



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

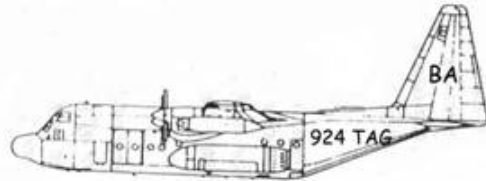
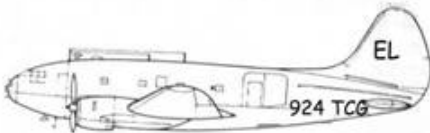
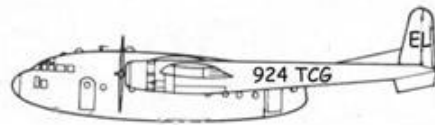
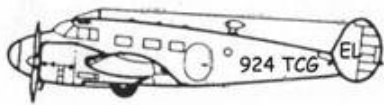


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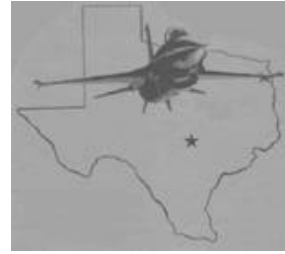
Ed Copher, Editor, "924 Keeper of the Flame"



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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*.



924th Air Force Reserve
The Unit That Refuses to Disband





30 Sept 2006

924 Photo Albums (Sets)

36 Albums....1883 Photos.....14,095 Views (as of 03 August 13)

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

Click on each photo to enlarge

*****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 2012****

OUTLAW WEB SITE:

www.924tfg.com (password: outlaws)

8,020 Visitors since Jan 09

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

924th Webmaster Says....



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 **27** 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

Cedar Creek, TX 78612

145 Oak Ridge Dr.

Stretch Harrison's son killed in car crash: All of the 924th family heavy hearts go out to Stretch and his family.

Eric Alan Harrison

October 1, 1991 - August 13, 2013

Fort Worth, Texas | Age 21



Eric Alan Harrison, 21, a college student, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, as a result of a car accident.

Funeral: 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Greenwood Chapel. Interment: Greenwood Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Funeral Home. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his memory to WTAMU Foundation, WT Box 60766, Canyon, Texas 79016. In memo note: FAB Scholarship.

Eric was born Oct. 1, 1991, in Georgetown to Henry and Debbie Arnett Harrison. He was a 2010 graduate of Fossil Ridge High School in the Keller ISD where he graduated 14th out of 470 students and was chosen for the Faculty Top 10. During high school, he played basketball and baseball and was a member of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also sang in the choir and was in theater. He discovered his passion for theater and acting in middle school. This love of acting continued throughout high school where he was in the musical all four years and in numerous other plays. In his senior year, he was a Homecoming King nominee, Choir Student of the Year and Thespian of the Year.

Eric chose to pursue his passion for acting and theater into college where he was going to be a senior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, majoring in theater performance. He was in numerous plays and musicals and had the lead role last fall in Iphigenia 2.0. For this role he received the Irene Ryan Acting Award nomination at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Shreveport, La. Eric was on the dean's list one semester and the president's list for the last five semesters. He also received multiple scholarships throughout his three years in college.

Eric was a devout Christian. His love for his family, friends and theater was only surpassed by his love for the Lord. He

was very active in First United Methodist Church of Watauga and the youth group. For five years he went on the youth mission trips where he was a leader in doing the Lord's work that he loved. He had a way of making everyone feel important, making them smile and bringing joy to everyone whose life he touched.

Eric loved children and spent his summers as a counselor at Hermann Sons Youth Camp in Comfort. While in college he began working for the Canyon After School Program keeping third and fourth graders.

Survivors: In addition to his parents, Eric is survived by his brother, Aaron and wife, Kayse; aunt, Amy Pena and husband, Ray; uncle, Mike Clausen and wife, Kathy; cousins, Emily and Patrick Pena, Shane Clausen and wife, Kathi, and children, Ben and Megan, Jason Clausen and wife, Sharon, and children, Amber and Kaylie; several great-aunts, great-uncles and distant cousins; and many, many special friends.

Sign Guestbook: http://locallyowned.tributes.com/obituary/guestbook/Eric-Alan-Harrison-96270221#guestbook_area

924 Reunion/Fasching Party is scheduled: Submitted by Charlie Torruella

Fasching/ 924th Reunion. It will be **on 9 November**. Last year we had a really fun band that everyone really enjoyed, so we are having them back this year. I was talking with them last night and they really enjoyed the gig. Especially all the old timer's stories they got to hear! The band will start around **1330-1400 hrs**. In addition, we may have a few "guest appearances" by some of the local artists out here. Of course, I will do my best to let the Tennessee Sun shine on us! I really want to encourage everyone out there to attend. I realize it is out of the way, but there motels/hotels within 15 miles of here. Of course, RV's are welcome, (limited electrical hook-ups possible with long extension cords), and for anyone wanting to spend the night we will find room for. If they want a bed however, its first calls first. We have several air mattresses', so no one need feel they need to drive if they have too much to drink, or are just too tired. Anyone needing directions or having any questions whatsoever should feel free to call or e-mail me at:

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Highly trained 924 Loadmaster studying AF tech orders, "Playboy"
Bob Martin



Anyone remember this?

The 924 C-130 had a Texas flag flying out of the top cockpit hole.

Reservists win award in competition

By Maj. Tom Buckner
High TAG Public Affairs

Citizen-airmen from the Austin area took second place among Air Force Reserve units in the Air Force-wide airdrop competition in North Carolina recently.

Members of the 924th Tactical Airlift Group (Reserve) from Bergstrom came from last place after early maintenance competition to climb as high as third place overall during the week-long contest that included aircraft and teams of all C-130 wings in the Air Force and also select teams from the Air Forces of Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Germany.

The 924th's poor start occurred when an unidentified object flew into a C-130's engine,

putting that engine out of commission.

The engine damage was discovered at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. about 1 p.m., July 14, with the flying competition scheduled to start at 7 a.m. the next day. The 924th flew another engine from Bergstrom to Pope, arriving about 9 p.m., July 14, and the 924th maintenance crew worked all night getting the engine changed and ready for competition the next morning.

Then the 924th aircrew and the unit's aerial porters, charged with preparing loads and getting them on the aircraft, got into the competition that included personnel drops on July 15, a container deliver system (CDS) (1,200-pound) drop on July 16, and a heavy equipment (3,500-pound) drop on July 17.

The Austin reservists had one of the top drops of paratroopers July 15 and another close drop on the container delivery system July 16 but lost some ground July 17 when dropping the heavy equipment load.

The 924th placed second in Air Force Reserve competition.

Mission commander for the Austin unit was Lt. Col. William Doldake with an aircrew of Lt. Col. Bobby Gassiot, Capt. Bruce Bennett and Steve Savell, SMSgt. Raul Cavazos, and MSgt. Alfredo Pena and Jeffrey Veeltz.

The maintenance team included SMSgt. Frank Baxter, MSgt. Martin Reynolds, TSgt. T. J. Allen, James Chapman, Mark Ellis, Earl Hall, Pablo Martinez, Jack Nottingham, Richard Palmer and Gerrit Simmons.

VA reaches out to veterans about the health care law

Release No. 08-04-13

Aug. 9, 2013

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) -- The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched an awareness campaign and a new website, www.va.gov/aca, to let veterans know what the Affordable Care Act means for them and their families. Veterans receiving health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs will see no change in their benefits or out-of-pocket costs when portions of the Affordable Care Act take effect next year.

“VA wants all veterans to receive health care that improves their health and well-being,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “If you are enrolled in VA health care, you do not need to take any additional steps to meet the health care law coverage standards. If you are not enrolled in VA health care, you can apply at any time.”

“VA encourages eligible veterans who are not enrolled in VA’s health care system to take advantage of the world-class care we provide to the men and women who have served this nation in uniform,” Shinseki added.

Veterans can apply for VA health care at any time by visiting www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll, calling 877-222-8387, or visiting their local VA health care facility. Full details on eligibility are available [here](#).

VA’s health care system for veterans has no enrollment fee, no monthly premiums and no deductibles. Most veterans also have no out-of-pocket costs, though some may have small copayments for some health care or prescription drugs.

“VA will continue to provide veterans with high quality, comprehensive health care and other benefits they have earned through their service,” said Dr. Robert Petzel, VA’s chief physician and under secretary for health.

The Affordable Care Act was created to expand access to coverage, reduce rising health care costs, and improve health care quality and care coordination. The Affordable Care Act creates new opportunities for coverage for uninsured veterans and their families.

There are more than 1.3 million veterans and more than 950,000 spouses and children of veterans without health insurance. Most uninsured veterans are eligible for VA health care. For those who are not eligible for VA care – such as veterans’ family members – the law created a new Health Insurance Marketplace.

In 2014, the Marketplace will be a new way to shop for and purchase private health insurance. People who purchase insurance through the Marketplace may be able to lower the costs of health insurance coverage by paying lower monthly premiums. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

For information about VA health care and the Affordable Care Act, people can visit the new website or call 877-222-8387, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., or Saturdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern time. The new website includes a Health Benefits Explorer, where veterans can learn about the benefits they can receive if they enroll in VA care.

For more retiree news and information, please visit www.retirees.af.mil.

NOW SHE IS A TEACHER!!! Veterans

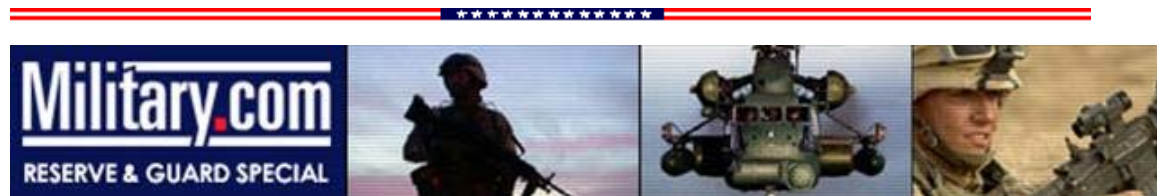
In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the

principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks. 'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?' She replied, 'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.' They thought, 'Well, maybe it's our grades.' 'No,' she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, 'No, it's not even your behavior.' And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room. The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you.' At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned. Martha said, 'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'

By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Do you think this is worth passing along so others won't forget either, that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by our U.S. Veterans? I did.



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

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



1. Greetings all,

With us moving to Wyoming at the end of July, my email address is changing to the following:

jgmeronek@gmail.com

If you forget, my current email will be forwarded for a short time.

Take care,

Jeanne Meronek

2. Just to let you know that I have retired from civil service at Robins AFB GA and moved back to Spring, TX. My new e-mail address is 1marycleek@gmail.com. Thanks for keeping us all up to date.

Mary Ann Cleek

3. Hello Ed. Are you still the keeper of the flame? I was in the Weapons Loading shop until the base closed. Went to the 149th in San Antonio until last September when I retired as MSgt. Can you add me to the recall roster?

Toby Burton

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Austin, TX

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

Go to 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

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*****

Vietnam Memorial Flight for Ex-POW Bud Day:

Bud was a “Hero”..Escaped from VN POW camp for 2 weeks.

Misty flies again....All 3 planes in formation at the end of video

https://www.youtube.com/embed/k9s6t1whZp8?feature=player_embedded

How about a ride on a Fire Fighting C-130 AC fighting the Yosemite Park fire

At the end of the video scroll down to read the comments on the screen below.

Check this out... Speakers on! Volume up! Click on **FULL SCREEN** in the lower right corner of the image.

http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2013/08/27/216036318/stunning-video-pilots-view-of-californias-rim-fire?ft=1&f=1001&sc=tw&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Boggie Woogie

You don't hear boggie woogie like this much any more; and never likely have you heard it played on twin pianos. Hope you get a three-minute kick out of this rare musical presentation.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/C8nFCE1iSk8>

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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 - [1930s](#) [Aircraft photos](#)
 - [WW2](#) [Fighters](#)
 - [WW2](#) [Bombers](#)
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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/mcdonnell_phantom.php

Lockheed C-130 Hercules: http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/lok_hercules.php



924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (689 Names)

Revised 04 Sept 13

New & Changed Addresses:

See website roster

Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website – www.924tfg.com

(Password: *outlaws*)

Will email the Roster upon request

Da...Dat...Dhat's all folks