



*Once an Outlaw, Always an Outlaw*



## OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



*ALSO ON 924 WEBSITE*

*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



2013

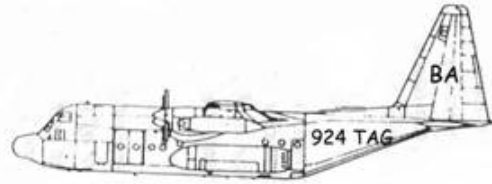
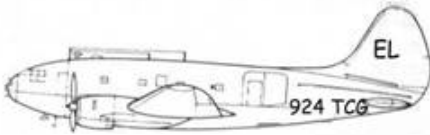
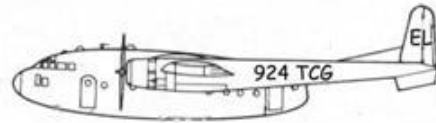
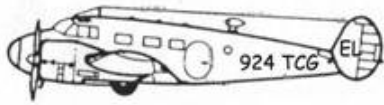
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*Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"*



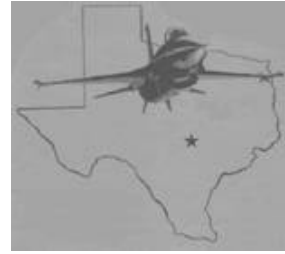
# CHRISTMAS PICTURE



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*Birds of a Feather...Flock Together*



Listen to music as you read the newsletter

The Warrior Song...

[Click Here http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITs6a0ORdQU&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITs6a0ORdQU&feature=player_embedded)  
To all of the United States Armed Forces, with thanks. - Marching Snare Drums

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pfCFU3Mqww&feature=related> “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” by The Andrew Sisters, then click on the Minimize minus sign (-) at the top right corner of your screen. It will then go back to the newsletter with music playing. When finished listening to music, go to desktop home page, on the bottom tool bar, right click [The Andrew Sisters...](#) then select *close*.



**924<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve**  
**The Unit That Refuses to Disband**



## 924 Photo Albums (Sets)

**36 Albums....1883 Photos**

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

*Click on each photo to enlarge*

**View counts 05 Dec 13**

	So far today	Yesterday	All time
Photos and Videos	72	133	133,968
Photostream	0	0	14,395
Sets	1	0	14,018
Collections	0	0	0
Galleries	0	0	0
	<b>73</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>162,456</b>

**\*\*\*FYI\*\*\*** [www.Flickr.com](http://www.Flickr.com) charges \$24.95 per year to keep the OUTLAW Photo Albums on their website.

**\*\*Paid the one year fee on 15 Nov 2013\*\***

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## OUTLAW WEB SITE:

[www.924tfg.com](http://www.924tfg.com) (password: outlaws)

**8,196 Visitors since Jan 09**

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

### **924th Webmaster Says...**



#### **924 Website and Photos site FEES:**

*Jim Houston, who lives in Tampa, is the 924 webmaster, he designed the website, and does all the updates etc.*

**Website Hosting** is done by [GoDaddy](#) at a cost of \$76 for two years (***I just paid the \$76 on 10 Sept 13***)

**Domain Name:** There is an annual charge for keeping the Domain Name [www.924tfg.com](http://www.924tfg.com) which is about \$15 p/yr (***Paid up until Mar 2014***)

**Photos Site:** I also pay for the [924 Photos](#) on the [Flicker site](#) which is \$25 p/yr (***Due 15 Nov of each year***)

*Donations are appreciated*

Ed Copher

242 Toye Blvd

Canyon Lake, TX 78133



## 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 **29** funerals.

*Jim Chapman is the POC for collecting funds and sending the flowers. [jchapman90@austin.rr.com](mailto:jchapman90@austin.rr.com)*

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

Jim Chapman

145 Oak Ridge Dr.

Cedar Creek, TX 78612

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**Dorothy Shepperson:** Submitted by Col. Eustace

17 Nov 13 (924 Commanders Secretary)

Marc Shepperson wrote me an e-mail to tell me that Dorothy had passed away. That sure took by breath away. I was not aware that she had any health issues. I spoke with her a few months ago and she sounded great. I have included a short cut to her obituary. God Bless Dorothy.

Dick

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary-search.aspx?affiliateId=844&daterange=30&lastname=shepperson>

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**Tim Erdmann Retirement from Seymour-Johnson AFB**

I will be retiring on 10 Jan 14. My Military Retirement is 7 Dec 13. New email: [ferdmann@gmail.com](mailto:ferdmann@gmail.com)

Timmy

CMSgt TF Erdmann

Superintendent, 916 MXS



**BRIDGEMAN GENERAL TG DAVIS**  
*United States Air Force Reserve*

*Requests your presence at a  
military retirement ceremony honoring*

**CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT TIMOTHY F. ERDMANN**

*on the occasion of his retirement  
from the United States Air Force  
on Saturday, the seventh day of December  
two thousand and thirteen  
at three o'clock in the afternoon  
Hangar 4909  
Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina*

*Reception immediately following*

*RSVP: SSM Sgt Shirley Wilcox by 20 Nov 13*  
*Commercial: 919-722-8606 Military: Duty Uniform*  
*DSN: 722-8606 Civilians: Casual Attire*  
*Email: shirley.wilcox.2@us.af.mil*

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Charlie Torruella's 924<sup>th</sup> Reunion/Fasching Party:



Charlie Torruella's House  
Spicewood, TX

924th Reunion/ Fasching Party  
09 Nov 2013



My grandson Alex and me. Our 14<sup>th</sup> year marching in the [Austin Veteran's Day Parade!!](#)

When we started, he was just 2 years old and we would pull him along in a wagon.

Now he is as tall as I am and I figure one day he may have to pull Me in a wagon. LOL

*'Manda*

**Armando O. Blanco**

**Supervisor, UT Carpenter Shop**



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[Dennis Walter...Ex-924/ now ART at 301<sup>st</sup> Carswell](#)

Just wanted to let you know that Dennis is once again deployed. This time to Afghanistan. Our son Denny is deployed with him as well. He will be back at some point early next year. He is still able to check his personal email so if anyone would like to drop him a line I know he would appreciate it.

Thank you for all you do,

Audrey Walter





**Martin Garcia Retirement from National Weather Service:** Ex-924 Avionics

Martin Garcia, ESA at WFO El Paso Area, will be retiring on **January 3, 2014** after nearly 37 years of federal service. We have planned a retirement dinner in his honor at the **State Line BBQ restaurant in El Paso, Texas at 5:00 PM on January 21, 2014** (details on attached flyer). We hope that you will join us in wishing Martin well as he prepares for the next chapter of his life's journey.

You can email Martin at [martin.garcia@noaa.gov](mailto:martin.garcia@noaa.gov)... at least for a couple more weeks

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**OPM Retirement News:**



**GREAT NEWS!!!** Retired Federal employees and entitled surviving family members of deceased Federal employees and retirees will receive a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) effective December 1, 2013, which will be first reflected in their benefit payable January 2, 2014. Under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), the Organization Retirement and Disability System (ORDS), the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and the FERS Special, the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) will be 1.5 percent for those who have received benefits for at least one year. The 1.5 percent increase was determined by computing the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for urban wage earners and clerical workers from the third quarter average of 2011 to the third quarter average of 2012, as provided by the [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics](http://www.bls.gov).

**DON'T FORGET IT IS OPEN SEASON FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS**

**The 2013 Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season is from November 11, 2013 through December 9, 2013**

Visit the Open Season Online website for Federal Retirees and Survivor Annuitants by accessing <https://retireefehb.opm.gov>. To access the website you must register using your CSA/CSF claim number and the last four digits of your Social Security Number. During the registration process you will create a user id and password for the open season website. The site allows you to use convenient self-service tools for making an Open Season change, request health plan information and/or make other retirement related transactions such as correspondence and email address updates and dependent information updates. You can also dial our toll-free Open Season Express number (interactive voice response system) at 1-800-332-9798. Once you access <https://retireefehb.opm.gov>; you can also chat with a Customer Service Representative using Live Help or send a web mail message which will be answered by a Customer Service Representative.

OPM Retirement Services offers a mobile website for the Federal Employee Health Benefit Open Season. This enhancement brings all of the features of the website to the palm of your hand. The mobile website will be available during the open enrollment window at <https://retireefehb.opm.gov/mobile>.

Remember to visit [Services Online](#) for an easy and secure way to manage your retirement account. Please note Services Online cannot be used for Open Season transactions.

Retirement Services

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**Email Preferences**

This is a service email from the U. S. Office of Personnel Management. You are receiving this e-mail because you provided your e-mail address and indicated you wanted to receive e-mail notices and updates from us.

To ensure delivery of future messages from OPM Retirement Services, please add no-reply@opm.gov to your safe senders list.

**Contact us about this email**

Please do not reply to this email. If you have questions concerning your retirement annuity, please log on to [Services Online](#) or call Retirement Services at 1-888-767-6738.

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**Texas Capitol Vietnam Monument**

*Please let us know if you plan to attend the monument dedication by clicking this link. There is no*

cost, and you will not need a ticket, but this helps us in our planning process! Thank you.

## [Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Dedication](#)

[tcvwm.eventbrite.com](http://tcvwm.eventbrite.com)

TEXAS CAPITOL VIETNAM VETERANS MONUMENT DEDICATION "Welcome Home Texas Vietnam Veterans Day" March 29, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. During the 1960s America called hundreds of thousands of Texans to military service in the Vietnam War. Now Texas will welcome them home with the

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## [Special Cruise Discounts for Military:](#)

[www.VacationsToGo.com](http://www.VacationsToGo.com)

>From time to time, Vacations To Go is able to negotiate special discounts or shipboard credits on select sailings for **active, reserve or retired members of the U.S. military as well as veterans.**

In honor of Veterans Day, I am pleased to present special military rates and shipboard credits on the following cruise lines. Click any line below for that company's eligibility requirements and to see our special military discounts:

[Carnival](#)

[Celebrity](#)

[Costa](#)

[Croisieres de France](#)

[Cunard](#)

[Disney](#)

[Holland America](#)

[MSC](#)

[Norwegian](#)

[Ponant Yacht Cruises](#)

[Princess](#)

[Pullmantur](#)

[Royal Caribbean](#)

Please note that cruise lines limit these deals to new bookings only. They are subject to availability and restrictions may apply. Proof of military status must be provided at the time of booking.



[http://images.military.com/NL\\_WK/1,14845,7684,00.html](http://images.military.com/NL_WK/1,14845,7684,00.html)

## MILITARY REPORT

— The Military's Largest Benefits Update —

**Military Report** is the most comprehensive military benefits and quality-of-life newsletter for military personnel and retirees. Make sure that you and your colleagues [subscribe](#) for this free update publication. <http://www.military.com/LeadForms/NewsLetterSignup?newsletter=13>

**Reserve Retirement "New Rules":** <http://askjune.military.com/2010/07/new-rules-about-guard-and-reserve-retirement.html>

**Reserve Retirement Point Chart:** *(before age 60 folks only)*

Reserve Personnel Contact Center 1-800-525-0102 or via the virtual Personnel Center-Guard Reserve website at <https://arpc.afrc.af.mil/vPC-GR/>

Go to the AFRC link and it will direct you to Air Reserve Personnel Center-**Retirements/Separations**.

Everything you need including the point chart for 2010.

**Reserve Benefits:** [http://www.militarybenefits.com/military\\_reserve.html](http://www.militarybenefits.com/military_reserve.html)

**Reserve Benefits and other Information:**

[http://search.military.com/search?q=Reserve+and+Guard+Newsletter&search\\_string=&site=military&client=military&proxystylesheet=military&output=xml\\_no\\_dtd&access=p&filter=1&entqr=3&tabname=military&words=Reserve+and+Guard+Newsletter&dne=&rad=50&x=55&y=11&ie=UTF-8&ip=172.30.3.185&sort=date%3AD%3AL%3Ad1&oe=UTF-8&ud=1&start=0](http://search.military.com/search?q=Reserve+and+Guard+Newsletter&search_string=&site=military&client=military&proxystylesheet=military&output=xml_no_dtd&access=p&filter=1&entqr=3&tabname=military&words=Reserve+and+Guard+Newsletter&dne=&rad=50&x=55&y=11&ie=UTF-8&ip=172.30.3.185&sort=date%3AD%3AL%3Ad1&oe=UTF-8&ud=1&start=0)

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**OUTLAW Newsletters in Archives:** *To view the last 12 months newsletters*

Go to [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) (click on the URL link in blue)

On the Yahoo home page, select **Sign-In**

Type in Yahoo ID: [afresreserves924th@yahoo.com](mailto:afresreserves924th@yahoo.com)

Type in Password: **outlaws**

After Signed In, back on the Yahoo home page, select **MAIL**

When you get into the mail box, select **Inbox** (on left side window)

Select the newsletter that you want to view.

To get out of Mail, under the top toolbar, find Yahoo! click on that to get back to the home page.

**“ALSO”**

**Newsletters are on 924 Website:** *Past month's newsletters*

Go to 924 Website, click on Newsletters, password (*outlaws*)

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**\*\*\*Websites of Interest\*\*\***

**Veterans Salute:**

Fitting and touching tribute to our military. Listen carefully when Sgt McKensie sings in Scottish English. TURN UP YOUR SOUND, WATCH FULL SCREEN...

Click here: [Mansions!](#)

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**F-16 Site**

You all may find this information interesting.

<http://www.f-16.net/g3/f-16-photos/album38/album128/adi>

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**Amazing Photos of AF 747 crash in the desert**

You may have known about this, but I never heard, nor read a thing about this until now.

It's a testament to the human spirit....

<http://www.amazingoasis.org/2013/11/i-noticed-this-tiny-thing-on-google.html>

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**Year of My Birth (Fascinating!)**

AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION.

The screen is going to fade to black; have your glasses on, you'll be pleasantly surprised with this one...

Type the year only!!

Then click the question (?) mark!

Sit back and enjoy!!

Click [Year of your birth](#)

IT MOVES BY ITSELF.

EVERYONE SHOULD SEE THIS - IT IS WONDERFUL

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**Vietnam Video:** Who we are.....

Click on link in blue:

**Ballad of the Green Brets...1966** SSGT Barry Sadler

Thought you might like this.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y5GDvN9\\_OE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y5GDvN9_OE)

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**Aviation Buffs:**

Even if you are not into this you might want to pass this treasure trove on to others who are. Click on any of the blues:

- [Aviation](#) [Pioneers](#)
  - [World](#) [War I Aces](#)
  - [Hall](#) [of Fame of the Air](#)
  - [WW2](#) [European Theater \(ETO\)](#)
  - [WW2](#) [Pacific Theater \(PTO\)](#)
  - [WW2](#) [US Marine Corps](#)
  - [WW2](#) [US Navy Aces](#)
  - [WW2](#) [Mediterranean \(MTO\)](#)
  - [WW2](#) [German Aces](#)
  - [Korean](#) [War Aces](#)
  - [Russian](#) [Aces](#)
  - [Vietnam](#) [Era Aces](#)
  
  - [Airplanes](#)
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    - [WW2](#) [German Planes](#)
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    - [WW2](#) [Medals](#)
    - [WW2](#) [Museums](#)
    - [WW2](#) [Pictures](#)
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**John Wayne and the Pledge of Allegiance**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Jf3MQpfBc>

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**Great Music Video:** Military/Miami Dolphin Cheerleaders

The Miami Dolphin cheerleaders sent the US Troops in Afghanistan a music video and they sent one back...mimicking them almost to

perfection. SO cool!!! Plus the Soldiers light off a four point deuce mortar as a point of punctuation. Soldiers win...hands down!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7zdr-82WAo>

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**Virtual Aircraft Encyclopedia:**

<http://www.aviastar.org/index2.html>

**General Dynamics F-16:** [http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/general\\_f-16.php](http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/general_f-16.php)

**McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom II:** [http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/mcdonnell\\_phantom.php](http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/mcdonnell_phantom.php)

Lockheed C-130 Hercules: [http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/lok\\_hercules.php](http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/lok_hercules.php)

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**RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 DEC 2013**

Read the **Articles** go to the web site at: [http://post\\_119\\_gulfport\\_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html](http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html)



## **924 RECALL ROSTER**

Known Whereabouts: (689 Names)

Revised 05 Dec 13

**New & Changed Addresses:**

*See website roster*

**Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website – [www.924tfg.com](http://www.924tfg.com)**

(Password: *outlaws*)

*Will email the Roster upon request*

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