

COLD WAR SC

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In 1946, photographer James Chastain Jr. documented this inspection party checking on the completion of facilities and the airstrip at Thule, Greenland. The construction was part of Project Nanook, a SAC reconnaissance effort. Retired CWO Chastain belongs to the Northern Utah Chapter.



After a basketball game in 1946, Sgt. Peter Galovich stands outside the "White House" enlisted barracks at Clark Field, Philippines. He was a message center chief with the 313th Bomb Wing. Galovich is from the General Doolittle Los Angeles Area Chapter, Calif.

RAPBOOK II

More snapshots from the albums of Air Force Association members, recalling the Cold War from the perspective of those who served.



In 1947, Capt. John Fahnstock stands next to a C-45 at Godman Field, Ky. He was attending a reserve training summer camp. Fahnstock is a member of the York-Lancaster Chapter, Pa.



Sgt. Ray Goodman was on special assignment with the air police squadron at Rhein Main AB, Germany, when this 1948 photo was taken. Goodman is from the Gen. Charles A. Horner Chapter, Iowa.



“Slick sleeve” John Schmidt Jr. (far right wearing a “wheel hat”) marches during basic training at Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, in 1951. This unique unit comprised Canal Zone reservists and military brats like Schmidt. Retired CMSgt. Schmidt is past president of the Col. H. M. “Bud” West Chapter, Fla.

A1C Richard Varney (first row, fifth from left) was an aerial photographer in 1955 with this RB-36 crew from the 347th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Fairchild AFB, Wash. Varney is from the Minuteman Chapter, Mass.



A1C Al Hains (back row, third from left) was part of this RB-36 crew, assigned in 1955 to the 717th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. A radio and electronic countermeasures operator, Hains is now a member of the Gen. B. A. Schriever Chapter, Calif.



In 1957, A2C Patrick Coleman—shown here with his '53 Chevy—was stationed at Orlando AFB, Fla. He later served at Kadena AFB, Okinawa, maintaining reconnaissance cameras for the RF-101. Today, Coleman is a member of the General Doolittle/ Los Angeles Area Chapter, Calif.



A3C Bruce Trimble (second from right) and his buddies flunked a barracks inspection at Amarillo AFB, Tex., in 1957. Thus they were "awarded" the Pig Flight plaque and spent the weekend pulling KP. Trimble became a B-47 crew chief and is now a member of the Big Sky Chapter, Mont.

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HEADQUARTERS
3902D AIR BASE WING
United States Air Force
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

EDO

26 April 1957

SUBJECT: Parade, 4 May 1957

TO: DISTRIBUTION "C"

1. A parade will be held on 4 May 1957.

2. Details for the Parade are as follows:

a. Reviewing Officer: General Curtis E. LeMay

b. Troop Commander: Lt. Colonel Miles J. Frisinger

c. Troop Adjutant: Captain Jack E. Montgomery

d. The Reviewing Staff, consisting of the Command Section, Wing Adjutant, Directors of Personnel, Base Services, Operations, Comptroller, Materiel, and the Commander 3902d USAF Hospital, will report to the Reviewing Stand Area at 1025 hours and form under the command of the senior officer present.

e. Unit Commanders will conduct a personal inspection of their units prior to 1000 hours.

f. Adjutant's Call will be at 1030 hours. Elements will be in position on the ready line not later than 1025 hours.

g. The uniform will be the blue uniform with blouse unless advised to the contrary.

NOTE: As a precaution all personnel will have summer and winter (Blouse) uniforms readily available.

h. The WAF Unit will be the Color Squadron and furnish a Color Guard.

i. The Commander, 3902d USAF Hospital, will furnish an ambulance and attendants, which will be posted on the south side of the parade ground in the Bus Stop Apron.

j. Music will be furnished by the 702d Air Force Band.



Capt. J. E. White from the 100th Bomb Wing, Pease AFB, N.H., stands next to his B-47 on the flight line at an air base in the UK in 1958. His wing deployed to England for alerts for three weeks at a time. Retired Col. White belongs to the Abilene Chapter, Tex.

"Pass in review!" A memorable additional duty for Lt. Col. Miles Frisinger at the 3902nd Air Base Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb., was to call out the order for a 1957 parade honoring Gen. Curtis LeMay, outgoing SAC commander in chief, and Gen. Thomas Power, incoming CINCSAC. Retired Col. Frisinger lives in Alabama.



It was cigars all around and railroad tracks—mimicking captain's bars—when U-2 pilot Anthony Bevacqua (third from left) celebrated a promotion at the 1st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron. It was 1957 at Laughlin AFB, Tex. Retired Lt. Col. Bevacqua belongs to the David J. Price/Beale Chapter, Calif.

Due to snow, it took 2nd Lt. William Currie weeks to get from Anchorage to this point: the 795th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron radar site on the Bering Sea at Cape Romanzof, Alaska. The radar tracked Soviet bombers across the Bering Strait. Currie was operations officer here in 1958. He belongs to the Alamo Chapter, Tex.

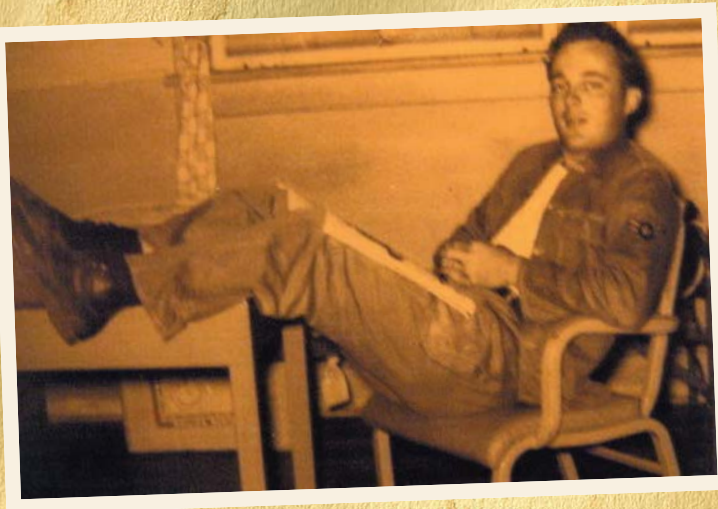


1st Lt. Vance Miller (left) and his 37th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron team mates scramble to their F-102s in this 1958 photo at Ethan Allen AFB, Vt. Miller is a member of the Seidel-AFA Dallas Chapter, Tex.

In 1958, A2C Michael Walczak (standing, fourth from left) lined up at Clark AB, Philippines, with the 1373rd Squadron Aerial Survey Team 7. He says the squadron produced military maps through radar surveying and aerial photography. He's a member of the Chicagoland-O'Hare Chapter, Ill.



In 1958, A2C Edward Garrett relaxes in the barracks at Lajes Field, Azores. He was stationed with the 1605th Air Police Squadron. Garrett is a member of the Gen. Carl A. "Tooley" Spaatz Chapter, N.Y.



Twenty-two KC-97s lined the runway at Thule, Greenland, when Capt. James Staehs took this photo while TDY there in 1958. His 40th Air Refueling Squadron was supporting the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Staehs is a member of the Tennessee Ernie Ford Chapter, Calif.





A2C Charles Sibert putt-putted on a Lambretta scooter at Ircirlik AB, Turkey, in 1959. He was an alert aircraft specialist at the base. This photo was taken near the transient alert area. He is a member of the Columbus-Bakalar Chapter, Ind.



Airmen assigned to Site Y-11, Rabat, Morocco, lived in these huts in 1959, says now-retired MSgt. Arthur Perry. Site Y-11 was a radar computation location, monitoring French activity in the 1954-1962 Algerian war of independence. Perry was a mechanic working on C-47s. He belongs to the Strom Thurmond Chapter, S.C.



At Thule AB, Greenland, in 1959, A2C Billy Moore, of the 327th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, sits in his barracks room. It was 6 feet by 8 feet. Moore handled munitions for F-102s when he wasn't measuring accommodations. He belongs to the Scott Memorial Chapter, Ill.

At Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in 1960, A2C Harold Bachman pauses next to a C-121. He was assigned to the 1502nd Flight Line Maintenance Squadron as an engine mechanic and worked on C-97, C-118, C-121, and C-124 aircraft. He lives in Adrian, Mich.





At RAF Station Kirknewton, Scotland, Thomas Henning and other USAF Security Service "Silent Warriors" lived in the barracks behind him in this photo. Henning served 1960-1963 with the 6952nd Radio Squadron Mobile. "We never discussed what we did" he says.

Propeller mechanic A2C Herman Wiedenmann strikes a pose outside a hangar at Selfridge AFB, Mich., in 1961. He was with the 4045th Field Maintenance Squadron and worked on KC-97s. Wiedenmann belongs to the Liberty Bell Chapter, Pa.



A2C Richard Stachowiak (right) looks scuffed up in this 1961 photo at Itazuke AB, Japan, because he'd just finished working on a KC-97 propeller. He was TDY there and actually a missile aircraft hydraulic specialist for the RB-47s of the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Stachowiak is from the Mount Clemens Chapter, Mich.



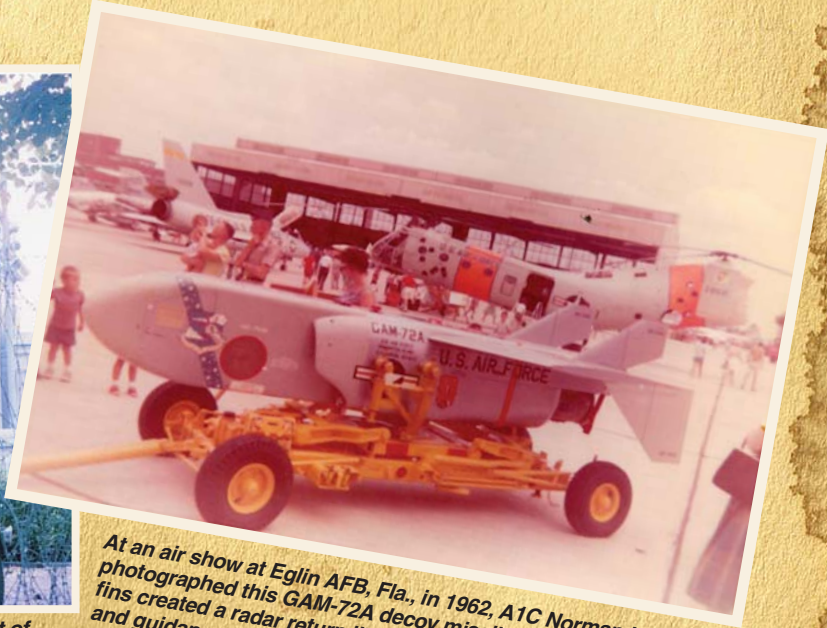
Radar intercept equipment maintainer SrA. Joseph Dangler called Campion AFS, Alaska, home from 1961 to 1962. He observed US and Soviet aircraft "playing cat and mouse" near the Bering Strait, testing each other's response time. Dangler belongs to the Central Florida Chapter.



Aircraft commander Capt. Hylas Cade Jr. (far right) poses with his 310th Air Refueling Squadron crew, on alert at Goose Bay, Labrador, in 1962. Today, Cade belongs to the Everett R. Cook Chapter, Tenn.



Capt. William Rawlinson Jr. takes a breather in 1962, with a lot of barbed wire behind him at the Brandenburg Gate in East Berlin. His job back then: If the Soviets closed Berlin, he was to fly an unarmed civilian aircraft through an air corridor—to see if they would shoot it down. Retired Col. Rawlinson is from the Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis Chapter, Calif.



At an air show at Eglin AFB, Fla., in 1962, A1C Norman Harris Jr. photographed this GAM-72A decoy missile. He says its sides and fins created a radar return like a B-52. Harris was a missile analyst and guidance specialist and worked on the GAM-72B. He is from the Hangar One Chapter, N.J.



Having trouble seeing Capt. Tom Bennett? He kept a low profile with the Office of Special Investigations at Tempelhof Arpt., West Germany, 1963-1964. Behind him is a memorial at the Berlin Wall. Retired Col. Bennett belongs to the Waterman-Twining Chapter, Fla.



A1C Donald Keller's wife-to-be, Beverly, took this photo at an air show at Whiteman AFB, Mo., in 1964. Keller served as a cryogenics fluid production specialist for B-47 and U-2 pilots. He was also a Minuteman launch control facility manager. He is a member of the Mile High Chapter, Colo.



Capt. Robert Kjar carries out missile combat crew commander duties in the Kilo 1 capsule northwest of Minot AFB, N.D., in 1964. Now-retired Col. Kjar says this was during the initial posturing of the Minuteman I at Minot. He is a member of the San Jacinto Chapter, Tex.



A1C Drew Churchson secures the McGuire AFB, N.J., flight line in 1964. He was assigned to the 1611th Air Police Squadron. The EC-121 in the background provided early warning. Churchson is from the Thomas B. McGuire Jr. Chapter, N.J.



2nd Lt. O. Thomas Hansen (standing, far right) holds Arctic survival equipment—snow shoes—for Exercise Polar Strike in 1965. The exercise tested plans for reinforcing Alaskan Command. Hansen was with the 29th Air Transport Squadron. Retired Col. Hansen belongs to the McChord Chapter, Wash.



Capt. Harvey Margulies (third from left) lines up with his crew in 1964 at an Army-Air Force Desert Strike exercise. Now-retired Maj. Margulies was a navigator, 18th Troop Carrier Squadron, Sewart AFB, Tenn. He is a member of the Langley Chapter, Va.



SSgt. Harold Leonard (center) poses in 1965 with his Atlas F missile launch crew from the 579th Strategic Missile Squadron, Walker AFB, N.M. He was a ballistic missile analyst technician. Retired TSgt. Leonard belongs to the Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter, Tenn.



In 1965, A1C Samuel Cirelli (far right) was a missile facility technician, 308th Strategic Missile Wing, Little Rock AFB, Ark. He monitored equipment in the missile silo and was also an instructor. The crew is shown in a Titan II missile procedures trainer. Retired MSgt. Cirelli is a member of the Liberty Bell Chapter, Pa.



SMSgt. Watson Smith posed for this photo before retiring from USAF. In the 1960s, he served at a radar site in Iceland and at Tempelhof Arpt., West Germany, among other places. He is a member of the Lance P. Sijan Chapter in Colorado.



From hot to cold: In 1965, A2C Ken Vaughn went TDY to Eielson AFB, Alaska, with the 22nd Field Maintenance Squadron, March AFB, Calif. At Eielson, his unit supported SAC's 4157th Strategic Wing. Vaughn was an instrument repairman and is today a retired major and a member of the Gen. Joseph W. Ralston Chapter, Ohio.



1st Lt. William Ward raced this 500 hp Corvette at Bonneville Salt Flats in 1968 while serving as a logistics officer at Hill AFB, Utah. Ward belongs to the Austin Chapter, Tex.



Capt. Stanley Beckner's Cold War memento is a press release photo, circa 1969. Beckner worked at the Manned Spacecraft Center near Houston, supporting the Manned Orbiting Laboratory program. He went on to space systems operations at NORAD's Cheyenne Mountain Complex. Retired Lt. Col. Beckner belongs to the Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo.



Maj. Richard Drennan was headed to the Romeo-01 launch control facility near Chugwater, Wyo., when this photo was taken in 1974. He was a flight commander in the 400th Strategic Missile Squadron, 90th Strategic Missile Wing, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo. Retired Lt. Col. Drennan belongs to the Orange County/Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Chapter, Calif.



In his 1505s—the last of USAF's khaki uniforms—Dan Toma stands beside his locker, ready for inspection in basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., in 1972. CMSgt. Toma retired in 2000 and is a member of the Carl Vinson Chapter, Ga.



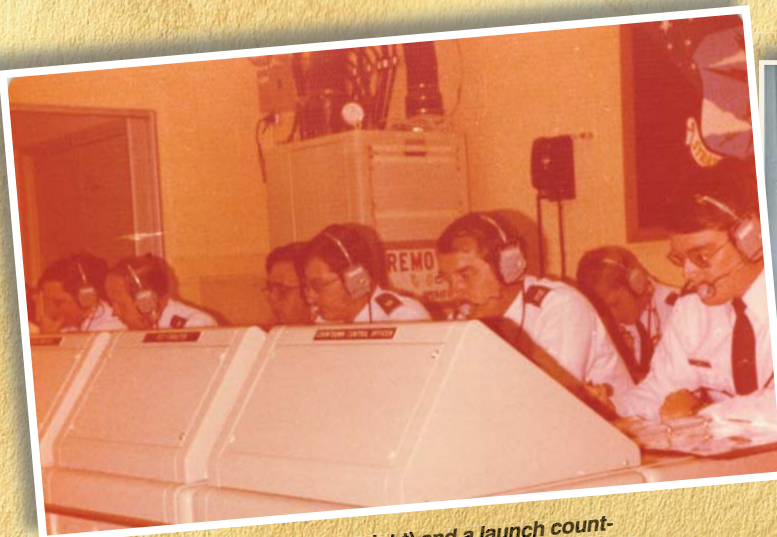
When this photo was taken in 1977, now-retired MSgt. James Walker was a military training instructor team chief for the 3702nd Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland AFB, Tex. He is today a member of the Wright Memorial Chapter, Ohio.



Retired Col. John Strifert from the Green Mountain Chapter, Vt., sent in this Burlington Free Press newspaper photo, showing his children, Kenneth and Lauren, welcoming him home from Team Spirit 1978. Strifert was assigned to the 134th Defense System Evaluation Squadron, Vermont Air National Guard. Exercise Team Spirit's show of force included nuclear-capable B-52s and more than 100,000 US and South Korean forces.



When this photo was taken at the Pentagon in 1978, Robert Schmaltz was an Air Force civilian operations research analyst. The rectangle on the map marked an area of his tactical air interdiction simulation model "where we expected the Soviets to start World War III," he says. Schmaltz is a member of the Green Mountain Chapter, Vt.



1st Lt. Marlon Yankee (far right) and a launch count-down team prepare for a SAC-directed ICBM follow-on operational test and evaluation launch from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., in 1978. They were part of the 1st Strategic Aerospace Division. Now-retired Col. Yankee is from the Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo.



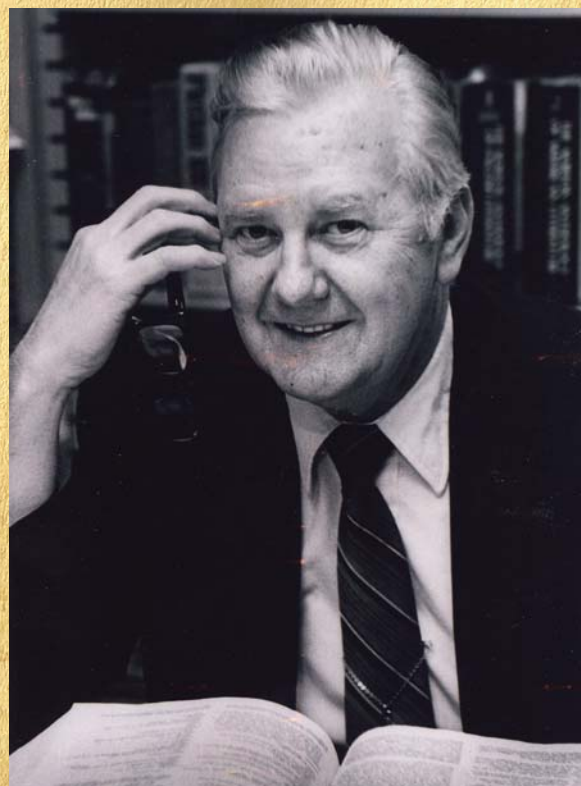
Capt. Albert Allenback (third from right) poses with pilots of the 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., at a Checkered Flag wartime deployment base, Nordholz, West Germany, in 1979. Retired Col. Allenback belongs to the Montgomery Chapter, Ala.



Lt. Col. Roger Hatton stands in a tent city for the 1985 Team Spirit exercise at Osan AB, South Korea. He was commander of the 161st Civil Engineering Squadron, Arizona Air National Guard. Retired Col. Hatton is from the Prescott/Goldwater Chapter, Ariz.



WSO 1st Lt. James Gunn has his hand on a GBU-15 hanging off an F-111. It was 1988, and he was stationed at RAF Lakenheath, UK, with the 493rd Tactical Fighter Squadron. Retired Lt. Col. Gunn lives in Idaho.



Retired Reserve Col.—and English professor—Benjamin Williams reads Shakespeare at his desk at Auburn University. One highlight of his 35-year career with the Army and Air Force: He served on occupation duty in post World War II Germany. Williams is a member of the Montgomery Chapter, Ala.