



*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.*

924 Tradition

An old 924th tradition is that friends who have not seen or heard from each other for long periods of time never question their friendship. These friendships resume at the same time they left off regardless of distance and time between them. We call these friends "**Family**".



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

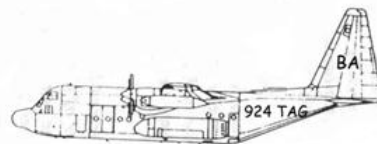
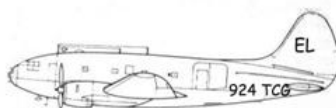
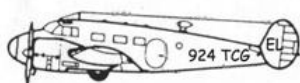


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Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"

Aircraft Maintenance explained



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Birds of a Feather...Flock Together



Listen to music as you read the newsletter

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy: The Andrew Sisters

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qafnJ6mRbqk> 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.

The Warrior Song: Marching Snare Drums

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITs6a0ORdQU&feature=player_embedded

Ghost Riders in the Sky: Johnny Cash

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mynzbmrtp9I>

Run Through the Jungle: CCR

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eb10cMyyw_M

Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue: Toby Keith

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PXSK3iDeAI>

American Soldier: Toby Keith

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hLBUkcFJoY>

Proud to an American: Lee Hazelwood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ps7xmW-9LXQ>

Ballad of the Green Berets...1966: SSGT Barry Sadler

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5WJJVSE_BE

America, The Land I Love: James Rogers http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JCCyjZs3hY

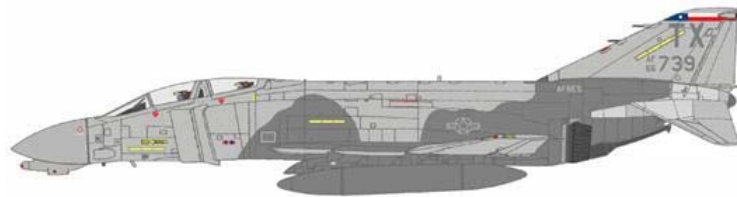


Chick-fil-A in Atlanta



924th Air Force Reserve
The Unit That Refuses to Disband





924 Photo Albums *(Sets)*

37 Albums....1915 Photos

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

Click on each photo to enlarge

View counts as of 01 March 2016, since July 2007

Photos
 298,086views
Photo stream
 15,732views
Albums
 17,069views
Total
330,887 views

*****FYI***** 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 2015****

OUTLAW WEB SITE:

www.924tfg.com (password: *Outlaws*)...**O** is capital
15,084 Visitors since Jan 09

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

924th Webmaster Says....



Paid \$183.95 to renew GoDaddy website hosting for 2 years on 10 Sept 2015
Paid \$25.00 to renew Outlaw Flickr Photo site for 1 year on 15 Nov 2015
Paid \$10.00 to renew Domain Name (924tfg.com) for 2 years on 01 Mar 2016
Paid \$12.00 to renew Domain Provider for 1 year on 01 Mar 2016

Donations are appreciated

Ed Copher
242 Toye Blvd
Canyon Lake, TX 78133

924 Website and Photos site FEES:

Jim Houston, Palm Coast FL, is the 924 webmaster, he designed the website, and does all the updates etc.

Website Hosting is done by **GoDaddy** at a cost of **\$183.95** for two years (**Paid up until 10 Sept 17**)

Domain Name: (Whois Proof) There is an annual charge for keeping the Domain Name www.924tfg.com which is \$5 p/yr (**Paid up until 15 Mar 2018**)

Domain Provider: (Active Domain) \$12 p/year, paid for 1 year (**Paid up until 31 Mar 2017**)

Photos Site: I also pay for the 924 Photos on the **Flickr site** which is \$25 p/yr (**Due 15 Nov of each year**) **Paid 15 Nov 2015**



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 **41** 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



MSgt Carol Hoepfner Passed Away: Services **5 Mar** at 11:00 AM in Rockport (flowers sent by 924 flower fund)
NCOIC of 924 Personnel



After fighting valiantly for several long, difficult years, Alzheimer's disease and cancer finally had their way, and Retired Master Sergeant (USAF) Carol Antoinette Hoepfner, (ne Blackford), age 77, passed away on February 28th in Rockport, TX.

Born March 16, 1938 in Urbana, IL, to Beatrice and Ralph Blackford, (who both preceded her in death several years ago), Carol graduated from Urbana High in 1956 and joined the United States Air Force. She was assigned to Westover AFB, MA, where she met and married fellow Airman Karl Boyd Hoepfner on June 1, 1957. Carol and Karl remained faithful to each other for nearly 59 years. Wherever and whenever you saw them, they were holding hands like young lovers, companions and most of all, best friends.

After serving honorably for two years, Carol left the military to raise and care for their two children, Carla Sue and Kristopher William. Over the next 20 years, Carol and Karl and their children traveled to assignments in Kindley AFB, Bermuda, Luke AFB, AZ, Goodfellow AFB, TX, Scott AFB, IL, Wheeler AFB, HI, and Bergstrom AFB, TX, where at age 36, Carol joined the United States Air Force Reserve. She served in South Korea, England and Honduras, and retired in 1995 as a Master Sergeant. As one of the older supervisors assigned to the 924th Reserve Unit, and one who would not tolerate anyone denigrating the military, Carol

affectionately was and is still known as "Mom" by the younger members of her unit.

For her outstanding performance, in 1986, Carol was honored with the award as the AFRES Outstanding Civilian Administrator, Base Level. Her other awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and three Air Force Commendation Medals.

Following Karl's retirement, during her spare time, Carol assisted him in operating a picture frame business in Austin and Bastrop, TX for 20 years before they retired once more in 1999 in Rockport, TX.

Over the next 12 years, they traveled extensively to all seven continents. Carol's favorite memories were the births of both children, a cruise to Antarctica, catching a ten foot Marlin off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and Christmas Day 2009 spent giving gifts to children at Boca Da Valeria, Brazil on the Amazon River.

In 2010, Carol and Karl won a national contest sponsored by Whataburger, and became "Whataburger's Biggest Fans". Shortly thereafter, Carol was diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer. After chemotherapy and radiation treatments, she went into remission. Over the next 16 months, they became legends as they completed visits to 736 Whataburger restaurants spread out over ten states.

Known throughout her life as a loving, caring, giving person, Carol leaves behind thousands of Whataburger Family members and military and civilian friends.

She is survived by her husband, Karl; daughter, Master Sergeant USAF (Retired) Carla Sue Roberts and her husband, Dave, Lt Col (USAF) retired, and son Kristopher William Hoepfner, Manager of a Target store; three sisters; Judy Eskew of Effingham, IL, Diana Marshall, of Urbana, IL, and Linda Jacinto of Majajjay Laguna, the Philippines; a loving sister-in-law and husband, Joan and Bill Mudd of Tucson, AZ; plus seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Carol will be sorely missed by all.

An informal service of remembrance for those who wish to share their memories and stories of Carol will be held at 7 PM on Friday, March 4th, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2872 FM 1781, Rockport, TX.

A Memorial Service with Full Military Honors, plus a presentation of a flag line by the Patriot Guard Riders, will be held at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, March 5th, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Carol's name to: MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4464, Houston TX 77210-4464

The courage, hope, and determination Carol has shown throughout her life are extraordinary. In a few days she and Karl would have celebrated her 78th birthday. It is the family's desire that this poem inspire those who are caretakers of their loved ones. We share their pain, and this was one way to ease ours.

<http://charliemarshallfuneralhomes.com/carol-a-hoepfner/>

Planned 924 Reunion for 2016: Location & Date changed

Thanks to Johanna Oren, we have confirmed and reserved a place for our reunion.

924th Fighter Group Reunion

Date change: 24 Sep 2016, 11:00am – 6:00pm

Location change: Will be held at the Charles Johnson American Legion Post 76

Address: 404 Atlanta Street, Austin, TX 78703

Map and info on Charles Johnson House

<http://venuecenter.com/tx/austin/charles-johnson-house-american-legion>

We'll have the complete facility (outdoors and indoors) for those hours.

POC: Henry Harrison, Johanna Oren or Lois Fontenot Johnson gjohnson09@att.net 214-215-5701

Memorial Service for Tom Barrow: 21 March

A service celebrating the life of Tom Barrow, who passed away on 6 January 2016, is scheduled for 21 March 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Ft. Sam Houston National

Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. A reception immediately after the service will be at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club, 1050 Harry Wurzbach Road, which is located near the cemetery. Please RSVP to 830-755-5357 or by email to tbar@gvyc.com if you plan to attend the reception. Sue Barrow

924 Quarterly Luncheon in Austin: Wednesday 13 April mark your calendars!

Need RSVP please

Date: 13 April 2016

Time: 12:00 (noon)

Location: Golden Corral Buffet & Grill (12509 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, Texas)

Point of contact: Mark A. Ellis papasmurfellis@gmail.com (C) 478-714-9035

Please let me know if you can attend!

446/924 Annual Dinner Reunion in Houston: Photos Link

Was held Saturday, 30 January 2016 at Brady's Landing Restaurant



Photos Link: http://myp.nikonimagespace.com/html/guest/en/index.html?okey=0mkydqtrp003e2ge&z=iFMhAifA15k_JEla38R4igKbLKDeVfnwrurdH7cGnHtuDRPWEuU-3lZxvxZIkN--8DaKieQ2LXSXjtax-7qtCFupYMvuSCYkwDORwrZ0Z_ZjrbIYS_LyeR56T7w4IOPcn5qUPwYNx_fwYQRboF7NuH9-I4sqDOt9KMOHVhcB35-TD2hOxUqzYmpfqY5GiwD5nVH6pv_pZjcvS0bvMWNvg#grid

Three 924th Troopers met up in the middle of the Caribbean while on a cruise. Feb 2016

Ed Copher, Grant Murray, & Dave Carter..... It's a small world



Jim Houston (the 924 Webmaster) needs help with the Memorial Section on 924 website:

Could you put out an enquiry, and ask everybody to look at the Memorial page and see if they can provide the information marked "UNK"?
Thanks, Jim jhouston45@gmail.com

P.S. Judy Garcia is going to help with the website - might be able to do a facelift in the future...

Reserve Retirement: <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

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

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

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

On the Yahoo home page, select **Sign-In** *(top right side)*

Type in Yahoo ID: afreserves924th@yahoo.com

Type in Password: **outlaws** *(lower case)*

After Signed In, back on the Yahoo home page, select **MAIL** *(left side bar)*

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

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 Yahoo home page.

NOTE: The newsletter is being sent as an "**Attachment**" to the email.

To **open the attachment**, click on the large **blue square box** with 4 lines in the middle.

ALSO: When you get to the **Yahoo Home Page**, if you are already **signed in** to a different yahoo account.

Then you must **sign out** of that account, and then **sign in** to: afreserves924th@yahoo.com **outlaws**

"ALSO"

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

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

Websites of Interest

"Boot Camp" Into the Wild Blue Yonder"

<http://www.cnet.com/pictures/into-the-wild-blue-yonder-u-s-air-force-basic-training-pictures/?ftag=ACQ63afa6d>

FACEBOOK PAGES:

AF Reserve Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/airforcereserve>

United States Air Force Veterans Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/USAFVeterans/>

You Know You Are an Air Force Mechanic when...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/10967762396385/>

US Air Force CrewChiefs:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/USAFcrewchiefs/>

Randolph AFB weekly "Wingspread":

<https://www.facebook.com/JBSARandolph>

F-4 Low-Pass:

<https://www.facebook.com/respirandoaviacion/videos/1687397161473575/>

AF Stripes Song:

<https://www.facebook.com/USairforce/videos/10154381219574989/>

F-16 Flight at Luke AFB:

<https://www.facebook.com/AirmanMagazine/videos/10153150840406191/>

F-4's:

<https://www.facebook.com/jetnoise4ever/videos/764105227069184/>

[AF Dad & Daughter \(Pink\) sing about Vietnam:](http://www.dailyliked.net/pink-brings-dad-stage/)

<http://www.dailyliked.net/pink-brings-dad-stage/>

[F-16 Bombing Ride in Japan:](https://www.facebook.com/PACAF/videos/10156587460670343/)

<https://www.facebook.com/PACAF/videos/10156587460670343/>

[F-16 Maintenance in Afghanistan:](https://www.facebook.com/BagramAFG/videos/1304391646243794/)

<https://www.facebook.com/BagramAFG/videos/1304391646243794/>

[AF BMT in the 1980's:](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vbO25hjEKY&sns=em)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vbO25hjEKY&sns=em

[Vietnam Memorial Wall Song:](https://www.facebook.com/100000531380774/videos/1142596289101406/)

<https://www.facebook.com/100000531380774/videos/1142596289101406/>



http://m.ebay.com/itm/391292805183?roken=cUgayN&_mwBanner=1

[Randolph AFB weekly news:](https://www.facebook.com/JBSARandolph/posts/10153205932557842:0) The Wingspread

<https://www.facebook.com/JBSARandolph/posts/10153205932557842:0> and <http://ow.ly/Rs4Ns>

[Airman's Magazine:](http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/612098/latest-airman-magazine-now-available.aspx)

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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:

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- [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](#)
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[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
McDonnell-Douglas F-4 Phantom II: http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/mcdonnel_phantom.php
Lockheed C-130 Hercules: http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/lok_hercules.php

RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 March 2016
 Read the **Articles** go to the web site at: http://post_119_gulfport_ms.tripod.com/rao1.html



924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (689 Names)
 Revised 01 March 2016

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