



*I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, and I will not fail*



924th



**Once an Outlaw, Always an Outlaw**



## OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



2021

19th Year Edition (Established Marchy 2002)



*Happy happy New Year, and Be Well*



**Stay Safe, Be Strong, Be Healthy, and Be Well**



**Military Enlistment Oath:** I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against **all enemies**, **foreign** and **domestic**; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States.

**My Oath of Enlistment has No expiration date!**

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

**"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

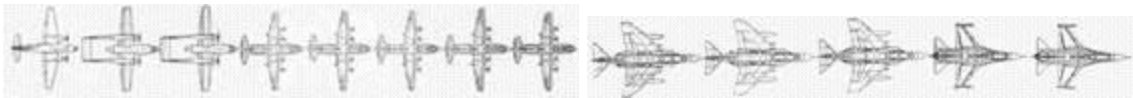
Share them with one and another!

"I'll keep that flame high and the blade ever sharp,

That our friends may never be lost in the dark!"

### **Keeper of the Flame, Song by Miranda Lambert**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ydE6lzad-VQ>



### **Please join the 924 Facebook page:**

Go to Facebook groups, search for: **924<sup>th</sup> TFG**

Ed Copher is the page administrator, and will approve your joining

## **924 Photo Albums**

**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 04 January 2021, since July 2007**

## Total PhotoViews

**600,235** views

[www.Flickr.com](http://www.Flickr.com) charges \$49.99 per year to keep the OUTLAW Photo Albums on their website.

**\*\*\*\*15 Nov 2020 PAID \$49.99 annual Flickr photo site fee**

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## OUTLAW WEBSITE:

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

**23,943 Visitors** since Jan 09

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

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

**04 March 2020 paid: \$14.45** for "Domain Name Registration" annual one year renewal

**4 Sept 2019 paid: GoDaddy website hosting for 2 year renewal: \$286.34**

**30 Jan 2020 paid:** Webmaster Maintenance Fee \$120 p/year

Jim Houston, **Webmaster** for [www.924tfg.com](http://www.924tfg.com), fee for maintaining the 924 website.

It is only \$10 a month (\$120 p/year).

**\*\*\*NOTE:** all donations are appreciated

Ed Copher

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## **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 **61** 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.





**MSgt Richard Phebus:** NCOIC Maint Sq Training Section

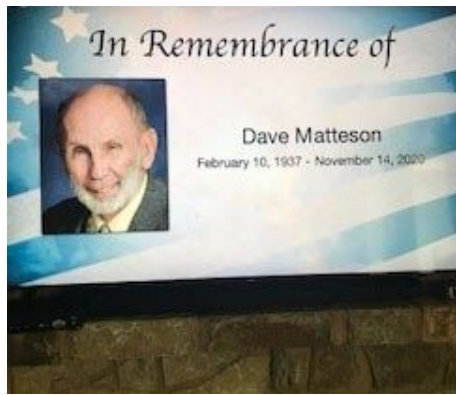
It's with heavy heart that I tell you Richard Phebus passed away peacefully on 23 December 2020. Richard is being cremated and after all family have had the shots for the virus we will take him to the Veterans Cemetery outside of Killeen. He enjoyed getting the 924th newsletter over the years, so thanks for that. Barbara Phebus.

Note from Editor: Richards CB Handle in the 924th at Bergstrom was "The Bus".



**Lt Col Dave Matteson Memorial Service:** Held on 22 Dec 2020 in Harlingen, Texas

Some photos from the virtual memorial service. Included TAPS & 21 Gun Salute







**Message from Dave's Daughter:**

Thank you so much for emailing me and for connecting me to the 924th newsletter. I am so very honored to be included. Thank you as well for the **amazing floral arrangement** sent to and for my dad's memorial service. My mom, sister and I were just blown away by the beauty and thoughtfulness. I have a written thank you note for the 924th coming to your physical address. Please pass on our gratitude to whomever you feel it's appropriate. Before and after my dad's service we have been moving my mom back into their renovated home which had been virtually destroyed by a flood about a year and a half ago. So we have been working hard lately.

Nonetheless, we are so appreciative beyond words for the kindness you all have shown.

Warmest regards,

Jennifer Landau, Daughter of Mad Dog

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**CMSgt Tim Erdmann's wife passed away:** Rest in Peace

Sharon Erdmann's Obituary:

<https://www.howellfuneral.com/obituary/Sharon-Erdmann>

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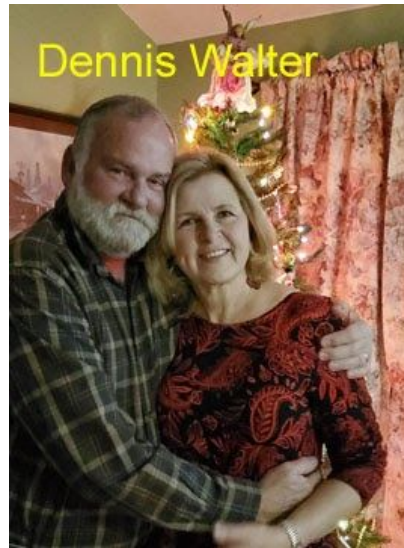
**Chief Willy had a stroke:** 26 Dec 2020

James Williamson is in St Davids Hospital, Austin.

**Update** about Chief Willy as of 02 Jan 2021: He is talking a little more today but sadly still has the fever and continues to fight the infection and therefore is sleeping quite a bit. He remains on antibiotics for the long haul. The TEE test Monday will help determine whether his heart valves are functioning properly moreover there is a concern that the infection could cause an issue with his pacemaker. His arthritis has kicked in and both his ankles are very swollen and painful to the touch. He has some feeling in his left leg which is good. His left eye is still not working well but his face drip has improved. Thanks again for all the thoughts and prayers. Doretta

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**The December 2020 Retiree Newsletter** is now available online. It contains all the information you need to help you prepare for and navigate your way through the coming tax season. We include availability dates for tax statements, information to help you obtain reissues on your tax statements if you misplace them, information that will help you keep your myPay account

current, and information regarding updating your Federal Tax Withholding. The biggest news this quarter for survivors is the upcoming changes to the Survivor Benefit Plan that will eventually eliminate the offset for surviving spouses who are also receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Plus, make sure you check out our articles on this year's Cost of Living Adjustment for Retirees, and CRDP/CRSC Open Season. We also include information from our branch of service partners, including the Air Force Assistance Fund Charities, Army Emergency Relief Support, and Armed Forces Retirement Homes. Finally, we include an article from TRICARE regarding Tricare Select Group A Retiree Enrollment Fee Payments. Please remember, we also have a downloadable PDF version of the newsletter you can share with friends. To access the newsletter, please copy and paste the link below into your internet browser. You will find a list of topics in the newsletter with a brief description of each article. Click on the link in the list of topics for the article you want to read, and the full text will appear. The bottom link in the list of topics is to the downloadable PDF version of the newsletter. <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/newsevents/newsletter>

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**Veterans Benefits Newsletter:**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/2ae5164>

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

# **BOMBS AWAY!**

## **Aircraft Paint Jobs:**

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=59295fe2da&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1687199398758655634&th=176a22e9fc432692&view=att&disp=inline>

## **Air Force Singing Sergeants, Lee Greenwood:**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gs0fxy8rHo8>

## **Austin 1965-1995:**

[DO YOU REMEMBER AUSTIN \(BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS\).avi](#)

## **Video of Austin in 1970's & 80's**

<https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/texas/austin/1960s-video-austin/?fbclid=IwAR1-MxMwnMe70bKzcKqZ6exdTHdn9UHNLdhR-IIHMNR93YNZ-FxghaOnFI>

## **High Flight by John Denver:**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1xNGgWNRUf8#>

## **Video of Austin, done by Jimmy Fallon: Around Austin & UT**

Turn up the sound...great

<https://www.facebook.com/31732483895/posts/10157936267183896?vh=e&d=n&sfns=mo>

**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 04 January 2021**

**New & Changed Addresses:**

**See website roster**

**Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website**

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

Password: *Outlaws...*"all lower case"

*Will email the Roster upon request*



924 Outlaw  
over range  
near Corpus Christi



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