

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



ALSO ON 924 WEBSITE

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

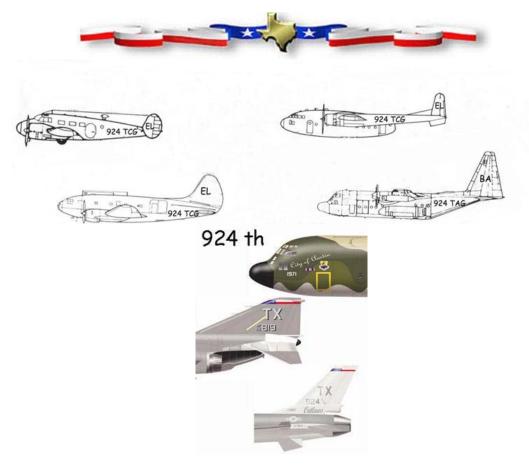
Dedicated to those who have invested their lives to the cause of Freedom in America! God Bless our Men and Women who are (or Have) in any way or manner served to protect our Great Nation and the freedom we have. And God Bless the United States of America

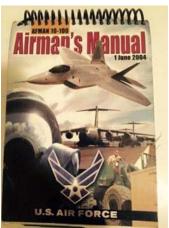


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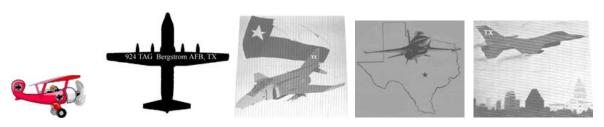
Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"







# 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=qafnJ6mRbgk 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 <u>close</u>.

The Warrior Song: Marching Snare Drums http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITs6a0ORdQU&feature=player\_embedded

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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=EbI0cMyyw 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 Brets...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=\_ICCyjZs3hY





Chick-fil-A in Atlanta









924<sup>th</sup> Air Force Reserve The Unit That Refuses to Disband







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# 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 08 May 2016, since July 2007

**Photos** 

305,730 views

Photo stream

15,800 views

Albums

17,136views

Total

338,667 views

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\*\*

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# **OUTLAW WEB SITE:**

www.924tfg.com (password: <u>Outlaws</u>)...O is capital 16,093 Visitors since Jan 09

History, Latest Info, Photos, In Memoriam, Miscellaneous, Newsletters, Links, Recall Roster

924th Webmaster Says...



\*\*\*\*Total cost for the website is \$151.97 per year

\$183.95 to renew GoDaddy website hosting for 2 years (paid 10 Sept 2015)

\$80.00 to renew Domain Name (924tfg.com) for 2 years (paid 07 Mar 2016)

\$29.26 to renew **Domain Provider** for 2 years (paid 27 Mar 2016)

\$10.00 to renew **Domain Protector** for 2 years (paid 27 Mar 2016)

\$25.00 to renew Outlaw Flicker Photo site for 1 year (paid 15 Nov 15)

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, designed the website, and does all the updates etc.

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

Domain Name: Provided by Internet Domain Name Services) www.idns.ae an annual charge for keeping the www.924tfg.com is \$40 p/yr, paid for 2 years

(Paid up until 15 Mar 2018)

Domain Provider: Provided by Active Domain \$15 p/year, paid for 2 years (Paid up until 31 Mar 18) Domain Protector: Provided by Whoisproof \$5 p/year, paid for 2 years (Paid up until 31 Mar 2018)

**Photos Site:** 924 Photos on the **Flicker site** is \$25 p/yr (*Due 15 Nov of each year*)





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 42 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

924 Reunion for 2016: Notice the date 9.24, is that neat or what!!!!

Date: 24 Sep 2016, 11:00am - 6:00pm

Location: Charles Johnson American Legion Post 76 (MoPac & 1st Street, North side of Lake)

Address: 404 Atlanta Street, Austin, TX 78703

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

From Lois: 25 April 2016

Believe it or not, we're 5 months out from our reunion. We wanted to get this out so everyone would know what their fees are and we can start collecting. Reunion fees will be \$40 per person. We've tried to cut expenses everywhere but unfortunately we're finding it to be a challenge. A party our size is going to cost us a little bit more but will be worth it in creating a memorable event. Due to the cost of the American Legion Post and food, which has double from the last reunion, has really driven the expenses up. Trudy's will be catering our event and your committee is still working on a few other details but we're close to being done. Once we have all the events organized, we'll send notice thru Ed's newsletter and Facebook. You are all welcome to email me (gljohnson09@att.net) with any concerns / questions. Please SPREAD the word...there may be many who do not receive the newsletter or Facebook....let them know the details. Email, phone, text, and send smoke signals, let's get everyone in the know! We wanted to use PayPal however; they get a percentage of money withdrawn so as to keep all money collected, we've elected to go with checks / money order / cashier checks:

**Make checks payable to:** (\$40 per person – please at your earliest convenience)

924th FW Military Reunion

c/o Lois Johnson

P. O. Box 17212

Fort Worth, TX 76102

POC: Henry Harrison, Johanna Oren or Lois Fontenot Johnson gljohnson09@att.net 214-215-5701

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924 Quarterly Luncheon in Austin: mark your calendars!

Need RSVP please **Date:** 13 July **Time:** 12:00 (noon)

<u>Location:</u> 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!

Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to be in New Braunfels:



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Curtis Simmons with former Texas Governor Rick Perry: April 2016

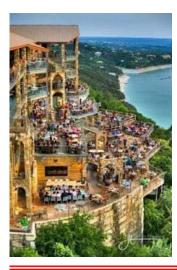


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Oasis at Lake Travis: The Lake is now 100% full





#### The Military- Then & Now

- 1945 NCO's had a typewriter on their desks for doing daily reports.
- 2016 everyone has an internet access computer, and they wonder why no work is getting done.
- 1945 we painted pictures of girls on airplanes to remind us of home.
- 2016 they put the real thing in the cockpit.
- 1945 if you got drunk off duty your buddies would take you back to the barracks to sleep it off.
- 2016 if you get drunk they slap you in rehab and ruin your career.
- 1945 you were taught to aim at your enemy and shoot him.
- 2016- you spray 500 bullets into the brush, don't hit anything, and retreat because you're out of ammo.
- 1945 canteens were made of steel, and you could heat coffee or hot chocolate in them.
- 2016 canteens are made of plastic, you can't heat anything in them, and they always taste like plastic.
- 1945 officers were professional soldiers first and they commanded respect.
- 2016- officers are politicians first and beg not to be given a wedgie.
- 1945 if you didn't act right, the Sergeant Major put you in the brig until you straightened up.
- 2016 if you don't act right, they start a paper trail that follows you forever.
- 1945 medals were awarded to heroes who saved lives at the risk of their own.
- 2016 medals are awarded to people who work at headquarters.
- 1945 you slept in barracks like a soldier.
- 2016 you sleep in a dormitory like a college kid.
- 1945 you ate in a mess hall, which was free, and you could have all the food you wanted.
- 2016 you eat in a dining facility, every slice of bread or pad of butter costs, and you better not take too much.
- 1945 we defeated powerful countries like Germany and Japan.
- 2016 we come up short against Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 1945 if you wanted to relax, you went to the rec center, played pool, smoked and drank beer.
- 2016 you go to the community center, and you can play pool.
- 1945 if you wanted beer and conversation you went to the NCO or Officers' Club.
- 2016 the beer will cost you \$2.75, membership is forced, and someone is watching how much you drink.

1945 - the Exchange had bargains for soldiers who didn't make much money.

2016 - you can get better and cheaper merchandise at Walmart.

1945 - we could recognize the enemy by their Nazi helmets.

2016 - we are wearing the Nazi helmets.

1945 - we called the enemy names like "Krauts" and "Japs" because we didn't like them.

2016 - we call the enemy the "opposing force" or "aggressor" because we don't want to offend them.

1945 - victory was declared when the enemy was defeated and all his things were broken.

2016 - we haven't a clue as to what victory is or what it takes to achieve it.

1945 - a commander would put his butt on the line to protect his people.

2016 - a commander will put his people on the line to protect his butt.

1945 - wars were planned and run by generals who knew how to fight and win

2016- wars are planned by politicians who haven't a clue about fighting or winning.

1945 - we were fighting for freedom, and the country was committed to winning

2016 - we don't know what we're fighting for, and the government is committed to social programs and political correctness. Our real enemy is global warming.

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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

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

Newsletters: To view the last 12 months newsletters
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.

 $\underline{\text{To get out of Mail}}, \text{under the top toolbar, find } \underline{\text{Yahoo!}} \text{ click on that to get back to the Yahoo home page}.$ 

**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

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"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"

 $\underline{\text{http://www.cnet.com/pictures/into-the-wild-blue-yonder-u-s-air-force-basic-training-pictures/?ftag=ACQ63afa6d} \\$ 

# **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/109677762396385/

**US Air Force CrewChiefs:** 

https://www.facebook.com/groups/USAFCrewChiefs/

Randolph AFB weekly "Wingspread":

https://www.facebook.com/JBSARandolph

### AF Sgt's in Russellville, Ark: 5 April 2916

https://www.facebook.com/bill.newton.796/posts/10209673770988182

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#### F-16 Video

https://www.facebook.com/AirmanMagazine/videos/10153253600976191/

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## Vietnam Memorial Wall Song:

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

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#### F-16 Drones:

These earlier models of F-16 aircraft have been in storage at the bone yard at Davis-Monahan for over 15 years, and now are being upgraded by Boeing to be used as drones.

 $\underline{\text{http://video.boeing.com/services/player/bcpid1173939806001?bckey=AQ} -\text{$\%2\text{cAAAAukPAlqE-$\%2\text{coAVq1qtdRjwBrIkHYj2MSytJiEK9s5fy\&bclid=0\&bctid=2684464741001}}$ 

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#### **AFRES**

https://www.facebook.com/usairforcereserve/videos/10154182265088623/

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#### Low Passes:

https://www.facebook.com/AmazingCrazyVideos/videos/604431876305953/

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## Military Pay:

http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/04/20/21-pay-raise-more-troops-commissionary-cuts-proposed-draft-bill.html

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Caracal Models

CD48074

# Fighters of Austin 704 TF5, Bergstrom AFB



# 1/48 SCALE

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

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#### Randolph AFB weekly news: The Wingspread

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

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#### 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:

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

Airplanes

• World	War I Planes
• 1930s	Aircraft photos
• <u>WW2</u>	Fighters
• <u>WW2</u>	Bombers
• WW2	German Planes
• <u>WW2</u>	Airplane Pictures
<ul> <li>History</li> </ul>	of Airplanes blog
• Nose	Art
• Postwar	<u>Jets</u>
• World	War Two
• <u>WW2</u>	Facts and Firsts
• <u>WW2</u>	Medals Medals
• <u>WW2</u>	Museums
• WW2	Pictures
• <u>WW2</u>	<u>Ships</u>
NW2	Weapons

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### John Wayne and the Pledge of Allegiance

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Jf3MQpffBc

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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!!! <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7zdr-82WAo">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7zdr-82WAo</a>

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#### 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

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# RAO BULLETIN Update, 01 May 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 08 May 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