



F-16 Fighting Falcon  
1991 -1996

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



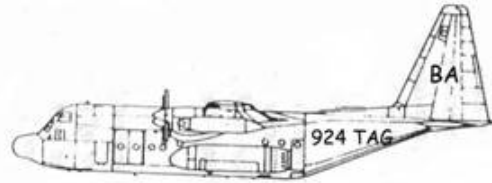
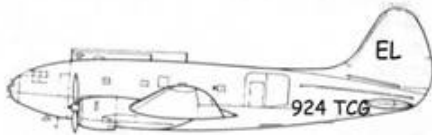
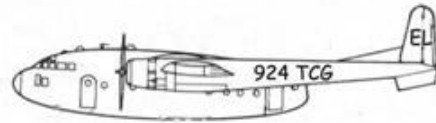
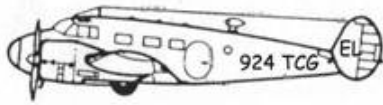
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Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"

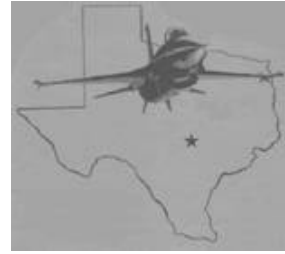




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*Birds of a Feather...Flock Together*



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**





The F-4 picture was taken at the range in south Texas. The plane was mine #649 and the pilot was none other than Mad dog Dave Matson and back seater was Barney. I was given a large copy of that picture. I'm glad I have the only pictures of Dave taking my plane to the bone yard and doing a low pass at Horseshoe Bay. Now that was something. Jerry Stanton

## [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 06 Jan 14**

	So far today	Yesterday	All time
Photos and Videos	1	54	140,567
Photostream	1	0	14,439
Sets	0	0	14,185
Collections	0	0	0
Galleries	0	0	0
	<b>2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>169,191</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](#))

**8,396 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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**Old 924<sup>th</sup> Hunters**



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**Mike Pulis Retirement from Randolph AFB:**

I will be retiring from Civil Service at Randolph on Jan 3, 2014.

Please change my email address to: [mcpulis@verizon.net](mailto:mcpulis@verizon.net)

Michael Pulis

Accessories Branch Chief

12 FTW Randolph AFB, TX

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**Lee Graves has been very ill in Hospital**

12 Dec

Linda's email address is [lindagraves@austin.rr.com](mailto:lindagraves@austin.rr.com) ... her number is 512-784-3942.

I talked to Linda a few minutes ago and she told me that Lee is feeling much better-they have removed all the "tubes" from his body but he still

remains very weak. He lost his right kidney some years ago when he had the bout with the cancer.

Andy Meyer

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**Robins AFB Dec 2013 "Retiree Newsletter" is on top of this newsletter, as an ATTACHMENT**

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***You're Invited!***



Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Dedication  
March 29, 2014  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Texas State Capitol  
Austin, Texas

Forty-one years to the day after the last American troops were in Vietnam, the state of Texas will welcome its Vietnam Veterans home as the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument is dedicated on March 29, 2014. The date has been officially designated as “Texas Vietnam Veterans Day” by the Texas legislature.

The Saturday ceremony and family-friendly “Welcome Home Fair” saluting our state’s Vietnam Veterans at the State Capitol is free and open to the public.

The monument dedication ceremony will occur at 10:00 a.m. on the northeast side of the Capitol grounds. The [Texas Vietnam Heroes Exhibit](#) will be displayed for the public in the Lower Rotunda of the Capitol, and the grounds will include Vietnam-era military equipment and educational exhibits on display throughout the day.

Program and exhibit specifics will be forthcoming soon.

We hope all Texas Vietnam veterans and their families will make plans to attend this event to honor your service to our nation! In order to assist the monument dedication committee in planning this event, we would like to know if you will join us for this momentous occasion.

Please visit this link [EventBrite](#) and let us know that you are coming. There is no cost in attending and you will not need a ticket. The tickets used on EventBrite simply provides us with a head count.

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## [Viet Nam Wall - A little history most people will never know](#)

Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.







[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)



**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**)

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



## [The USAF Band Holiday Flash Mob at the National Air and Space Museum 2013](#)

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

[www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) / <http://airandspace.si.edu>

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### [The Final Mission: The USAF's QF-4 Target Drones](#)

Here's one of the **924th QF-4E 74-643** at Eglin.

[http://www.fencecheck.com/content/index.php?title=The\\_Final\\_Mission:\\_The\\_USAF%92s\\_QF-4\\_Target\\_Drones](http://www.fencecheck.com/content/index.php?title=The_Final_Mission:_The_USAF%92s_QF-4_Target_Drones)

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### [Snow Day at The University of Arkansas....pretty cool](#)

<http://elitedaily.com/humor/entire-frat-house-makes-music-video-katy-perrys-roar-hilarious/>

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### [Low Level Flying](#)

<http://www.warhistoryonline.com/whotube-2/tube-exciting-low-level-flying-likely-see-wwii-aircraft.html>

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### [Old F-16's converted to Drones](#)

[http://msnvideo.msn.com/?channelindex=6&from=en-us\\_msnhp&#/video/674f0677-bb99-40a1-995a-0da8ea013597](http://msnvideo.msn.com/?channelindex=6&from=en-us_msnhp&#/video/674f0677-bb99-40a1-995a-0da8ea013597)

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### [49 Plane Flyover:](#)

Americans historically and by nature have always found a way to overcome adversity. Yesterday in KC, at Arrowhead Stadium, that can do American spirit was on full display. Not able to call on our military for flyovers of events, due to budget battles and politics, a group of civilian pilots put together the largest formation flyover (49 aircraft) of any sporting event in history. Add to that the fact, these were aircraft constructed from kits (RV's) by individuals in their workshops, hangars and garages make this even more impressive. But wait there's more!! All the aircraft trailed pink smoke as they flew over as part of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To all who were involved in making this happen .....

Well done, very well done indeed!!!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VImNBuJW3sQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VImNBuJW3sQ)

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### [I Will Follow Him: Awesome....put your seatbelt on](#)

Lots of talent in all aspects for sure

Click on the blue

[Andre Rieu - I Will](#)

[Follow Him](#)

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### [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](#)
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  - [WW2](#) [Medals](#)
  - [WW2](#) [Museums](#)
  - [WW2](#) [Pictures](#)
  - [WW2](#) [Ships](#)
- [WW2](#) [Weapons](#)

### [John Wayne and the Pledge of Allegiance](#)

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

### [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>

### [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/mcdonnel\\_phantom.php](http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/mcdonnel_phantom.php)

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

### [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 06 Jan 2014

**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*

—Attachments:—

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December 2013 Retiree Newsletter.pdf

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