



NOTE: The newsletter has changed format:

A web site was constructed to contain all the “Static” information that is normally in the newsletters each month. The monthly newsletter will continue to be sent out, but with just current up-dated information. The roster of names, with email address, can be viewed on the Yahoo.com email site (*see below for how to view Newsletter/E-Mail Archives*)

924th Web site URL: <http://924tfg.izfree.com/>

*Just above the Airplane pictures click on: **History, Photos, In Memoriam, Guestbook, Miscellaneous, Links***

Make sure and sign the [Guestbook!!](#)

Thanks to Jim Houston for being the 924th Webmaster.



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KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE

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

*To serve our nation, reservist make sacrifices to go above and beyond the commitments of civilian life --
balancing the demands of family, civilian employment, and military service*

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 .

For God and Country We Associate Ourselves Together for the Following Purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in World Conflicts; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



We live in the **"Land of the Free"** because of the **"BRAVE"**

**Honor those who protect us!!!
Pray they may come home alive.
Remember those who sacrificed all.
Live life worthy of their legacy.**

Listen to music as you read the newsletter.

Click Here ["Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole - listen for free"](#), and 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 your desktop home page, on the bottom tool bar, right click [Facebook/So...](#) then select close.



924th Air Force Reserve
The Unit That Refuses to Disband

OUR PRAYER



"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us.

Amen." www.presidentialprayerteam.org

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND HER HEROS.....

Thought's for the Day

"If It Weren't For the United States Military"

"There Would Be NO United States of America "

The willingness with which our young people of America are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified or popular for our safety and freedom, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by our nation!.. George Washington

The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten!.. President Calvin Coolidge

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, and quietly building new structures... President John F. Kennedy

*And any man who may be asked what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: **I served in the United States Military!**..John F. Kennedy*

"The Liberties of our Country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending against all hazards: and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks" ... Samuel Adams

We sleep safely in our beds because our military stands ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm."



Ed Copher, "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!"

MISSION STATEMENT

To foster, encourage, and support the perpetuation of the legend, history, and camaraderie associated with the 924th FW, the greatest Unit ever.

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MOTTO

One Team, One Force, One Family...One Great Unit
The Older We Get the Better We Were!!!

What We Believe...

- **Vision:** Citizen Airmen fully engaged in Global Vigilance, Reach and Power
- **Mission:** To provide Citizen Airmen to defend the United States and protect its interests through Aerospace Power
- **Core Values:** Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do
- **Core Competencies:** Developing Citizen Airmen, Technology-to-Warfighting and Integrating Operations
- **Distinctive Capabilities:** Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority, Agile Combat Support

924 Flower Fund: "Need Donations"..... running low on funds.

The purpose is to send a nice flower arrangement to all 924th funerals.

The ribbon will read; "924th BAFB". A flower arrangement has been sent to the last 13 funerals.

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

924 Member in Need of Assistance: Ernie Mireles has Liver Cancer and in need of some financial assistance

From: "The Keeper of the Flame"

Ernie Mireles who was an ART in 924th Maint Supply (MSL), a Vietnam Veteran. He has cancer and is in need of some financial assistance. He only gets a small Civil Service Retirement check each month. He could use some 924th folks *donations* to help pay for gas and food on treatment trips to MD Anderson Hospital twice a month. His home address is listed below.

--Ed

Ernest "Ernie" Mireles mireles1949@yahoo.com 512-496-9437

300 Ranier Lane

Round Rock , TX 78665

Retirement Ceremony for CMSgt Esther Richards:

I would like to announce my upcoming retirement ceremony scheduled for 20 February 2009 at 1500 hours at the Sheppard Club, Sheppard AFB Texas. General OG Mannon will officiate my ceremony and I want everyone to know that the 924th was a main reason I stayed in the Reserve and was fortunate enough to retire on active duty under the Active Guard and Reserve program after 33 years. My new email address is: kforoppie@yahoo.com

ESTHER C. RICHARDS, CMSgt, USAF

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Comm 940-676-6707
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SUZY WOLLEK RETIREMENT: 30 JAN 2009

Suzy retired from Civil Service at Fort Hood , Texas

Cell Phones National “Do Not Call” list:

I called the toll free number and got it accomplished in just a few seconds. Thought it might be noteworthy to pass on.

--Ed

Call the following number from your cell phone: 888-382-1222.

It is the National DO NOT CALL list. It will only take a minute of your time. It blocks your number for five (5) years. **You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked.** You cannot call from a different phone number.

924 Airlifter Annual Reunion Dinner in Houston:

Was Held on Friday 30 Jan 2009

The Houston Airlifter Bunch will probably have their annual reunion dinner the last Friday of January 2009. Everyone is invited. You may mention this so they can be on lookout for the invitations. You may call Ed Bailey at 713-782-3959 for information. Also, Dave Freeman at 713-661-0712, Also, Curt Everett at 713-666-0991. Also, Billy DeWitt at 281-585-3941. Thanks Ed, for all your good work keeping us together.

Thanks, Billy DeWitt



Austin, Texas
Your National Weather Service forecast



NOAA/924th National Weather Service: About 15 former 924th folks work for the NOAA!!!!

Austin Current Weather: <http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Austin&state=TX&site=EWX&textField1=30.267&textField2=-97.743&e=1>

Dennis Walter Promoted to CMSGT: *In Alaska with F-22's*

03 Jan 08

The temps here in Alaska keep dropping. Our high has been a chilly -8 degrees. We started the New Year off with a great start though. It is official and on his sleeve, Dennis has made CMSGT. At the end of the month we are going to celebrate it by going to Hawaii for a couple of weeks (I need a little sunshine!). Snowmobiling is awesome. And we try to go every chance we get. Everything else is going great. Thanks so much for keeping us informed of all that is going on. I pray all our Air Force families have a wonderful and prosperous New Year.

Audrey Walter



[Vietnam War Resources, Data Site:](#)

Lot 's of photos and information

Click here: <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/Vietnam.html>



[Statistics about the Vietnam War](#)

Interesting information about statistics and myths associated with the Vietnam War... <http://www.vhfcn.org/stat.html>

[FIRST PRESIDENT TO SKIP BALL HONORING MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS IN OVER 50 YEARS](#)

[Obama Snubs Nation's Heroes, Becomes the First President to Skip Ball Honoring Medal of Honor Recipients in Over 50 Years](#)

Submitted by Julie on January 21, 2009 - 10:13pm.

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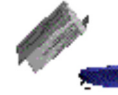
[Barack Obama may have stumbled over his words briefly during his inauguration, but he made an even bigger blunder later Tuesday evening.](#)

[The newly sworn-in President opted not to appear at what should have been one of the most important Balls on his agenda that evening -](#)

["The Salute to Heroes Inaugural Ball."](#)

[The Salute to Heroes Inaugural Ball was begun in 1953 for President Dwight Eisenhower's inauguration. The event recognized recipients of the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award. There were 48 Medal of Honor recipients in attendance, who were undoubtedly disappointed by the new Commander-in-Chief's failure to show. Over the past 56 years and 14 inaugurations, no President has skipped this event - until now.](#)





*****MAIL CALL*****

NONE

****WEB SITES OF INTEREST****

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C-130 Web Site Links

- C-130 Fact Sheet: <http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?fsID=92>
- All C-130's Inventory Listing: <http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/articles/AllHerks.xls>
- C-130 Inventory Listing/AMARC/Aircraft Losses in Vietnam/Aircrew Losses in Vietnam : <http://www.spectrumwd.com/c130/article.htm>
- C-130 History: http://www.globalaircraft.org/planes/c-130_hercules.pl
- C-130 Data & Unit Locations: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/ac/c-130.htm>
- Herky Nose Art: <http://www.herkynoseart.com/links.html>
- The Aviation Zone: <http://www.theaviationzone.com/factsheets/c130.asp>
- C-130 History of Recent Aircraft by BuNo: <http://members.aol.com/rsacchi001/gulf/c130.html>
- Sam's C-130 Page: <http://hometown.aol.com/SamC130/>
- Over 2000 pictures of C-130's: www.airlines.net
- C-130 Forum: History and many C-130 pictures from all over the world.
<http://forum.keypublishing.co.uk/showthread.php?s=f340075912f907df03d857a401693ea8&t=30451&highlight=herk>
- C-130 Landing on Aircraft Carrier: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfwJJD5jGXk>
- C-130 Carrier OPS: <http://www.aerospaceweb.org/question/history/q0097.shtml>
- C-130, Handling the "Here": <http://www.af.mil/news/airman/0108/herc.shtml>
- Airlifter Web Site: www.troopcarrier.org/home.html
- C-130 Production Line video: <http://science.howstuffworks.com/airplane.htm>
- Herky Birds HQ: <http://herkybirds.com/index.php>
- C-130 Photo Gallery: <http://www.troopcarrier.org/gallery/>

F-16 Web Site Links:

The Ultimate F-16 Reference: http://www.f-16.net/f-16_users_article31.html

F-4 Tributes:

1. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwvZN_DyRc 3:00 min video
2. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQSzBTenN8tY&feature=related> 3:42 min video
3. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNvgW6yKgHQ&feature=related> 1:13 min video
4. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrIRKY8o-ww&feature=related> 1:29 min video
5. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeEwRh-P6HM&feature=related> 4:57 min video

Absolutely the Best Military Photos:

<http://www.tom-phillips.info/images/cool.pics.military.htm>

<http://www.tom-phillips.info/images/cool.pics.military.2.htm>

<http://www.tom-phillips.info/images/cool.pics.military.3.htm>

Where Have All the Phantoms Gone?

Here's an outstanding eight page article on the venerable F-4 Phantom from the 01 Jan 2009 Air & Space Magazine.

Be sure to check the favorable comments on this article from those who flew F-4's:

<http://tinyurl.com/6g36tb>

Opportunity for Flight in WWII Aircraft: Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom Tour

Click on the link below.....1 min video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7I9n9mt0iE&url=http://www.wingsofdreams.org/events.shtml&feature=player_embedded

Mosquito Aircraft Manufacturing-1944: *Made of wood*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rmm37mUJiW4> 3 min video

AC-130 Spectre Gunship Rains on a Taliban Campfire: 2:07 min video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8o3ShhA7vJg>

Amazing German hammer dude: .52 sec video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6A4270p_GeU

Russian Su-30MK: 3:06 min video

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_type=&search_query=Russian+Jet+SU-30MK&aq=f

Cool and Unusual Cars:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMEP109bPwU>

C-17 Aeromedical mission: 5:58 min video

This is a very moving video on medevacing wounded service members from Iraq and Afghanistan . It needs to be viewed the American people so they will really understand what the military does for this country and how they are structured to do it all. It is so well worth watching that I encourage all to pass to many so they can see the care given. Bringing home combat wounded from Bagram in June 2008. Factual video on the C-17 Aeromedical mission.

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/link/bcpid1407952648/bctid1664436922/>

Senior Citizens Military Recall: 1:19 min video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ubki8LyxWH4>

Chandler AZ special stop Grill: Heart Attack Grill

FYI - there is a 30 second TV ad before Grill story starts. (sometimes)

<http://www.cbsnews.com:80/video/watch/?id=4632991n>

1950 - 1982 Jukebox: *This is really cool. Have fun with it.....!!*

Click here: <http://www.tropicalglen.com/>

1960's: *Great photos, music, and facts.*

This is the one of the best presentations of the sixties. It is very well done. Just click on the link and sit back and enjoy the memories.

CLICK HERE. <http://objflicks.com/TakeMeBackToTheSixties.htm>

1950's, Take me back to the 50's:

<http://www.greatdanepro.com/50s/index.htm>

RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 FEB 2009

To read the articles go to the web site at: http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html



924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (650 Names)
Revised 02 Feb 09

New & Changed Addresses:

- Julian Cavaco: (changed) julianacavaco@gmail.com
- Esther Richards: (changed) kforoppie@yahoo.com
- Brad Nelson: (new) brad_nelson_98@yahoo.com
- John Ogden: (changed) johnogden2@gmail.com
- Johnny Weaver: (changed) trap47@hughes.net

E-Mail Roster in Archives: *Past 18 month's newsletters and E-Mail Addresses*

Go to www.yahoo.com (click on the URL link in blue)

On the Yahoo home page, select [Sign-In](#)

Type in Yahoo ID: **afreserves924th** (no caps)

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, on the top gray toolbar, then click on the gray Yahoo! to get back to the home page.
