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55th WING ASSOCIATION

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

(AKA: Prezgram)

Fightin' Fifty-Fifth Faithful, Friends, Family and Followers,

Your **Association's** flight is now at the Final Approach Fix and we've been cleared to land on Runway '23.

What a year?! Since our last "Max Missive", we've successfully hit several turning points on our flight's return to base.

These included continuous revisions to the **Wing's** Riggs (Bldg. 500) Museum/Heritage Hall, traditional **Association's** hosted dinner with the new "Wing King" (Colonel 'Chili' Howard) and his Deputy (Aaron Gray) (BOTH 55th alums!) and the **Association's** annual Veterans Day wreath presentation at our organizational monument at the front entrance of the Riggs building (kudos to Jim Thomas as our presenter).

Additionally, the **Wing** continues to demonstrate "*The Sun Never Sets on the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth*", and you'll see more coverage of those activities throughout this communiqué.

Most importantly, however, we successfully completed our 2023 Recon Rendezvous in Colorado Springs. A HEARTY salute from every corner of the **Association** goes to Al and Sandy Feldkamp (photo); plus, their support team of "Rockies Alums". **WELL DONE!**

Of course, more of that event is discussed following and our memories of C-Springs remain wonderful. Many thanks to all attendees, as well, with special thanks to corporate sponsors AEVEX Aerospace and Calvert Systems!

Two treats at one of our evening socials were back-to-back videos: One was available previously, produced by L3H from the Museum's historical perspective. The other was a personal greeting and Riggs building tour by Colonel Howard.

I encourage everyone to watch, and I challenge you not to at least smile during Chili's presentation.

Links to both:

55th Wing Museum: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/cz548rCe7bpS1MTr5>

Colonel Howard Walk: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/wA4FeUPZdsG6AozY6>

Despite "being on final", we have not hit 2023's threshold; so, what else remains? Well, the morphing/tweaking of the Museum does (amazingly!) continue, a dinner with the new **Wing** Historian is a



“tally-ho”, and the **Association** will host our (now traditional!) Holiday Open House at the Museum between Christmas-New Years.

With so much going on in today’s world, we all can reflect proudly that our time in, associated with and serving still, in support of the ***Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth*** is a blessing.

Please take time this holiday season to reflect with family, friends and colleagues on your MANY blessings; and remember, Ebenezer Scrooge never served in the Air Force!

Videmus Omnia,

Spy V

4 December 2023

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REUNION RECAP

55TH WING ASSOCIATION MINUTES FROM CONSOLIDATED MEMBERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS DOUBLETREE HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 18 AND 19 OCTOBER 2023

18 OCT: President Spivey convened the meeting at 2015. Pres Spivey, after a short introduction, presented two videos which were well-received by reunion attendees (approx. 50 including spouses/friends). The first was a 2023 walk-through of the **55th Wing’s** Riggs HQ (Bldg. 500) by Wing Commander, **Col Mark (Chili) Howard**. The other was 2022 museum footage of **55th Wing’s** historical missions/importance produced by L3H.

The president followed the videos with an introduction of BoD attendees (4): Spivey (provided welcome, but saved input for later), **Mo Krishna** (Membership update), **Jim Maloney** (previous website OPR) and **Val Dugie** (Tucson reunion review).

Spivey then presented items on the **Association’s** plate which would require membership approval. Presented topics included:

- Establishing EMERITUS status for previous Board of Director members. The status will allow non-voting BoD participation, advisory input to BoD actions/activities, and leadership/participation in BoD specified select committees/role, e.g. Wing/USAF Birthday Balls, communications (newsletter, website), awards, Museum/Memorial maintenance, etc.
- Allowing (per **55th Wing/CC** request) two commander-appointed, non-voting BoD members from currently serving active-duty or NEANG or Government Service (SES, GS) personnel who were previously assigned to the **55th Wing/SRW**.
- Moving the **Association’s** state of incorporation from Florida to Nebraska to maximize local tax efficiencies for supported events, BX merchandise purchases, trophy/plaque production, etc.
- Implementing a Lifetime Membership with dues/rates established at a later date. One/three years membership will continue.
- Pursuing veterans who served in (now) **55th Wing** affiliated units (e.g., 82 SRS, 95th SRS, etc.); yet, were never officially in the **55th SRW**. Rationale is to give them a home and increase **Association** membership numbers. The discussion extended into offering family members (who are veterans) who were never assigned to also be allowed to join.
- Scheduling our next reunion in Omaha-metro area in concert with the **2025 55th Wing** Birthday Ball.
- Identifying current BoD members who agreed pre-2023 Reunion to:
 - Remain (8): Cook, Dugie, **Kennedy**, Krishna, Maloney, **McKechnie**, Ross, Spivey.
 - Move to Emeritus status once approved (8): **Censullo**, Ernst, **Hoberman** (previous retired), **Jeanes**, Kelly, **McMahon**, Moore, **Thomas**.

- **Bo Marlin** was nominated, seconded and approved by voice majority for BoD membership. This BoD election, provided five (including Marlin) of 9 (following Directors moving to Emeritus status) members in attendance.
 - **Wing/CC** BoD nominees (pending By-Laws change) were identified: **Jeff Johnson** (GS-15, CMSgt (Ret), RC-135 linguist) and **Mike (Coach) Hoskins** (GS-13, LtCol (NEANG, Ret), RC-135 Raven).
 - **Phil Acquero** (Col (Ret), RC/EC-135 Raven) was identified for BoD membership to represent the **Association** to the 55th ECG at DMAFB. With a voice vote, Acquero was unanimously elected to the BoD which negated the BoD quorum previously gained with Marlin's election.
 - Spivey then closed with a summary of upcoming **Association** sponsored events. These included: Veterans Day Wreath Laying, Holiday Open House, Heritage Week (Tales, HoF Induction), 55th **Wing** Birthday Ball (11 May 2024), Excellence Trophy award.
- The 18 Oct meeting adjourned at 2100.

19 OCT: ICW the reunion's banquet meal. President Spivey convened the meeting at 1900 following opening welcome (Feldkamp), blessing (Krishna) and toasts (Dugie, Maloney, **Urschler**).

Spivey discussed the rationale for a short follow-up meeting prior to the main meal due to membership attendance numbers which gave the opportunity for actual voting, especially as it applied to gaining another BoD member to re-achieve a quorum following Acquero election, issues were pre-briefed in the 18 October session and it would be 2025 before the **Association** had another gathering of so many.

- **Joe Siniscalchi** was nominated, seconded and approved by voice majority for BoD membership. This BoD election, provided six (with Marlin and Siniscalchi) of ten members in attendance for BoD voting quorum.
- Spivey then asked for a membership vote on issues discussed at the previous meeting. His first motion was for membership approval to re-write **Association** By-laws to reflect the following points. Each item was voted on separately with all attendees voting for approval with only one NAY vote.
 - EMERITUS status for previous Board of Director members.
 - Two commander-appointed, non-voting BoD members from currently serving active-duty or NEANG or Government Service (SES, GS) personnel if previously assigned to the 55th **Wing/SRW**.
 - Incorporation status change from Florida to Nebraska.
 - Lifetime Membership dues.
 - **Next 2025 Reunion in Omaha.**
 - Extending **Association** membership was openly identified as NOT needing a vote. The **Association** is a veteran's organization; as such, interested veterans from associated units or family members may join, as desired.

The impromptu 19 October meeting adjourned at 1900 followed by the banquet meal, presentation of a RIVET JOINT model, 55th **Wing Association** caps/lapel pins to USAFA CS-11 cadets and key note by **Maj Gen (Ret) Pat Halloran**.

During the meal service, **Mark Tarpley** discussed and presented Vietnam Veterans pins to those who qualified. Additionally, **Dave Connaughton** discussed his sequel to *Videmus Omnia*. Ordering instructions from Amazon were provided and all books (3) Dave brought to the reunion were sold.

At the dinner's conclusion, group pictures were taken and the BoD convened a special session to elect officers. Present were: Dugie, Krishna, Maloney, Marlin, Siniscalchi, Spivey.

Results: Pres (Spivey), Vice Pres/Membership (Krishna), Treasurer (Cook), Secretary (Ross), Website/Comms Mentor (Maloney), Awards (Kennedy), Newsletter (Moore), Web Master (Dave Connaughton).

BoD Members assigned to Areas of Responsibilities for membership/comms:

- National Capital Region: Dugie with assist by McMahan (Emeritus)
- Rocky Mountains : Ross with assist by Feldkamp (special committee member)
- Southeast: Marlin

- Midwest: Maloney with assist by Spivey, Krishna, Cook
- Texas: Siniscalchi
- Arizona: Acquero

Current Voting BoD Members: Acquero, Cook, Dugie, Kennedy, Krishna, Maloney, Marlin, McKechnie, Ross, Siniscalchi, Spivey

Current Non-voting BoD Member (**Wing/CC** appointed): Hoskins, Johnson

Emeritus BoD Members: Censullo, Ernst, Jeanes, Kelly, Moore, Seinwill, Thomas

Joe Spivey Recorder

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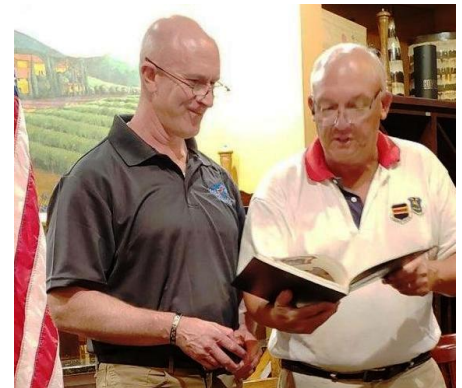
ASSOCIATION HOSTS WING COMMANDER

In keeping with a tradition begun by then-**Association President Bill Ernst** in 1997, local members gathered to meet and greet the latest **55th Wing Commander, Colonel Mark “Chili” Howard**. He is the fifteenth wing leader to be so feted.

The purpose of this event is to acquaint the commander with what and who the **Association** is. However, in this case, it was somewhat redundant since Colonel Howard has had four assignments to the ***Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth***, including a year as vice commander before assuming his present position.

The event was held 21 August 2023 at the Spezia restaurant in Omaha. **Association** President Joe Spivey welcomed the group and greeted Colonel Howard. A round of introductions ensued including the **Wing Deputy Commander, Colonel Aaron Gray**, and the **55th Operations Group commander, Colonel Derek Rachel**.

During the festivities, Spy V presented copies of *Videmus Omnia* and its sequel, *Videmus Omnia: 80 Years at the Front*, to Colonel Howard, who is the first **55th Wing** commander to simultaneously be presented both historical volumes.



The line-up below of those in attendance is: L-R: Mike Hoskins, **Hank Dubuy**, Col Rachel, Mo Krishna, Jeff Johnson, Ham Kennedy, **Dave Wolfe**, Col Gray, **Don Kelly**; former wing king, **Steve Stevens**, **Tom Miller**, Col Howard, former wing CC **Dan Peterson**, Jim Maloney, Mike Cook, former **Association** president Jim Thomas, **Paul Jeanes**, Spy V.



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THE ASSOCIATION DOES VETERANS DAY

On Thursday 9 November 2023, President Joe Spivey led a ceremony at the **55th Monument** in front of the **55th Wing HQ/Riggs Bldg (500)** at 1100 hours. Continuing the theme, *“Honoring those who served, serving those who do.”*

Nearly 50 active duty troops, **Association** members, family and friends attended. **55th Wing Deputy Commander Colonel Aaron Gray** prominent among them.

Spivey orchestrated the event opened by ringing the **55th** ceremonial bell, lead comments, an invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Veterans Day and ***Fightin' Fifty-Fifth*** histories were recapped as the bell tolled.



Joe and Dan Jenson during the Pledge. Monument and bell in view.

Past **Association** president and **55th** Hall of Fame member, **Jim Thomas**, Colonel, USAF Retired, presented the red-white-blue wreath at the monument.



Closing comments were made by Colonel Gray and Spivey to conclude the event.

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Two days later, the **official** Nebraska Veterans Day parade was held in Bellevue. The **Association's** peerless leader, Joe Spivey, Colonel, USAF Retired, presided as the Grand Marshal. He was honored for his distinguished military career and outstanding community service.





*Grand Marshall Spivey waves to the crowd from his chariot.
He was accompanied by Arlene, his "Mather war bride".*

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OFFUTT AIR SHOW TO RETURN

For the first time since 2018, the Defenders of Freedom Air and Space Show returns to Offutt Air Force Base, NE, with the 55th Wing hosting, 23-25 August, 2024, with the US Air Force Thunderbirds headlining the show.

(Hey, we know many of you don't even buy green bananas anymore, but add this to your calendars anyway.)

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WHAT WOULD ONE EXPECT?

Lincoln Journal-Star, 5 November 2023

A **55th Wing** jet with an Offutt-based crew has been flying surveillance missions off the coast of Israel and Lebanon since Hamas militants kidnapped and murdered Israelis near the Gaza Strip.

The RC-135V Rivet Joint reconnaissance plane deployed to Souda Bay, a US naval facility on the Greek island of Crete, 12 October, five days after the terror attacks.

Two days later, the plane flew its first mission over the eastern Mediterranean Sea within 100 miles of Israel, Lebanon and Gaza, according to the flight-tracking website FlightRadar24.

Since then, the jet, a 59-year-old four-engine aircraft, tail number 64-14842, has flown a similar track at least eight more times, according to a former Rivet Joint crew member who monitors **55th Wing** traffic through the site.

In a statement, the Air Force confirmed the Rivet Joint's deployment to Souda Bay. "In general, the RC-135 provides US officials with near real-time, on-scene intelligence collection, analysis, and dissemination capabilities which contributes to awareness of regional events," said **LtCol Justin Brockhoff**, a spokesman for US Air Forces in Europe. "In order to protect operational security, further information is not available for release at this time."

Most of the flights have taken place at night. Typically the patrols are about seven hours long, but the longest was more than 11 hours. After the first mission on 14 October, additional flights took place 18, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 October and 2 November. *(The flights are ongoing.)*

The Rivet Joint jets carry gear that can intercept signals from electronic devices including radar, radios and cell phones up to about 300 miles away. The crews include linguists and analysts who can make sense of intercepted voice communications in real time, even in Arabic or other languages of the region.

Congressman Don Bacon (R-NE), a former RC-135 electronics warfare officer and **55th Wing** commander, said the Rivet Joint can gather intelligence useful to the US and its allies in the region.

Potentially, he said, it could pick up phone or electronic communications by Hamas about the location of more than 200 hostages kidnapped during the 7 October raid.

“Our guys are going to study all the threats,” Bacon said. “Israel is our ally. If there’s an ability to help recapture the hostages, then we’ll do that.”

The eastern Mediterranean has been familiar territory for **Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth** crews for decades. **55th** veterans say the jets have been flying similar tracks since the 1970s. *(RB-47s from Forbes AFB, KS, did the same in the 1960s.)*

“We flew every day for 10½ hours,” said retired Air Force Colonel **Michael Cook**, who commanded an RC-135 support detachment in Greece from 1989-91, and later was an air attaché in Athens.

Then, as now, the Middle East was a tinderbox. The Gulf War broke out during Cook’s tenure after Iraq invaded and seized control of Kuwait. Israel was in perpetual conflict with its neighbors over the issue of Palestine. Syria, Egypt and Turkey were all just over the horizon.

At the time, the Air Force did not openly discuss its missions. But it didn’t try to cloak them, either.

“That was in a full radar environment,” Cook said. “Every air traffic control knew we were flying there.”

(Submitted by Daniel, L. Jenson, ISR SME. Edited by Moore. 6 November 2023)

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COMPASS CALL GETS NEW AIRCRAFT

Submitted by Phil Acquaro, Tucson, AZ, 4 November 2023)

On 11 September 2023, the US Air Force accepted delivery of the first of ten EC-37B Compass Call aircraft from contractors BAE Systems and L3Harris Technologies

These new aircraft will replace the Air Combat Command’s (ACC) decades-old EC-130 aircraft that have been retired at a pace of about two per year since 2019. Even as these aircraft return, the Jammers of the **55th Electronic Combat Group** (ECG) at Davis Monthan AFB, AZ, have continued to deploy to support multiple higher headquarters missions since their return from US Central Command in 2021.



The first five EC-37B aircraft will be in a baseline 3 configuration and the next five will be baseline 4. Baseline 3 provides increased signal capacity and Baseline 4 evolves electromagnetic warfare due to its sensor open system architecture (SOSA) compliant suite of software defined radio’s (SDR) design which enables rapid capability insertion and supports third party application integration.

Immediately after delivery, the aircraft entered into the first phase of the approximately 18 month combined developmental and operational test scheduled. Aircraft 2, 3 and 4 are on schedule to be delivered by the end of the 2024.

The significance of the new platform was discussed by ACC Commander **General Mark Kelly** at the Air and Space Force Association's Air Space and Cyber conference. At a roundtable, Kelly said the EC-37B's jamming capabilities will protect friendly ships and aircraft from enemy attack, and allow them to get closer to their targets.

Additionally, the altitude and speed improvements that will come with the EC-37B will make it a considerable step up from its predecessor, Kelly said.

The EC-130 has a ceiling of 25,000 feet and can fly at up to 300 miles per hour. EC-37Bs can fly past 40,000 feet and nearly twice that speed. An L3Harris executive in 2021 said that would allow the EC-37B to be able to target a greater range of enemy activities.

As of 27 October 2023, the designation of the new aircraft became **EA-37B**. Official rationale was to put it more in line with its actual mission according to AF sources.

(ED. Note: the 55th ECG has been under the 55th Wing at Offutt AFB, NE., since 2002.)

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MALTA INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW 2023

Contributed by Christopher Herring, USAF ACC 338 CTS/Calvert Systems

In September, the US Ambassador to Malta personally invited the **55th Wing** to participate in the 2023 Malta Airshow, their first airshow after a long COVID-driven hiatus.

The **55th Wing** supported the invitation with a TC-135, aircraft 62-4127, and a team led by **LtCol John O'Neill**, Nebraska ANG. His team was a true demonstration of Total Force Integration, comprised of 170th Group and **55th** Operations Group aircrews, **55th** Maintenance Group, contractors, and a small RAF contract maintenance contingent led by **Nate Roberts**.

This was the first time the **55th Wing** participated in the Malta Airshow, although on the first day there, a local plane-spotter pointed out to us that this was not the first time that jet had been to Malta.

The TC-135 static display was a huge success, with 1,500 to 2,000 visitors lining up to tour the aircraft during the two day event, including local media, the Airfield Director, and the Malta Minister of Education and his family.

Most of the airshow crowd was familiar with the **55th Wing** and the RC-135's global mission, but the training aspect of the TC was a new insight. Possibly the biggest crowd favorite was the Baseline Charlie glass cockpit. It drew everybody's attention, to the point where there was over a two hour wait to sit in the pilot seats and "fly" the aircraft!



Lt Col O'Neill presents a TC-135 memento to the Malta Airshow Staff



TC-135 landing at Luqa, Malta with Loretu Chapel in the background.

A big shout-out to Airshow Director **Brandon Attard, Kyle Cortis**, and his all-volunteer airshow staff of professional plane spotters who put on an excellent show and kept everything running smoothly. We look forward to returning for the 2025 Malta Airshow!

After leaving Malta, the aircraft and contingent flew to RAF Waddington, UK, for a week-long stay with our RAF partners.

During the time at RAF Waddington, the aircraft flew three local training sorties with the RAF, including introducing them to procedures for an engine running crew change (ERCC). We completed multiple RAF pilot flight evaluations, USAF training certifications, and even had a chance to get their newest USAF Exchange Officer, **Major Greg Mancewicz**, some local UK flight training.

The week's stay culminated with a group dinner with 51 Sqd, 56 Sqd, and the entire **55th** team.

Not to waste a training opportunity, the return flight to Offutt was spent validating new Oceanic operating procedures recently developed by the CTS.

Final tally after nine days – seven sorties, 40+ flight hours, two flight evaluations, two flight certifications, Ops procedures validation, and a wealth of overseas training for newly-minted active duty pilot, copilot, and navigator.

(Edited by Moore.)

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ROYAL AIR FORCE FLIES WITH THE 82ND RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

By **Airman 1st Class Luis E. Rios Calderon** 18th Wing Public Affairs, 23 July 2023

Below: LtCol John Casey, 82nd RS commander, left, RAF FltLt Jan Van Vreden



KADENA AIR BASE, JAPAN: For over a decade, the USAF and the United Kingdom (UK) Royal Air Force (RAF) have been partnering to enhance crew training, technology development, maintenance, and aircrew co-manning. In RC-135s.

This year marks the first time an RAF flight lieutenant was integrated into the RC-135 Rivet Joint (RJ) program. “The RAF bought into the RJ program in 2010 after decommissioning the Nimrod R1 aircraft to regain signal intelligence capabilities back into the RAF,” said RAF FltLt Van Vreden, who participated in the RJ integration program at Kadena. “So that’s when the intelligence cooperation between the US and the UK started to regenerate.”

Van Vreden said RAF pilots co-crew and train with the 338th Combat Crew Training Squadron (CCTS) at Offutt before returning to the UK and going through a UK acceptance program, preparing them to be combat-ready before re-integrating with USAF aircrews. “This way our pilots are combat ready and able to crew independently with US aircrews, so if ever needed, a UK aircraft commander can **take command of a USAF**

aircraft and vice-versa,” Van Vreden said. “We’ve been doing it routinely with the 95th Reconnaissance Squadron (RS) because of how close they are to us, and it has helped us streamline what we do in a similar way as the 95th.”

“Working with FltLt Van Vreden has been an absolute pleasure,” said LtCol Casey, 82nd RS commander. “He is a credit to the RAF’s 51 Sq, and has brought this intimate knowledge of the European theater to the Pacific, providing our aircrews with growth opportunities that we wouldn’t normally see out here.”

Casey said the integration program in the Pacific began in 2021, with FltLt Van being the first RAF pilot to participate in the integration program. “Overall, it has been a resounding success for both the USAF and RAF,” Casey said. “I wish he could spend more time with us, but I look forward to more co-manning opportunities with the 51 Sq and the RAF.”

“It shows the importance of the Pacific, and the platform as a whole, having the UK investing their resources and sending their members to the Pacific,” Casey said. “Showing the importance of it and their appreciation for how important a free and open Indo-Pacific is.”

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DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN

On 18 and 20 September, two American planes flew over the Barents Sea. At the same time, the Russian Northern Fleet was launching a major fleet exercise involving operations in the Barents Sea in the west to the East Siberian Sea.

The two US Air Force aircraft flew towards the Russian Arctic island of Novaya Zemlya.

In a statement on 18 September, the Russian Ministry of Defense stated that Russian airspace control over the Barents Sea detected an aircraft approaching Russia's state border.

A MiG-31 fighter from Russia’s Northern Fleet was "scrambled" to identify the target, which according to the ministry, was a US Navy P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol plane. The US military aircraft turned around when the Russian fighter jet approached, and it is reported that there was no violation of the state border with Russia.

On the 19th, another American military flight was carried out over the Barents Sea, towards Novaya Zemlya.

In recent years, Russia has upgraded military infrastructure on the island. Among other things, squadrons of MiG-31 interceptors are stationed at Rogatschovo on Novaya Zemlya.

According to Flight Radar 24, this aircraft was a RC-135W Rivet Joint; that took off from RAF Mildenhall early that morning. *Only the 55th Wing has this aircraft.*

Up to 1,800 people, 10 aircraft, 15 ships, submarines and support vessels were involved in the Russian exercise, which includes training in connection with the defense and protection of coastal civil infrastructure facilities and facilities of the Northern Fleet, as well as anti-terrorist operations.

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55TH WING RETURNS TO ALASKA WITH NEW DETACHMENT

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska: In an effort to respond more quickly to long standing and ever-increasing combatant command and national intelligence requirements in the Indo-Pacific region, the 55th Operations Group, Detachment 1 was recently established at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). The new detachment will initially serve as a strategic launch and recovery point for RC-135V/W Rivet Joint operations and exercises in the region.

“The new detachment will provide us more flexibility and allow us to expand our operations in response to increased intelligence requirements,” said **Colonel Derek Rachel, 55th OG/CC.** “We’re very excited to see this initiative come to fruition.” In addition to RJ operations, the det will also be available for the 55th Wing’s other -135 assets to include the RC-135S Cobra Ball, RC-135U Combat Sent and WC-135R Constant Phoenix.



55th Ops Group, Det 1 staff and an RC crew, et al.

“All of our platforms are constantly tasked for worldwide operations. Having this location always available and ready will enable us to respond quicker than ever before,” Rachel said. Although the new detachment will be relatively small with less than 10 active-duty personnel and a few contractors, it will remain in a ready status and able to serve emerging requirements on short notice.

“The detachment’s permanent presence will enhance the working relationship between JBER and the OG at Offutt,” said **Major Kevin LaCosse**, detachment commander. “Our mission is to ensure the entire 135 enterprise always has the support they need here to better support our nation’s critical intelligence missions.”

The -135 operations have a long history in Alaska. For many years, a variety of strategic missions important to national security were flown by the *Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth* from Eielson AFB and Shemya Air Base during the Cold War, along with multiple temporary deployments to the *Last Frontier*.



THE 55TH WING AND RAF 51 SQD CONTINUE JOINT TRAINING

ROYAL AIR FORCE WADDINGTON, United Kingdom: The **55th Wing** brought a TC-135 training aircraft here to conduct routine flight deck training with their partners at the 51 Squadron 25 September 2023.

The *Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth* has developed strong ties with the 51 Squadron since they began flying RC-135W Rivet Joint aircraft more than 10 years ago at Offutt.

While in the UK, the crew also shared knowledge and expertise of engine-running crew changes and hot pit refueling. The goal was to help the 51 Squadron develop its approach towards Agile Combat Employment (ACE) options for their commanders.

The combined force tactics is nothing new, the ACE requires a higher degree of interoperability in the critical activities of command and control, engineering and logistics, base defense, intelligence-sharing and others.

“Having our Air Force colleagues visit from across the pond shows the strong ties and interoperability between our two organizations,” said **RAF Commander Keith Bissett**, 51 Squadron commander. “The training that my crews achieved this week on the TC-135 is incredibly useful. It also demonstrates the ability of Air Force and RAF crews to operate on each other’s aircraft, building flexibility and resilience for both partners.”

The realization of that interoperability will support the presentation of a combat-credible coalition, which delivers deterrence and warfighting capabilities using proactive and reactive maneuverers to improve airpower survivability and increase options for power projection.

“A strong command relationship with our RAF crews increases the quality of our training with our allies and partners, and allows our forces to counter military aggression and coercion by sharing responsibilities for common defense,” said **Colonel Mark Howard**, **55th Wing** commander.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 3 December 2023, the treasury had an account balance (rounded) of \$27,177. The account is down due to up front monies paid to the reunion hotel. The **Association** lost money on this reunion.

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 2026 (or more) are prorated and allocated through the ensuing years. One optimistic member is paid thru 2048!!

Although the **Association** is solvent, we have expenses, obligations, and bills to pay, such as the Birthday Ball, publishing this newsletter, reunion seed money, and projects and donations as they are deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

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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.....or because of your generous nature.

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 402 members in good standing on 13 December 2023. Down from 423 last June. Members and dues do expire, unfortunately. **If your dues expired in 2022 you got this issue as a courtesy. Please reup.**

Holding steady here, but more members need to renew their memberships and the Association needs to add new ones to remain viable

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

Forty-eight **55th 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 initiative has a payoff of exposure for the **Association**, and new active duty members to the organization, **now at 27**, an all time high, including the outgoing **55th Wing** commander, **Colonel Kristen Thompson**.

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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.**

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

Dues are due in January of the calendar year after member's expiration year with a grace period through 31 March before going delinquent.

Now is a good time to renew.

If you are still not sure of your dues expiration date, to inquire on same, please e-mail to **Membership Chairman Mo Krishna** at volvomo@gmail.com, or drop him a note to 13704 Tregaron Drive, Bellevue, NE, 68123 to get an update on your membership status.

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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. NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW.

Life Members and widows are dues exempt.

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When using the traditional US Postal Service to send in your dues, your contact info, use the following address:

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

When paying on-line use this site:
[https://55th wingassociation.square.site](https://55thwingassociation.square.site)

Please remember to e-mail your membership form (also on that site) to volvomo@gmail.com
Sending Mo the PDF membership form is the best technique, but we will take your information however you send it!

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Please help us stay current.

There is a membership/information update form at the back of this newsletter, as well as our Square site:

<https://55th-wingassociation.square.site>

Please use that form any time you pay dues, and/or to report any address or other changes in your contact information.

If you own more than one home, please give us the 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.

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*The newsletter editor is not responsible for the membership dues date.
Bug Mo if you think there is an error.*

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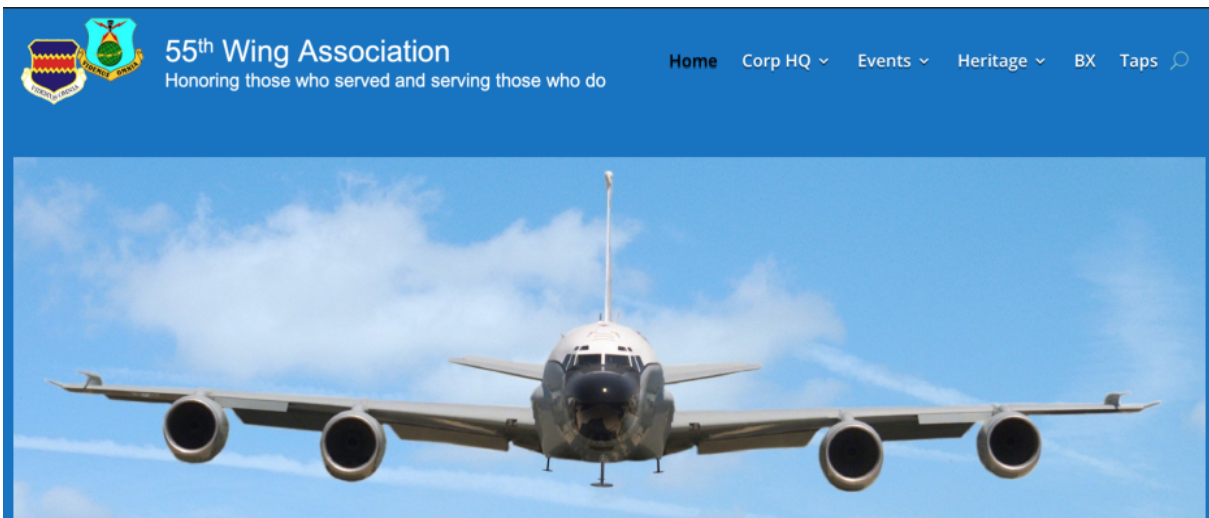
55TH WING ASSOCIATION WEB SITE 3.0

55WA.org

Members of the *Fighting' Fifty-Fifth* see a lot (in fact, *We See All!*) on the front lines in our challenging world. Share your stories with our members and for posterity! Send them to the Webmaster by clicking the 'support@55wa.org' button on our home page, <https://55wa.org>.

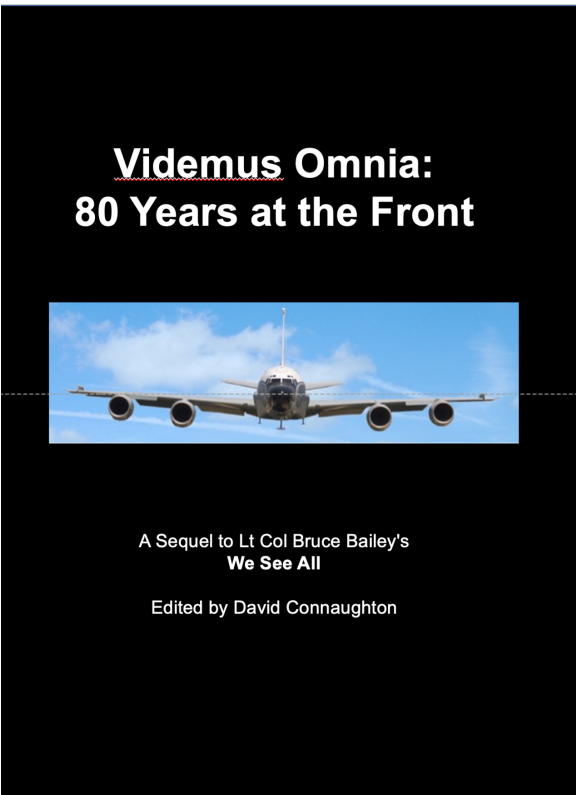
Semper Videmus Omnia!

Dave Connaughton, The Web Guy



Web site front page by Dave

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Now Available on Amazon

The story of the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth from its 1941 inception to 2021, featuring

- The commanders
- The notable characters
- The key events
- The locations
- The aircraft we flew
- The MiGs we met
- And 106 first-hand harrowing and humorous accounts

This meticulously researched book will remind those who were there of what it was like, and explain to those who weren't why the 55th holds such pride in our past and hope for our future.

Hardcover 503 pages, \$24.00.

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COLD WAR MEMORIAL



Your **55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing** Cold War Monument remains in the care of **Association** member **Perry Peloquin** and his crew year round as seasonable weather allows.

(Photo from the right front corner, showing brick patio and benches. July 2023.)

The National Air Force Museum is 100 years old and has had a commemorative display in Hangar 3 (Cold War) all year long.



This group of **55th Wing** alumni *(and former Chippendale dancers)* took time to visit our **55th Memorial** at the National Air Force Museum Memorial Garden during the Big Safari and Berlin For Lunch Bunch reunion last September.



L-R: **Dave Snow**, Joe Spivey*, Bill McKechnie*, Ed Topps, Bo Marlin*, **Larry Mitchell***, John Cooper*, Val Dugie*, **Steve Brick**, **Steve Ling***, **Matt Harrison**, Paul Miller.
 (* indicates 55th Association members.)

As always, the memorial serves up great memories and tributes and stories as alums check out the names on the pavers that make up the patio of the Memorial. Those names always strike up "Blast from the Past" recollections, smiles, and gratitude for having served with such fine Americans"
Perry Peloquin, (E-mail 3 December 2023)

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LETTERS ‘N STUFF

WELL done, Mr Max!

As usual, the newsletter is the only thing I always read front to back in one sitting. *(June issue.)*

After seeing the comments/writings from nonmilitary, I wonder if you have ever included Molly’s *What a Silly Question* in a newsletter?

I know that Dave Connaughton .included it in the *We See All* sequel.
 Be blessed, and WELL,

Ron Strong, Bellevue, NE *(E-mail 21 July 2023.)*
*(Yes, Ron, It was published in the January 2002 issue of **Videmus Omnia.**)*

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Another outstanding job Max. *(July newsletter)*

Thanks for all you do for the organization.
 Cheers,

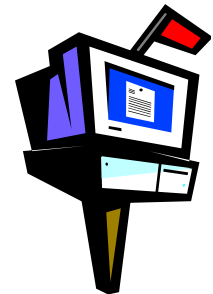
George Ross, Association Board Member, Denver, CO. *(E-mail 22 July 2023,)*

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Hello Max.

We enjoyed the latest news letter *(July)*..... Again.
 Thanks for your work on it.

Bob and Madeline Arnold, Denver. CO. *(E-mail 31 July 2023.)*



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Max,

I enjoyed reading in the latest edition of *Videmus Omnia* (July 2023) and the 2001 letter from Mr. Curtin, and especially your letter in response to his article.

Your letter said it so well. Pride, job satisfaction, and sense of duty made any sacrifices well worthwhile.

I am proud to have served in the *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth* alongside so many fine people.

Thank you for your continued contribution to us all by being our editor-in-chief!

Keep up the great work!

Jim Hughes, Bellevue, NE (E-mail 29 July 2023.)

(Thanx, Jim. I'll keep at it as long as I am able, but those daze may be dwindling.)

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Max,

I really enjoyed reading your July newsletter dealing primarily with the CSprings reunion.

I read it top to bottom several times to soak up all the information you put forth.

I look forward to joining my old buddy **Reg Urschler** and many other old friends from the **55th** at the reunion. I will be a guest of Reg to attend some functions.

I live just a couple of miles from the hotel selected, and I think **Alan** and **Sandy** have picked a great place.

I especially noted a "writing" you included in the issue that caught my eye. It is called "Reunion" by **Rachel Firth**, a lady I do not know, but it is a very impressive piece.

I was wondering if she is still alive and in the **55th** membership, as I would like to ask her (someone) for permission to reprint it in a newsletter that we will be putting out this spring concerning the final reunion of the SR-71 Black Bird Association in June 2024.

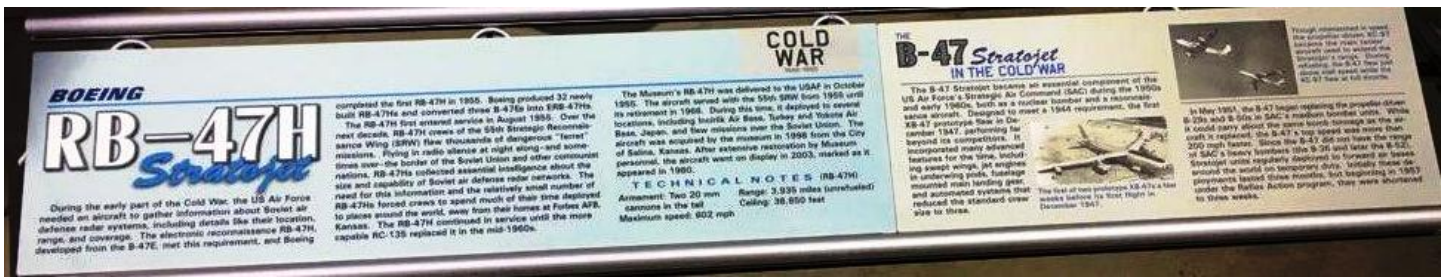
Pat Halloran, Colorado Springs, CO (E-mail 5 October 2023)

(I answered that she was not a member, nor did I know if she was alive. It has been published in the VO several times and always given attribution. It was originally written for a bomb wing reunion at least 20 years ago. Max)

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This RB-47H, tail number 4299, was once in the fleet of the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Forbes AFB, KS, in the late 1950s thru the 1960s. It has been the center piece of the Cold War Annex of the National Air Force Museum near Wright Patterson AFB and Dayton, OH, since the building was erected and dedicated in 2003.
(This editor has 72:50 hours in the bird, ops and trainers.)



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This is the latest addition to the 55th Museum's Urschler Theater: the Wing's garrison flag hung as a permanent backdrop to the main stage. Project was headed by Mike "Coach" Hoskins as reported by Association President Joe Spivey. (4 December 2023)

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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 on the Directory page.

We encourage and welcome any and all input.

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When events featuring 55th members occur in your area (Florida, Texas, MD/VA/DC metroplexes, Denver/CSprings, California, Dayton, 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.

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



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.

Thanks, and Videmus Omnia, Max.

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EC-135C RESTORATION EC-135 #049

After six years and over 34,000 volunteer hours, the interior and exterior restoration of the EC-135 “Looking Glass”, #63-8049 was completed and the aircraft has been restored to its former glory (*without wings and engines for floor space saving*), and sits proudly in Hangar B at the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum.



Veteran SAC warriors can visit and remember how ‘we’ won the Cold War. *Hoo-rah!!*

To learn more about the EC-135, visit:
<https://www.sacmuseum.org/what-to-see/aircraft/ec-135-looking-glass/>

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Please visit the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum’s Facebook site to read about updates, and to make any comments/feedback directly to the Museum.

The Museum still needs more members interested in preserving the history of SAC. More funds are needed to prepare exhibits that will tell the public about the significant contributions of the SAC in winning the Cold War.

Funds are also needed to establish an account for future maintenance of aircraft 049 and its exhibits.

You can join, or renew memberships, at <https://sacmuseum.org/join-give/membership/>.

Your 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 project.

Maintenance and upkeep is never ending.

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TAPS



BLOUNT, Harris R., 85, 18 August 2023, Tulsa, OK. A graduate of Oklahoma A&M, he entered the Air Force in 1960. An electronic warfare officer (EWO) who served in the **55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SRW)** in RB-47s at Forbes AFB,KS, then in RC-135s at Kadena AB, Okinawa, and Offutt AFB, NE. After a staff tour in SE Asia he was assigned to Barksdale AFB, LA, on staff. He retired there and moved to Tulsa. Harris is in that galaxy of **55th** memorable characters.

COLLING, JANET G., 83, 13 August 2023, Cedaredge, CO; married to **Howard** for nearly 60 years. Born in Kansas but grew up in Rock Springs, WY. She attended Colorado State U and the University of Wyoming, Jan was a stewardess for American Airlines in the 1960s and later, in the 1990s she was a flight attendant for Continental Airlines. In between she raised three children. **Howard** was an RB-47 co-pilot in the

343rd at Forbes in the early 1960s before separating for a career with the airlines. He referred to Jan as *Miss Personality* and she truly was all of that.

ELDRIDGE, Golda, T., Sr., 82, 12 August 2023, Waco, TX; wife of 48 years, **Nancy**. Golda was the patriarch of three generations of *Fightin' Fifty-Fifty* pilots, COMBAT SENT deployers, and **Association** members. A rare feat documented in past issues of the *Videmus Omnia*. (See tribute following.)

ELSASSER Robert L., 86, 29 July 2023, Omaha, NE. Bob was an RC-135 EWO and staff officer in the **55th SRW** at Offutt during the 1970s and 1980s.

FORTIN, Paul, 93, 22 July 2023, Topeka, KS; married to **Jane** for 66 years. Paul was an EWO in RB-47s in the **55th SRW** at Forbes dating from the mid-1950s. He was a true strat recon pioneer. (See tribute following.)

HOLTE, Charles W., 77, 10 May 2023, Colorado Springs, CO; wife **Patricia** for 50 years. Chuck was an EWO in B-52s before coming to the 343rd RCs in the 1980s. Active in the Association of Old Crows, he also was on reunion committees in 1998 and 2012. He last assignment was at Beale AFB, CA, as a recon ops mission planner for SR-71s.

MORROW, Carole C., 84, 11 August 2023, Greensboro, NC; She was married to **James, (Jimmy Jet)** for 61 years. The consummate military wife, she served with him for his 25 year Air Force career. She graduated from Peace College in Raleigh, NC, and worked as a real estate agent for many years. Among other assignments, Jim was vice commander of the **55th SRW**, and commanded the 6th Strategic Wing at Eielson AFB, AK, in the 1980s.

RUED, Ann Virginia, 54, 19 November 2023, Bellevue, NE; an Air Force BRAT born in California. She was the wife of **John**, a former RC-135 navigator with the **55th** at Offutt, married just 17 years. A graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX, with a BA in Business, Ann was the Manager of Strategic Products for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha for 17 years.

STRONG, Andrea A. (Molly), 83, 15 September 2023, Bellevue, NE. A native Texan she graduated from Baylor University with a triple major in Education, English and Spanish. She was active in her church for 56 years, and a docent at the Henry Doorly for 40 years. She was married for 61 years to **Ron**, an RC-135 EWO and staff officer at Offutt, Kadena and Shemya. Her excellent essay on being a devoted Air Force wife has been published in the *Videmus Omnia*.

YAKUS, Leonard F., 86, 26 August 2023, Omaha, NE; wife, **Jonece**. Chief Yakus was the Command Chief of the **55th** Medical Group's Ehrling-Berquist Hospital, 1976-81. He then served as Chief to three of SAC's Surgeon Generals overseeing 22 medical facilities. He had a Vietnam tour in the late 1960s and retired after 27 years service. Chief then worked at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and at Bergan Mercy hospital in Omaha.

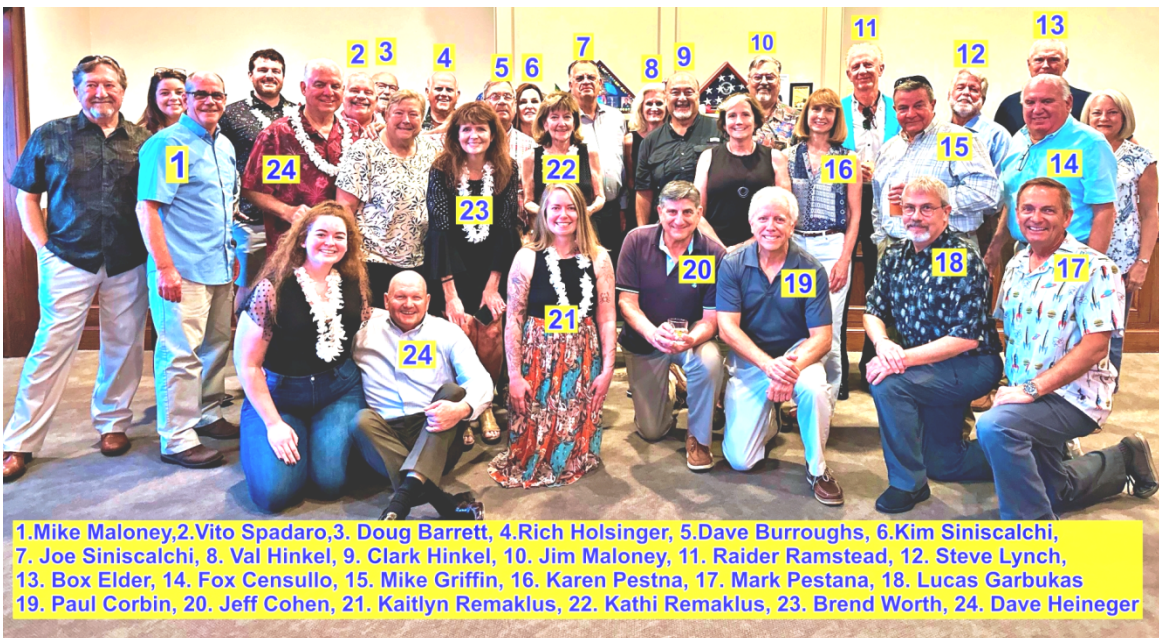
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REMARKABLE REMAKLUS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Celebration of life was held Sunday, 17 September 2023 at Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club, Keller, TX, with refreshments, dinner, and 'open mic' period for **Don Remaklus** stories/memories/tales.

Very moving and widow **Kathy** was very appreciative.

It was a very nice occasion and was a mini-reunion of recce folks, some had not been together in 40 years. Don, a former **55th** RC pilot, passed away unexpectedly 16 May 2023 while on vacation in Hawaii.



1. Mike Maloney, 2. Vito Spadaro, 3. Doug Barrett, 4. Rich Holsinger, 5. Dave Burroughs, 6. Kim Siniscalchi, 7. Joe Siniscalchi, 8. Val Hinkel, 9. Clark Hinkel, 10. Jim Maloney, 11. Raider Ramstead, 12. Steve Lynch, 13. Box Elder, 14. Fox Censullo, 15. Mike Griffin, 16. Karen Pestna, 17. Mark Pestana, 18. Lucas Garbukas, 19. Paul Corbin, 20. Jeff Cohen, 21. Kaitlyn Remaklus, 22. Kathi Remaklus, 23. Brend Worth, 24. Dave Heineger

*There are 30 people in this shot, but six not ID'd.
Photo and basic info submitted by **Jim Maloney**.*

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Lt Col Golda T. Eldridge Sr.

LtCol Golda Eldridge’s entire USAF operational career was in reconnaissance with **55th/6th/9th** Strategic Reconnaissance Wing (SRW) tours, and the Pentagon’s Joint Reconnaissance Center.

Golda’s assignments included R/EB-47, RC-135 fleet variants, R/EB-66 and SAC’s Command Support Aircraft (Casey 01). Notably, Eldridge supported **55th SRW** Libya-based Tell Two telemetry sorties; and the Forbes AFB, KS, to Offutt AFB, NE, relocation operation; Southeast Asia combat operations; and precedence-setting COMBAT SENT/COBRA BALL missions.

Lt Col Eldridge spearheaded an innovative, in-house **55th SRW** pilot upgrade program. His renowned training success made Golda instrumental in rewriting flight manuals, training regulations and operating procedures for SAC SRWs.

Due to his instructor pilot acumen, he was assigned to Eielson AFB, AK; later commanding Det 1, 6th SRW (Shemya) where LtCol Eldridge was instrumental in mission success, unit morale and maintenance efficiencies.

On Joint Staff, Eldridge enhanced DoD’s crucial Reconnaissance Information Processing System.

He was inducted into the **55th Wing** Hall of Fame in 2022.

*(ED. Note: His son, **Golda, Jr. (Tom)**, also a **55th** alum and **Association** member, is the Flight Captain (president) of the local Daedalian chapter.)*

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Colonel Paul E. Fortin

As an Electronic Warfare Officer (Raven) in the **55th SRW**, Colonel Fortin’s assignment preceded RB-47 deliveries, crew formations and unit stand-ups.

At the 338th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, he flew OPERATION Homerun polar over flights from Thule AFB, Greenland, to demonstrate Strategic Air Command



COLD WAR capabilities against Soviet Air Defenses, and fill intel gaps for National Security Agency and Foreign Technology Division analysts.

As a 343rd SRS instructor/evaluator, Paul pursued missile telemetry from Incirlik AFB, Turkey, Tell Two operations, and flew Cuban Missile Crisis missions.

With 100+ Southeast Asia RB-66 combat missions, his Raven and engineering achievements led to key roles influencing 55th collection operations and analyses including FTD, AFIT, Systems Command's Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP)/DoD's Foreign Intelligence Divisions and leading DoD's Weapons Laboratories.

Generations of *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth* aircrew and analysts are indebted to Colonel Fortin's operational diversity, analytical precision and his undying loyalty to *Videmus Omnia*.

He was inducted the 55th Wing Hall of Fame in 2020.

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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 limited 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 55th family who have passed beginning in 1996.

Anyone who wishes to have the name of a family member, friend, or comrade who was a former member of the *Fighting' 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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ASSOCIATION BX

Major changes and additions have been made to the 55th Wing Association "BX". Management is by **Dennis Haun**. He established a new vendor and inventory of items for the membership.

The inventory makes for great gifts for birthdays, the holiday season, and other occasions for current and former *Fightin' Fifty-Fifth members*.

The items are now viewable in color on the new web site BX section.

The BX now has available to **Association** membership the following items:

Long Sleeve 55th Association ¼ Zip Pullovers

White, Royal Blue, Red, Navy, Grey (S-XXXL). Cost \$43 + \$6.50 Shipping (\$49.50).

Short Sleeve 55th Association Polos

White, Red, Royal Blue, Dark Navy. (S-XXXL). Cost \$40 + \$6.50 Shipping (\$46.50).

Long Sleeve 55th Association Shirt

Red, White, Navy Blue. (S-XXXL). Cost \$63 + \$6.50 Shipping (\$69.50).



Long sleeve button down-shirt



Short sleeve polo



Long sleeve pullover

55th Wing Association Hats

Navy Blue, Red, Grey (Adjustable). Cost \$20 + \$6.50 Shipping (\$26.50).

55th Wing Association Hot/Cold Tumblers Blue.

Cost \$30 + \$6.50 Shipping (\$36.50) *(All item photos by Haun)*



Members wishing to purchase any of the above listed items please contact:
Denny Haun, 918 Oxford Circle Papillion, NE, 68046

Please make checks for the full amount of purchase to: **55th Wing Association.**

NOTE: Procedures are now in place to order off the BX section of the 55th Wing Association web site!!

Questions/Comments please contact Denny Haun at papahaun@cox.net.



55TH FASHION PINS

The pins are sold to **Association** members all over the country. They are particularly evident at **55th** reunions and at official and social functions at and near Offutt.

Gents and ladies, the pin makes a great birthday or anniversary accessory gift, or holiday stocking stuffer. Classy but not expensive.

(Shown actual size)

The **Association** does **not** sell these pins and receives **no** money from the sales. But, as a service for those who wish to possess same: Erwin's Jewelers, offers them and **you can purchase directly from the store.**

Send order requests to 223 W. Mission Ave, Bellevue, NE, 68005, 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.**

The former owner, the late **Frank Kumor**, was a long time member and ardent supporter of the **Association**. His daughter, **Rebecca Zurcher**, is now the proprietor.



REUNIONS ATTENDEE LIST

- BROOKIE, JIM AND MARILYN
- CONNAUGHTON, DAVE AND MARILYN
- DAUBER, WAYNE AND BEV
- DAWES, TOM, Jr.
- DENNY, BOB
- DUBUY, HANK AND SANDRA
- DUGIE, VAL AND LAURA
- FELDKAMP, ALAN AND SANDY
- HALLORAN, PATRICK

**HOLSINGER, RICH AND PHYLLIS
HUNGERFORD, LARRY AND MARGARET
KENNEDY, HAM AND PAT**



*Goodly group at US Olympic Training Center
Thursday 19 October.*

**KRISHNA, MOHAN
MALONEY, JIM
MALONEY, MIKE AND CONNIE
MARLIN, BO AND ANN
MITCHELL, LARRY AND SUSAN
NOLAN, JERRY
PENFIELD, GEORGE AND ROB
RASMUSSEN, WILLIAM (Chip) AND SHARON
ROSS, ROGER
SAENZ, ROLAND AND KATHY
SINISCALCHI, JOE
SMITH, GARY AND PATTY
SPIVEY, JOE AND ARLENE
TARPLEY, MARK
URSCHLER, REG
VANDERWERT, STAN
Two USAF Academy cadets**

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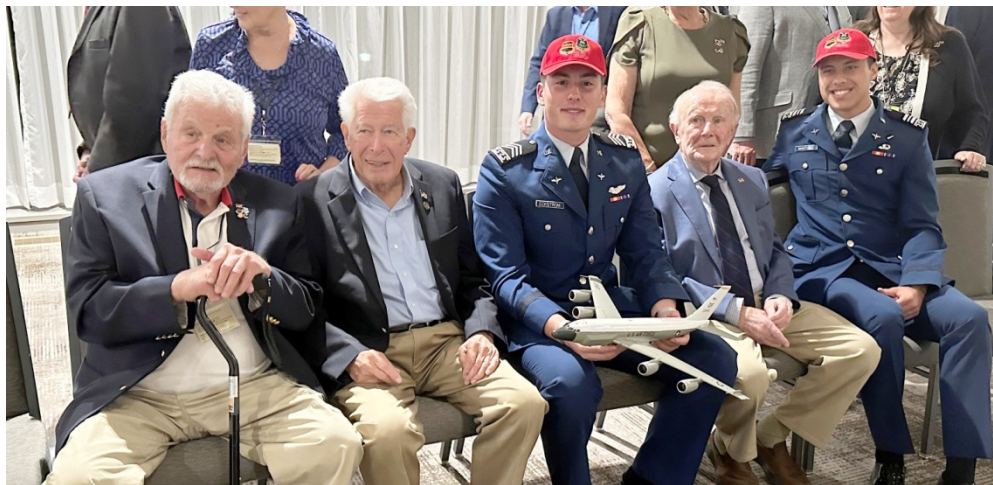


Association President Spivey and First Lady Arlene

REUNION PHOTO ALBUM



Arlene Spivey diligently (wo)man's the registration table.



*Three generals and two future ones.
L-R: Urschler, Mitchell, Cadet 1, Halloran, Cadet 2*



Tour group at the WWII Aviation Museum, Wednesday 18 October



First night's dinner table array.



L-R: Feldkamp, Siniscalchi, Urschler, Cannaughton, Maloney enjoy a 'roundtable' discussion.



This group on tour of the National Museum of WWII Aviation.



Wednesday's lunch site.



Holsinger and Joe S+10



Ross, Hungerford, Tarpley



*Banquet guest speaker, **Stan Vanderwert**,
Commissioner, El Paso County (CO).*

This is the attendee group of nearly fifty. See the list above.



*Three generals in khaki pants.
Urschler, O'Halloran, Mitchell.*



Another group at the Olympic Training Center



Videmus Omnia



55th Wing Association, Inc.

(Formerly – 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing Association)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Contact Information Update)

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

email: _____

Are you a Veteran? Yes No Branch of Service _____ (Dates of Service) _____

Are you a former member of the 55th Strat Recon Wing? _____

When were you a member of the 55th Strat Recon Wing? _____ (Dates of Service) _____



Are you a current or former member of the 55th Wing? _____

When were you a member of the 55th Wing? _____ (Dates of Service) _____



Which 55th Unit(s) were you a member? _____

Are you on active duty? If so, with what unit? _____ Rank _____

What is your present occupation? _____

Return this form with dues, if applicable
(\$20 per year or \$55 for 3 years)*

to:

**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 Mohan Krishna, Membership Chairman, at volvomo@gmail.com, or at the above mailing address.**

April 2020

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I RAN OUT OF IDEAS

Happy New Year

The text "Happy New Year" is written in a colorful, cursive script. The letters are filled with a gradient of colors including purple, blue, green, and yellow. The text is decorated with small, colorful stars and a dotted line that follows the curve of the letters. At the end of the text, there is a colorful, striped banner-like element that curves upwards and to the right.