

Subject: 924th MONTHLY BULLETIN..June 2018

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*I am an American Airman: Wingman, Leader, and Warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, and I will not fail.*



Once an Outlaw, Always an Outlaw



OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



ALSO ON 924 WEBSITE



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

*Distance and time may separate us
but friendship and memories won't*

Dedicated to those who have invested their lives to the cause of Freedom in America! God Bless our Men and Women who are (or Have) in any way or manner served to protect our Great Nation and the freedom we have. And God Bless the United States of America



924 Photo Albums *(Sets)*

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 June 2018, since July 2007

Photos

431,902 views

Photo stream

16,509 views

Albums

19,287 views

Total

467,698 views

www.Flickr.com charges \$24.95 per year to keep the OUTLAW Photo Albums on their website.

PAID the \$25 annual Flickr photo site fee on 15 Nov 17

OUTLAW WEB SITE:

www.924tfg.com (password: *Outlaws*)... **O** is capital

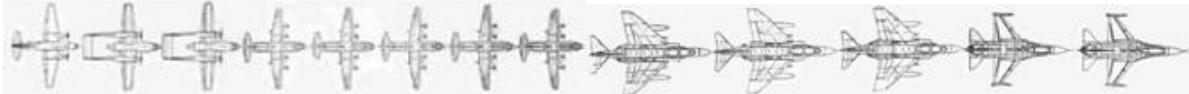
20,176 Visitors since Jan 09

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

Paid 30 Jan 2018: Webmaster Maintenance Fee \$120 p/year (next due Jan 2019)

PAID 22 Feb 2018: Domain Registration \$23.90 for 2 years, (next due 31 Mar 2020)



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 **48** funerals.

Jim Chapman is the POC for collecting funds and sending the flowers. jchapman90@austin.rr.com

Send donations to: Make out check to [Jim Chapman](#)

Jim Chapman

145 Oak Ridge Dr.

Cedar Creek, TX 78612

*****NOTE:** *No donations needed at this time for flower fund.*

Webmaster Fee: Paid the annual fee of \$120 on 30 Jan 2018

As of January 2018, Jim Houston, **Webmaster** for www.924tfg.com, began charging for maintaining the 924 website. It is only \$10 a month (\$120 p/year).

I am asking for donations to utilize Jim's services.

Thanks, Outlaws Keeper of the Flame ecopher@satx.rr.com

Ed Copher



924 Quarterly Luncheon: Madelle Sherry is POC for luncheons.

Date: **11 July has been canceled (see below for new date and new location)**

Madelle vmsherry@att.net

924 Mini-Reunion/Quarterly Luncheon: 28 July

Date: Saturday **28 July** 2018

Time: 1100-1700

Location: Tilmon Community Club (**South of Bastrop, East of Lockhart, and North of Luling**)
1957 FM 3158
Dale, Texas

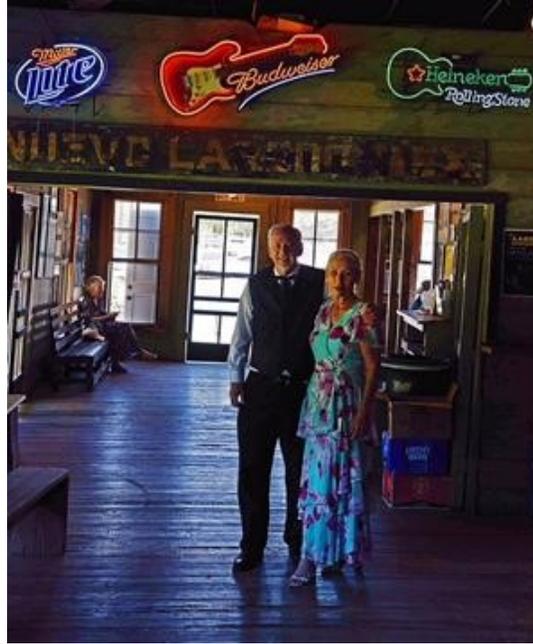
- Meal will **cost \$10.00 a person**
- Please let us know by (No later than) 13 July 18
- Camping site located 3 miles from Community Center
- Community Center has a handicap ramp and **air conditioning**
- Drinks, ice provided
- Bring lawn chairs if you want too!
- BYOB if you want too!
- Located near McMahan, Texas

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Ed Copher got married to Stella Holley: 9 May 2018



Message from Steve Liarakos:

Subject: Thank you

I was reading the latest 924th Monthly Bulletin and realized I owed a debt of gratitude to you and probably others for my Air Force career. Without the examples and mentoring you all provided, I would never have continued on with my career following the Bergstrom base

closure. I transferred to the 610 SFS at JRB Ft. Worth and spent some quality time in the middle east following 911. I think I finally was affording the opportunity to serve my Country thanks to the training and mentoring I got with the 924th. Thank you once again....God bless you and your families. If you should happen to be in Austin or plan to attend the quarterly 924th luncheon, I would love to shake your hands and thank you in person

Mando receiving award at UT Banquet with Retired Admiral McRaven



New Military ID card hassles:

It now takes about 2 months to get a new military ID Card at AF installations.

There is a new AFI that directs all persons to have an "appointment" before getting ID cards, with no walk in's allowed. They will not answer the phone, Randolph AFB has a recorded message saying no walk in's allowed, must have appointment made online, and says go to www.rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil

BUT: the website is only accessible from military computers!

To get an appointment; I had a friend that works on Randolph go to the ID card section, and he had them call me. The earliest appointment was 11 July.

I heard that Ft Sam took walk in's, they will not answer their phone, so I drove to Ft Sam.

No walk in's allowed, same deal, no appointments until July. Of course, it is apart of Randolph now as Joint Base San Antonio, Base commander is AF.

All folks with SSN on their ID card need to get new ones issued.

This is so crazy. What if you lose your ID, then you can't even get on base.

Some Generals need to know about this BS, all the way up to the Pentagon. Whoever approved this AFI needs to be relieved of that position. Ugh!!!

PS: I have now learned that it is no hassle at Army or National Guard bases. Camp Mabry in Austin, normally no line, takes about 10 minutes, and do not take appointments, first come first served. The way it should be!

Air Force BDU Uniform change: Will be same as Army

<https://www.facebook.com/AirmanMagazine/videos/10155162621826191/>

Message from Gary Watt:

Hello Ed, Marvin Christian mentioned to me this week about contacting you to get signed up to receive the 924th Monthly Bulletin. It occurred to me that I made that request in my email intro to you last month, but perhaps you didn't receive it. Is there anything else I need to do to receive the bulletin please?

Good morning, Ed. I served as a C-130A pilot in the 924th at Ellington AFB from 1972-1973. I was told that Tom Kosh and I were the first two pilots recruited "off the street" for the 924th in late 1970 in a new USAF program at the time for AFRES to grow their pilot numbers due to a slump in sign ups from pilots coming off active duty. I went to OTS in January 1971, then UPT at Craig AFB, AL from April 1971 to May 1972, then C-130A combat crew training at Ellington in May 1972. I began flying with the 704th in June 1972. My

employer transferred me to Denver, CO in December 1973 and I assumed I would be reassigned to an AFRES C-130 squadron flying out of Warren AFB near Cheyenne, WY. However, AFRES was downsizing their officer ranks post Vietnam and I was unfortunately transferred to inactive reserve status for the remainder of my commitment.

Totally by coincidence, I ran into Roy Wiederkehr at a veteran's luncheon last November at the new Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington. He in turn invited me to the local reunion lunch last January.

Can you please add me to the email newsletter mailing list?

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Thanks,
Gary



[Bergstrom RF-4C at Del Valle High School recently replenished:](#)



[*Websites of Interest***](#)**

[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/>



924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (647 Names)

Revised 03 June 2018

New & Changed Addresses:

See website roster

Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website

www.924tfg.com

(Password: *Outlaws*)...**O** is capital

Will email the Roster upon request



Outlaw low level, at range near Corpus Christi

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