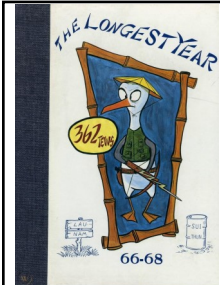




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362nd TEWS Reunion, October 1-3

Led by maintainer Ed Diehl, the 362nd TEWS has organized annual reunions in Branson, Missouri, for the last 13 years. There were twenty-three veterans and twenty spouses and guests attending the reunion this year. A particular highlight was the tribute to all veterans and presenting a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to five first-time recipients. They had a successful raffle that included an EC-47Q model manufactured by [Island Enterprises](#). Attendees visited the Branson Veterans Museum, and took in some great shows at the many night spots available. They enjoyed sharing memories and fellowship in an atmosphere

*Anyone know the origin of this unit patch and motto *Si Illic Est Venimus*?*

reminiscent perhaps of those special Hail & Farewell parties at Pleiku and Da Nang.

Time marches on...Joe Allione was the only one attending of the original Det 1, 361st Reconnaissance Squadron "dirty dozen" that activated the unit at Pleiku in August 1966. Ed Diehl is undergoing treatments for prostate cancer diagnosed in late September. He maintains a positive attitude and extends an invitation to all 362nd TEWS veterans to attend the 2020 reunion in Branson. Send Ed a note at: eteddiehl@gmail.com. Click [HERE](#) for their 2019 reunion report & photos.



The EC-47 History Site is in its 5th year with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program (CPP).

Besides support for the TEWS and USAFSS unit reunions and annual sell-out Vietnam War Veterans Day celebration at the ASU LeGrand Alumni & Visitors Center, this group also reaches out to veterans residing in senior living facilities. They coordinate with the facility directors and co-host events to present a Vietnam War commemorative lapel pin and Certificate of Appreciation to each eligible veteran. The program includes recognition of deceased veteran surviving spouses with a Blue Star lapel pin and Certificate of Honor. Tom hosts a very popular mail-out program through online registrations and partnerships with Daughters of the American Revolution chapters across the states. The ARDF story is told at every opportunity...the 8-minute mission video is a favorite. We invite you to read the reports and view the many great photographs on our websites: ec47.com and vietnam50thcpp.com. Email us at partners@vietnam50thcpp.com for more info.



5-7 September 2019
Franklin, Tennessee
142 Attendees
Next year in Biloxi, MS.

6994th Security Squadron
Reunion of Vietnam vets provides time for reflection and healing
[The after action report, photos and newspaper story](#)

Golfing @ Temple Hills
Recording of Epic Ride
'Tribute to the 6994th'
Dinner & Pinnings

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(L-R) Dr. Joe Ryan, 17th TRW/Historian; Tom Nurre, Det 3, 6994th SS, 70-71; Jack Bulleit, 360th TEWS, 68-69.

Former EC-47 Pilot visits Goodfellow

Former USAF Captain and 360th TEWS EC-47 pilot, Jack Bulleit, visited Goodfellow AFB on 13 November to attend the graduation ceremony for his great-nephew, A1C Casey Schaive. Airman Schaive completed the Airborne Intelligence,

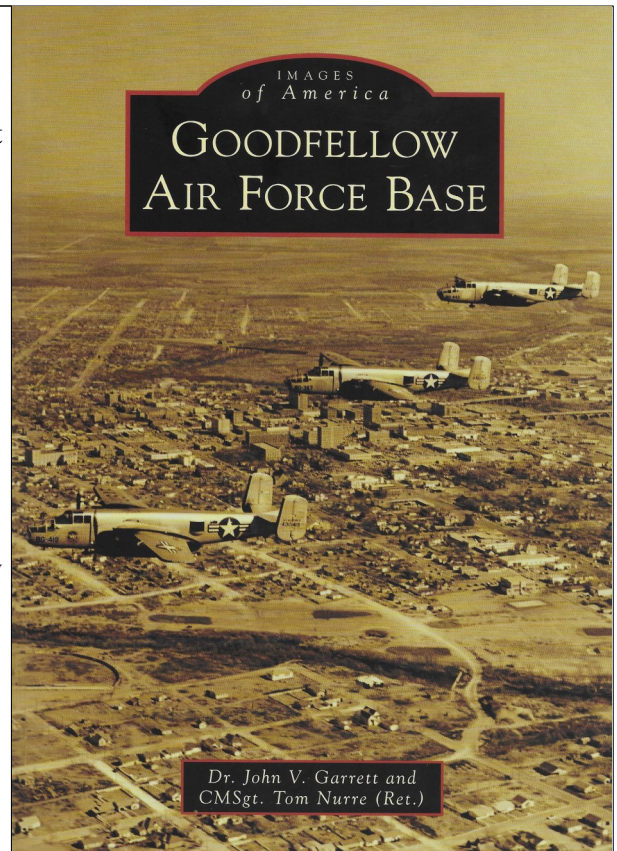
Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Operators technical training course. Heritage Chapter - FTVA president, CMSgt retired JJ Graham, works in the school house and tipped us about Jack's pending visit. JJ also organized a visit/briefing/photo shoot at the static display aircraft and the ARDF History Exhibit inside the Norma Brown building. All those available then enjoyed dinner together downtown. It was a special day for sure. Jack was commissioned through the college ROTC program and earned his wings after flight training in February 1968 at Selma AFB, Alabama. He requested the EC-47 program and went on to C-47 training at England AFB, Louisiana, with a follow-on tour to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut AB. He arrived in country in April 1968. Bulleit flew 201 missions in the EC-47 and accumulated 1,545 hours of flying time. Near the end of his time in the service, he flew C-141 missions until separating from the Air Force in August 1972. Jack lives in Cleveland, Georgia, in the shadow of the Appalachian Mountains. He is proud that his great-nephew will be adding to the legacy of service in the Air Force and in the intelligence mission. Jack spoke highly of the "spooks" he hauled around in the backend of the gooney...even admitting to a few scattered facts about a night or two on the town with the RO's. Tom presented him an EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit challenge coin and invited him back in March 2020 to attend the Vietnam War Veterans Day commemoration pinning ceremony. We will post JJ's full story with photographs on ec47.com soon.

A new book scheduled for release on January 20, 2020.

About the book: Goodfellow Air Force Base is one of the oldest installations in the US Air Force. It was the first of scores of flying training fields established across Texas and Oklahoma during World War II. Over the next eight decades, nurtured by a special relationship between city and base, Goodfellow distinguished itself by training more than 400,000 pilots, intelligence operators, and firefighters for all the US armed forces. There are 8 chapters of unique photos and captions that chronicle the history of the base from 1940 through 2020. The Arcadia Images of America series is restricted to 128 pages which made the selection of photographs to tell a coherent story even more critical and time consuming. The technical training for the airborne radio direction finding operators, analysts, communicators and maintenance personnel during the Vietnam War was short-lived at Goodfellow, but many readers will relate to the photos of the "X" console, the EC-47 static display aircraft and the ARDF History Exhibit inside the Norma Brown building. Photos of the Ray Leftwich family are representative of all 6994th Security Squadron aircrew members memorialized on Goodfellow. There is also extensive coverage of the NCO Academy that operated on Goodfellow from 1959 through 2008.

About the authors: Dr. 'Doc' John V. Garrett retired as historian at Goodfellow following a 30-year career, earning numerous Air Force-level awards and the history program's award for career contributions. CMSgt Tom Nurre (Ret.) served 33 years, including six at Goodfellow supervising ground training in a mobile squadron and as NCO Academy commandant. To prepare this book, they tapped the vast archive at Goodfellow and other sources in the community.

Doc & Tom are working with a publicist arranging a book release event and marketing plan. Books will become available through usual book-seller outlets and the ec47.com website. The authors are also in contact with local businesses that have expressed an interest. Check ec47.com for updates.



IMAGES of America
GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE

Dr. John V. Garrett and CMSgt. Tom Nurre (Ret.)

On the Cover: Bombers over San Angelo.

High above San Angelo and the branches of the Concho river, student pilots from Goodfellow Air Force Base practice formation flying in the North American TB-25 Mitchell. (Courtesy of the Angelo State University Library.)

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November 21, 2019: Goodfellow AFB Civil Engineer Kevin Bruce (facing camera) describes the EC-47 Memorial Plaza paver installation work requirements to interested landscape and paver contractors. The next step is to get a contractor to install them according to the approved design. This is the purpose of the meeting photographed here. The nearly 1,000 4x8 and 8x8 inch pavers are on site and installation can begin with a signed contract. The Heritage Chapter-FTVA is ready to receive orders through the online and paper mail in order forms. This photo by Doc Ryan, 17TRW/HO. The flyer artwork below provided by: Angelo State University ARTS 4370 Advanced Computer Graphics Class of Fall Semester 2019 led by Associate Professor Edwin Cuenco.

Background Information

Memorials may be as simple as listing the veteran's name, branch and dates of service on the four-line rectangle bronze plate - to adding a meaningful service emblem and additional service-related details on the larger seven-line round bronze plate.

Engraved plates will be installed and dedicated during annual Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremonies held at the wing headquarters flagpole area.

There are two methods for purchasing these pavers.

The online ordering process at: www.vietnam50thcpp.com/pavers offers a PayPal credit card payment option and a choice of available paver locations. Or, you can use the order form inside this brochure and pay by personal check through the mail.

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Bronze Plate Engraving Examples



4 X 8 Inch Paver
with 1 1/4 X 4 1/4 Inch Engraved Bronze Willamette Color

8 X 8 Inch Paver
with 4 1/4 Inch Round Engraved Bronze: Western Red and Willamette Colors

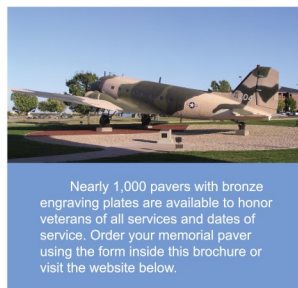
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Memorial Pavers Plaza

GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE WING HEADQUARTERS

A Vietnam War replica EC-47 Electric Goon was installed in front of the Goodfellow Norma Brown building on Oct. 28, 2005. It stands in tribute to the intelligence, surveillance and re-connaissance mission that has been the base's training focus since 1958. The EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit was added inside the building on July 25, 2014.

Supported by a grant from The Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA), the local FTVA Heritage Chapter is sponsoring the addition of a memorial pavers plaza next to the aircraft dedication monument.



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The website ordering process has been tested extensively. Please contact Tom directly at info@ec47.com or 325 450-4476 if you have questions or experience any difficulties with the process. The online ordering allows patrons to select individual paver locations within the design, a feature not afforded to paper form users except by special request.

Emblems/logos are not available on the 4x8 paver bronze plates except by special request. These special request graphics will take longer to process and there will be an extra charge. Emblems/logos are allowed on the 8x8 paver round bronze plates. Please use the online [Upload Your Own](#) feature to pre-coordinate emblems or logos you want engraved if they are not already in the online [catalog](#). Follow directions. . . please.