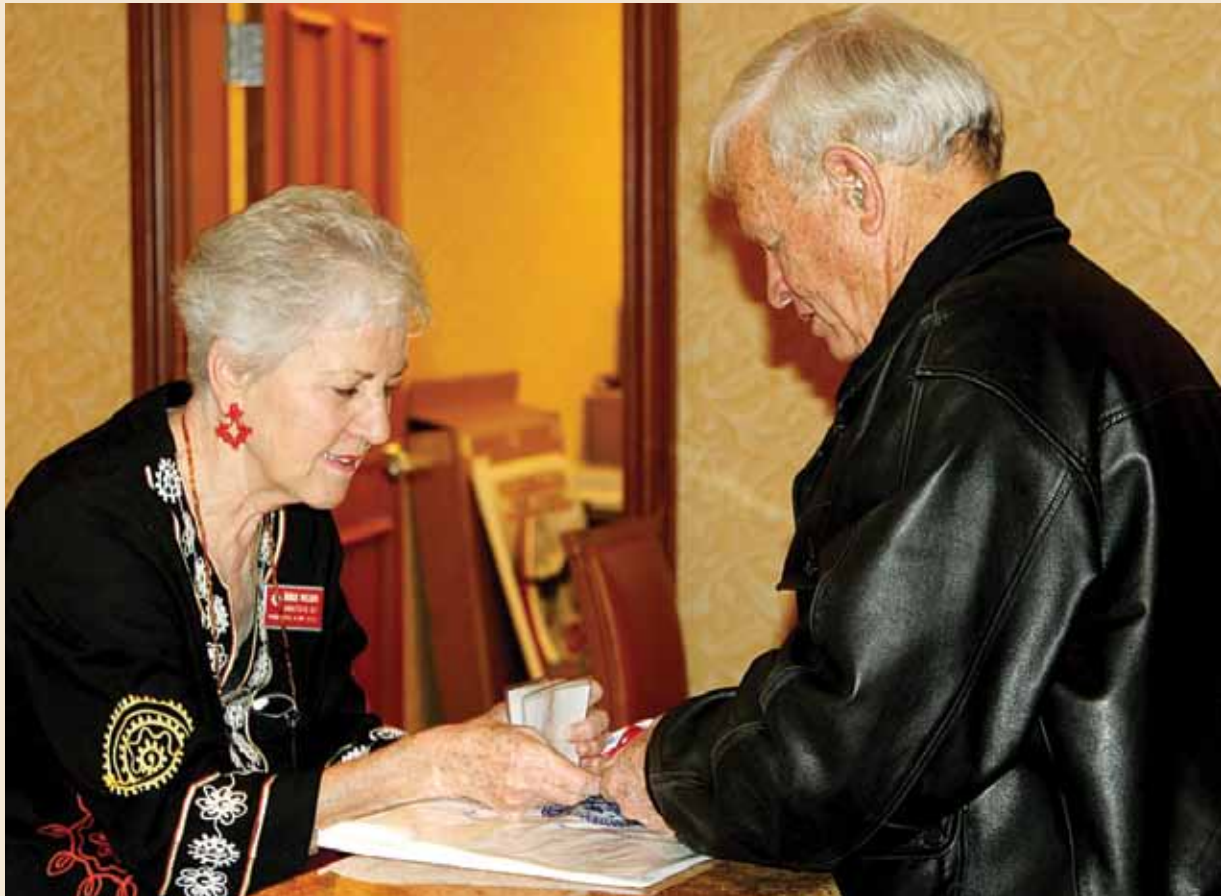


# THUNDER ROLLS



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*Doris (Doe) Wilson, TBAA Administrative Assistant, checks in retired Brig. Gen. Paul Kauttu (Slot-Commander/Leader 1962-66) during Reunion Nov. 17-19 in Las Vegas, Nev. More than 400 people attended events Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Events were held at the Revere Golf Club in Sun City Anthem, the Thunderbirds hangar and the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa. For more on the Reunion, see Pages 4-5. (Photo by T. K. Dudley)*



## New Board Leads TBAA in 2012-13

Results of elections are in and a new Thunderbirds Alumni Association Board of Directors took office Jan. 1.

Lennie Coleman (Right Wing 1991-92), Kevin “Joker” Mastin (Solo 2000-01), Shawn “Norm” Pederson (Solo 2001-02), Eric W. “Flak” Schnaible (Public Affairs Officer 1992-93) and Carey B. “CB” Shoff (Assistant Crew Chief #1 and Electrical Systems Specialist 1994-97) are the newest members of the board. They succeed Steve Andersen (Commander/Leader 1994-95), Brian Bishop (Commander/Leader 1998-99), Jason “Cliffy” Haag (Public Affairs 1998-2002), Matt “Mods” Modleski (Solo 1996-97) and Gail “Scar” Scarbrough (Narrator/Solo 1977-79) who have completed their four-year terms.

Returning board members include Joe Barron (Sleeve 1995-98), Mike “Slam” Byrne (Advance Pilot/Narrator 1999-2000), Al Eakle (Airshow Coordinator 1989-91), R. D. Evans (Solo 1979-81), Sarah Johnson-Robles

(Administration 1974-76) and Bruce Voigt (Maintenance Superintendent 1997-2000). Doe Wilson, the TBAA Administrative Assistant, is a nonvoting member of the board as well.

The officers of the TBAA are Byrne as Chairman; Mastin, Vice-Chairman; Johnson-Robles, Secretary; and Evans, Treasurer. Eakle will continue as Communications Chairman while other committee assignments are currently being decided.

“I want to extend my deepest thanks to all the 2010-11 board members who recently completed their terms,” said Byrne. “Their dedication and service to TBAA is the fuel that drives us and the glue that binds us.”

Byrne welcomed the new board members, adding “You have big shoes to fill as we prepare for the team’s 60th anniversary celebration at Reunion in 2013.”

## From the Chairman

Fellow Thunderbirds, welcome to the 2012 edition of *ThunderRolls*.

I want to say thank you to our former Thunderbirds Alumni Association Chairman, Boss Steve Andersen, who has given a very large chunk of his time the past four years to ensure the TBAA is current, relevant and meaningful to all Thunderbirds. Under his leadership, the TBAA has begun the move from paper to electronic and now, into the social media age.

I also want to thank the board members who served alongside Boss Andersen for the past four years: Boss Brian Bishop, Jason Haag, Matt Modleski and Scar Scarbrough. Because of these Airmen, you are now connected online; it was also their hard work that made the 2011 Reunion a success.

Your new TBAA Board of Directors has a simple goal: to enable the success of the current and future Thunderbirds Team(s), ensuring that our traditions and rich history continue. Because of my current overseas active duty position, I was unable to attend the Reunion. I was, however, able to be a part of the Reunion debrief. Overall, everyone felt that the Reunion was a success, but

it was obvious that the pace of current operations within the active duty force, as well as the struggling economy, kept many from attending. However, we also heard that many alumni skipped this one so that they can attend the 60th.

For your planning purposes, we have already secured the South Point Hotel for the 2013 Reunion – the dates are Nov. 21–23, 2013. Finally, I want to wish the 2012 Thunderbirds Team all the best as they continue where all of us left off.

Boss “Trump” Moseley, we are here for you and your Airmen. I wish you and your Team great success – know that the TBAA is behind you 100 percent.



Mike “Slam” Byrne (Advance Pilot/Narrator 1999-2000)  
Chairman



## From the Boss



Hello, Thunderbirds! I am Lt. Col. Greg Moseley, the new Commander/Leader. My wife, Heather, and I are extremely honored and very humbled to have this opportunity to represent the U.S. Air Force around the world. As you probably already know, we are in the middle of the training season and are looking forward to the 2012 show season.

I am excited to lead the team into its 59th year. We are currently scheduled to attend 32 airshows and perform more

than 60 demonstrations across the U.S., including stops in Alaska and Canada. We'll begin the year with a trip to Marine Corps Air Station

Yuma, Ariz., March 17, and end the season back at Nellis AFB, Nev., Nov. 10–11. It will truly be an honor to perform on Veterans Day.

As you well know, we are dedicated to representing our Air Force and keeping the highest standards of service, excellence and integrity that are expected of our Airmen. It is not lost on any member of the team that our mission, while unique, is extremely important. While executing that mission, we also have the chance to showcase the pride, precision and professionalism that the entire Air Force executes on a daily basis.

We are looking forward to a great 2012 season and are excited about having an opportunity to once again take to the skies and represent the U.S. Air Force. ABOVE ALL!



Lt. Col. Greg Moseley  
USAFADS Commander/Leader (2012-13)





Staff Sgts. Jake Spiller and Mark Creel reveal Lt. Col. Greg Moseley's name and new duty title as Commander/Leader of the Thunderbirds during a change of command ceremony at Nellis AFB, Nev., Jan. 6, 2012. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Richard W. Rose Jr.)

## Squadron Welcomes New 2012-13 Commander/Leader

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony held in the Thunderbirds hangar Jan. 6. Lt. Col. Greg "Trump" Moseley assumed command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Case "Basket" Cunningham.

During his last remarks as squadron commander, Cunningham said that although he is sad to be leaving the Thunderbirds family, he's confident he is leaving the team in good hands. "I am extremely honored to have had the opportunity to serve with all of you and lead you in the execution of our mission."

Cunningham was accepted to the Lorenz Fellowship, which is a senior developmental education program where he will work on a dissertation in pursuit of a doctor of philosophy in military strategy. In July, he will become the vice commander of the

451st Air Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan.

Moseley was a student at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., before taking command of the Thunderbirds. Prior to that assignment, he was the director of operations for the 43rd Fighter Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. He is a senior pilot with more than 2,000 flight hours as an Air Force pilot.

"To the men and women of the Thunderbirds Team, I'm honored to be the commander of such a dynamic group of Airmen," Moseley said. "The continued success of this outstanding organization is due to the hard work and commitment of each and every Thunderbirds Team member. Heather and I couldn't be happier to be a part of such an amazing team and mission."

## Thunderbirds 2012 Schedule

Feb. 26	Daytona 500 Flyover
March 8	Nellis AFB, Nev.
March 17	MCAS Yuma, Ariz.
March 31	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Fla.
April 1	Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Fla.
April 14-15	Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
April 21-22	Barksdale AFB, La.
April 28-29	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
May 5-6	Shaw AFB, S.C.
May 12-13	JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.
May 19-20	March ARB, Calif.
May 23	USAF Academy, Colo.
May 26-27	Hill AFB, Utah
June 2-3	Rockford, Ill.
June 9-10	Ocean City, Md.
June 16-17	North Kingstown, R.I.
June 23-24	Indianapolis, Ind.
June 30	Battle Creek, Mich.
July 1	Battle Creek, Mich.
July 7-8	Gary, Ind.
July 21-22	JB Lewis-McChord, Wash.
July 25	Cheyenne, Wyo.
July 28-29	JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
Aug. 4-5	Hillsboro, Ore.
Aug. 11-12	Abbotsford, Ontario
Aug. 17	Atlantic City, N.J.
Aug. 25-26	Brunswick, Maine
Sept. 1-2	Davenport, Iowa
Sept. 8-9	Sacramento, Calif.
Sept. 15-16	Scott AFB, Ill.
Sept. 22-23	Salinas, Calif.
Sept. 29-30	McConnell AFB, Kan.
Oct. 6-7	Fort Worth, Texas
Oct. 13-14	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Oct. 20-21	El Paso, Texas
Oct. 27-28	Moody AFB, Ga.
Nov. 3-4	Homestead ARB, Fla.
Nov. 10-11	Nellis AFB, Nev.





More than 500 people crowded into the Thunderbirds hangar as Team members grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch during Reunion 2011.

## Thunderbirds Gather for Reunion

More than 400 alumni, associates, honoraries and family members gathered in Las Vegas to attend the Thunderbirds Alumni Association Reunion Nov. 17–19.

For some, Reunion activities began Thursday morning with the golf outing at the Revere Golf Club in Sun City Anthem, Henderson, Nev.

A crowd of more than 500 people gathered at the Thunderbirds hangar late Friday morning as current Team members grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Following lunch, attendees watched the 2011 Team fly their final performance.

Several hundred gathered early that evening back at the South Point Hotel for the Perch Party. It was an opportunity to eat and visit with longtime friends.

The TBAA business meeting was held Saturday morning.

Attendees dressed up for the final event of the 2011 Reunion, the banquet. Current Team members joined the alumni, as winners were announced for the Fitzgerald and annual awards.

Staff Sgt. Mark Creel (Avionics Systems) won the Fitzgerald Award; Airman of the Year was Senior Amn. Laura Almazan (Client Support Administrator); Technical Sgt. Jacob Richmond (Public Affairs) was Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Senior NCO of the Year was Master Sgt. John Schaub (NCOIC Specialist Section); Capt. Kristin Hubbard (Narrator) was Company Grade Officer of the Year; and Field Grade Officer of the Year was Maj. Aaron Jelinek (Solo).

The Civilian of the Year was Stephanie Kelly (Personnel); and Spouse of the Year was Rachel Trimmell.

Attendees were then treated to a performance by country star Aaron Tippin, which concluded the banquet.



Country star Aaron Tippin performs at the banquet to conclude Reunion 2011. (Photos by T. K. Dudley)



# State of TBAA Discussed at Meeting

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a synopsis of topics discussed at the business meeting held Nov. 19 during the Thunderbirds Alumni Association Reunion. Director Matt Modleski led the meeting in the absence of TBAA Chairman Steve Andersen and Vice Chairman Brian Bishop, who had work commitments which precluded them from attending.*

Addressing the state of the Association, Modleski said membership is growing with 910 members out of 2,060 eligible people.

“Take an E to Dinner” has received more than \$13,000 in donations from alumni since 2008. Donations have allowed the 2009 and 2011 enlisted complement to attend the banquet free of charge.

Modleski said the board had reviewed and made several policy changes in 2011.

Dues for annual membership must be received by March 31 to remain current (active). Annual dues for those desiring to either run for office or vote during election years must be received by July 31. Individuals who wish a life membership can either pay all at once or spread out payments throughout the same calendar year. If not completely paid within the calendar year, annual dues are applied from credited funds in December, and the remainder is held as credit toward lifetime membership in the next calendar year.

Treasurer R. D. Evans stated the Association is very sound financially. He is working with several accounts and reported these statistics: a checking account that handles annual dues, merchandise sold and contributions is \$54,937; a savings account attached to this checking account is \$40,087; a checking account funded by lifetime dues is \$5,567; and a savings account attached to this checking account is \$16,005.

Evans also reported that the Associations' total operating fund is \$116,596; the Associations' UNS investment account is \$188,000, as of Oct. 15, 2011; and the TBAA funds, as of Nov. 14, 2011, are \$304,596.

“ThunderRolls is coming out three times a year,” said Communications Chairman Al Eakle. “eNewsletters come out as needed.”

The Facebook group (Thunderbirds Alumni) has more than 600 members on the popular social networking site. It's a private group – only alumni, associates, honoraries and family members are granted access.



*Alumni had an opportunity to ask questions during the TBAA business meeting held during Reunion. (Photo by T. K. Dudley)*

Nominating Committee Chairman Scar Scarbrough announced the voting results (see story on Page 1).

Jerry Jones asked about correcting names listed in the last membership directory.

Eakle and Modleski explained that names listed in “These Names Are Mine” (TNAM), published annually by the Heritage Thunderbird Foundation, are used to verify alumni status. These lists are certified by the Commander/Leader (or one of the officers in cases where the C/L is deceased).

Only the individuals who signed the list (and *not TBAA*) can make changes.

TBAA Director Bruce Voigt is working with Dee Pfeiffer and Historian Carol Knott to update *We Rode The Thunder* from 2003 to 2013 and needs bullet comments.

He asked everyone from those eras to send their information, stories and photos in ASAP.

Prior to concluding, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the relationship between the current Team and alumni. All agreed it has improved over the past two years and can get even better.



## New Static Display

*The Thunderbirds F-16C static display, tail number 87-0323, is placed on display outside the Thunderbirds hangar on Oct. 31. “323” was primarily flown throughout the F-16C’s first show season in 1992 by the team’s commander/leader, Lt. Col. Dan Darnell. Dedicated Crew Chief Tech. Sgt. Mark Payne and Assistant Staff Sgt. Dale Posey proudly maintained “323” that year as the team performed 75 aerial demonstrations, including a 17-day tour of Central and South America. The static display carries the names of these three alumni, just as it did in 1992. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Richard W. Rose Jr.)*

# Benchstock

Congratulations to the following Thunderbirds alumni who were selected for promotion to chief master sergeant: **Joey Abelon** (Ground Radio 1998-99); **Bruce Kimball** (Sleeve 2010-11); **Charles Miller** (Aircraft Maintenance/Quality Assurance Superintendent 1998-2002); **Brandy Petzel** (Personnel 2000-03); **Michael Radford** (Crew Chief/Quality Assurance Superintendent 2001-05); **Jason Tiek** (Assistant Crew Chief #3 1999-2001); and **Brian Tobin** (Structural Maintenance/Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief #5 1994-98).

For those who couldn't make Reunion, here's a link to the video the current Team put together for the banquet. They dedicated it to all Thunderbirds – past, present and future <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04X-Q6Jg9ow&feature=youtu.be>.

Lt. Col. **Scott “Kidd” Poteet** (Slot 2007-08) recently assumed command of the 64th Aggressor Squadron at Nellis.

Lt. Col. **Nicole “Fifi” Malachowski** (Right Wing 2006-07) assumed command of the 333rd Fighter Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Recently retired Lt. Gen. **Dana Atkins** (Left Wing 1988-89) is the new president of *The Augusta Chronicle* in Augusta, Ga.

Lt. Gen. **Jeff Remington** (Solo 1988-89) relinquished command Jan. 6 as deputy commander, United Nations Command Korea; deputy commander, U.S. Forces Korea; commander, Air Component Command, Republic of Korea/U.S. Combined Forces Command; and commander, 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea. He officially retires March 1. He and wife Mabelle have moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Lt. Gen. **Dan Darnell** (Commander/Leader 1992-93) retires March 1. He is currently deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Command. He and wife Vickie plan to reside in the Northern Virginia area.

Maj. Gen. **John Posner** (Right Wing 1989-90) is the director of Global Power Programs, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition, HQ Air Force, Washington, D.C. He assumed his new duties in October.

Congratulations to Maj. Gen. **Darryl L. Roberson** (Left Wing 1994-95), who pinned on his second star in November. Commander of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Roberson also recently logged 5,000 flying hours over his military career.



Retired Gen. **Tony McPeak** (Solo 1967-68) has a new book coming out this spring. *Hangar Flying* is the first book of a three-volume series. It is a memoir of his early service in fighter squadrons, a story about military flying in the tumultuous 1960s. The second title covers the 1970s and 80s, and the final volume covers his years as the Air Force's chief of staff. More information about the book is available at <http://generalmcpeak.com/hangarflyingbook/>.

A Las Vegas-area group of Thunderbirds alumni invite all present and former brothers and sisters to join them for lunch the first Wednesday of each month at Boulder Station. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. For more details, email **Jerry Jones** (Ground Radio Communications Technician 1965-69) at: [tbird13@cox.net](mailto:tbird13@cox.net).

Col. (Ret.) **Russ Quinn** (Solo 1995-96) has taken a one-year leave of absence from L-3 Communications to join the U.S. State Department mission in Iraq as the Senior Safety Advisor to the Iraq Civil Aviation Authority (ICAA). Russ will be working directly with the ICAA leadership out of Baghdad International Airport from January to December 2012.

Welcome Master Sgt. **Michael Macneil**, the current team's new Sleeve. He succeeds Senior Master Sgt. **Bruce Kimball**, who is now first sergeant for the 99th Medical Group at Nellis.

Welcome new lifetime members **Eric Beuter, Dale Cooke, Linda (Precopio) Ellsworth, Michael A. Fisher, Jeffrey Heyse, Timothy McKuster, John M. Pinksaw, Cami M. Relfe, Michael S. Thomas, Brian Tobin, John C. Tobin** and **Jeff Turner**.

Welcome annual members **David Dodge, Robert Kanaga, Matthew Moore, James E. Polniak, William Scott Poteet, Gene Ramos, John F. Vallone, Sr.,** and **James A. Wiley**.

The Thunderbirds have announced the show line for the 2012 demonstration season.

Line Chiefs are Tech. Sgts. **DeCarlos Harris** from Atlanta, Ga., and **Brian Shumaker** from Bremen, Ind.

Thunderbird #1 Dedicated Crew Chief (DCC) is Staff Sgt. **Jake Spiller**, from Hamilton, Texas, and Assistant Dedicated Crew Chief (ADCC) is Staff Sgt. **Mark Creel** from Birmingham, Ala.

Thunderbird #2 DCC is Staff Sgt. **Bradley Butler** from Hiram, Ga., and ADCC is Tech. Sgt. **Randy Hassenplug** from Herlong, Calif.

Thunderbird #3 DCC is Staff Sgt. **Tacota Lemuel** from Dallas, Texas, and ADCC is Staff Sgt. **Darren Baum** from Huron, S.D.

Thunderbird #4 DCC is Staff Sgt. **Brandon Rhodes** from Wichita Falls, Texas, and ADCC is Staff Sgt. **Andrew Hartman** from Columbia, Mo.

Thunderbird #5 DCC is Tech. Sgt. **Dwayne Fuller** from Akron, Ohio, and ADCC is Tech. Sgt. **Daniel Gonzales** from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Thunderbird #6 DCC is Tech. Sgt. **Drue Donaldson** from Colorado Springs, Colo., and ADCC is Tech. Sgt. **Alicia Valenzuela** from Defiance, Ohio.

Thunderbird #7A DCC is Staff Sgt. **Austin Smith** from York Springs, Pa., and ADCC is Tech. Sgt. **Adam Porter** from Connersville, Ind.

Thunderbird #7B DCC is Staff Sgt. **Joe Khodabakhshian** from Glendale, Calif., and ADCC is Staff Sgt. **Ryan Birk** from Gaylord, Mich.

Thunderbird #7C DCC is Staff Sgt. **Bosco Bae** from Atlanta, Ga., and ADCC is Senior Airman **Chastin Peterson** from Wahiawa, Hawaii.

Thunderbird #8A DCC is Staff Sgt. **Paul Hooks** from Bossier City, La.

Thunderbird #8B DCC is Staff Sgt. **Raymond Le Blanc** from Sierra Vista, Ariz., and ADCC is Staff Sgt. **John Mantanona** from Chalen, Guam.



# Gone But Not Forgotten



Retired Col. **H. Allan Davis Jr.** (Narrator 1954-55), 85, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., passed away Aug. 19 of natural causes. He served in the Air Force from 1944-75.

Survivors include his wife, Fran; sons, Tad and Scott; daughter, Ann; and four grandchildren. A graveside service was held at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif., Aug. 24.



Retired Col. **F. J. "Pat" Kramer** (Skyblazers Solo, Slot and Leader 1958-62), 79, of Fairhope Ala., passed away Nov. 15. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1943, became a B-29 tail gunner and was

later commissioned through Officer Candidate School. His military decorations include the Silver Star with Valor, Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit and 35 Air Medals. Following retirement in 1975, he worked for the Alabama Forestry Commission and the Alabama wildlife

preservation spotting wildfires and counting wildlife herds. Graveside services were held Nov. 22 at the Barrancas National Cemetery, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla. He is survived by daughters, Patricia Lynn (Mason), Mary Ellen (Murphy) and Katherine Ann (Overstreet); sons, David Thomas (NCOIC/MOC/Crew Chief #9 and #2 1988-92) and Richard Daniel; and 18 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Retired Master Sgt. **Pedro E. "Pete" Nino** (Aircraft Maintenance 1968-71), 76, passed away Nov. 11. Pete served 20 years in the Air Force from 1958-78. He was preceded in death by two daughters. He is survived by wife, Veronica Barnes Nino; sons, Mark D. (Cheryl) Nino and Paul C. Nino; daughter, Betina C. Nino; and four grandchildren. Interment was at Holy Hope Cemetery in Tucson, Ariz.

**Frederick "Fred" Samuel Thomas** (Material Control NCO 1971-74), 78, died Aug. 26 at his home in Overton, Nev. Survivors include his wife, Sandy; a son, Michael; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Aug. 31.



## Input Needed for Book Update

The Thunderbirds Alumni Association needs the help of team members from 2004 to 2012 in updating the book that is the definitive book on Thunderbirds' history.

*We Rode the Thunder* is written by men and women who have worn the Thunderbirds patch and is filled with stories highlighting their drive, dedication and professionalism.

"When I became the Maintenance Chief in 1997," said Bruce Voigt, TBAA project chairman, "the maintenance tradition I was most impressed with (and fearful of) was 'never having to cancel an airshow due to maintenance difficulties.' That is an incredible accomplishment!

"As I read through *We Rode the Thunder*, my eyes froze on an anecdote shared by Thunderbirds Maintenance Officer 'Mister Earl' Haney. The demanding 1966 season had forced the maintenance crew to work miracles as all nine F-100 Super Sabres had to travel that year."

"Things have a way of only seeming impossible to Thunderbirds," Haney wrote. "As we dove into the challenge, the special skills, knowledge and determination of each man melded into a combined effort that made the impossible happen. Early one morning, I opened my office and found a crew chief asleep on my couch. He awoke with a start, nervous he had used my office without permission. He hadn't gone home that night and

had put 20 hours of work into his jet in a single day. I patted him on the shoulder and assured him it was OK. There were a lot of four-letter words used in those days, but 'quit' wasn't one of them."

"*We Rode the Thunder* is so popular and different than other books," Voigt said, "because there are hundreds of stories from Thunderbird Os, Es and Thunderbrides. This is the story of the Thunderbirds from those of us who were there – and that's what makes it real and so special."

The last team featured in the book was the 2003 team.

"We're asking all of you who served from 2004 to 2012 to provide or solicit interesting stories or anecdotes about your teams," said Voigt. "They don't have to be ready to publish – we will take care of those details. Just provide bullets or a paragraph or two. We would also like to have copies of any pictures you want to share. Please help us continue this important work to document our Thunderbirds' legacy."

Email your stories, anecdotes, bullets, pictures, etc. to: [werodethunder2@gmail.com](mailto:werodethunder2@gmail.com) or mail them to: Dee Pfeiffer, 13895 E Placita Pezuna, Vail, AZ 85641-1400. We need all of your materials by March 31, 2013, so we can meet publisher deadlines to have the book ready by September 2013.

# ThunderRolls

*ThunderRolls* will be printed in February, June, September and December 2012 for members of the Thunderbirds Alumni Association. The deadlines for submissions are: May 1, 2012, for the June issue; Aug. 1, 2012, for the September issue; and Nov. 1, 2012, for the December issue. Submissions (including high-resolution photos in .jpg format) may be emailed to: [al.eakle@gmail.com](mailto:al.eakle@gmail.com). Submission does not guarantee publication, and editorial staff may edit for style and content.

Submit any change of address to: Doe Wilson, TBAA Administrative Secretary, 7661 Angel Crest Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89117. Phone: 702-871-7197. Email: [DoeWilson@aol.com](mailto:DoeWilson@aol.com).

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## TBAA/Josten's Offer Alumni Rings

A custom Thunderbirds ring is a lasting symbol of dedication to duty. The Thunderbirds Alumni Association, in conjunction with Josten's, is now offering the ring in men's and women's sizes. It is only available to those who have been certified by their commander/leader as alumni.

One side of the ring has the Thunderbirds emblem, while the other has the Air Force coat of arms, and across the top, "USAF Thunderbirds." For a \$15 additional fee, the Thunderbirds patch can be encrusted in the stone (only available on men's smooth stone rings – women's rings are too small for this feature).

Josten's offers a variety of metal choices including:

Lustrium is a nonprecious metal alloy that is silver in color; it is a hard and durable metal. Prices start at \$189 in both men's and women's sizes.

Yellow Lustrium has the same characteristics as LustriumR, but yellow in color because of coating with 22-karat yellow gold. Prices start at \$239 in both men's and women's sizes.

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Yellow Gold is a wise investment because of its durability and lasting value over time. Gold has been the standard for jewelry for more than 4,000 years. Prices for men's sizes start at \$569 for 10K, \$759 for 14K and \$1,029 for 18K; and women's sizes start at \$429 for 10K, \$589 for 14K and \$789 for 18K.

White Gold has the same lasting qualities and value as yellow gold, but is composed of a different metal. Prices for men's sizes start at \$579 for 10K, \$769 for 14K and \$1,039 for 18K; and women's sizes start at \$439 for 10K, \$599 for 14K and \$799 for 18K.

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