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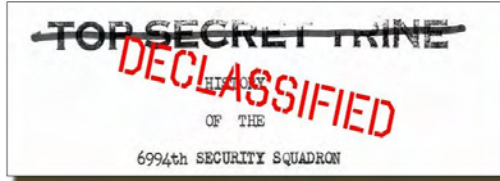
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Welcome to the new EC-47 History Site Newsletter

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April 2016 will mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the 6994th Security Squadron, yet all but a few brief passages from the squadron's official histories remain classified. In 2014, the Heritage Chapter (San Angelo, TX) of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA), in association with Angelo State University and ec47.com, approached the history office of what was at that time the USAF Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance agency in an effort to make public at least some of the historical record as it was written at the time.

The "Top 10" Questions

Since declassification of eight years' worth of records in any sort of reasonable timeframe seemed an unlikely prospect, it was suggested that a list of 10 specific questions be drawn up, for which answers would be provided. Without knowledge of what the squadron histories might contain, the selection of 10 events or situations from eight years of operational history was obviously a hit-or-miss proposition. Nonetheless, a "Top 10" list of questions—in no particular order or priority—was drawn up and submitted via our FTVA contact.

Please check out these new history updates in the Homepage menu:

History of the EC-47

<http://www.ec47.com/6994th-security-squadron-histories>

Reunion



L-R: Tom Nurre, Lee Croissant and Joe Martin got together to celebrate Tom's 73rd birthday on September 4 at the Rock Yard Brewing Company in Castle Rock, Colorado. The two backenders (Tom & Joe) related some of the now declassified mission results to EC-47 pilot "Captain" Croissant! A really fun time. Be sure and check out Lee's book, *Flyboys, Round Engines and Spooks*. It is available at: www.leecroissant.com

War Stories



Keith Struckman with photo of B-26 Marauder. He enlisted in the USAF in 1951 and flew 50 missions as the top turret gunner during the Korean war.

Tom had an opportunity to video an interview with Mr. Keith Struckman at his home in Grand Junction, Colorado, in May 2015. Mr. Struckman is one of the original engineers who hold the patent for the ARD-18 airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) equipment. Angelo State University is in the process of transcribing and editing a final copy. At 86 years old, Keith is still actively designing advanced ARDF equipment for the modern reconnaissance aircraft. We look forward to publishing his story on the website soon. If you previously submitted your story and/or photos to the original site, we encourage you to pull them out and resubmit them to us. Please give Joe a holler at info@ec47.com if you need help.



The EC-47 History Site and Goodfellow AFB Commemorative Partner committees sponsored a Thank You and Welcome Home ceremony for Vietnam War-era veterans on August 14, 2015. More than 50 Veterans, family members, Goodfellow AFB staff and committee volunteers assembled at the EC-47 static display for this photograph.

Unit Reunions

362nd TEWS
October 6-8, 2015
Branson, MO
www.362tews.com

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COUNTERS

The website counter was activated on March 30, 2015. As of September 22, there have been 18,000 "hits" with over 45,000 page reviews.