



*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



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*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"**

View counts as of 01 Feb 2018, since July 2007

Photos
417,420 views
Photo stream
16,476 views
Albums
18,995 views
Total
452,891 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
19,773 Visitors since Jan 09

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

New Fee: Webmaster Maintenance Fee. \$120 p/year (Paid 30 Jan 2018)
Total was \$173.97 p/yr, now plus the new webmaster fee \$120 = **\$293.97**



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 **46** 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: Fee to maintain the 924 website, \$120 p/yr
***** (Paid the annual fee of \$120 on 30 Jan 2018) *****

As of January 2018, Jim Houston, **Webmaster** for www.924tfg.com begin 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
242 Toye Blvd



Walt Thompson: TAPS...924 at Ellington & Bergstrom. SMSgt Flightline Supervisor

Walt once ask me; “who is going to take your place as 924 Keeper of the Flame when you die”. My answer; “sorry Walt, but I will not be worried about that problem”! Ed Copher

Memorial Service:

He was cremated and a grave side memorial service will be held at the Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, near Ft Hood, with full military honors.

DATE: 23 Feb 2018

Time: 2:00 PM *(note be early for visitation)*

Location: Veterans Cemetery
11463 HWY 195
Killeen, TX 76542



Obituary:

Walter Earl Thompson September 8, 1940 - December 15, 2017 Walter Earl Thompson, age 77 of Cedar Park, Texas, passed away on Friday December 15, 2017 after fighting Leukemia and complications of Pneumonia.

Walter was born on September 8, 1940 in Shinnston, West Virginia to Edward Thompson and Heldreth Heloise Thompson.

He joined the United States Air Force in 1959 becoming a Senior Master Sergeant working as an Aircraft Technician.

After a few years he enlisted into the Air Force Reserves and continued his Technician career until his retirement.

He was a proud member of the 924th Tactical Fighter Group.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, 1st Lt Edward Thompson and Heloise Thompson, and siblings Jack Lee Thompson and JoAnn Carter.

He is survived by his wife, Christel Margerite Thompson, his daughter Lisa Ziblay and husband Randy, his stepdaughter Charmeine Taft and husband Danny Taft; stepson James Ritter and wife Stacie Ritter and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In life, his passions were reading and interesting novel, the military, aircraft, and a good NASCAR race, or simply sitting around having conversations with friends and family.

He was a compassionate man who loved those around him deeply, creating a great role model for his grandchildren to look up to.

He cared for and gave attention to those in need regardless of the situation.

He had deep respect for the military and was thankful to those who serve past and present.

He will always be remembered.

Walter's services will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, TX promptly at

2:00 pm.

Born: September 8, 1940 Death: December 15, 2017

924 Quarterly Luncheon: Madelle Sherry is POC for luncheons.

Date to be announced.

Golden Corral located at 12509 N Lamar Blvd. in Austin

From 12:00pm - 1:30pm.

Madelle vmsherry@att.net

Photos of Annual Dinner/Reunion 446 TAW/ 924 TAG: 27 Jan 2018 Monument Inn, LaPorte, TX

Photos submitted by Henry Guidry

https://nis.nikonimagespace.com/html/guest/en/index.html?g=9L6VRYuC3frasVO1M8fBPI2p5lhmx5z0_B-ez2HMDUv7IHiIe6YE-FngxNLcdgQ1N_QJDABXOdj9awYAQH5d2g#grid



Jud Estes Info: NCOIC of Mobility Section

Submitted by Steve Higgs

Jud Estes has been suffering from cognitive decline for several years. My boys and I did allot of fishing/duck hunting with Jud down at Choke Canyon Reservoir during our years together at the 924th. He loved to rough camp, run limb lines, and sleep under the stars by a mesquite campfire. I have maintained contact with him after he retired and moved back to Alabama. I last saw him a year ago in Pensacola, FL when my wife and I ate some oysters with him and Julie. I will let you know when Jud leaves the "surlly bonds of earth". The narrative below is the latest from Julie.

Steve Higgs stevehiggs@earthlink.net 281-639-5162

Friendswood, TX

From Julie, his wife: 02 Jan

Jud had a fairly good sleep last night. Breathing seemed somewhat labored and sleep apnea interrupted, but not in distress. He enjoyed many visitors yesterday, and phone calls. He doesn't participate as much but does enjoy hearing your voices and exchange of memories. A Minister whom we had not met (from our old Methodist Church) came by stayed, talked and he said a prayer with us.

Personal and meaningful for us both (the entire visit was uninterrupted which I felt most unusual and as it should be). Barry and Bart are so very supportive and our family, his Sister calls everyday, and friends loving and kind. The next days will be long but he will be comfortable. He will go to a Home in Prattville tomorrow, just 7 minutes from our house. The Dr finds it unusual for him to still be with us.

I wish I could call and share with each of you rather than by email, but perhaps I can in time.

I know that you all are interested and concerned about Jud so I wanted to bring you up to date the quickest way there is.

Love, Julie

Message from Tom & Judy Garcia:

Brother Ed, this is just a note to let you know that we are back in Rockport, TX. Hurricane Harvey did not bother us hardly at all, had some shingles lost and my fence is somewhere in the county, that is all the damage that we had. WE WERE BLESSED. My new address is: 124 Whistlers Cove Rd, Rockport Texas 78382, E-Mail tomgarcia40@gmail.com, ph# 361 450 1434.

Say hello to every one and God Bless



Victor Facundo by 67th Jet at DelValle High School, newly painted, Jan 18



Veterans can now get dental done at Randolph AFB:

The VA dental clinic's hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; the appointment line number is 652-1707.



Can you relate?



Golf Info Updated: Submitted by Doug Frenzel

NRMGC 2018 Newsletter #2 | [View in browser](#) | [Forward to a Friend](#)



National Retired Military Golf Classic Newsletter #2 for 2018 35th Anniversary Tournament
New Year's greetings fellow comrades in arms and golfing enthusiasts! We trust that everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's celebration and are now ready to get back to the golf courses. We realize that in parts of our country the weather may be prohibiting you from getting onto the links as much as desired, but hopefully most of you have gotten some practice in. Soon the weather will improve and we'll all sharpen our games in preparation for our 35th Anniversary National Retired Military Golf Classic. If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendars for this year's

special event, 29 May – 2 June 2018. Make sure your 35th NRMGC 2018 application is in, and let us know if you don't get word back on being admitted shortly after your application's submission. Our committee met twice in recent months and has been in close contact with the Founders Group International (FGI) and Oceana Resorts teams to ensure we provide you a great package for our 35th anniversary tournament this year. We have ordered the shirts and hats and we think that ya'll are gonna love em'. *Note for women: We decided to discontinue getting the visors because the vast majority of women players have opted for the baseball type hats and we couldn't get all the cool stuff on the visors* We'll also have a new towel this year and a very different goodie bag prize. We have added plans for some special 35th Anniversary drawing prizes along with the normal drawings, registration day raffle, and closest to the pin prizes.

Of course we're sticking with the very popular all prime time tee-time schedules, morning tee-times, and FGI has again agreed that we will be allowed to use as many courses as we need to accommodate our participants with the maximum on each course of about 128... and the **price will remain the same as last year**. We and FGI in coordination with Robin Pringle, Tournament Director with Oceana Resorts will make the determination early in 2018 on how many and which courses we'll play once an estimate of our numbers can be established. The ladies will still play 3 different courses and the men 4 different courses. FGI has assured us that they'll accommodate as many retired military golfers as we can recruit, so if we need more courses than we've had before, we'll get em'. Our committee will start a Facebook page this year and are making efforts to increase our marketing of the tournament with military golf courses and installations around the country...but more than anything we continue to need your help to get the word out and BRING YOUR FELLOW RETIRED MILITARY GOLFING BUDDIES WITH YOU! By far the most successful recruiting comes from your personal, face-to-face testimonies about this great event. And please let your eligible golf buddies know that THERE IS NO WAITING LIST. ALL MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR SPOUSES WILL GET IN IF THEY APPLY. Regardless of the number of players, and hopefully we can bring back a lot of previous players as well as new folks, we will be playing prime courses during prime time without undue delays. All afternoons and evenings will be free for your friends and families to partake in other vacation activities. Also, don't forget that players and family members can enjoy time at Myrtle Beach at significantly reduced prices through Oceana Resorts. Oceana Resorts staff may also be able to assist you with economical hotel packages during the week prior to our tournament. FGI also provides great deals on their lunch/replay programs, so you can contact any of the courses that we are scheduled to play and get in plenty of practice before the tournament.

Your committee, Founders Group International, Oceana Resorts, Alabama Theatre, PGA Tour Superstore, Brown and Associates, Seiko and our other supporters are dedicated to making this year's 35th Anniversary tournament a special memory for each and every player and family member. Also, *special "shout out" to our newest sponsors this year: US Bags, USfalcon, and Kearney & Company*. Other new attractions - new member orientation this year; new winner prizes; beer/soft drink coupons per round per player for post round socializing with fellow players/comrades; competitions during the waiting times for award ceremonies; and of course continued camaraderie on some of the best golf courses around.

And if you're one of our more experienced players, or know some seasoned retired military golf buddies who should be joining us, don't forget that in addition to allowing players over 70 years of age to play from forward tees, we'll have a "**super senior mentors" tee for our players over 80 years young**. Also we're going to give a prize to one of our most experienced players who produces the oldest NRMGC shirt.

So again, we need you to come back and bring plenty of your fellow retired comrades for this year's special event. One thing you can do to assist us in this effort is to pass this newsletter and future newsletters along with your endorsement to all your friends who may be eligible to play, and ask your golf course manager to post our flyer and our newsletters. If you're involved in your military post or base Military Retiree Council, or know someone who is, ask them to announce our tournament in their publications. Also please recommend fellow golf buddies who are interested to visit <http://www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc/> and our Facebook page for more information concerning our great event. It is your event....help us make it grow!

DON'T FORGET: Tell your golf buddies who are signing up for the first time to place your name on the application as the referral and you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate from PGA Tour Superstore, **for each referee**. We'll pay the 2019 tournament application fee for our 2018 player with the most referrals! If your recruit forgets to give you credit on the application, tell him or her

to call or text Al Whatley (910-670-0900) and he'll make sure the correction is made in time. We want you to get your gift certificate(s) for your efforts to keep this tournament growing and vital! OK enough for now. We'll provide another update or two before the tournament and are always available to answer any of your questions. If you haven't registered, get it done and let us know if you need more applications for new recruits. Your loyal participation and camaraderie coupled with your continued efforts to bring fellow military retirees with you to the tournament will keep this event great for another 35 years. Thanks for your service to our nation and thanks for participating in our tournament. May God continue to bless you all and your families.

Sincerely,

The NRMGC Committee:

MG(R) Abraham Turner, Chairman

COL(R) Al Whatley, Director



Afterburner Newsletter ready for Air Force retirees and annuitants:

The **Fall-Winter 2017** edition of the Afterburner, Newsletter for Retired Personnel, is now available.

The newsletter can be viewed by visiting the Air Force Retiree Services website. To do so, copy or type the following address into a new browser window:

<http://www.retirees.af.mil/Library/Afterburner/>

Scroll down and the new edition is under the banner for 2017.

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

Ellington Museum:

<https://www.facebook.com/texas.monthly.magazine/videos/10159297567915364/>

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 01 Feb 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