



I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, and I will not fail





924th



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Once an Outlaw, Always an Outlaw



OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



2022

20th Year Edition (Established March 2002)

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Stay Safe, Be Strong, Be Healthy, and Be Well

Military Enlistment Oath: I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against **all enemies, foreign and domestic**; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States.

My Oath of Enlistment has No expiration date!



Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"

Memories glimmer and hide in the dim shadows

Daring us to '...catch me...if you can!'

As time steadily treads its own meandering path,

It's hard to trace old members of the clan.

Then someone steps up with lantern and blade

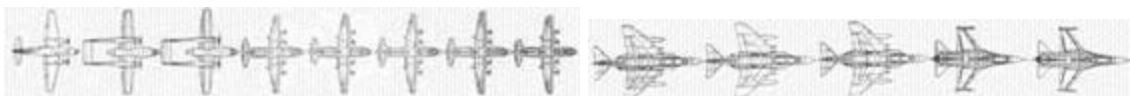
Shouting, "Let's gather them in for us all, good neighbor!

We'll bring forth those hidden in the shade, and

Share them with one and another!

"I'll keep that flame high and the blade ever sharp,

That our friends may never be lost in the dark!"



Attention Please!

Please join the 924 Facebook page:

Go to Facebook groups, search for: **924th TFG**

Ed Copher is the page administrator, and will approve your joining

924 Photo Albums

38 Albums....2115 Photos

Click here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/924outlaws/sets/>

Click on each photo to enlarge

Newest Album: **“20 Year Reunion”**

200 Photos

View counts as of 03 April 2022

since July 2007

Total Photo Views

607,800

www.Flickr.com charges \$63.95 per year to keep the **OUTLAW Photo Albums** on their website.

******01 April 2021: PAID \$63.95 annual Flickr photo site fee**



OUTLAW WEBSITE:

www.924tfg.com password: outlaws all lower case

25,533 Visitors since Jan 09

[History](#), [Latest Info](#), [Photos](#), [In Memoriam](#), [Miscellaneous](#), [Newsletters](#), [Links](#), [Recall Roster](#)

***Total cost for the 924 Website is **\$293.97** per year

***14 March 2022 paid to “Active-Domain” website hosting for 1 year renewal: \$14.95

***5 Oct 2021 paid to “GoDaddy” website hosting for 2 year renewal: \$306.76

04 March 2021 paid: \$14.45 for “Domain Name Registration” annual one year renewal

30 Jan 2021 paid: Webmaster Maintenance Fee \$120 p/year

Jim Houston, **Webmaster** for www.924tfg.com, fee for maintaining the 924 website.

It is only \$10 a month (**\$120 p/year**).

*****NOTE:** all donations are appreciated

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924 FLOWER FUND



The purpose is to send a nice flower arrangement to all 924th funerals. *Each arrangement cost over \$100.* The ribbon will read; **"924th BAFB"**. A flower arrangement has been sent to the last **73** funerals.

Ed Copher is now the POC for collecting funds and sending the flowers.
newsman242@gmail.com Make checks out to Ed Copher:

Ed Copher

1211 Gruene Vintage

New Braunfels, TX 78130

******NOTICE:**

Because of Jim Chapman's health issues, I will be taking over the Flower Fund. I am going to open a non-profit account at my bank, just for the fund. When Jim is healthy enough, he will transfer all the donation funds that he presently has to me. A big shout out "thank you" to Jim Chapman for doing the flowers for so many years. Your donations are appreciated by all.

NOTE ABOUT FLOWER FUND DONATIONS: Digital PayPal

Donations can now be made to Ed Copher via check "OR" via digital using PayPal.

To send digital donations via PayPal, just log in to PayPal and type in my email address:
falconman64@live.com

Edgar Copher PayPal account

Jim Chapman needs to be in our thoughts and prayers: Updated 2 April

Jim (86) and his wife, Lee (80) both got COVID-19 in mid January, and both have been in the hospital in Austin since then. Jim is also suffering from COPD, Lee fell in the hospital and broke her hip, she had hip surgery a couple of weeks ago. Jim's son, Darrell, who lives in Houston, is trying to get home health care set up, so Jim can go home.

The Center at Parmer Rehab

Room #206

13800 N FM360

Austin, TX 78717 Phone 737-236-6400

UPDATE:

Jim (James) Chapman is able to receive calls to his room, #206 and can have up to 5 visitors from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/psoonfA1dHQCMdrL8>

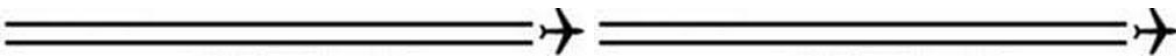
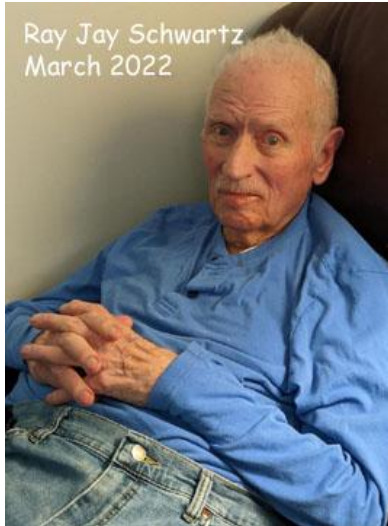


[TSgt Ray Jay Schwartz passed away on 26 March 2022:](#) RIP, Slow salute

924th Maintenance Sq, Material Control section

Obituary:

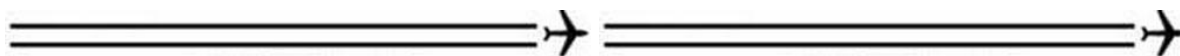
https://www.shiveryfuneralhome.com/obituary/ray-schwartz?fbclid=IwAR3e0NdtcGZwQDAjEr71d_0GN_8YSBFWXI2fW1I5MmEOxQgmokzZaemNg7c



TSgt Jim Constable passed away on 12 March 2022. RIP

924th Maintenance Sq, Fuel Shop

No known services at this time.



MSgt Robert “Flip” Wilson passed away in 2020:

924th Maintenance Sq, AGE shop

No other known details. Please let me know if you have an obit or other details.



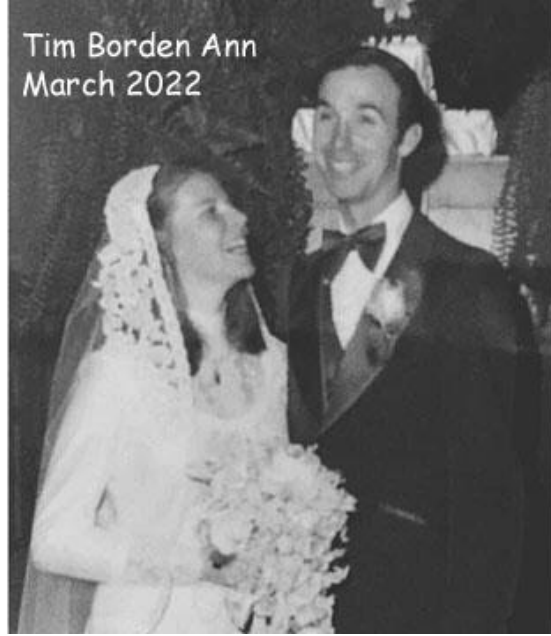
Bob Fernandez brother passed away:

Just want to advise you that my brother, John Fernandez died on 27 February 2022. The cause was complications from covid 19 among other things. Anyway John was the last member of my blood family, he was 78 years old.





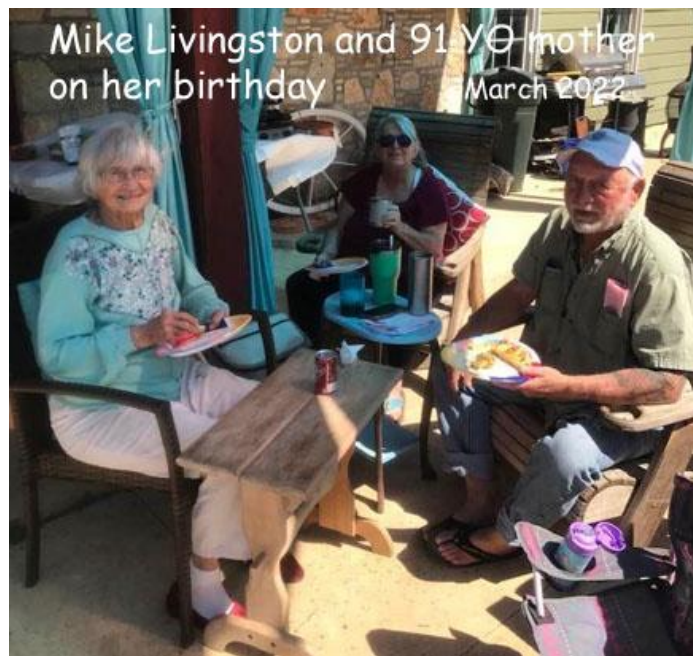
Ron Meitzen
Birthday Mar 2022



Tim Borden Ann
March 2022



March 2022
Gordon Carver after surgery



Mike Livingston and 91 YO mother
on her birthday March 2022



Austin before I-35





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Study Finds Higher Rates of Cancer Among Aviators

Former Air Force aviators are more likely than the overall U.S. population to be diagnosed and die from certain conditions, according to a recent study. A VFW-supported law approved last year mandates that more studies are conducted.

BY DAVE SPIVA



The Air Force's Thunder Birds perform an air show during the 2021 U.S. Air Force Academy graduation ceremony on May 26, 2021, in Colorado Springs, Colo. An Air Force study found that the service's aviators are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from certain cancers than the general U.S. population.

Air Force aviation veterans were reported to have higher rates of cancers than the service's officers and the U.S. general population, according to an Air Force study published in January.

The report, titled *Cancer Incidence and Mortality Among Fighter Aviators in the United States Air Force*, stated Air Force pilots and crew members who served on aircraft from 1970 to 2004 are more likely than other airmen to have melanoma skin or prostate cancer.

The study, funded by the Air Force's 711th Human Performance Wing, found aviators also are more likely to be diagnosed with and die from those cancers than the overall population of the United States. Air Force pilots and crew members had a:

- 64 percent more chance of dying from melanoma skin cancer.
- 13 percent more chance of dying from prostate cancer.

- 25 percent more chance of being diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer.
- 19 percent more chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer.

The study's authors also found that Air Force aviation veterans had a higher rate of complications from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Specifically, the veterans were:

- 13 percent more likely to be diagnosed with the disease.
- 32 percent more likely to die from the disease.

In the report, the study's authors recommended that the Air Force provide better ways for aviators to combat melanoma skin cancer, prostate cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The authors also said more research is needed to examine decommissioned Air Force aircraft that had instruments painted with radium.

A VFW-approved provision in the *National Defense Authorization Act of 2021, P.L. 116-283*, directed the military to conduct a study to determine if cancer is more prevalent in aviators exposed to radiation than similarly aged men and women who are not military aviators. The congressionally directed study is being conducted by the Defense Health Agency.

A report of the Department of Defense's study will publish later this year, according to a press release from Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who along with Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), authored the provision in last year's *National Defense Authorization Act*. ☛

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Definition of War

"War is a place where young people who don't know each other and don't hate each other kill each other, by the decision of old people who know each other and hate each other, but don't kill each other."

- Erich Hartman

****Websites of Interest****

BOMBS AWAY!

History of the C-130:

[The History of the C-130 Hercules | Heavy Metal | Popular Mechanics](#)

Air Force Singing Sergeants, Lee Greenwood:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gs0fxy8rHo8>

Austin 1965-1995:

[DO YOU REMEMBER AUSTIN \(BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS\).avi](#)

Video of Austin in 1970's & 80's

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/texas/austin/1960s-video-austin/?fbclid=IwAR1-MxMwnMe70bKzcKqZ6exdTHdn9UHNLDhR-IIHMNR93YNZ-FxghaOnIFl>

High Flight by John Denver:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1xNGgWNRUf8#>

Video of Austin, done by Jimmy Fallon: Around Austin & UT

Turn up the sound...great

<https://www.facebook.com/31732483895/posts/10157936267183896?vh=e&d=n&sfns=mo>

Videos and Photos from 20 Year Reunion: 23-24 Sept 2016

1. Friday Night Video of event that was held at Camp Mabry: **4:40 min video**

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/175270462542104?view=permalink&id=1054743661261442>

2. Saturday Video at the Reunion: **18:27 min Video**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175270462542104/>

3. Photos: **200 pictures**

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/924outlaws/sets/>



924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (647 Names)

Revised 03 April 2022

New & Changed Addresses:

See website roster

Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website

www.924tfg.com

Password: **Outlaws...** "all lower case"

Will email the Roster upon request



924 Outlaw
over range
near Corpus Christi



***Happy Trails to you until we meet
again... <https://g.co/kgs/3FJhs4>***

Dat...Dat...Dhat's all folks