

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.



Once an Outlaw, Always an Outlaw



OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



ALSO ON 924 WEBSITE



2019

17th Year Edition

Established March 2002

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



924 Photo Albums *(Sets)*

38 Albums....2115 Photos

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

Click on each photo to enlarge

Newest Album: **“20 Year Reunion”**

200 Photos

View counts as of 30 July 2019, since July 2007

Total Album Views

507,396 views

www.Flickr.com charges \$49.99 per year to keep the OUTLAW Photo Albums on their website.

PAID \$49.99 annual Flickr photo site fee on 15 Nov 18.

NOTE: Price increase from \$24.95 p/yr last year to \$49.99. Their reason was because we had over limit of 1000 pictures on there. They claimed we were getting a discount in past years! So, they doubled the price...go figure!



OUTLAW WEB SITE:

www.924tfg.com (password: Outlaws)...O is capital

21,706 Visitors since Jan 09

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

*****Total cost for the 924 Website is \$293.97 per year**

Paid 30 Jan 2019: Webmaster Maintenance Fee \$120 p/year

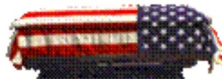
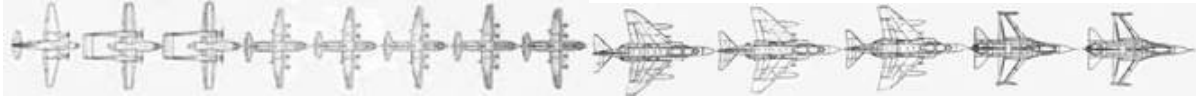
PAID 22 Feb 2018: Domain Registration \$23.90 for 2 years, (next due 31 Mar 2020)

***NOTE: all *donations are appreciated*

Ed Copher

176 Landa Street #315

New Braunfels, TX 78130



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 50 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.

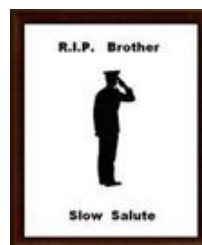
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

NOTE: ***No donations needed at this time for flower fund.



Webmaster Fee: Paid the annual fee of \$120 on 30 March 2019

Jim Houston, **Webmaster** for www.924tfg.com, fee for maintaining the 924 website. It is only \$10 a month (**\$120 p/year**).



John David “JD” Gulley Passed Away: Services are next Saturday at 4:00 PM

(Flowers will be sent by 924 flower fund)

Here are the details on arrangements for JD Gulley. His wife, Pam, called me and said that services will be held at Pennington's Funeral home in San Marcos on **Saturday 3 August** at 4:00 PM.

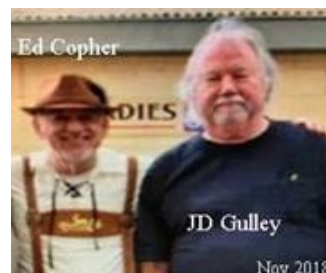
A Celebration of Life has been scheduled at the San Marcos Conference Center afterwards between 6-8 PM. Joe Titus

JD was and ART in 924th Avionics at Bergstrom AFB, and retired from the National Weather Service.

He was living in Florence, TX (near Ft Hood) at time of his death. He had had a history of heath issues.

At Bergstrom he was known for organizing great group float trips.

Obituary: <https://www.penningtonfuneralhome.com/obituary/john-gulley>



Col Elmer “Al” Apel Passed Away: 924 TAG Commander (Flowers will be sent by 924 flower fund)

From his daughter, Julie Hicks, regarding Elmer Apel. He passed 7-20-2019. Graveside services will be **Saturday 17 August at 11:00.** Cook Walden Capital Parks. 14501 N IH 35 Pflugerville TX 78660

My email is jandehicks@hotmail.com.

A great man, a great leader and great pilot.



Oliver “Ollie” Crawford passed away: a real Air Force Hero

Gen. John Bradley will officiate the services on 5 August.

Obituary:

<https://m.legacy.com/obituaries/sanantonio/obituary.aspx?n=oliver-r-crawford&pid=193497568&referrer=0&preview=True>

924 Quarterly Luncheon: None scheduled at this time

924 Reunion UPDATE: Postponed until next year

The 924 Reunion that was being planned for **26 October 2019** has been postponed until 2020. We have not determined the exact date or location for 2020 yet.

2019 Friends and Family Cruise: Scheduled for 30 Sept 2019

Submitted by Dave Dickson

“2019 Friends and Family Cruise” *This could be called a 924 REUNION*

“2019 Friends and Family Cruise”

David Dickson (ART in the 924 Weapons Section) has put together a Sailibration at Sea for anyone that wants to join in on the fun and sun aboard the Carnival Dream out of Galveston for 5 Nights on

30 September 2019. Remember this cruise is open to everyone, friends, family and other Veterans of all services.

Here is the website with the information...

<https://ttrawick.dreamvacationsgroups.com/#/groups/9432914>

Please e-mail David at d.dickson@dreamvacations.com or call him at 281-635-3177 to receive additional information or to answer any question you may have.

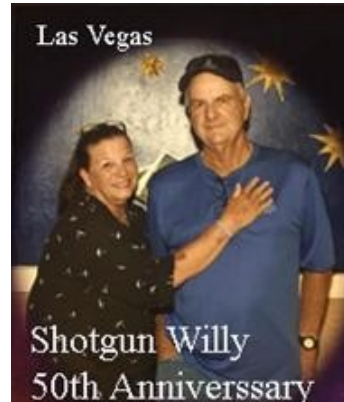
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Note from Oscar "Farbacher" Frisby: Lives in Anacoco, LA

I was with the 924 AGE shop at Ellington 1968-73. I finished up at the 920th at Keesler with the Hurricane Hunters.. I was known as "Farbacher" at Ellington.



In Florida, July 2019



Bob Fernandez

Trap in Iceland, July 2019







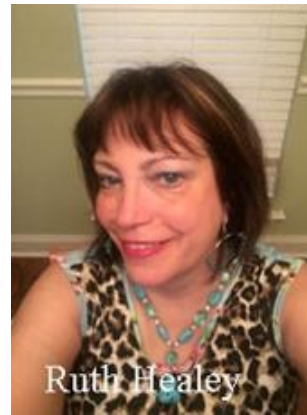
Bob Lytle



Marvin Valentine



Ruth Healy-Kirkland



Ruth Healey



Joe Rod





Robert Jacob/Photo by AP ©

Lt. Col. Henry Graves gets hoisted down by a hoist from a helicopter on Thursday on the tarmac at the former Bergstrom Air

Force Base. The afternoon flight by four F-16Cs was the last for the 924th Fighter Wing, now being deactivated.

924TH'S FINAL FLIGHT AT BERGSTROM

■ Four F-16C fighter pilots say goodbyes after last mission

By MICHAEL HARRIS
Associated Press Staff

The four F-16C fighter planes were more spread out on the south-west horizon when they were first spotted by observers pilots and family members waiting along the runway while standing on the Bergstrom Air Force Reserve Station flight line.

They were awaiting the end of the final mission for the 924th Fighter Wing and the 74th Fighter Squadron "Outlaws." The four fighters finally came in from the west blue void, made several low-level passes down the runway and over the base then taxied slowly to a halt, until the heart and soul of the 924th. Although the 924th won't offi-



An F-16C from the 924th Fighter Wing makes a final pass over the runway at the former Bergstrom Air Force Base on Thursday.

cially cease all operations until Sept. 30. Thursday's flight ended an era.

"It's incredible," said Lt. Col. Henry Graves, 924th Operations Group commander, who was lead pilot for the unit's final mission, air combat training in the Brownwood Military Operations Area. "It's one of those things you know will come though you hate to see it happen. It's been a good career and a

great unit. You have to see it and this way."

After 44 years of duty beginning in 1963 at Ellington Air Force Base near Houston, the 924th was called for deactivation early in this year by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. Many of the personnel have already begun searching for other assignments or retirement, and the four F-16Cs in the final mission were the last aircraft left in the unit.

They will join the 924th's 11 other fighters that already have been flown to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida to be taken over by the 49th Fighter Wing, also a reserve unit.

Joining Graves on the unit's final mission were Lt. Col. Edward Pymon, 74th Fighter Squadron commander; Lt. Col. Stephen Higgs, 924th Fighter Squadron operations officer; and Lt. Col. Thomas

See F16, B5



Websites of Interest

<https://youtu.be/msYPbjFC50w>

Videos and Photos from 20 Year Reunion: 23-24 Sept 2016

1. Friday Night Video of event that was held at Camp Mabry: **4:40 min video**

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/175270462542104?view=permalink&id=1054743661261442>

2. Saturday Video at the Reunion: **18:27 min Video**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175270462542104/>

3. Photos: **200 pictures**

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



924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (647 Names)

Revised 30 July 2019

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

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