes accumulation until that can occur with the hanger doors open, or outside the hangar. PPG Paint Company has renewed its pledge to provide primer and paint for the entire exterior.

Now, five years after restoration started, the restoration of the **aircraft interior** has been completed. The exterior of the aircraft has been prepared for priming, painting and the reapplication of decals, warnings, etc. Both interior and exterior exhibits still need to be prepared.

(Cockpit looking forward)



In 2018, the Museum began a grand Redevelopment Plan which now includes expanding and modifying the Museum and repositioning aircraft. The final positioning of 049 within the Museum, and the exhibits related to 049, are part the Redevelopment Plan.

The Museum's schedule is to complete the redevelopment project between 2025 and 2027, with Hangar A being the first part of the project. Since the final position of 049 is projected to be a prominent position in Hangar A (without wings/engines due to space limitations.) and since several aircraft will need to be repositioned to provide space for 049 in Hanger A, 049 will probably not be put on display until the Redevelopment Plan is fully funded. The Museum is in the process of obtaining funds for the Redevelopment Plan.

While putting 049 on display will be delayed until Hanger A is ready, the volunteers continue to work. The restoration team has updated the list of

equipment missing from the aircraft when the plane was transferred to the Museum. The team has located, and the Museum has received, some equipment from the Navy that was transferred from the EC-135Cs to the Navy E-6Bs when the EC-135Cs were retired.

The volunteers request that any former crewmembers who have Sergeant and Greenleaf combination locks consider donating the locks to the Museum by first contacting **Hank Carriger** at email: henrycarriger@gmail.com.

So far, the dedicated restorers have worked over 30,000 hours on the aircraft. The Museum has collected donations of \$105,753 specifically for restoring 049, and has expended \$70,845.

Donations may be sent to: Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum, Attn: Development, c/o EC-135C, 2821 West Park Hwy, Ashland, NE, 68003; or on line at: SACMuseum.org/donate. Please specify that the donation is for the EC-135C restoration. They still need all the assistance they can get.

Since work has slowed on 049, there are no new pictures with this newsletter. The latest Facebook update was 11 Nov 2019. Pictures of the project's progress from day-one are posted to the following Facebook sites:

SAC ACC (Strategic Air Command–Airborne Command and Control), 4 ACCS PACCS, LOOKING GLASS (SAC ABNCP) AND PACCS, FANS OF STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND SAC.

Photos posted were taken by the volunteers. If you like what you see of the restoration, please express your appreciation in your Facebook comments.

(Updated material provided by Hank Carriger, Volunteer Coordinator, Boerne, TX, by e-mail 21 February 2020. Numbers data provided by **Jeff** Cannon, President/CEO, Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum.)

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USE OF BOLD FACE TYPE IN TEXTS

Readers may have wondered from time to time, why words or phrases are in **bold face type** and others are not. Of course you have. Maybe not.

Emphasis is one reason to draw extra attention to what is written, *Hello!* (As are italics.)

With proper names, as a general, but not an inviolate rule, when a person's name is used for the **first time** in this newsletter, it is in **bold face**. After that, generally not. This is a fairly standard procedure for many commercial publications.

Now you know.



ALSPAUGH, James D., 86, 22 November 2019, Aurora, CO; wife, **Donna**. Jim was an RC-135 EWO in the **55**th **Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SRW)** at Offutt AFB, NE, from 1966-1971. He had diverse tours before retiring at the Pentagon in 1981. He then worked for Hughes Aircraft in the Denver area for about ten years.

BARNETT, DEB W., 63, 8 January 2020, Lincoln, NE; widow of **Mark** who passed in June 2018. He was an RC EWO in the 343rd at Offutt in the 1990s retiring in 2002. Deb worked for 33 years as a paraprofessional and administrative assistant in Bellevue.

BARTON, George C., 87, 18 January 2020, Lorena, TX; **Goldie**, his wife of 63 years. A native of Buffalo, NY, he was a tanker navigator. He served in the **55**th **SRW** at Offutt as the Deputy Commander for Maintenance in the late 1970s. After retiring in 1982 George worked for E-Systems for several years.

BERGEN, John E., 75, 6 February 2020, Papillion, NE: wife **Sherry**. A career intelligence officer, a Vietnam veteran, John was in HQ SAC/IN circa 1980s. After retiring from the Air Force he worked for many years at SAIC and in civil service at HQ SAC/IN at Offutt.

BOOTHBY, G. George, 85, 14 December 2019, Albany, GA; wife, **Diana**. An Iowa native, his 20 year Air Force career included serving in the

55th **SRW** as an RB-47 gunnery technician at Forbes AFB, KS, in the 1960s. He worked another 20 years at Proctor and Gamble in Albany.

BYLINSKI, Joseph J., 87, 23 November 2019, Papillion, NE; married to **Dolores** for 63+ years. He came to the **55**th at Offutt from 15th Air Force recon directorate in 1979, and served in the wing recon operations division until retiring in April 1983.

CARR, Mary Ann, 83, 27 November 2019, Fairfield, PA; married to **Bruce** for 63 years. He was an RC-135 EWO at Kadena AB, Okinawa, in the late 1960s. A Nebraska native, Mary Ann loved military life and traveling.

CARR, Philip T., 84, 3 February 2020, Georgetown, TX; wife, **Joyce**. A Minnesota native, Phil was an RC-135 EWO in the 82nd SRS at Kadena AB and at Offutt in the late 1960s, early 1970s. He also was in DORO of the SAC Recon Center at Offutt.

DROST, John E., 98, 26 October 2019, College Station, TX. (*See tribute following TAPS*.)

FINTER, Brian, 65, 27 February 2020, Glenwood, IA; wife, **Brenda**. Brian was an RC navigator and assistant ops officer in the 45th RS; and later commanded the 95 RS at RAF Mildenhall, UK, 1996-2003. After retiring, he helped create Spiral Solutions, a technology company based in Nebraska City, NE.

GRIFFIN, **James**, 65, 3 March 2020, San Antonio, TX; wife, **Sue**. He served in the 343rd RS at Offutt as an RC EWO 1984-93, and again as a COMBAT SENT flight commander, 1996-99. Between those stints, he was an EWO instructor at Mather AFB, CA, then at Randolph AFB, TX.

LILLER, Charles W., 86, 8 December 2019; wife, **Sara**. He served in the **55**th **SRW as** an RB-47 bomb/nav technician at Forbes in the 1960s. Charles retired after 20 years in the Air Force. He and Sara were regular reunion attendees.

LISS, Lonnie L., 84, 8 February 2020, Omaha, NE. A U-2 pilot, Lonnie worked in and became director of the HQ SAC Recon Center circa 1980s. In retirement he owned and flew an aerobatic aircraft as his main hobby.

McCONNELL, Phil S., RAF Wing Commander, 41, 2 February 2020, RAF Waddington, UK; wife, Rachel. Phil did his RC-135 training with the 338th CCTS for six months in

2018. He then took command of RAF 51 Squadron, the **55**th **Wing** companion unit, in July flying their version of the RC called **Airseeker**.

RIEDEN, **Jo Ann**, 84, 17 February 2020, Papillion, NE; married for 63 years to **Henry** (**Hank**), a long time 55th EWO in RBs at Forbes and RCs at Kadena and Offutt, and Wing staff officer, 1960s to 1980s. Jo Ann worked for several years as an executive secretary and office manager for an Omaha accounting firm.

ROBINSON, William (Jack) G., 83, 11 November 2019, Plano, TX; wife of **55** years, **Diane**. He was an RB-47 navigator in the **55**th at Forbes AFB, KS, 1958-1963. After separating Jack had a long career in insurance eventually heading his own agency.

SNOW, Bettie L., 85, 21 January 2020, Lincoln, NE. Born in Iowa, she was the widow of **Joe** who passed in 1998. He was a pilot in RCs at Kadena and served in SAC HQ at Offutt. Bettie supported his career and was devoted to her family. She worked part time in her son's auto supply store.

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TAPS notification of **Association** members, spouses, friends and associates should be sent to Editor Max Moore, 201 Basswood Court, Bellevue NE, 68005; or e-mail MaxMoore55@aol.com.

It is **not** an imperative that the departed be a member of the **Association**. If one has any relevant connection to **55th** history, they will be remembered.

Please include next of kin and an address to whom an Association condolence message may be sent by the President.

The date of demise, age, location; and if known, *connection* to the 55th - base, time frame and Air Force specialty (i.e.: crewmember, maintenance, communications) will be helpful.

Please note that the news in TAPS is determined and <u>limited</u> by how much and how accurate the given source information.

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TAPS ON THE ASSN WEB SITE

The **TAPS** section has a listing for access to the names and dates of those in the **55**th family who have passed.

Anyone who wishes to have the name of a family member, friend, or comrade who was a former member of the *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth* added to the listing can request the webmaster to do so.

Please have the date of demise (at least the year) for placement in chronology.

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Colonel John Edwin Drost, 98, of College Station, TX, passed away on October 26, 2019. He



was born May 31, 1921, in St. Paul, MN, to **John** and **Myrtle Drost**.

John graduated from Harding High School in St. Paul in 1939, and worked any job he could until the US entered WWII in 1941. He volunteered to serve in the Army Air Corps, but

was disqualified from flying for being color blind.

He persisted in his quest to fly and was aided by a clerical error which allowed him to enter aviation cadet training. He received his commission and pilot's wings in November 1942.

He was an engineering officer and test pilot at Alamogordo Army Air Field, NM, where he tested damaged aircraft that had been repaired for the war effort. While performing that duty, he checked himself out in various models of 25 different aircraft, as instructor pilots were not available during the war. Flight manual in one hand, stick or yoke in the other, and it was "kick the tires and light the fires."

John married **Mary Alice "Reecie" Conlee**, of Las Cruces, NM, in 1944.

After two years of petitioning the Army Air Corps, he was assigned to fighter training and deployed to King's Cliffe, UK, where he flew the P-51D Mustang for the **55th Fighter Squadron** until the war's end.

After the war, they moved to Hobbs, NM, and started a laundry business, while John served in the Air Force Reserve.

John was recalled to active duty in 1953 and was assigned to the **55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SRW)** in Topeka, KS, where he flew

strategic reconnaissance missions in EB-47, RB-47 and ERB-47 versions for the next 14 years. During that time, he was selected by the CIA and SAC to fly specialized missions for over two years in a uniquely modified RB-47H.

In his tenure of flying strategic reconnaissance missions during the Cold War, John was awarded **seven** Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, and three Commendation Medals.

He retired in 1969 after 27 years of service. John was a talented pilot, craftsman, artist, and silversmith. At age 67, he finished building his own airplane, a Glasair he named *Serendipity*, which he flew for ten years.



John and Reecie at the Hall of Fame Wall

In 2007, he was inducted into the **55th Wing** Hall of Fame.

John and Reecie were frequent reunion attendees. She passed away in June 2014. They were married 60 Years.

(Ed, notes: Basic article contributed by Gary Drost, LtCol USAF (Ret), edited and Hall photo by Moore. A detailed article by son Gary on John's exploits was published in the April 2018 issue of Videmus Omnia.

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REUNIONS

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55th WING "Old Pueblo" ROUNDUP & REUNION 12-16 APRIL 2021 (TENTATIVE) STILL WORKING IT, GETTING CLOSER....

Submitted by Val Dugie, Reunion Chair

We are in the final planning stages for the 34th 55th Wing Roundup & Reunion in Tucson, Arizona, aka "The Old Pueblo". Please start planning to attend as our current event window has narrowed to 12-16 April, but could be as late as 10 May. 12-16 April are our current preferred dates. So mark your calendars now as the tentative dates.

Initial site visits were completed in late January /early February with the three hotels that made the short list in response to The Reunion BRAT's proposal request. Those visits provided an opportunity for touring the hotels and walking through the planned proposal from each property. Those meetings provided a means of refining each hotel's proposal for submission for final review to The Reunion BRAT.



We hope to have a final hotel selection recommendation in the near future. The focus will then shift to putting together the reunion events and activities schedule.

The reunion window has tightened up. Our target will be to have the hotel dates and venue location confirmed soon.

Look for reservation information and links to the hotel site in the next newsletter!!!

More details and information to follow as soon as hotel location event dates are confirmed.

If the basic info (hotel and dates) becomes known before that, the word will be posted on the Association web site (55wa.org) and sent via 'flash' messages far and wide.

As a reminder, the event is planned by the 55th Wing Association and is open to all current and past personnel assigned to the 55th Wing and its all predecessors.

Everyone and anyone with any history with the *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth* (family members, widows,

friends, associates, and supporters, 645 AESS (among other recon units) included, are invited, and are more than welcome to attend the reunion events.

All in all, it should be a great time to re-connect with former colleagues, friends, and squadron mates, while also experiencing the Southwestern charm and hospitality with the **55th Wing** cadre of the **55th** Electronic Combat Group at Davis-Monthan AFB.

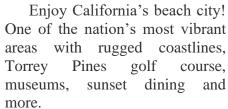
As the locals say.. 'Bienvenidos el Tucson!' Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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BIG SAFARI ASSOCIATION 23-26 APRIL 2020 SAN DIEGO, CA.

Headquartered at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey

Pines Hotel/Resort.



Reunion events include golf, a

dinner cruise, lots of hospitality time.

Registration now Available!

Hotel Reservations:

https://book.passkey.com/go/BSR420 or call: 877.414.8020

Registration details can be accessed at https://cvent.me/YggLz0

(You must be a member to access the BSA web site.)

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82ND RECON SQD REUNION 2-5 JULY 2020 COLORADO SPRINGS

Contributed by Mace Macelhaney

This is the formal announcement of the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron Reunion 2-5 July 2020 in Colorado Springs, CO. Please pass this on to anyone who may have an interest.

(Original e-mail was spread in January, a booster in February)

After the eighty-second (82) initial founding anniversary celebration of the 82nd Reconnaissance Squadron held at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, last summer, we decided to have another get together somewhere in the US. After some discussion our cadre selected Colorado Springs as the location and 2-5 July 2020 the dates.

(An article and photos by Mace on that reunion was published in the October 2019 issue of **Videmus Omnia**. He was the first commander when the squadron was reactivated as a unit under the 55th **Wing** in 1991.)

WHO: Targeting those who helped reactivate the squadron in the early 1990s, but we welcome any former or current members of the squadron, as well as anyone connected with the RC-135 program

WHEN: 2 - 5 July 2020

WHERE: Colorado Springs, Colorado

WHAT: This will be very informal and only a few organized activities will be preplanned leaving time for personal touring

WHY: Retell (or make up) war stories from days gone by.

Visit the reunion web site for more details, updates, and to register for the event: https://macelhaney.wixsite.com/82dreconnaissan cesqu

There is no group hotel contract as not a large number of room nights is anticipated for such an arrangement. Those who register for the reunion will be advised on hotel/motel sites in the area, or request that information from Mace at: macelhaney@comcast.net.

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ASSOCIATION BX

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ASSOCIATION POLO SHIRTS/CAPS

These are 'must have' items for reunion events; plus, they look good on the golf course, for casual Fridays at the office, and any leisure activity.

All the items can be viewed on the **Association** web site at **www.55wa.org**, and click on the BX, Clothing Sales link.

Great gifts! The shirts and caps are **unisex**, so get one for your spouse, significant other, or other family members.



(Photo by Sargent.)

Give a big hint to the family, and maybe some generous loved one will give you a gift for whatever you have going: Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, anniversary, Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, or just because you are you.

Now available in a variety of colors, available in sizes medium, large, XL, and XXL. The cost of the current stock is \$35 each.

Be sure to state which <u>size and color</u> you want in your order.

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The golf/baseball caps have the dual shield logo on the front, and an adjustable back strap.

They go for \$12 each.

There are charges for priority postage to be added to the individual item cost, now at a flat rate of \$7.00.

More ways to identify with your **Association** and "show the logo" as appropriate for reunions, official, social and casual functions, wherever and whenever.

In the future more items, such as ball point pens, hot cups, coffee mugs, etc., will be available with the **Association** logo emblazoned thereon.

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Anyone desiring to purchase any of the advertised items should contact the haberdasher, **William (Bill) Sargent** at 2711 Northwood Circle, Papillion, NE, 68133 or William488@cox.net

Checks for the full amount of your order should be made to the 55th Wing Association, and Bill will promptly respond to your order.

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There is a web site set-up with a vast assortment of items and colors that members can order with the Association logo.

Site address link is:

https://fiftyfifthwingassociation.qbstores.com/a/login

When you order on line, you can preview what the merchandise looks like with the **Association** dual logo, and select whatever item you want.

The site usually has a special running, and once you sign up, they will e-mail you a coupon for money off the purchase. Postage is included when you order.

The new shirts/apparel are at a substantial savings, some as low as \$22 including shipping!

For those who do not have a computer available, you will still be able to order through me via the US Postal Service.

Bill Sargent, Association Haberdasher

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ASSOCIATION TIES

Since the original supplies of the 'regimental tie' sold out over the years, by popular demand, a new batch will be ordered pending budget considerations. Price and date available are TBD.

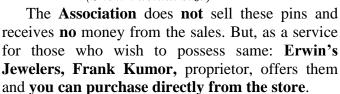
* * * * * 55TH FASHION PINS

The pins continue to be sold to **Association** members all over the country. They are particularly evident at 55^{th} reunions, the Birthday Ball, and at

official and social functions at and near Offutt.

Gents and ladies, it makes a great birthday or anniversary accessory gift, or holiday stocking stuffer.

(Shown actual size)



Send order requests to 223 W. Mission Ave, Bellevue, NE; or call: (402) 291-2454, or fax to

(402) 293-5873 to order the pins. Costs are \$9 for the pin and \$4 for shipping.

Frank is an **Association** member and ardent supporter. He is a **55**th Commander's Wingman, in recognition of his superior and continued community support to the **55th Wing**.

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55TH WING MOTTO HISTORY

After the demise of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) in June 1992, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force decreed that all former SAC organizations (wings, squadrons, etc.) would revert to number designations and emblems that, where possible, would reflect their World War II roots as fighter units. The 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SRW) became the generically designated 55th Wing, and it eventually adopted as its emblem a variation of the WWII 55th Fighter Group's emblem, the blue shield with red stripe in the center with yellow zigzags above and below the stripe.

The lower scroll said simply, "55th Wing",

Soon after assuming command of the Wing, BGen (Sel) Greg Powers was informed by TSgt Robert Michel, 55th Wing Historian at the time, that the symbol did



not meet Air Force heraldry specifications since "55th Wing" was never designated as the 'official' motto.

In order to rectify that oversight, three possible mottoes were considered: "Pursuit to Defend," "55th Wing," and "Videmus Omnia." The first was the Fighter Group's but obviously did not reflect the modern wing. The second was, well, dull. The third was chosen for its historic and still appropriate nature, was submitted through channels and was approved in early 2000.

So, *Videmus Omnia* (Latin for" We See All.) once again became the **official Wing** motto. That should warm the hearts of **55SRW** veterans everywhere.

Videmus Omnia Semper (Always)!! By Max Moore (Originally published in the September 2000 issue of the Videmus Omnia. Now updated)

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MILTARY BRAT TERM ORIGIN

The following article was excerpted/edited from an item by the president of the Air Force Association in a 2014 issue of Air Force Magazine.

It may be a revelation for most of us who have used the term, but did know how it originated.

Many of you may know that the term 'Brat' is a common reference to children of military members. **It is a term of endearment,** referring to a group who often endure hardships, frequently move, change schools, leave behind friends, put up with deployments, long absences of their parents, and sometimes inadequate government housing.

A researcher at the National Defense University found a book written in 1921 which described the origins of the term. It came, like many of our military traditions, from the British Army. It seems that when a member of the British Army was assigned abroad, and could take his family (mostly to India), the family went with the member in an administrative status entitled: BRAT, an acronym for: *British Regiment Attached Traveler*.

Over the years, it was altered to refer only to the children of the military member since the wives of the British Army objected to the term referring to them. (*Perhaps reminiscent of the suggestive term* 'camp follower'?)

The term not only stuck, but in many cases was adopted world-wide and used by specific services, Air Force brat, Army brat, etc.

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WHO SHOT WHAT

Graphics from Clip Art, and organization and public web sites. Photos not previously attributed: Spy V, Colonel Anthony by Moore; Manion, official Air Force.

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Videmus Omnia



55th Wing Association, Inc.

(Formerly – 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing Association)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Contact Information Update)

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55TH WING ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. BOX 13165 OFFUTT AFB, NE 68113

- * Note Expiration date of NEW MEMBERS only joining after 1 Oct extended to 31 Dec of following year
- ** Note Dues expiration date 31 December
- ***Note Questions? Contact Michael J. Cook, Membership Chairman, at Michael.Cook@cox.net, or at the above mailing address, or call (402) 578-5848.

14 January 2016

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