

Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, Stephenville Newfoundland: Memories

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Entries from July 12, 2005 to June 26, 2012

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 12 2005 / 19:40:11

name = Linda Hinrichs

where = California

Harmon_Memories = My step father was killed in a plane crash Dec.19,1964. The military got us out of there in five days leaving no time for closure. My brother and I hope to make a trip back soon for some closure.

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 03 2005 / 12:33:04

name = Jack White

where = Kirkland, WA USA

Harmon_Memories = Is there any one out there who was stationed at Harmon during the 1944-45 era?

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 22 2005 / 05:15:07

name = bennett gordon

where = new york city

Harmon_Memories = i was stationed there from may 54 to dec 59 was anyone there at that time with to 6605th maintance and supply group

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 09 2005 / 17:59:38

name = Phillip Huston

where = El Cajon, California

Harmon_Memories = My father, Lewis Huston, was a captain flying the F-89 with the 61st FIS. We moved to Harmon in 1956 from Yuma AFB, Arizona. What a change, from the extremely hot desert to, well you know, snow and ice. I have not been back but my parents drove there from California in 1985 and actually found the unit we lived in on the base. To this day I can say that living there provided me with the most enjoyable experiences a kid could have. I am dying to go back. I would be interested in hearing from anybody that went to the base elementary school or whose fathers were with the 61st. I was 6 years old in 1956 so maybe there is an old classmate out there. I have 3 bound school yearbooks from the years 1956-1959 so I can look up photos. I would love to get some photos of the F-89s stationed there.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 11 2005 / 11:26:40

name = Janice Sheppard Ancarrow

where = Metro DC area

Harmon_Memories = Lived on EHAFB from 1956 to 1959 and attend the High School. My sister Judy Sheppard Doucette graduated there in 1959. She and I, plus my brother Nickey Sheppard were all teenagers while my dad (George H. Sheppard, deceased in 1976) was stationed there. Wonderful memories of Radio Club, Teen Club, GAA, and Senior Scouts (hay rides). No place will ever compare to the freedom and friendships we enjoyed during those three years. My last year there was as a Sophomore. I remember all my teachers and the fun dances we had, including the parties held in our basement! Would love to find Wendy Rogers, Serena Slaughter White, and Harriet Eastus.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 15 2005 / 17:56:16

name = Phil Trask

where = Ohio

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Harmon_Memories = Was with Flight B, 6th ARS (later called the 52ARS) from May of '51 till Dec. of '53. Married a gal from Kippens 53 years ago. Still go back for visits with her family. Great place. If anyone from Rescue reads this, drop me a line; would like vey much to hear from you. Phil

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 25 2005 / 16:38:45

name = Wayne Newkirk

where = Jacksonville,FL

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from March of 61 to October 62. I was a A/1C in the POL Section. I remember a fish and chips stand outside the main gate. After a hard night of socializing in town I needed those chips. I have a cigarette lighter with the airman s club logo engraved on it. I remember getting sunburn in our 20 minutes of summer!! Hope to make it back some day on vacation

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 28 2005 / 12:55:07

name = Owen Hughes

where = Upstate NY

Harmon_Memories = Arrived at Harmon Jan 62, the snow was banked up alongside the runway so high that they sprayed red dye on it so the pilots could gauge their position when landing. Was assigned to the CDS sqdn. (glorified sentry dog), our barracks was next to the army guys that were "stevedores" - unloaded incoming supply ships. They were the only ones that had worse jobs than us. Lived down town for about 6 mos and met the locals - great "salt of the earth" types.....drank some "screech" and ate some cod / flounder. Worked my ass off during the cuban missile crisis....12 hr shifts no days off....haven't had powdered eggs since I left there in May 1963 and went to Brise Norton, Oxford England.....definitely plan to get back to the "rock" this summer.....saw the movie "Shipping News" and it reminded me of the tough earthy Newfoundlanders.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 31 2005 / 12:15:36

name = Pete Strelko

where = Fort Worth, Texas

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Harmon AFB on February 10, 1962 and like the previous writer, Owen Hughes, I also experienced the thrill of landing during a major snowstorm. My first thought, could this be for real. After all, I was going to be here for eighteen months. I was also assigned to the 4081st CDS, (security) where I would pound the snow under my feet as I faithfully guarded the KC-97's. I lived in the same barracks as Airman Hughes but his name escapes me. I think I was assigned to D flight under Sgt. Sikes, we wore the green neck ties. In spite of the weather, I enjoyed Harmon and Stephenville. I was always in awe during the Northern Lights exposure since I walked around airplanes endlessly. I enjoyed the Airman's Club and the Stephenville nite spots; Red Rose and Clover Clubs. I found the people relatively friendly.

Hey Owen Hughes, do you remember a dark haired, dark eyed beauty by the name of Edna Flynn. She would frequent the Airmans Club on a regular basis and she worked on base for an officer's family. I left Harmon AFB on August 10, 1963 and left part of myself there; I put a somewhat time-capsule in my barracks room closet, the slats were loose. I still wonder if old photos and letters remain let alone the old barracks.

Happy 2006 to all Newfoundlanders and former Airman who served on "The Rock".

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 12 2006 / 12:01:40

name = C. Lichtenfeld

where = Ft. Myers, FL

Harmon_Memories = My Grandmother (Olive Pelley) worked on base at the NCO Club in the 50's. Would love to hear from someone who knew her then. Also looking for "Grif" as he was known then. Would have been a navigator in 1955/1956 stationed at Harmon. Love this website!

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 24 2006 / 09:27:22

name = David Nix

where = Houston, Tx

Harmon_Memories = I was in and out of Harmon pulling TDY from Hunter AFB and Kindley AFB from '60 to '63. I was part of a maintenance crew on KC-97s. Had some great times there. Although I was there quite a number of times, I only remember being there without snow one time (must have been August).

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 26 2006 / 15:22:19

name = Martha Collier

where = Corner Brook, Nfld

replyemail = maranne11@yahoo.ca

Harmon_Memories = My father Thomas worked at Harmon in early late 40's early 50's and asked if I would try to find a friend he had there, his name was Phillip Gransutty (?) not sure of correct spelling. Phillip's father was a Colonel stationed there. Does anyone remember them or give me their correct surname. Phillip went back to Scotland and last Dad heard of him was that he crashed his plane but was not hurt. I would like to find him. Tried searching in Google and in Scotland surname search but it comes up empty.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 02 2006 / 09:54:21

name = Richard F. Swain

where = Magalia, California

Harmon_Memories = Went to Harmon July, 1963 .1933 Comm Sqd. as a GCA radar tech. The memories? 1st SGT. wanted flower beds planted outside of the orderly room. Next morning some one had placed a white cross at the head of each one. A character created to motivate reenlistments (weren't any) named Harry Harmon on the base radio station. We built our own "radio station" with "Borrowed" parts to play our own programs. Had a range of maybe the next barracks. The winter of 1963 had winds of 135 MPH+ as recorded at the RAPCON. Spent a lot time at Corner Brook (out of bounds), trips to Jerry's Nose, repairing an inop radar on an MST5 ship. Does anyone remember Corner Brook Mike the watch seller?

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 09 2006 / 08:53:48

name = James Golden

where = Mobile

Harmon_Memories = Does anyone remember Judy Kallas and her sister? Do you know where they went?

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 21 2006 / 15:00:53

name = CHARLES (BUDDY) BALLING

where = NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

Harmon_Memories = Station at Harmon Sep 60 to Mar 62. Worked at Base Chapel. Also pulled POL duty every Tuesday during reflex operations. A lot of time spent at the bowling alley, base "ham shack" and AOM. (To Wayne Newkirk)-Wayne, I still have my Harmon AFB lighter from the AOM. I knew an airman named Tony who worked in POL and was badly burned just before his discharge in 1962. I think of Harmon all the time and have nothing but good memories. 10 cent cigarettes, 15 cent beers, and nickel slot machines. I lived on the 4th floor of the Harmon Hilton and had my own low power ham radio in my room. Does anyone remember John Cribbins, Jerry Hunkel, Ed Machado. Would like to hear from anyone who remembers the good times. I have just retired from truck driving and check my e-mail every day. Please get in touch. Would really like to talk over the "good old days. Sixpack13@verizon.net

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 22 2006 / 14:01:40

name = John Moore

where = Edgewater Fl

Harmon_Memories = I have a ton of stories,I was there from Oct 54 to aug 56 52nd ARS. I remember a snowblower chewing up the tail of a C47 during a snow storm, 40ft waves breaking off the end of the runway, 90 knot winds that turned parked aircraft around, a small riot at the Airmans club one Christmas, a dog that had one of his front legs amputated by a spinning prop of one our B29s, It didn't go to the flight line much after that, that happened before I got there. A F89 target rocket accidently firing and hitting a weapons carrier with 2 guys in it, good thing it was a only target rocket, A F89 hitting a radio tower while it was buzzing the base, not a good idea, The 52nd participating in a search when a navy plane that was carring dependants went down some where between NFLD and Bermuda. The one C54 that was ours at the time, I believe numbered 45632, long time ago, could be wrong A/C commander was Lloyd Wilson, When Major Wilson was to rotate he was given a check ride in one of the B29s, He landed it four times in one pass. The C54 he could grease it in to where you could hardly feel the wheels touch. Copilot was a Cap. Hiltz Navigator was Capt Paine, Not to sure of the spelling, Engineer was Jim Vickers, Radio operator was Edwin Hewitt, not sure that spelling is right. Col Smile Stark the group commander, I was told he was the youngest Col. in the Air Force at that time.He didn't think much of flying in A B29 so we took him all over the North East air Command. Ive seen most of the Bases,Goose bay, Thule,All the Bluey West or at least most of them, Even went to Iceland. Vickers and I did a lot of fishing in the Bay and Grand lake, very good fishing. Vickers had married a girl from Kippens on a previous tour and I got to know the Marche Family, Am still in contact With Herma one of vickers sister in laws. I remember Mrs Marche baking a tub full of bread, soooo goooood. I have a ton, some not good but Mostly good. I had such good duty while there that I knew it had to get worse when I rotated so I left the Air Force after that. It was a great time of my life, Didn't realize it till later.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 25 2006 / 08:40:56

name = Michael R. Harmon

where = Boise, ID

Harmon_Memories = Relative of Ernest E. Harmon

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 25 2006 / 17:15:58

name = William Stark

where = Detroit Mi.

Harmon_Memories = My father was stationed there in the early fifties. Played in a country band at the clubs, they were called the Stringbusters. Anybody have any reccollection of them?

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 30 2006 / 21:03:42

name = ken.a smth

where = mesa,az

Harmon_Memories = I was with the 55th A&E out of Forbes Topekans. I had two TDY assignment to Ernest Harmon. One was the last quarter of 1956 and the other was second quarter of 1958. The first TDY was one that I would not forget. It was Christmas and we have a large number of Hungarian refugees coming through. The then VP Richard Nixon came to the base to meet with the heads of several countries. We ate Christmas dinner with them and it was something to see. These people did not believe there would be enough food. We all assured them it was okay. The people were great. The towns people were very nice and I think of the area many times. A return trip some day is planned..

Date/Time of Posting: May 14 2006 / 09:46:05

Name = Murray (ray) szathmary

Message = Great site....I was stationed at Harmon from 1960 to 1961. 1933AACS . spent many hours at Whites, Clover Club, Teen club, and the Red Rose....I met many of the locals Ray Barry, Francis OBrien their family and others. I had many good memories of this town.....Ray Szathmary

Date/Time of Posting: May 14 2006 / 16:19:49

name = Tom Hughes

where = Stephenville, Nfld.

Harmon_Memories = Looking for some feed back from any and all who servered or was a dependant during the life span of Harmon AFB. Expecially interested in hearing from any one that served as a AP/Ramp Rat with the 4081st CDS. I was stationed at Harmon from May 1963 to Dec. 1964 as a A1c assigned to "A" Flt security and majority of the time pulled duty at the "mole hole" at the security gate.

In the works right now is a plan to hold a come home year reunion in July 2007 for a period of 7 to 10 days and it has been suggested to try and have a get together of as many military and dependants that where stationed at Harmon. Since I'm ex-military now living back here I have been approached to see if this venture would be worth trying to incorporate it into the town celebrations, so what I need from any one interested in attending a function of this nature is to make contact with me so I can get a idea of the interest out there. You can get in touch with me at tmthughes@nf.sympatico.ca and please use the message title HARMON REUNION.

Hope to hear from many of you and see you in 2007.

Date/Time of Posting: May 21 2006 / 15:29:03

name = PATRICIA W. DAVIS

where = HATTIESBURG, MS

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Harmon_Memories = Born at Ernest Harmon AF Base in 1955**. Two Boys were born the same day. For years I have attempted to find the two boys born on the same day to see how their lives have transpired. We left Newfoundland and went to El Paso, Texas for several years before my father, A. Q. Wheeler retired. My brother was 9 years old when I was born and remembers more than I do. Our father died in January of 2006. My dream has been to go back to where I was born in Stephenville. One of the postings was for a possible reunion of people who remember EHAFB possibly in 2007. **(Patricia's birth date left out for identity theft reasons, please contact her for further information)

Website for Celebrations 2007: Stephenville Come Home Year 2007

Date/Time of Posting: May 29 2006 / 02:59:05

name = david gaida

where = dallas,texas

replyemail = ksfishman71148@yahoo.com

Harmon_Memories = i was at harmon from 1959-62. would like to hear from anyone that remembers me. george crane-ronnie bybee-sidney pickering and sisters named marilyn and carol merrill, i think. sisters named sherrill and carol samson. lots of others that have been long lost and forgotten.hope to hear from someone..dave

Date/Time of Posting: May 31 2006 / 11:56:19

name = Hank Newman

where = Jacksonville, Fl

Harmon_Memories = message for son of Bill Stark of Detroit. I knew your dad very well, I was an original "Stringbuster". Due to some rotations Bill was hired to play rhythm guitar. He was quite talented. If memory serves me Bill was in the band when we competed and won the "Tops in Blue" talent contest and got to compete at Scott AFB, IL. I still have a picture of that group somewhere around the house. My E-mail is GaNewm9@aol.com

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 02 2006 / 21:20:00

name = Cindy S. Drake

where = Avoca, Nebraska

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Harmon_Memories = I only know about Harmon Air Force Base because of my sister-in-law Gwen Schalk and her husband Johann Schalk. They were there from 1961-1965 with their three children Doris, Johnny & Steven. I understand from my niece that Gwen had a televised cooking show that was taped on the base while Johann was stationed there. Does anyone remember them

or know if any film of these shows would still be in existence? Gwen passed away last October and I am checking on this for the family. Thank you.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 29 2006 / 17:34:22

name = Jay Buchanan

where = Ft. Myers, Florida

Harmon_Memories = I was born in Jan '62 and stayed there for at least a couple of years. I developed spinal meningitis at the age of 1 and was near death. My mother could not wait for a doctor, so she charged through the doors carrying me and demanded attention. The physician(s) saved my life! Thank you, whoever you are. My father is Albert Buchanan, and I'm not sure of his role on the base. I have not seen him since 1979, and I'm sure he could fill me in on some memories that you all share. Any contact would be welcome. jbphoto1@comcast.net

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 07 2006 / 15:16:10

name = Linda 'Hill' Mathis

where = Georgia

Harmon_Memories = Attended high school from '60-'63. Class of '64. Graduated at Dover AFB High School, De. Have gone to several Harmon High reunions. So good to see Harmon classmates. Hope to go back to Nfld. one day. Next reunion is in 2008 at Elizabethtown, Ky. Hope we have the biggest and best reunion, yet!

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 31 2006 / 09:49:13

name = Ron Thomas

where = Los Angeles California

Harmon_Memories = My dad Ralph "Bill" Thomas was a young Lt. along with my Mom Ruth stationed at Harmon in the early fifties (52-54?) where Dad worked in Base Weather as a forecaster. I was born in Corner Brook and adopted by my folks spending my first four years there. I remember a big ferris wheel in a large hanger that I beleive was part of an annual fair, and a show on stage where my Dad and other officers dressed like women and danced. We had a big boxer dog named Rockie who I guess gave the Mounties fits. We lived off base in a green trailer. Thats all I remember but would like to go back someday.

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 04 2006 / 18:52:26

name = David D. Lajoie

where = Augusta, Maine

Harmon_Memories = On Feb 14, 2005, I had submitted some of my memories from Harmon back from Dec 63 to June of 65. I noticed just now that my e-mail address was incorrect. I made a typo mistake in the e-mail address. In any case I am not suing my old computer any longer and that e-mail address was incorrect anyway. My e-mail address is as follows, carollajoie@gwi.net

In the meantime, if anyone reads this posting from back then, this is my correct e-mail address. Would like to hear from anyone that was there in that time frame. The prior posting was made on Feb 14, 2005. David D. Lajoie

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 14 2006 / 06:52:32

name = Tom Simpson

where = Stephenville Crossing, Nfld

Harmon_Memories = Was stationed at Harmon from June 1962 to Dec.1963 worked in the motor pool, Stephenville had way to many G.I.'s so started going down to the Crossing, met and married a local girl there and have been married for 44 years, moved back to Nfld. last year as we are both retired now, always loved Nfld and my time at Harmon. would like to hear from any of my old friends, Tex, Jenny Quick, Ace, The Whip, Jerry,

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 15 2006 / 08:14:58

name = Howie Puls

where = East Aurora NY

Harmon_Memories = I was there from nov.57 to jan 59. Was with det5 5th weather group. Found another weather guy on memories in fact he was my room mate Don Johnston. Nobody seems to remember the TCA terminal at the end of runway. It was our stop after the clubs closed.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 01 2006 / 12:59:36

name = Andy Anderson

where = Kirkland, WA (from Leadville, CO)

Harmon_Memories = Was at EHAFB 1951-53, in 6602nd ABG. The field was being updated for newer acft as we had Fairchild C-82's, some flying, some for spare parts. Mud road to Camp 33, and on to Cornerbrook, Newfy Bullet (RR) with schedule mandated by weather. Many happy memories. Would like to hear from anyone in the 6602nd, families of Lts Richard G Smale, Eugene Kight, Charles W Giffin, and Moose (Fitz Rowr) Brown, Curt Hailey, Gerry Teling, James Corbin, et al ----.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 09 2006 / 15:10:37

name = Jim Hall

where = Dauphin Island, Alabama

Harmon_Memories = After all these years, have vivid and fond memories of EH AFB, Stephenville and NFLD. There 1961-'63. HQ Squadron, Info office, Capt. Tom Halbert - great people; had a great job at TV/radio station on the hill; watched Russian trawlers offshore during Cuban missile crisis; had a bit part in the Bob Hope Christmas tour, got fired by Hope after two shows; got to meet and work with Jayne Mansfield; tried to ski, not very good!; got to ride a real dog sled with locals; visited Bonne Bay, one of the most beautiful places on the planet; Corner Brook, interesting place; met and worked with great people; still have some great pictures and

slides; hitched a ride with flight crew to Bermuda; met and enjoyed some wonderful local residents - great memories and I am fortunate to have had the experience. I gotta go back someday.. jh

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 21 2006 / 00:31:29

name = Gary Resnik

where = New York City

Harmon_Memories = Going on the base arm forces day. There was a kids show on arm forces channel CFSN , they had a clown. Sometimes you would get on the show be in the audience. Eat ice cream etc. Watching GIs from the south bring there horses up on the corral in the middle of town. Hanging out on the bridge to the entrance of the base as a little kid. There was always something going on.

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 27 2006 / 20:21:24

name = Susan Patrick

where = Rockport, MA

Harmon_Memories = Lived at Harmon '58-'61. My dad, Colonel Skinner, commanded the weather station. I have a weather map signed by Elvis when he came through. Visited last summer and recognized almost everything. Theater exactly the same; amazing!! Have so many wonderful memories and was really nice to re-visit them in person.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 13 2006 / 06:33:35

name = Diane (Gillam) MacDonald

where = Robinson's Newfoundland

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Harmon_Memories = Sorry I don't have a Harmon story to share , but I am trying to find some information about a family that was stationed at the base. The fathers name was S/Sgt Robert Arnold Randolph, his wifes name was LaVerne K. Randolph. The childrens names were Larry, Kathy, Bobbette And Gale. They were on their way back to the Us when the axle broke on a trailer they were pulling. Mr. Randolph left the trailer with my father. There are quite afew pictures and papers the family may like to have. If anyone has any information about this family I would appreciate it if they could email me . Thanking you in advance. Diane MacDonald

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 16 2006 / 13:35:26

name =Shari Abraham Benoit

where = nebraska

Harmon_Memories = AF Dependent--Dad stationed there 1960-62..Flew KC97s..Transferred there from Lockbourn in Ohio..Very fond memories of High School and the friends I met..Our reunions have always been great...My father is Bruce Abraham. He and my mother Justine, passed away in 1998.. We live on Ohio drive --- same little half circle with the Bradys, Brays, Slaughters and Fergusons...Shari Abraham Benoit

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 24 2007 / 13:44:34

name = Mary

where = Stephenville , Newfoundland

Harmon_Memories = Noted a Harmon Story on here by a Peter Anders, stationed at Harmon 1959/61 .. curious if he knew a John S. Brophy who was also with Base Police. I find it very heart warming to read all the nice things people have had to say about this little corner of the world. clarance@nf.sympatico.ca

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 15 2007 / 17:22:01

name = Laura (Lee) Aylward

where = Stephenville, NL

Harmon_Memories = My husband Kevin and I worked at Harmon Air Force Base, Kevin from 1954-1966 and I from 1958 to 1966. I worked as a switchboard operator/supervisor with base communications and Kevin worked at base supply. We made many wonderful American friends during those years and kept in touch with some even to this day. I am looking for Airman Thomas E. Twigg who was stationed here in the 1960s he was an air traffic controller and was from Milwaukee, Wis. He has a son who is my nephew who would like to find him. If anyone can give me any information on him I would appreciate it very much. Also was good friends with Sgt. Crawford and Airman Lloyd Boothroyd. I enjoyed reading the messages on this site. Regards Laura(Lee) Aylward. laura.aylward@nf.sympatico.ca

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 19 2007 / 14:44:50

name = Richard (Dick) Madigan

where = Claremont, NH

Harmon_Memories = Not a lot of memories of types as I see posted here by others. Was a gunner WB66D, used to fly into or thru Harmon on way to/from Azores. Remember a "quick turnaround" in late '62 or early '63. By the time we re-briefed and started out to the bird fog set in...couldn't see your hand in front of your face for @3 or 4 days. Long time before we could lift off to home! Starting a tour to all fields I served at, went TDY to, or stopped at (real emergency or otherwise), and hope to hit Harmon this summer(2007). Dick Madigan

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 15 2007 / 16:14:57

Harmon_Memories = My name is Ron Walker. I Was in the 6614 th Air transport Squadron from August 1955 until January 1957, when I rotated to Ardmore AFB, Okla. I have often thought of the guys in the squadron and barracks since leaving. A couple months before I left, we lost a C-119 up on the Greenland ice cap, but everyone got out OK. I did not miss the Patch too much though, once I got back to civilization, or what I called civilization. I guess Barracks J-9 was about as civilized as anything up there. If anyone remembers (Owen T. McCann, Harry L. Oren, James Cox, My room-mates) or anyone else in the squadron, give me an E-mail buzz. Address is Ron-JanW@peoplepc.com if you care to exchange old stories.

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 06 2007 / 12:26:19

name = gordon sorum

where = fargo, north dakota

Harmon_Memories = arrived at 1933 aacs sqdn, oct. 1956, and left there in april of 1960. I worked in the teletype relay center, I was a s/sgt during that time. I think I went into town once, I was just working and passing the time until I could return to wife in Iowa. I wonder if I would know anyone that reads this. gordonsorum@yahoo.com

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 18 2007 / 12:44:36

name = Jack Montgomery

where = Bangor, Maine

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Harmon from Tyndall AFB,Fl as a 20 year old A/1c in Sept.,1956 and stayed until Nov.,1957 when discharged. I was in the 4081st supply sqd. and worked from a quonset hut refueling shack on the flight line east of the terminal bldg. Being from Maine I was much more at home in Stephenville, Nfld. than in the Florida panhandle. The people of western Newfoundland were warm and hospitable. Many referred to me as "my son" including a waitress at a main st. restaurant who I believe was younger than me. I know that "my son" is just an expression but it is an expression of good will that was welcome to young and lonely airmen far from home. My main job at Harmon was the ground refueling MATS planes flying US Army troops to and from NATO bases in Europe. During that winter a great effort was made by all base personnel to assist in the relocation of thousands of Hungarian refugees who came to North America after the 1956 revolution. This was called "Operation Safehaven". The refugees arrived at Harmon with little more than the clothes on their backs. While the planes were being serviced they were taken to the terminal where they were greeted by the wives of base personel and fed in the mess hall there that served breakfast 24-7. When they came out they looked much better than when they went in and were ready for the last leg of their long journey to their new homes. For New Years eve 1956 a group of us decided to go to a dance in Corner Brook at the armory. The Army Corp of Engineers were helping to build the "new" road from Stephenville to Stephenville Crossing and it was not yet open so we had to go by way of Indian Head. It was snowing so hard[sideways] that one of the guys had to walk in front of the car on the road to the port. Once we got over Indian Head conditions got better and a mere 4 or 5 hours later we were in Corner Brook. We seemed to spend a lot of our off duty time in the Crossing and in Black Duck siding where we enjoyed the hospitality of the Jack O`Quinn family ,their daughter Teresa,her sister and friends being the main attractions. 1957 was a pivotel year for Harmon as control of the base changed from the Northeast Air Command to SAC. Trans Canada Airlines opened their new terminal and one afternoon during retreat on the grass by the flagpole at the Base Headquarters building as the flag was being lowered and the national anthem was playing Tripod and another dog decided that this would be a good time to make whoppie until the affair was ended by the ever-vigilent air police. It has now been 50 years since I was there but I still fondly remember that time in Newfoundland.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 06 2007 / 18:48:50

name = Bruce Evans

where = Los Angeles

Harmon_Memories = I was born in Stephenville in '53, Dad was a Cdn civvie employee on the Base (typewriter repair shop) and had several businesses going in town - office supply store, Canada Dry distributor and a few apartments. We moved to North Sydney in '66 when the Base closed. Have been back a few times since, sort of sad in a way but time moves on. Remember many good friends, both Newfoundlanders and USAF service people. Also had many wonderful summers with my Dad fishing for salmon on Robinsons River, we had a cabin there and I got my first salmon license when I was 5. Moved to Los Angeles in '93. Two interesting Harmon/Stephenville experiences. Met a couple named Shawn and Tonyja through a mutual interest in flying small planes. One evening, many months after first meeting, discovered that Tonyja lived on the Base from '62 to '64 as her Dad was stationed there as a USAF Major. About 5 years ago, ran into a lady named Josepha Rolapp at a Canadian Society party here in LA. Turns out that her maiden name is Gallant and she grew up on the next street from us in Stephenville, albeit a couple of years ahead of me. She and her husband, David, have become very good friends here in LA. Small world. Would love to hear from any old acquaintances of mine or my parents, Berkley and Mildred Evans. Best to all! brucefevans@msn.com

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 12 2007 / 22:42:13

name = William (Bill) Haman

where = L.I. New York

Harmon_Memories = August 1959 to March 1962 323FIS & 59th FIS Detachment#1 lived at 33 Queen St. and York Ave. (Shearer apt.) Had two children born there. Great fishing, hunting (first moose camp 33) golf, bowling. Snow up to your eyeballs and beyond and long winters, 40 oz'ers and pinnacle. Great tour of duty.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 25 2007 / 21:54:26

name = Natalie Oliphant McKamey

where = Bloomington, IN.

Harmon_Memories = Harmon Rockets! Beat 'em, bust 'em, that's our custom, come on Rockets, readjust em! I spent 5th grade at Harmon, in Miss Strayer's class. Looking to reconnect with my fellow 5th-graders (class of '73). I remember Camp 33, and wearing parkas and sliding down the big hill on toboggans in winter and cardboard boxes in summer. Wow, what a great time! I remember all the "slugs" (leeches) that would come out when it rained. Ick! It would be great to reconnect with Harmonites.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 24 2008 / 13:05:38

name = Grady H Stokes

where = Waynesville, North Carolina

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from late 1963 to closing in 1966. I was a medic NCO assigned to the 4081st USAF Hospital. I worked in the surgical unit and later in the Outpatient Clinic mostly as CQ for clinic emergencies after hours and on week ends. I remained until the base closed with only a skeleton crew remaining. Then to McGuire for discharge to return and continue my education. Many fond memories of my Harmon days exist. My memories of Stephenville Baptist Church are prevalent. I often wonder where many of my friends there are now.

I especially remember a close friend who I have lost track of. Anyone possible knowing the whereabouts of Gary D Flaherty please e-mail me. Gary left Harmon in 1966 to return to Georgetown Univ. He moved later to Fl and from there due to moves on my part and on his, we have lost contact. Col. Josephine Candella who was our AF nurse supervisor, is retired in Fl and we see each other on occasion.

My wife and I plan to return to Stephenville one day in the not too distant future for a visit. I only regret not knowing about the 2007 reunion...please keep my name for future reference regarding any more reunions. I have names of other s stationed there during this time. Stephenville and Harmon afford me great memories especially for my son who was 9 years old at the time..This is where I taught him to fish!. Thank you for this site and the opportunity to submit comments....it is a wonderful trip down memory lane.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 08 2008 / 12:15:04

name = Hank Newman

where = Jacksonville Fl

Harmon_Memories = I would like to locate Bill Walker who married the former Stella Cormier from Stephenville. He was in the 52d Air Rescue Sqdn.as a hydraulic tech. Bill was from Va. and played drums with the Western Ramblers on base. Other Ramblers trying for a reunion.any help will be appreciated.

contact Hank Newman at GaNewm9@aol.com

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 18 2008 / 14:28:52

name = Don Webster

where = Merritt Island FL

Harmon_Memories = Looking for information on 1st Lt Bradford Webster, my brother, Apr 1954-March 19, 1955, went down in the bay off Stephenville with pilot Bob Witcher. Was a fine pianist, active in the chapel, basketball, bowling. Hoping someone remembers him, and will contact me. dewmlwny@earhlink.net

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 26 2008 / 12:35:01

name = Sandra Callaghan Hyde

where = Orlando, FL

Harmon_Memories = I was born at EHAFB. My dad was SMSGT Walter Callaghan, my mother's name was Barbara. I was the ninth of ten kids. We were stationed there from 1964 to 1966. Does anyone remember anything about our family? My godfather's name was Howard Bealieu. I am going to pass the site info on to my oldest brother, Walt Jr., since he was there from age 9 to 11. The things he remembers are similar to the stories I have read today. Thank you for a glimpse of the place I was born! It made my day!

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 29 2008 / 15:46:55

name = Bob Noe

where = Columbia, SC

Harmon_Memories = I lived there as a dependent from 59-62 and life was wonderful. These were my jr high years and I was full of acting older and testing the environment. I hung around the older crowd as my sister being two years older, had friends that spent time on the blue bus, bowling alley, the terminal, movie theater and teen club. It was our town. I really wish I spent more time in town, although my family went to the Church of England off base. My memories of Camp 33, Forth of July out near the Jetty with Hank Thompson and all the lobsters you could eat, snow blowing sideways and shoveling our driveway daily. Our yard grew rocks! Our backyard faced Stephenville and that beautiful river. I loved the multiple colors of houses off base. My family traveled much of western NFLD and it was memorable. My little brother Jack has been back and loved it and my sister Glenda and I will return someday. My father and mother are deceased...CMsgt Andy and Athleen Noe, he was with the 59th and manager of NCO Club. Any memories would be great to hear. I have not been to reunions yet, but 2101 in Omaha sounds good.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 11 2008 / 13:05:54

name = Ron Steffen

where = Virginia Beach, VA

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from 57 to 59. Was originally at Torbay but then was transferred. I was in the 4087 Air Transport Squadron with the C-54's. Two turning and two burning as they used to say. I have a lot of pictures, I will be glad to share them.

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 30 2008 / 14:19:49

name = Doug Hale

where = Orem Utah

Harmon_Memories = My father was stationed here from Aug 1963 to Dec 1965. I went to 4th, 5th, and part of 6th grade. I remember my 4th grade teachers name was Mrs. Redmon. I remember Bowling in the winter. Fishing and camping in the summer. We became very good friend with a family that lived way out of town, the Grangers. I remember going fishing on the NCO boat, and climbing on the breakwater. I remember camping at Camp 33.

I remember the times when they would have alerts and shut the base down and everyone would have to stay in their houses. Somehow my father usually had advanced knowledge of this so we went camping. I remember one of the worst snow storms storms. It snowed for three days. There was 18 feet of snow on top of a VW van. A friend of my dad's didn't make it home so he went out to get him on foot - that was the most concerned I've ever been. But he found his friend and brought him home and all was well. After the snow storm, there was a large snow cave behind my house. The wind had kind of extended out the hill and a spring carved out the cave. Right after the storm ended, I walked out across the snow and fell through the roof. My arms caught and I was dangling by my arm-pits. My older brother pushed a toboggan out for me to climb out on. My father also help to organized a Cub Scout pack and became the Pack Master.

I loved living in Newfoundland. I hated to leave. I still have many ve ry vivid and fond memories memories. My father had a choice to go to Newfoundland or Bermuda - I think he made right choice - at least from my perspective. When we left, a friend of my dad's retired at the same time. We had a VW van and a one wheel trailer, he had a VW van and a two wheel trailer. We both drove back to the US together. We were on our way to Castle AFB in California. He tied a snow shovel to the front of his van and said he was driving south until someone asked him what it was - I think he ended up in Texas.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 01 2008 / 19:56:50

name = Phil Clark

where = Scranton, Ks.

Harmon_Memories = Well what a honor this is!! I arrived at Harmon in August of 1962 and worked in the main mess hall and just fell in love with the place, remember working Thanksgiving nite and cooking turkeys and makeing dressing which no one else wanted to do, little did i know that the base commander and family would come in to eat, which landed me a job at Jerry's Nose lot to like there but also a lot to remember. Would like to hear from anyone who worked in the mess unit at that time or Jerry's nose.....Phil

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 18 2008 / 17:33:46

name = John Thomas OBrien

where = Independence, Missouri

Harmon_Memories = Was there in 1960-1961. I remember the Stevenville Baptist Church. I remember cold cold winters. Charles Brath if you are alive email me. john.eltc124@gmail.com

Entries from January 2009 to June 26, 2012

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 05 2009 / 17:39:27

name = Leon M Preston

where = Jacksonville, IL

Harmon_Memories = I served at Harmon AFB from Oct 1954 to May 1956 in the 1933 AACSS sq. I was a GCA operator. I also worked part time at the Base Theater as Assistant Manager from Nov 1954 to May 1956. My first trip to town was on the day after I got to Harmon. We took a cab to town and when I got out I stepped into a puddle of mud. I was so disgusted I walked right back to the base and did not go back to town until the street was paved the next summer.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 30 2009 / 13:04:43

name = James Layman

where = Wisconsin

Harmon_Memories = Stationed at HAFB from March 1957 to March 59. 1624th Support Squadron. Loved Newfoundland. Have often wished that I would return to Stephenville.

Thanks for the Web Site.

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 19 2009 / 16:34:27

name = James "Butch" Palmer

where = Atlanta, Georgia

Harmon_Memories = In 1958 we left Orlando, FL for some unknown place in the frozen north. My Father painted a great picture of salmon fishing, moose hunting, lobster eating, etc. to make me feel good about leaving my Florida girlfriends. I was 14 at the time. We lived in the BOQ for quite awhile until housing was available and I spent a lot of time on the shuttle bus. I met so many great people while I was there and of course there were a few jerks. You know who you are! So many have gone now and I will always miss them.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 06 2009 / 17:57:21

name = Terry Powell

where = Charlotte, North Carolina

Harmon_Memories = Wow, where to start. I have such wonderful memories of living in Newfoundland. My dad, Tsgt R.E. Powell, Jr, was stationed there in, I believe, 1964-66. Its where I first heard of, and played hockey. There were only 6 teams then. I remember going trick or treating in the snow. The snow! At first, we lived off base. Had many snow ball fights with local kids and the mounties intervening. The snow drifted to the gutters on the house. Went to middle school, waited for the black flag school bus to take us there.

We moved on base, lived on Florida Loop in a four family building near the ball park and elementary school. I played little league, was on the Twins; had a 1-15 record. The coaches names were Jack and Ray. Great memories of All Star game in Corner Brook; got the only hit in one game. Remember names of neighbors Rogette Warbleton, Pat Walker and the girl I liked, Lucinda Ann Van Gilder. Loved sledding down the hill behind the house to a small creek that ran by the elementary school. Catching smelt in stream at entrance to base. Remember the teen club, song "House of the Rising Sun", "Sugar Shack" were popular; remember the bowling alley,

BX across from it. If this peaks the interest of anyone who remembers some of the same please feel free to contact me. tpowell2@carolina.rr.com.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 15 2009 / 10:02:10

name = John Moore

where = Edgewater Fl

Harmon_Memories = I have been trying to contact Phil Trask formally of the 52nd Air Rescue Sqdn. Any information will be greatly appreciated The Email is jaydee2709@att.net

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 16 2009 / 05:00:31

name = Richard Hayes

where = Toledo Ohio

Harmon_Memories = Arrived in 1964 from Kincheloe Michigan (COLD). Looked out the plane window and said, "Oh no!" After a couple of months I fell in love with the area and the people. Was a Base Cop until 1966. I remember the KC 97 going into the pond at the end of the runway. I was working the night it happened. The pond was several hundred feet deep and it took Navy divers to recover the crew. I remember photos taken under the water and how bad it looked with the plane perched on an outcropping several hundred feet down. Took my wife there several years ago and went to the pond. The approach light the 97 hit is still there and is in the same condition it was the night of the crash. Spooky....The base looks pretty much the same except Air Police HQ is now an apartment and there is a McDonalds where the main Gate used to be. Still a great place to visit. In all my travels I have never met a more friendly and unique people than the Newfoundlanders.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 29 2009 / 18:34:49

name = Bill Jacoby

where = San Marcos, California

Harmon_Memories = I was with the 4081st Supply Squadron from August 1962 through May of 1965. Great memories from the Airmen's Club, the ladies in town. I used to drive a 1956 Ford that I purchased from Jerry Hunsucker. I remember the guys well. Jerry Hunsucker, Charlie Harris, Victor Cheek, Vic Bowman, etc. We had a blast.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 22 2009 / 18:17:53

name = Ronald Walker

where = Gun Barel City, Texas

Harmon_Memories = From Aug 1955 to Jan 1957, I was stationed with the 6614th Air Transport Squadron at Harmon Newfoundland. Not much to do there but go to the base movie (or if desperate, go to the movie in the Patch). Steheville, Newfoundland, was no place for a Texas boy to be stationed, especially during the Winter months....it was cooolllllddd. The 6614th were housed in barracks J-9. Our hanger was close to the terminal. We had 6 C-119s and 6 C-54s when I got there. Right before I rotated, one C-119 went down on the icecap making a barell

drop, but everyone got back ok, thank goodness. My roommates were Harry L. Oren, Owen T. McCann, and James Cox. If any of you were in the squadron at about the same time, give me a buzz. Hope you all have done well and are in good health.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 31 2009 / 16:53:37

name = Bob Allbright

where = Houston, Texas

Harmon_Memories = We lived in Stephenville in 1956-1957. Dad was with J.A.Jones Const. doing some contract work on the base so I attended 5th grade with the A.F. brats. What a great time we had! I remember the snow piled over the windows, the barracks where we all lived, the fishing pier, going to pick up freshly baked bread and getting home with only a few crumbs....Gosh, it tasted so good on a cold dark night! Also remember hearing about "tripod" the 3 legged dog who rode the bus all over the base! Great memories! Glad I found this web site!

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 15 2009 / 13:33:27

name = Jim Blackburn

where = Tequesta, FL

Harmon_Memories = It was early 1955 when I arrived at EHAFB. Was a C-119 pilot assigned to the 6614th ATS. We had 2 flights in the squadron...C-119s (Kamakazi Flight) & C-54s (Home free). Realized early on that 4 engines were better than 2, flying the Arctic & checked out on the C-54s. The "Patch" (downtown Stephenville) looked like a town out of the wild west, but without hitching rails for the horses. Had many happy memories with top crews and more than a few characters. Left the USAF in Jan. 1957 to join Eastern Air Lines as a pilot for 31+ years. Who was Base Commander in those years?? It was said that he had been a pilot on Doolittle's B-25 raid on Tokyo. My E-mail address is: . Let's share memories.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 16 2009 / 16:37:10

name = Pat (Hunt) Spear

where = South Paris, Maine

Harmon_Memories = We arrived on the William Carson Ferry in Aug 1964. My Dad was SSGT John F. Hunt. I found radishes growing in the yard at Rose Ave. I thought they grew wild in NFLD! I was only 7. Dad was a meteorologist and was proud of his record of never losing a plane. He did the weather on tv. My parents wouldn't let my brother or I drink the water or the milk or go swimming in the ocean. We got to drink "cold drink" (soda) and thought that was pretty special. I remember Lots and Lots of snow and missing many days not due to snow but due to the wind chill factor. I have the school yearbooks for the 2 years we were there. We left in May 1966 taking many discounted goods with us. Our family left during a cold snap and ended up in Hampton, Virginia during a heat wave (or at least that is the "legend").

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 23 2009 / 10:49:19

name = Andrew Rucci

where = New Port Richey, Florida

Harmon_Memories = I was station at Harmon from Feb.1964 to Sept.1965. I was with the 4081st Supply Squadron. I used to drive a 1963 black Chrysler. Some of the guys I was stationed with and worked with were Andy Lanzaro, Ed Vistanski, Larry Davis, Jerry Ennis, Tom Devlin, Jerry Wallace, Dusty Wasdin, and others. I worked for Lt. Jorgensen in the warehouse office building on the second floor. The building was towards to back of the base. At the time, I was seeing Dorothy Strickland who was a Newfoundlander who worked and lived on base. I would like to put a reunion together or make contact with some of the old guys. If anyone has any information on some of the guys mentioned above or any others, could you please contact me. I would appreciate anyone's help. Thank-you. arucci@tampabay.rr.com

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 17 2009 / 21:13:37

name = Patricia (Martin)Domingo

where = Hawaii

Harmon_Memories = My father, Sgt. Walton Martin of the US Army was stationed at Ernest Harmon 1957 - 1959. He was the engineer on the ocean going diesel tug boat. I remember being a child there, going to school, making friends. I remember the closeness of the community and how everyone cared for and watched out for everyone else. I have nothing but wonderful memories of our short time there and would love to visit. Thank you for this great site!

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 02 2010 / 10:54:34

name = Ray Vitori

where = Pennsylvania

Harmon_Memories = I was the assistant crew chief on KC-97 907 that crashed on December 19, 1964. With the exception of that dark and fateful period of time, I hold many wonderful memories of my tour at Harmon. Harmon was a great base with some of the most wonderful people. The town of Stephenville and the base has provided many people with a lifetime of great memories.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 02 2010 / 18:55:33

name = Larry O'Quinn

where = North Carolina

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon Air Force Base from 1959-1961, 18 months tour of duty. Assigned to the 4081st Combat Defense Squadron. (Air Police) Enjoyed the tour, can't forget the chill factors, very cold weather, and patrolling around the KC-97 Air Refueling Aircraft and flight line areas. We stayed in the old barracks area not far from the Base theater.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 02 2010 / 19:17:04

name = Kenneth C. Whitaker (Whit)

where = Canton N. C.

Harmon_Memories = I was station at Harmon from sept 1960 thru nov 1962. Moved up there from Barksdale afb with the 376 ars sqd. I was a crew chief on kc97 aircraft with 4082 cams sqd.I have some good members of Harmon and some not so good but all in all it wasn't so bad. I would do it again in a heart beat .

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 02 2010 / 21:16:53

name = Rick Pachosa

where = Little Rock Arkansas

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Earnest Harmon from Dec.1960 until July 1962 . I was an Assistant crew chief on a KC-97 Aircraft ,my Crew Chief was S/Sgt Roderick (Red) Goodwin . I lived in the 6 story Harmon Hilton 4081st CAMS Barracks . I have kept in touch with a few others who were there at the time and we all seem to remember the fun times and let the bad ones pass . I have followed this thread for several years , and always intended to post a comment as soon as someone that I remembered posted . How you doing Whit ?

Date/Time of Posting: May 01 2010 / 09:46:45

name = Willy Hill

where = Wilsonville, Oregon

Harmon_Memories = Hello, I attended Harmon High in '63 and '64 and graduated 1965 in Wichita, Ks. Some of my fondest memories are of my friends on the "ROCK". If anyone knows when the next reunion is I would love to know. The best to all you "Harmonites"

Date/Time of Posting: May 09 2010 / 08:14:59

name = John Hill

where = Columbus, NC

Harmon_Memories = I was in the Weather Detachment at Harmon from 64-65 and remember the KC97 crash. I had been stationed at March AFB in S. California and asked for a transfer to a base with more weather. "Ask and ye shall receive...." I remember reserving seats in the lounge for Hockey Night in Canada on Sat nights. Seemed like every bar and restaurant had Country & Western music. The summer nights were twilight all night. I needed a ride to work in the alert facility in a snow plow.....lots of snow. The BX was resupplied by boat once a month...big day! Newfie Bullet ran grocery orders to St. John's. I turned 21 there, got an early out for Christmas.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 05 2010 / 19:26:40

name = James K. Sikes

where = Maryville, TN

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon AFB form 1963 to 1965. I was in the 4081 Combat Defense Squadron. My first child was born there. I left EHAFB and changed career fields and finished out my 20 years in the Air Weather Service. If you remember me feel free to e-mail me jassikes@hotmail.com

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 10 2010 / 06:03:53

name = deborah coil

where = covington ga

Harmon_Memories = Newfoundland was my favorite place we were stationed. My dad was mst srgt william t warren. we were there from 1957 to 1960? I went to kindergarten and 1st grade there. I remember the school having an ice sculpture contest and we made a ice whale. we lived on a hill overlooking the school. I remember horses from town would get on the base and the aps would come in their jeeps to round them up. I loved fishing there I remember catching flounder and and everyone just picking up fish off the beach when the smelt ? ran. We used to pick berries in the woods and my mom would make jelly from them we used to call them google berries but they were probably goose berries. Does anyone else remember stories about a quicksand well where you could here a child crying? Thank you all for sharing your memories it brought back many fond memories for me.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 21 2010 / 21:20:19

name = Kenneth A. Smith

where = Mesa, AZ

Harmon_Memories = I was TDY twicw to EHAFB. I was with the 55th KC-97 tankers and was at the base twice. Attached to the SAC group and found the people at the base and Stephenville to be great. The times we fall 56 and spring 58. Saw sever great photos and it sure brought back memories.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 29 2010 / 16:08:52

name = John Chaulk

where = Stephenville, Newfoundland (EHAFB)

Harmon_Memories = I grew up in Whites Trailor Park. I met many Americans and had many American friends. We were all kids back then. If anyone would like photos taken of specific areas, I'm still here working and living and would love to rekindle any memories that ya'll have with the town. My dad was employed as a baker with the USAF in Goose Bay, Labrador. I work with the local telephone company and frequent the 640th ACWRON Pinetree Radar Site (The Hill.) We have cell towers there. Would love to hear from anyone that served our little town back then.... and hey.. Thank you for your service. Stephenville will not forget you... Ever!
chaulky@hotmail.com

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 04 2010 / 09:07:56

name = Justo E. Pintera Jr.

where = New Castle, DE

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from August 1950 to February 1952. I was with the 6602nd Air Police Squadron. We arrived as a group and were trained as APs.(OJT). Didn't have any other choice. The Korean was had just started and they had rushed us thru basic training. I have looked for some of my buddies from that era, and found a couple. Would like to find more. If anyone knows of any friends or relatives that were there in that period please ask them to contact me. I also would like to find out about some of the civilian ladies that worked as telephone operators. They were great talking to us on the telephone keeping us awake during the long cold nights on guard duty. I really enjoyed being stationed there. Great people.
jepinera@netzero.net

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 18 2010 / 20:27:05

name = John Oyer

where = Riverside, Oh.

Harmon_Memories = I was born at Ernest Harmon Air Force Base, 62... My Father was stationed there at the time...If anyone would like to contact me, feel free to do so! I am at facebook.(John Oyer-my picture is of my white cat)

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 22 2010 / 08:48:35

name = JC Williams

where = Federal Way, Washington

Harmon_Memories = Station at Harmon from April of 1965 to December of 1966 was in the 4081st Combat Defense Squadron. Here is a video of the base that was made in July of 2002.
Stephenville Video

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 20 2010 / 17:24:39

name = Bennett Gordon

where = new YORK city

Harmon_Memories = I was station there may 1954 to DEC 1955 i was with 6605TH msgroup

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 02 2010 / 14:32:25

name = Carrie (Carolyn) Russell

where = stephenville nf

Harmon_Memories = I'm looking for people I babysat for in the 60's. Charles J. Bonnett, wife Magda and children Fran and Charlene who lived on Beach St.Stephenville. He was a pilot. Michael Jolly and wife Patty who lived on Rose Avenue Stephenville. If anyone knows of these people please let them know that I've been looking for them a long time and to please get in touch if possible.

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 03 2010 / 10:13:17

name = Polly Roberts

where = Dover NH

Harmon_Memories = I just stumbled on this site. What a blast from the past. My daughter and I arrived at Harmon just a week before the KC97 crash. My surname was Prince then. My ex-husband was a crew chief on a KC97. We lived on Hillview, with a view of the base. The crash actually awakened my daughter. My younger daughter was born at Harmon. I remember so many friends in Stephenville. We left in Nov. 1965, for Forbes. I remember crying in the arms of a Newfoundlander friend, "How can I live away from the sea?" I can still close my eyes and remember the view of the bay from the front yard.

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 09 2010 / 17:47:41

name = Joseph Allender

where = Rapid City, SD

Harmon_Memories = I served in the 52nd Air Rescue Sqdn. from 51 to 53. I left a week before the SB-29 crashed into St. Georges Bay. I returned in September 2010 with my daughter and discovered that the Base is still there and looked great. I visited Stephenville and was greeted by the Mayor and many other nice folks. I think of my time there in the 50s and still keep in touch with about 20 or so fellow servicemen.

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 28 2010 / 16:49:56

name = David Kelly Alexander

where = Stephenville Newfoundland

Harmon_Memories = Hi everyone..I've been reading all of the great memories and I really enjoyed them. I just wanted to say hi to everyone. my father worked on the Harmon base as a civilian mechanic, his name was Norman Alexander, he had a lot of great friends there. he would be age 88 now, he passed away in 66 after the base closed. I was 8 years old but I can remember a lot of good things. the base was the best thing that ever happened to Stephenville. PS. Our winters are not so bad anymore.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 30 2010 / 00:08:27

name = Les Strouse

where = Thailand

Harmon_Memories = I was a C-54 pilot in 4087th ATS 1959 until it folded in 1960.

Was transferred to 1624 Support Squadron MATS as an Air Transportation Officer in the MATS Terminal until I left in 1962. I was an IP in the C-47 as additional duty.

My son and daughter were both adopted in Newfie.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 04 2010 / 12:42:58

name = Edward Prasifka

where = Barracks and Silver Apts

Harmon_Memories = I served two tours at Harmon 1953-1955 and 1958-1961. I met my wife at Harmon, she worked for Base Housing. This was on my first tour. We married in 1955 in New Waterford, Nova Scotia, my wife's home town. On my second tour we lived in Silvers Apt. My wife then worked at the Bank of Montreal. I worked in Combat Operations in the basement of Wing Headquarters. I have found memories of Harmon.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 05 2010 / 19:09:42

name = James Kevin Smith

where = Waycross, Ga

Harmon_Memories = My father was a Boom operator there in the 1950's and 1960's. I remember all the snow, camp 33, watermelon at the NCO club. Father name was June Kenneth (Smitty) Smith. Mother is Ann Smith, Brother John Kenneth Smith (Ken) the soccer jock at the high school. Moved to Travis AFB in 1964.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 06 2010 / 20:49:40

name = Ken Smith

where = San Rafael, CA

Harmon_Memories = We moved to Harmon from March AFB in Riverside CA arriving in Nfld late December 1962. Coming off the C-118 we could barely see the MATS Terminal due to the snowdrift that was as high as the building. My dad was a boom operator, flying on a KC-97 crew. I don't think I ever got used to the 9 month winters. We did have some good times at the Teen Center and our 1964 Harmon High Soccer team was undefeated. We moved to Travis AFB near San Francisco in July 1965 after I graduated from Harmon High. I drove back up to Harmon in May '66 for a brief visit. The base closed that summer.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 26 2010 / 12:19:05

name = Bob Smith

where = Rutherfordton NC

Harmon_Memories = Hello Everyone; I was stationed at EHA FB from 62-63. 4081st CAM Lived on the 3rd floor of the Harmon Hilton. Roomie was Don Minnish, 59 T-bird. We worked in the hanger. Drove the eculid tow vehicle during the white outs. Winston Landers taught me how to smoke. Would like to hear from anyone with great memories.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 21 2010 / 16:46:55

name = Patricia

where = Ocean Springs, MS

Harmon_Memories = My father was stationed at Ernest Harmon Air Force Base 1952 to 1957. I was born 1955. Two boys were born the same day. I would like to talk to the two boys who are now men (LOL) To see where life has taken them. My parents are now deceased. Any information someone could provide would be greatly appreciated. Send me an email at patwheel123@att.net

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 30 2010 / 13:44:13

name = Linda White McFarland

where = Ft. Worth, TX

Harmon_Memories = My Dad, Sgt. Jimmie L. White Jr. was stationed at Harmon around 56-59. My brother and I were born at the Hosp. and delivered by my Dad's boss the Flight Surgeon, Dr. Huff. My Dad passed away stationed at Carswell AFB in 1972. He always told us stories of Newfoundland and must have had a wonderful time there. Wish I had some memories but was only 2 when we left. I do have some great old slides he took while we were there.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 08 2011 / 21:30:50

name = John A Cranmer

where = Evanston Wyoming

Harmon_Memories = My dad was assigned to EHAFB we arrive in spring 1960, Fun place we had the best sledding hill behind our housing unit. Fun times at camp 33, Kiddie bingo at the NCO club, being snowed in at school for several hours, going to the teen club with my brother, community event were a big deal, Mom worked at the Officers Club, My dad worked on the other side of the base and still caught me crossing the main drag by the commissary to take a dip in the creek. Getting stuck in the creek in the spring, walking where I shouldn't be, seeing very little sun, Attended 1,2, 3, grade there. The only person I can remember was Steve Barr. I remember the F102 going in to the drink of the end of the runway and the fuel pump house blowing up, and the alert for the Cuban Missile Crises. Yes it was a very memorable place to be. My hat is off to all who served and serve today.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 15 2011 / 06:29:12

name = keith roop

where = eastlake oh

Harmon_Memories = was in cds from 62-63 s/sgt hipple was flight sgt. i was a com plotter. had a lot of fun up there. would love to hear from anyone who was there

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 17 2011 / 03:17:20

name = George Hamilton

where = Clinton, Maryland

Harmon_Memories = Hard to type because of the water in my eyes!!!! Loved Harmon. My Father was stationed there in the Comm Squadron (Crypto Maintenance)63 to 65. Oh the snow, so much snow.I was in school there (8, 8, 9th grade). Remember the trip with the band back from Corner Brook when the snow was sooo bad that the base sent snow plows to help us back to the base. Some of the friends were Bob Bonham, Rickie Lane, Carl Renee, amongst others that time has made me forget. First crush was Nancy Tally. Would love to hear from anyone that may remember me or my sisters, Annamae, Nancy, Judy or Joan. E-Mail TrashChan@Live.com

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 11 2011 / 14:50:55

name = Edwin Moelder

where = Greeley Colorado USA

Harmon_Memories = Stationed there 1961 - 1963 with 1933rd AFCS as a Microwave Radio Relay Equipment Repairman. Did Amateur Radio as WA4DQL/VO1 at a club station up the hill in the basement off an Officers Barracks. Great memories! Now K4VOV.

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 15 2011 / 05:22:17

name = John Hartnett

where = Bedford, New Hampshire

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from 1963 to 1965. I worked for AFRTS and did the evening newscast for CBC. Also radio news. I have great memories of those years. Worked with a great crew and loved going into Stephenville for fun and sport. We played the first recordings of the Beatles, Bob Dylan, and many others. The biggest hit on the radio back then was Louis Armstrong's Hello Dolly...

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 25 2011 / 12:55:52

name = Justo E. Pinera Jr

where = New Castle, Delaware USA

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from Aug 1950 to Feb 1952. The Korean war had just started while I was in Basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. We were assigned to the 6602nd Air Police Squadron. We had no choice to our assignment. We trained during our hours off duty to be AP's. Loved it being in Newfoundland. When we returned to the states we tried to get reassigned back there. The people there were wonderful. I remember some of the young ladies that worked as telephone operators. I only remember one named Loretta McIssac. We spent many hours on the Phone talking to them while on the night shift from midnight to 8 am. Another place we loved was Corner Brook. I used to date a young lady by the name of Sylvia Mitchel. She had a sister named Marie. She dated a fellow named Jimmy Finley. I would love to hear from any of the fellows or ladies that were there at that time or anyone related to them.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 19 2011 / 14:01:42

name = Frank Schurott

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed on Pine tree from 57 to 59. I seen one of the come home year pictures on a Stephenville site of a few guys from the radar site. Nice to remember the beautiful place.

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 18 2011 / 13:45:27

name = Forehand Paul L

where = Tomball, Texas

Harmon_Memories = I was transferred from LRAFB To EHAFB in 1964. I was assigned to ACFT 1964-1965. During that time I helped launch and recover and provide maintenance for The KC97. I lived in the 6 story Harmon Hotel. I have some fond memories at the base, town, the locals, etc. this time in my life was exiting an adventure, an sometimes frightening with the snow, wind, and ice near the rotating propellers. I made it back to the warm air in South Texas and I'm glad I made the trip to EHAFB. this is a great site to share, thank you.....

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 11 2011 / 14:30:19

name = Remy Abeyta

where = Cheyenne, WY

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Harmon AFB on the Labor Day weekend in 1961. I was assigned to the Propeller Shop supporting the KC-97 aircraft. I resided on the top floor of the Harmon Hilton. I recall the big snow storms and high winds accompanied by giant snowdrifts which buried cars out in the parking lot by the hangar where I worked. I started playing with a country band called "The Drifters" shortly after arriving at the base. We played all the clubs on base. So if you went out dancing at the NCO club, Salty Dog club or Airman's club you may recall our little band. I would like to make contact with anyone who may remembers me from those days, co-workers or band members alike. I was fortunate enough to meet up with MSgt. James Harmon shortly before my retirement from the Air Force in 1977. James and I battled many a blizzard removing and replacing those 'danged' propellers on the KC-97s. I left Harmon AFB in March 1963. You may contact me at abeytas@live.com

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 13 2011 / 23:50:05

name = Tim Sawyer

where = Clarksville TN

Harmon_Memories = My father was stationed there in 1957 (not sure when he arrived) as a weapon's troop working on F-89s. He's shared fond memories of Newfoundland and Stephenville. Some of his friends were: Sgt. Moe, Robert Poe, and Bill Norwicky, to name a few. He and I talk often when we're together about our Air Force days. I retired after a 20 year career. Oh, another friend was Johnny Fornash. My father's name is Ben Sawyer, Jr. and he lives in Morgan, Georgia. If his name or any of the others ring a bell, please e-mail me so I can pass this along to him. He loves telling the stories about his time there and would love to hear from his Air Force buddies. Aim High - Air Force! sawyerx4@bellsouth.net

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 31 2011 / 17:09:11

name = Don English

where = Tyner NC

Harmon_Memories = Stationed at Harmon 1962-1964. Assigned to P3 Instrument Trainer Shop. Enjoyed the beautiful country and the guys I worked with. Went from there to Grand Forks ND!
Date/Time of Posting: Nov 15 2011 / 08:45:10

name = Ron Borne
where = Lititz Pa.

Harmon_Memories = My brother Mike was borne at Harmon April 1954. Dad was with weather detachment until 1957? Tech Sgt. retired at McGuire as CMSGT great to hear the stories.
Date/Time of Posting: Dec 25 2011 / 10:09:03

name = Bob Sexton
where = Louisiana

Harmon_Memories = It's Christmas today, and I received a Christmas card from a Harmon High friend, so I've been thinking of Christmas at Harmon, 1964. As I recall it was the first clear day after weeks of the regular overcast and snows. Everyone was out and visiting. We lived in one of the three 8-plexes on Montana Dr and they were loaded with good friends. I recall how pretty Cheryl Sampson and Kathy Myers looked in their parkas that day. And there was George Hamilton (and his sisters but I can't remember their names)and Carl Renee. Visiting with Rick Podgorski, Bill Emminger, walking through the residential area. Had hot cider, cookies etc at half-a-dozen places. Wonderful times.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 06 2012 / 07:57:26

name = jerome (jerry) clark
where = louisville,ky

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon afb from January 1954-december 1955. I played musuic with Hank Newman (western Ramblers). I was in air rescue, at one time the only electrician for the group. Y J Allen played steel guitar, Hank newman played the piano & sang. At first we had an Indian from Okla. played guitar & later had a fellow from the army engg. from Owensboro, ky playing the guitar. We had an army sgt. named Ed who played the guitar & sang country. We have not been able to find the drummer but he was from s carolina. I played the bass. I have many fond memories of my time there & met many many friends. I am a retired project Manager from louisville, ky & a retired electrician from ibew/local 369. Married a girl from louisville , had three kids, 4 grandkids & 1 great grand kid. We played music 6 night a week & played the nco club on Sunday afternoon & night. I will always thank the Lord for all the friends both military & civilian that i met & enjoyed there co, Thanks to all for a good time.....

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 13 2012 / 16:47:00

name = jerome (jerry) clark
where = louisville ky

Harmon_Memories = I was an Aircraft Electrician with the 52 Air Rescue Sqd. I arrived at the base in January 1954 & left in December 1955. I came over on a ship called the pvt valdez. Y J Allen was wtkh me on this trip. We played music with a group called the Western Ramblers while at this base. I played the bass, Hank Newman on panio & singer. Ed Pierce played rhythm & was a singer. Jim Craig leed guitar, Y J Allen steel-fiddle-lead guitar, & Bill Walker on drums. I have many fond memories & would like to hear from anyone around this time. We played music at the contractors club, airmans club, mco club, officers club, the Catholic Parrish Hall in NFLD Crossing& a club in the town of Stephenville. We had H-19 Helecopters, b-29's with a boat attached to the belliy of the b-29 & one c54 which was converted to a private plane for a general who stayed at Peppermill, st john's nfld.James Craig & Ed Pierce were in the Army Engg: Building a road at the base & to a radar site. Later when James Craig left we aquired a fellow by the name of James Case from Owensboro,ky to play leed guitar. Ed Pierce was the Army Mess sgt. & live in st. george nfld with his family. I was in the specilist group along with h newman, bill walker. Newman was a prop man & bill was hyd. specilist. Our first sgt was from Hawaii & we had two sgt who covered the flight line. We had a coffee shop in the hanger & the specilists group was in charge of this facility We kept a coffee pot full & in the mornings we received & bought bak ery goods. The hanger would hold two b-29;s plus a helecopter. We performed our inspections of the planes in the hanger. yj,walker, & i bought an old plymouth from an airman going back to the states & we used this as our transportation to the hanger & playing music. It is hard to try & remember names but later on i will write some more to this story. I fully enjoyed my stay here & traveled by boat to new york to be discharges at Manhatten afb on Long Island

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 16 2012 / 14:22:00

name = Bill Bader (AKA Yogi)

where = West Palm Beach, Fl

Harmon_Memories = Was stationed at Harmon from August 1960 to Feb. 1962. Lived in the Harmon Hiltons (6 story barracks) on the 5th floor. We recently had a reunion after 48 years. Lots of laughs and good times. The clubs, downtown, were known as the "Flower Shops", Clover Club and Red Rose. I remember a small Take Out, just outside the main gate, that had the best French Fries with gravy.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 21 2012 / 12:30:22

name = James Holan

where = Madison, Mn

Harmon_Memories = Notice the name YJ Allen mentioned a couple of times. I knew Young John Allen. I lived in apt next to the sister of Delores who married YJ. Went to a dance one night where he was in the band along with my wife and his soon to be wife. Wife and I were in their wedding party. Also went fishing with him and her sister (Curly and Tom Hoskins). I found them on here a couple of years ago and YJ Allen called me from Florida. Had a nice talk.

Delores had passed away. I was in the 823rd army engineers at the time I was there from 55 to 57. Just thought I would throw this out there for what it is worth.

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 05 2012 / 20:15:02

name = Lou Heydet

where = Warren, Connecticut

Harmon_Memories = Lived in the Harmon Hilton, room 523 with Ron Kostamo from 1960 to 1962. I was an Assistant C/C on A/C 904 With S/Sgt Monty D. Sayers and S/Sgt Bill Bottoms. Eleven of us with wives held our first reunion 48 years later at the Wright-Patterson Air Museum, our third reunion is coming up in 2012. I really enjoyed my time in Newfoundland and now by email and reunions with some great friends, email ljh8888@aol.com

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 11 2012 / 19:54:03

name = Russell Townsend

where = Mustang, Oklahoma

Harmon_Memories = Was stationed at Harmon AFB from 1960 thru 1962, 4081 CAMS, lived in the 5th floor with my roommate Mike Labanon from Pearl City Hawaii. Many Great Friends from there, Ron Kostamo, Ron Sicina, Lou Heydet, Gary Pinson, Ken Melin, Don Reynolds, Dorvin Amundson, Tommy Lewis. Were going to all meet in Colorado Springs this next May 3, 2012. We were all KC-97 types, good times!

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 24 2012 / 19:49:41

name = Bob Branco

where = Philadelphia, PA

Harmon_Memories = remembering the Bob Hope USO Christmas Show in December of 1961. sat on the floor in the first row. Bob Hope pick out my buddy next to me to go on stage with Jayne Mansfield to dance "the twist" I have some great photos i cherish to this day. I was in the 4081 st transportation squadron 1961 to 1962. I was on the base softball team the summer of 1962. We won the 8th air force championship that year. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.
email: grandpa1138@comcast.net

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 08 2012 / 09:00:09

name = Neil Toeppe

where = Ohio

Harmon_Memories = Was stationed at Harmon in 1965 & 1966. Discharged Nov 3, 1966 just before the base closed. Was an AP and Col. Edington was my handball partner several times. Sure do remember the snow and the wind.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 14 2012 / 09:26:46

name = Richard H Hayes

where = Toledo Ohio

Harmon_Memories = Stationed at Harmon 1964 through 1966. Served as Base Cop till discharged. Loved the area and have been back twice for the bi-annual air show. Have many memories of events that occurred during my time there. Most humbling memory was the KC 97 tanker crash while I was on duty. Even today the pond it went into is an eerie sight. The approach lights that were hit are in the same condition today as they were that horrible night.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 31 2012 / 14:17:36

name = Bryan Anderson

where = Port Orchard, Wa

Harmon_Memories = Was there from '59-'63. Many good memories of the place. My dad was Dep. Operations Officer and we lived on base. Did a lot of fishing, playing golf, bowling, ice hockey, sledding, riding the base loop bus, teen clubing. Mosquitoes in the short summer, SNOW and WIND he rest of the year! Had school in three different buildings, the last one was the new High School up on the hill. They built that one over a filled in bog. Lots of good memories. Would love to go back some day and show my family the place.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 12 2012 / 12:57:50

name = Peter Crawford

where = Turbeville S.C.

Harmon_Memories = got to Harmon Jan. 1959 with my twin brother Paul.. just out of basic training... went to Macdill until December 58 then went to Harmon until Sept.60.. was there when the C-124 crashed after takeoff from Harmon we were in the air police... We guarded the site until they got rid of it Pete Anders was our best friend.. We went back to Homestead AFB in Sept 60 on Oct 9th 1961 we got in a car wreck and my brother Paul got killed... and i got out of the AF.. Pete Anders if you read this I would like to hear from you..... email: petercrawford40@att.net thanks.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 18 2012 / 04:52:19

name = Donald Reynolds

where = Lake Isabella/Mtn. Mesa, Calif.

Harmon_Memories = Served 1960/1962 Lived in Harmon Hilton 5th floor last room at the end of the hall way. Remember the heat was down and a glass of water on the table turned to ice over night. Worked as support on the alert crew and the Bob Hope christmas tour had dinner with us

in the mole hole setting with us at the tables just like one of us. Received my 3rd strip and was sent to Davis Monthan A.F.B. Tucson Ariz.

Date/Time of Posting: May 27 2012 / 16:52:19

name = Charlie Laper

where = Greenville, Michigan

Harmon_Memories = I was a member of the original 61st Fighter Squadron to go to Harmon...we arrived the 1st part of July, 1953, and received out F-94 B a/c a couple of weeks later.....that fall, we lost a pilot and RO in a nighttime crash near the Base...later that fall, we "traded in" our F-94 Bs for some F-89 Cs that hadn't been used for months...then next year we got 25 brand new F-89 Ds straight from the factory...I recall early one evening standing on the flightline, watching a "scrambled" plane take off (they hadn't finished our alert hangers yet)..we watched it lift off the end of the short runway, and suddenly, it disappeared into the ocean...that was another set of aircrew members we lost....and I also remember "Tripod" the little dog that lost one of his legs in a propeller accident.....anyone that was there during my time (July, '53 - July '55) might remember me playing drums in bands (during off-duty times) at the Airmen's Club NCO Club..Officer's Club and the Civilian Contractor's Club...I loved playing Wednesday nights at the NCO Club with the Band Squadron's 18 piece big band...our 1st winter at Harmon ('53-54) was worse than the second..being from Michigan, I was used to cold weather, but not the amount of snow that we got that year.....i have many great memories of Harmon and Stephenville...when we were there, Stephenville looked almost like an old Western town...dirt roads and wooden sidewalks....oh, yes, upon our arrival, they didn't have our barracks built, so we were housed in the BOQs 'til early the next spring when we were moved to (as I recall) barracks L-7...right next to our chow hall...

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 19 2012 / 18:56:57

name = Ron Reisener

where = Illinois

Harmon_Memories = Many of these posts unfortunately concern the loss of friends or relatives who served at EHAFB. I would like to add (4) Army Engineers (823 AEB) who were killed by a runaway Turnadozer while working on the bypass road. I don't remember their names after all these years, but I would like to mention their Cold War sacrifice.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 26 2012 / 15:20:53

name = John Chaulk

where = Stephenville, Newfoundland.

Harmon_Memories = I am a Newfoundlander. Born and raised here. I grew up in Ray Whites Trailer Park. My dad was a baker and cook for the U.S.A.F. I take pictures of the area now and send them to you folks that wish to see how things look now as compared to then. Please feel free to email me a request of any pictures. Love to take them and send to ya'll. Thanks for your service. Stephenville will never forget you! :-) chaulky@hotmail.com

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Entries from July 3, 2012 to 2018

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 03 2012 / 14:36:28

name = Kenneth A. Smith

where = Mesa Az.

Harmon_Memories = Hi, Yep. I was TDY there twice. Once in winter 1956 and again in the summer 1958, I was with the 55th A & E from Forbes AFB Kns. We were a sqdn. of K C -97's. The times there were good and everyone was open to the military. There were many changes in the times and for the good. A few of us old guys have been thinking going back for a week an see the changes and have a get together. Anyone from the 55th, would be nice getting and "E" mail. Ken.

ksmith4878@cox.net

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 04 2012 / 12:49:38

name = Dana Downs Newman

where = Arkansas

Harmon_Memories = My dad was Major T. E. Downs, we were stationed there twice and I loved it. I remember playing with kids that lived right off base and helping gather in their hay with horses! I remember all of the skating we did at the rink but also in our back yards. I have two sisters who were born there and we all have many fine memories of Harmon. My sisters and I have talked about visiting. I can still remember riding the base shuttle bus to the golf course and then going down to the ocean by myself! What an awesome childhood...we were there for a total of 8 years with the last being the 60's

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 12 2012 / 22:58:24

name = Roger D. Jones

where = Pataskala, Ohio

Harmon_Memories = Spent two tours at Harmon. 1957-1960, 1962-1964. First tour 323rd Fighter Sqd. until I changed to SAC and worked AFRTS the remainder of that tour. Second tour. Chief Engineer of Radio and TV. Spent a lot of time on the Air, Both Radio & TV. Air Name, "Smilin' Roger "D". Ended up at AFRTS, Hollywood, Calif. Asst. Branch Chief for TV. Retired last day of 1968 as a MSGT. Moved to Reynoldsburg, OH, Worked as Engineer at WTVN/WSYX chan. 6, ABC, 1969-1989 Columbus, OH. WWII Vet. 1943-1946. U.S. Navy. Combat Aircrew, TBM-3E Avenger, Carrier, USS Kitkun Bay. Pacific Theater. I'm 86, there aren't many of us left.

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 12 2012 / 14:18:44

name = Diane Macdonald

where = Newfoundland

Harmon_Memories = Hello, just checking in , wondering if anyone can remember S/Sgt Robert Randolph and his wife LaVerne. On their way back to the United States, I believe it was around 1960 to 1961, they broke an axle on their trailer. Leaving it with my father. We would like to get in touch with any of the family, there are quite a few photos and papers they may like to have. Thanking you in advance. Diane diane.macdonald2010@hotmail.com

Date/Time of Posting: Sept 12 2012 / 22:03:17

name = Margie (Neeson) Jackson

where = Henderson, Nevada

Harmon_Memories = My father was Norm Neeson the AF Mortuary Officer at Harmon from 1959-1966. We lived on Colonial Ave off base then into base quarters on "no name street". My two younger sisters were born up there. I spent a lot of time at the Hospital Commanders house Colonel McDonough. Col. Davis the Base Commander and his wife came to Torrejon AB, Madrid Spain to visit us we were posted there upon closure of Harmon. My babysitter was Sheila Hollander her father was the school principal. I went back twice now my last trip was in 2006 the base is frozen in time. Was so exciting to see it again and I got to see Sheila again as well she now lives in Corner Brook. Dad knew about everyone on the base. Remember the Bob Hope shows, the new Officers Club and all of it's glamour, rumor was that the Squadron Commanders' wife Gina Goyt did the club up the way she wanted it. That spiral staircase and all the red and gold inside was awesome! Gosh the memories just flow whenever Harmon comes up. I could go on and on so if any of you out there would like to email please do so as I would love to hear from anyone. I have all the yearbooks from 1961-1966. STNKER@cox.net

Date/Time of Posting: Oct 26 2012 / 15:17:17

name = Cheryl Caster Beck

where = Fort Worth, Texas

Harmon_Memories = My eyes are filled with tears after reading all the memories. I don't think there was a single person who didn't love the time they spent at Harmon. We lived there 61-65. My brother Rick graduated in 1965. He had a band called the Unknowns with a local drummer named Cecil. I loved sledding down the hill across from the house. Came across this blog searching for the date of the big snow storm with no electricity for 3 days. Still don't know the date. Teen Club, riding the shuttle bus, those little tape decks that all the teenagers carried around, picking berries, going on the jetty. Jeanie Downs, Wendy Wilkerson, Steve Barr. the Podgorski's lived next to us and there was a family with about 10 kids that lived in our circle. We've been to a couple of reunions. Times were great at Harmon. Best days of my life. Transferred from Harmon to Homestead AFB, Florida. What a culture shock!The lobster, moose and great milk. My brother was on a kids show and played Ricky Surprise. Dad had to deliver the sad news to families of the men killed in the plane crash at the end of the runway. We camped across Newfoundland for weeks when dad had his vacation time. Too far to go back to the states. And we wouldn't see a soul the whole time, except moose. Loved my life then. Thanks for all the memories.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 09 2012 / 15:59:05

name = Charlie Laper

where = Greenville, Michigan

Harmon_Memories = Went with the original 61st Fighter Squadron (July, 1953).. we had Lockheed F-94 B jet fighters..early that winter,we got Northrup F-89 C jets, and the following summer we got brand new F-89 Ds straight from the factory...besides being a crew chief, I also played drums (during off-duty hours) in the various Clubs on the base....Airmen's Club, NCO Club, Officer's Club and the Civilian contractor's Club..rotated back to the USA (along with my buddy- Bob Kropewnicki) in July, 1955 and for our last year in the USAF, we were in the 432nd FIS at Mpls-St Paul Int'l Aprt where we also had F-89 Ds..while there, I participated in playing drums in the USAF "Tops In Blue" talent show (MC was Jerry Van Dyke - brother of Dick Van Dyke)..we played in Duluth, Rapid City, and Travis AFB, Calif....Bob & I were relieved from active duty June 23, 1956, and returned home to Greenville, Michigan

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 30 2013 / 08:09:03

name = Nelson Doucette

Harmon_Memories = I live in st.John's newfoundland. Originally from port au port newfoundland. I worked on the Harmon from 1955 -1960, worked in all the Mess halls as a Cook trainee. Also worked with J.A .Jones Construction as labourer. I recall Paul Johnson with J.A .Jones who was superintendent. He was very nice to me. I also recall Staff Sgt. Johnson when I worked in the hospital Mess.

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 12 2013 / 09:35:55

name = James Knapp

where = State College, PA

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Harmon in March 1965 from Beale AFB in California. I was the OIC of Material Control with the 4081st Headquarters Squadron. My time there was great, enjoyed the experience. Unfortunately with the base closing I left in June 1966, and went to 8AF HQ at Westover AFB. Very fond memories of Ernest Harmon AFB.

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 22 2013 / 16:49:34

name = monte bona

where = mt. pleasant utah

Harmon_Memories = I was at HAFB from Feb. 1957 through Dec.15,1958. 1933rd AACCS. Fond memories of Burton J. Bergeron, Bob Griffiths, Merlin Harris, Lloyd Monsen, Francis Gappmeyer, LeGrande Anderson, and so many more. Base theater, Stephenville, classes taken from the University of Maryland,especially remember Mr. Wilson who taught international relations, international organization and more--great memories all.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 01 2013 / 18:31:27

name = Gary Damewood

where = Florida

Harmon_Memories = Winter of 1960-1961 was a rugged one, most snow I've seen in all my life. Had to eat powdered eggs, drink powdered milk because we could not get fresh supplies in. Also had to send out the AP's to get the Moose off the runway so we could land & take off planes.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 02 2013 / 10:37:30

name = Brigitte (Truesdale) Garfield

where = Tucson Az

Harmon_Memories = My father was a medic at the base hospital - My sisters and I went to the base elementary school - guessing about 1965-1966. Only remember 1 kid - Gary Weeks or Meeks? Do remember those orange/red balls on really long car antenna so we could find our cars buried in the snow!

Date/Time of Posting: Sept 10 2013 / 08:46:26

name = Jerry Olson

where = Duluth Minnesota

Harmon_Memories = Hello my name is Jerry Olson. My father Robert Olson served at the Ernest Harmon Air Force Base 105th Ac&w 1951-1953,he was in the teletype division, he met my mother Ann Marche there. They got married the and two of my brothers were born there on the base. He took her, my mother and my two brothers back to states and they had seven more children,am the seventh child.My father just turned 80 years old in July and he's doing great, so is my mother and my family. If there's anyone out there who remembers my father there, am sure my father would love to hear from you and if you have any photos that would be great too.

Thank you Jerry. jerolson21@gmail.com

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 07 2013 / 13:52:07

name = Wendy

where = OKC, OK

Harmon_Memories = My father "Boz" or "Bill" (William Bozeman) -as friends & coworkers called him--was in the 91st Supply Squadron under commander of George Pfeiffer Jr. at Harmon AFB in 1962-early 1964 (when shipped back to stateside at Glasgow, Montana then on to Idaho...where he passed in car wreck in Aug 1978. He rcvd. an Airman's medal of valor in mid 1965 for a heroic effort in mid 1963 at Harmon AFB with a fire & tanker truck fill up (NFLD was his 1st overseas deployment spot)....have the article---he was so tickled with himself Anybody from that era...please, contact me....love to hear stories of my father. I've been to visit with him on gravesite & my biological siblings for the 1st time in Aug 2013....It was GREAT..I understand myself more...cuz my brother (6mos younger than myself is just like me & my personality) Having had 2 dads both in USAF at Harmon....who could be so lucky....NFLD is great place to be from....maternal family still live on the ROCK.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 07 2013 / 23:08:49

name = Roger H. Luscombe

where = Boardman, OH

Harmon_Memories = It's ironic that my wife Sandy found this website just before our 50th Wedding anniversary. We were married on Nov 9, 1963 in the Ernest Harmon AFB Base Chapel. I was stationed there from August, 1963 till February 1965, assigned to Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. There was some resistance to our wedding from some base officials, but greater support from many and the wedding took place, and the marriage has lasted. And so have the many memories of Harmon. I was "Jolly Roger" on VOHF Radio Station and have so many memories with so many people I knew for such a short time. The only one I am still in touch with is Erroll Kappesesch who was also on the radio station with me. I would like to know what happened to others or hear from the people we knew at the base, such as Chaplain Rothman (who married us), Sgt Bob Knowland who was such a help to us (and who I also served with at Lowry AFB in Denver before Harmon), SSgt Bob Olsen who was the radio station manager who came to my rescue often, and others, including Mike and Lonnie Dean, Rick Schrogge, J. Wayne Lewis, Frank and Cindy Veverka, Al and Carol Kamin, Sheila and Bill Hill, and John Hartnett and Roger D. Jones who already have posted their memories here. I would love to hear from any and all. My e-mail address is jollyrog2@sbcglobal.net

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 17 2013 / 19:50:51

name = Donald Mosier

where = Barracks that served 1933 AACS Sq

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Ernest Harmon AFB in the fall of 1955, directly from FE Warren AFB, Technical School, being assigned to the 1933 AACCS Sq. In about February the Base announced that there would be tryouts for the Base Volleyball Team which would compete in the NEOC Volleyball Tournament at Argencia NAS starting on or about 12 April 1956. Our Squadron was well represented Sgt Leon Y.I. Lum, A/!C Allen Weinraub and myself A/2C Donald Mosier. There were 13 Airmen on the team, with Captain Schlemm, from the 6605thABWG, the Officer in Charge. Are there any one out there that remembers?

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 18 2013 / 11:54:45

name = Joe Fiorillo

where = Washington DC

Harmon_Memories = Lived in the brick barracks with the elevators and chow hall attached. Was with the helicopter detachment there and we keep out helicopters in the MATS hangar down by the fire station. Still remember great nights at the Clover Club and French Casino.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 16 2014 / 18:44:41

name = Laura Aylward

where = Stephenville, NL

Harmon_Memories = My husband Kevin Aylward and I worked at Harmon until 1966 when the base closed, Kevin worked at Base supply in the warehouse and I worked as a switchboard operator/supervisor, we met many good friends there that we still keep in touch with today. I have been trying to find Thomas Twigg he was with the 1933 Comm Sqdn and was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he would be in his late 60's, he was stationed here in the early 1960's.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 02 2014 / 14:00:30

name = Kohleen Kittrell

where = Denver, Colorado

Harmon_Memories = My father was stationed there at Harmon Air Force base in 1957 to late 1958, I was born at the base hospital. Though I was too young to remember anything about the base, or Newfoundland, my father use to tell us stories of Harmon and Stephenville. I have some old pictures of when my parents lived there, and some of Dad's buddies from the base. Dad took me back to Stephenville in 2008 because he wanted to show me where I was born. I laughed because Dad said that it didn't look the same to him, course it had been over 50 years since Dad had been there. Some day I hope to return to Stephenville, and have another look around, we didn't get to see much when we were there in 2008. Dad has since passed on, so all I have left is the memories that he had shared with us as kids growing up, and the few pictures that were taken while him & mom lived there.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 20 2014 / 13:23:42

name = James E. "Jim" Vanderberry

where = Bossier City, Louisiana

Harmon_Memories = At an early age of 18, 1948, I was stationed at Harmon Field as the Surgical Technician from 1948-1951. I returned to Harmon AFB Hospital in 1965 as a CMSgt and closed the base in December 1966. I married Catherine Kays who was from Prince Edward Island. Her father owned the 7UP beverage in Stephenville. I retired at Barksdale AFB and we live in Bossier City, Louisiana. The Base Commander in 1966 was Col. Leonard Eddington. Would like to hear from any old Harmonite/or Newfoundlander. jcvberry@webtv.net

Date/Time of Posting: May 29 2014 / 02:43:09

name = Vivian

where = New Hampshire

Harmon_Memories = 1963-1965, I remember welcoming men and women home as they transitioned to the states from other bases. Stephenville was a different world. Guess that is why it's remote!

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 10 2014 / 20:26:52

name = Brenda Peters Cooper

where = Hattiesburg, Ms

replyemail = nursebpc@aol.com

Harmon_Memories = Dad stationed at Harmon '59 to '62. Attended elem. 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Dad worked at the terminal, Msgt Ted "Pete" Peters. Loved our time there. Lived on base and walked to school first 2 years, 6th grade was near the HS and rode bus there. Noticed Norm Beria posted years ago, I remember him. I loved the Teen Club and kiddie bingo at the NCO club on Sundays. Sister Debbie and little brother Petey.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 01 2014 / 17:35:02

name = Norm Pinhorn

where = Manuels, c.b.s., Newfoundland

Harmon_Memories = Worked with the Royal Bank in Stephenville 1956-1960. Spent a lot of off hours on Base....introduced to the slot machines {jackpot -12.00} ----had 8 boarding houses with some wonderful people. It was a great place to live and I have some wonderful memories.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 12 2014 / 17:16:45

name = Manny Gomes (ace)

where = Fern Park, FL

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at Harmon from April 1962 - Oct 1963. I worked in the motor pool and as a pol augmentee. was there for the big explosion during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. Just found this site and saw that Tom Simpson was looking for me and some of the other guys. I had some good friends and good times there but found it a little too rural for this Bronx boy. hope someone remembers me.

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 18 2014 / 13:00:23

name = Linda Lee Strawser

where = Fort Smith AR

Harmon_Memories = I was in base Dependents School Primary grade, 1st, in the year 1951/52. I'm just trying to piece my past together, and wondered what grade I was in, when I left, for California. My parents were Charles W. Strawser, and mother's name Raoma C. Strawser, any help would be appreciated. Any records, or organizations that might help me. Thank you Linda Isham

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 25 2014 / 19:17:44

name = Debbie Nessamar

where = Americus, GA

Harmon_Memories = My dad Russell Nelson was a USAF fighter jet pilot and stationed at Ernest Harmon AFB in the mid-fifties. I was born there in May 1956 at the base hospital to Diana Farquhar Nelson. While he was later stationed in Victorville, Calif., my dad died during a training or mission flight as he flew over New England. Incorrect navigation instructions led him to run out of fuel in transit. Ejecting after clearing a populated area his altitude was too low for the shoot to save his life. I was three and my brothers were four and almost two. I know very little about my Dad's time there. A photo of a toddling me in a snowsuit looking like the Michelin man and a story my mother, who died of MS in 1989, told of driving herself to the hospital while in labor stand out in my memory. If you knew Russell Nelson I'd enjoy knowing anything about his time there.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 21 2014 / 16:31:12

name = Charles E Bouchard

where = San Antonio, TX

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Harmon assigned to the Comm Squadron Crypto Maintenance in 1964. My memory's too fuzzy to remember exactly when. I worked at Combat Operations Center Crypto under George Hamilton. I remember Scott Clough, Ed Hetsko, Dave Griffith, (my immediate boss), and John and Phyllis Sinski. I flew back to Westover AFB in March 1965 and married my fiancée, my wife of 49 years now. I bought a little 28 foot house trailer and Patti joined me on my accompanied/unaccompanied tour, hitching a ride with Ed Hetsko and wife and kids, riding the whole way on top of clothing, luggage, bedding etc., all the way from Westover. So much more to remember in such a small space. Write.

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 12 2015 / 06:53:17

name = Richard Hayes

where = Toledo Ohio

Harmon_Memories = Was stationed at Harmon Field 1964 through 1966. Wondering if anyone remembers the tanker crash into the deep pond at the end of the runway after hitting the approach lights. As a base policeman I remember going to the divers shack used for retrieving the bodies and aircraft parts by Navy divers from Argentina. In the shack were photos of the plane in the pond several hundred feet down on a ledge. The pond was supposed to be over 1000 feet deep. The photos were very eerie. I've never been able to track down any info regarding this horrible crash. Anybody remember it?

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 12 2015 / 15:22:19

name = Paul Forehand

where = Tomball, Texas

Harmon_Memories = Richard, I was at EHAFB when the KC97 Tanker Aircraft crashed at the end of the runway during a snowstorm December 1965. I think the aircraft attempted a landing with the props reversed to slow down and tried to take off without changing the props position. This brought the aircraft down and into the water.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 07 2015 / 05:02:33

name = George Hamilton

where = Dover, Delaware

Harmon_Memories = My father was stationed at Harmon from July 1963 to July 1966 at Comm Squadron (Crypto Maintenance). I have the Church Bulletin for the Memorial Service at the Base Chapel for the KC-97 Crew that crashed into Noels Pond. Contact me if you would like a scanned copy. Mr. Charles Bouchard from Texas, please contact me concerning your Dec 2014 posting. Would like to communicate about my father.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 08 2015 // 19:15:08

name = Glen Plagge

where = Apple Valley, MN

Harmon_Memories = I was stationed at EHAFB from 1964 to 1966 in the Data Processing area. One good memory was in January 1965 when I bowled in the Association tournament. I bowled the first 700 series of the association in the team event at the lanes in Stephenville. I was lucky enough to win Singles, All Events and was on the first place team. I bowled with Cliff Sprung in doubles (both left handed) and would like to hear from anyone that bowled at that time. I would also like to get a copy of that memorial service for the crew members that lost their lives in the KC-97 crash. My email address is Glen01@frontiernet.net

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 05 2015 / 11:49:36

name = Gus Norman

where = Dobson North Carolina

Harmon_Memories = I was at the 640 ac&w sq from August 1956 to August 1958 would love to hear from anyone there at that time. We would ride the old truck down to Stephenville on days off and some times go to Corner Brook or Deer Lake. My buddy married A girl from Deer Lake last I heard they were in Tennessee. Would love to hear from them.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 04 2015 / 10:33:48

name = Charlene Hatt

where = Windsor, Ontario

Harmon_Memories = My dad, Charles W. Giffin, was with the 6602nd at Harmon in 1951/52. He passed away in 1976. I'd love to hear from anyone who remembers him. If Andy Anderson from a 2006 posting could contact me, I'd certainly appreciate it.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 17 2015 / 10:21:47

name = Debra Coughlin

where = Stephenville, NL

Harmon_Memories = Hi everyone, As many of you are aware, the Stephenville Cultural Development Committee is preparing for The Friendly Invasion 2016, a party that will celebrate the connection between the American military and the people of Stephenville and area. Can you believe it has been 50 years in 2016 since the American flag was lowered? So many memories! We are looking for photos of the overpass being built, visits from celebrities, dances, and sporting events. We would like to utilize them on storyboards along the heritage trail. Also, if you have a story to share with the photo we would love that too! If you can help please contact me at ddccoughlin@hotmail.com.

Date/Time of Posting: Sep 20 2015 / 18:31:14

name = Robert J. Bodetko where = Littleton, Colorado 80120

Harmon_Memories = I was assigned to the 1933 AFCS. Lived in Green Barracks. Worked at the Com Center. Year was 1961. We had snow tunnels downtown. A member of com cen was found passed out in front of com cen and was covered in snow. He survived. probably because his antifreeze was Newfoundland Screech. I met my wife who is from Kippens at the club. she is still my wife after 52 years. Best place ever!

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 10 2016 / 14:25:07

name = Blanche Ryan

where = Aguathuna, Newfoundland
Harmon_Memories = I worked in Base Supply from April 1960 to the closing of the Base in December 1966. They would close so many buildings every couple of weeks or so and then you would be moved to another building. The last place I worked was at the NCO Club. That was where our office was located. LOTS OF GOOD MEMORIES OF WORKING THERE.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 03 2016 / 07:58:17

name = IAN J. DUNCAN

where = VIRGINIA

Harmon_Memories = i was a 24 year old Lt. kc-97 aircraft commander in the 1958-59 time frame. we rotated into harmon on the sac plan called reflex. purpose was to provide multiple tankers for the b-47 bomber force with their ewo plan. idea was to get the already airborne bombers fuel before crossing the atlantic on the route to the ussr. in 1999 wife and i spent 2 weeks touring newfoundland in our r.v.visited the base to find a college campus.

Date/Time of Posting: Apr 18 2016 / 13:12:28

name = Bill Culbertson

where = Virginia Beach, VA

Harmon_Memories = My father, Paul O. Culbertson, was stationed at Harmon from 1959 to 1961, having transferred from Griffiss. I went to Harmon Elementary School for 1st and 2nd grade. I specifically recall one of my teachers telling the class that "JFK was elected President yesterday". I could walk to school as I lived in the housing area right up the hill (on Ohio, I think). Bill Philips was the kid next door. Dad worked a lot at West Bay and Jerry's Nose; he would take me out to West Bay occasionally to spend the weekend. I'd watch him climb up those towers that were so tall I'd lose sight of him. He made E-8 there as I recall. Some of the other guys in the outfit were "Fudd" Richardson and a fellow called Van Hefty. I have vivid memories of Harmon, Camp 33, the Salty Dog, and fishing on the bay. Left for Warren AFB (GEEIA) sometime in 1961. If anyone remembers my Dad, drop me a line at "unclestone2001@yahoo.com".

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 12 2016 / 14:07:19

name = Roy Glidden

where = Harmon AFB - Stephenville, Newfoundland

Harmon_Memories = I was born on Harmon AFB in Stephenville, Newfoundland in 1964. I lived with my 3 brothers and one sister, mother Norman and father SSgt John Glidden. My father was best know as Uncle John from the Uncle John's Birthday Hour children's television show that aired in Newfoundland in the early 60's. He also played bass guitar and drums in various Harmon AFB based bands, and sat in with bands that visited the officers club at Harmon, including Red Solvine's band. Anyone that remembers my father or our family, it would be nice to hear your memories. I would really love to locate photos of the Uncle John show and my father playing music. glidrod@aol.com

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 15 2016 / 08:03:20

name = James Bruchert

where = West Lafayette, Indiana

I arrived at Harmon in Dec 1957 left in Dec 1959. It was very cold and snowing more than I have ever seen I thought I was at the pole. I grew to love Harmon I was assigned to the 4018st Combat Support Group I lived in a great building, elevators and a chow hall I met a girl in town her name is Madonna she worked at the Candlelight Restaurant. We fell in love and we married in Dec 1959. I had a friend who took pictures of our wedding 57 years ago I never got those pictures, if he is still with us I would like to know if he might still have those pics. God bless all those men who were there at Harmon Air Force Base. - (The friend who took the photos worked at the base commissary, James does not remember his name. If you have any wedding photos of unknown people from that time in your family's collection, please contact James at bruchertjames@gmail.com)

Date/Time of Posting: Aug 27 2016 / 10:33:12

name = Fred Disk

where = North of Philadelphia

Harmon_Memories = I was fortunate to be a part of the 323rd FIS between late 1958-60 when the outfit shut down. I worked in the engine shop and the alert barn. When I discovered Corner Brook I thought that Had found heaven. Married a local girl and we are sharing 56 years together. Traveled back to the "rock" too many times to remember. I lived in the "Harmon Hilton" red brick barracks. I often think back of the fantastic food we were served on base and the fun exploring the towns and meeting friendly people. I was even on a first name basis with "Moes Mearn" the self appointed premier of the western NL. I finished my AF career at Charleston AFB in the 444th FIS. Had to load bombs on the 101FB aircraft for the Cuban crisis. After discharge went to work for Pan American airways at JFK in NY. I have only connected with a small handful of people from the outfit. I would love to know others are still around. Fred "the Yank"

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 20 2017 / 16:18:14

name = Susan Davis

where = Oregon, USA

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at the air base when I was 8 months old in 1947. I believe my Dad was an Air Force airplane mechanic at that time. He served there until at least late 1953 and possibly longer. He was killed in an auto accident in 1965. My three brothers were born on the base. Mom and we 4 children left in Aug 1953 when my parents separated. (I have a copy of the manifest of our flight which took us to Westover base in Massachusetts.) Since I was so young my memories are spotty. I recall snow covering the windows of our house which I presume now was base housing. And I remember "Santa" arriving on what I was told was a "weasel" which was some kind of large equipment. I remember not having a real yard but a gravel area behind our living quarters which sloped down into a "pond." And in the summertime the cracks in the streets were sealed with tar which we children would roll into balls to play with. And I recall our refrigerator being filled with lobster at one point in time. I also recall a forest fire somewhere

outside of town. And I remember my best friend was a boy my age named Kirk who I've always wondered about. Just little snippets of memory left to me from over 60 years ago.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 05 2017 / 08:53:38

name = Bill Hildebrand

where = San Diego, California

Harmon_Memories = My step father was stationed at Harmon July or August 1952 to Feb or March 1953 as Supply Officer. We, my step father, mother, 5 year old brother and I, lived off base in a trailer in a pasture converted to a mini-trailer park and rented to families from Harmon. It was located about a quarter mile from the Catholic school and bluff overlooking the beach. The field next to us was still an active pasture. We waved something red at the bull to see if it would chase us; it did, and we scurried to barbed wire fence safely. When it snowed in the winter some one brought a pair of cross country skis, and we skied in that pasture. In the next field over was the general store; I remember the tarp covered stack of dried cod with flies buzzing about; I used to buy jelly beans there. Just beyond the trailer park was a meadow about 50 yards wide; beyond that was a second growth forest of fir trees, ranging from saplings to about 35 ft. tall. Deer would sometimes be in the meadow. We would climb the trees and play Tarzan, swinging from tree to tree. We could go far into the forest without touching the ground; if we fell the interlacing branches of the trees would stop our fall like a safety net. The Mountie post was about a quarter mile the other direction; a storm in Nov or Dec blew the roof off of it. There was a movie theater in town; the admission was a dime. There was the hulk of a B-17 in the village. Even though it had been stripped of usable parts, we still enjoyed crawling around in it and sitting in the seat frames with no control column, looking out the window pretending to fly missions. I remember whenever there was a rumour of fresh milk arriving on a flight there was a long line at the commissary, hoping to score a gallon or so. I don't remember much about the base itself, except that I got to tour a C-119, and I remember waiting in the departure area of the terminal waiting catch a hop to Pepperell AFB. While there both some good and not so good times, it was a great place for a young boy to explore and have some great adventures.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 19 2017 / 02:03:39

name = Linda Hinrichs

where = Redding, Ca

Harmon_Memories = Richard Hayes, My dad was killed on that KC97 that crashed at the end of the runway in 64. I know a lot about the crash and would like to answer any questions. I'm still having a hard time processing it. lindabillhinrichs@yahoo.com

Date/Time of Posting: Jan 16 2018 / 23:51:47

name = Gary Wandrey

where = Rohnert Park Ca

Harmon_Memories = In April of 1961 I went PCS from Forbes AFB to Harmon. I was an A2c at the time attached to the 40th Bomb Wing in the Field Mtc Propeller Shop. At Harmon I had escaped SAC and joined the elite 1624 Support Sqd. Our Squadron staffed the MATS Terminal and Cargo Terminal and did maintenance and fueling on all MATS aircraft from McGuire, Dover, and some from Charleston and Norfolk. We were all housed in the sparkling white 3 story barracks across the street from the Modern looking Newfoundland Twin Towers you called Hiltons. Our shop was called a Specialists Shop. We had 4 flights, A,B,C and D. A TSgt would lead a crew of 4 usually. An Electrical, Instrument and Propellor guy. Mtc. Guys fueled turned wrenches wiped oil leaks and changed engines. What a blast it was. We got to handle C118, C124, C133 and on occasion C121 Acft. Being in the MATS hangar next to the fire station and MATS terminal building was choice. When not maintaining planes, or playing cards we hung out in that classy restaurant coffee shop in the terminal. The day that John Glenn did 3 orbits my roommate and another guy hiked back into a lake north of the runway where a C124 cashed in 1960. Highlights as follows. A top floor window facing the 2 Hiltons for a year. And one down the hall across the hall facing Stephenville, Main Gate, Church and the NCO Club. Also had a Year around trout stream under our window that babbled all night. Window open of course. Bud, Schlitz and Miller \$2.75 a case. Import beer \$3.25 a case. Not to mention the Airmans Club, Clover Club, Red Rose club and French Casino. Base Bowling League. Cool BX. One And a Half lb Lobster with trimmings. \$1.25 in town. Medium Lobsters were .25 cents each in town and our Sqd had Lobster Boils frequently. Camp 33 was my favorite. A Boat with a 15 horse Merc and a 6 gallon gas can \$6.00. A bed , Chow Hall.....wow. Found the hot spot at Grand Lake and hauled out loads of Rainbow trout Between 3-6 pounds. Went back to Chicago on leave in June 62 end got my 54 Ford off blocks and drove northeast to North Sydney N.S. Took the Wm Carson Car Ferry over to port Aux Basque Nfld. Scored big time in Stephenville with wheels. Back then lower 4 grade Airmen could register a car on base their last 3 months before stateside rotation. Drove back in late October taking the Wm Carson again with Six 6 pound trout frozen and packed in dry ice. 6 forty oz. bottles of Canadian Club for Mom and Dad as well. Drove to McGuire for separation and saw my girlfriend who was a WAF Flight Attendant I dated on layovers at Harmon. My DOS on my DD 214 is 25 Oct 62. That was the classic peak of the Cuban Missile crisis. My 6 Trout made it back to Evanston , Ill still frozen. Lots of great Harmon photos for anyone out there who is nostalgia buff as I am. gary.wandrey@gmail.com

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 06 2018 / 09:24:13

name = Jean M. Cormier-House

where = Stephenville, Newfoundland, Canada

Harmon_Memories = I was born and raised in Stephenville,Nl. Most of my family worked on Base. As a young girl I sang as part of a Female Trio on TV at EHAFB. I remember the three member Combo who accompanied us, I remember the Pianist, they called him Little John, the three were incredible musicians and I think they were part of the House Band at Harmon. I also conducted the Church Choir on Base - Chaplain, Capt. Christopher Ruggeri at the time. In the

early 60's I sang in the MUN Extension Stephenville Glee Club conducted by an American lady Joan Sword, her husband was stationed at Harmon. The Accompanist was also an American from Harmon, Sharon Courey. I worked at Base Supply 1963 - 1966 as Private Secretary/Stenographer for Major Bailey, Major Podgorski, Major Evans who later was promoted to Lt. Colonel. Colonel Evans came to Stephenville summer 2016 and sang in my USO Floor Show. I found him after 43 years. It was an amazing reunion. The former Base Supply Bldg is still standing, the Mayor of the Town arranged for us to see Base Supply once more. I had several opportunities to see the States Side Bands and Singing Groups. Two which I shall never forget 'The Flamingos - performed at the NCO Club, B.G. Ramblers performed at the Officers Club. I have a very keen interest in the History of EHAFB and just recently becoming familiar with the History of Pinetree. Personnel I remember from my working days on Base - Major Bridgeford, Msgt Palmer, Sgt. Croyle, Sgt Seekings, Captain Truelove, Captain Dill, Sgt. Duguay, Airmen: Don Dykes, Jerry Ennis, Jerry Wallace, Don Satelle, Steve Stravinsky, Dick Odgen, Schultz, Bill Jacoby, Paul Welsh, Bense, Benson, Sgt. Febre, Cato, Flahive, Dangerfield. So happy to have the opportunity to share my Harmon Memories and continue to post many of those memories on FB.

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 18 2018 / 09:34:48

name = stephen carson

where = stockton,ca

Harmon_Memories = My father was Edward H. Carson He was station at Harmon AFB from 56 to 58, He was a truck driver there, He would marry a Phyliss O'brein from Stephenville

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 18 2018 / 19:49:13

name = Lin Walters (Butch)

where = Botkins, Ohio

Harmon_Memories = My Father, T/Sgt. William Walters was transferred to Harmon AFB in April of 1960. He was in the 1933AACS squadron as a air traffic controller. I attended Harmon High as a Junior. Joseph McCormack was the Principal. I dated a girl named Carolyn W. Massey. Her Father was Col. John T. Massey. He was the dental clinic commander. They were transferred to Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina in June, 1961. I lost track of Carolyn and would love to connect with her again. Since her Father was a "Bird" Col. and my Father was a T/Sgt. they had bigger ideas for her which didn't include me.. lol.. I know at one time she tried to contact me but, since my folks forgot to tell me all came to an end. We lived in a lower apartment up there that was owned by James Liswell. He ended up buying most of the items that were left when the base closed. I would like to hear from anyone up there, especially anyone that knows anything about Carolyn. linwalters@Hotmail.com

Date/Time of Posting: May 31 2018 / 19:09:37

name = Gary M Swerdlow

where = Bradenton FL

Harmon_Memories = 1933 AACCS SQ NEAC Dec 1954 thru Dec 1955. Nov of 55 wind was 60 MPH so strong the only time I went to the CHOW BLDG was behind 300 LB SGT or I would get Blown away. Almost got run over by a 1500LB Moose. Muddy Stephenville, I took a 3 day leave by TaxiCab a(death defying bumpy ride) to Corner Brook NFLD , Got soused on one bottle of 24% Beer at the local PUB. Sat there Frozen stiff for three hrs before I could move. Don't remember coming back to Base. AP's patrolled with DOGS around the KC 97's with Dogs ,also at the Base Gates. KC 97's SAC coming back on 3 engines lots of times. C 54's, and Air Evac Turbo-prop Electras?. Worked Radar, Teletype and Nav-aids. F89-D scorpions, Night and day. US Navy Neptune Recon planes overhead weekly patrols. B29 Air sea Rescue. What a thrill being part of all that.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 15 2019 / 08:49:04

name = John C White

where = Lacey, WA USA

Harmon_Memories = Does anyone remember a George W.T. Clark (from New Jersey) - he was stationed at EHAFB during 1944 - 1945. An NCO who was apparently in base billeting.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 26 2019 / 01:30:07

name = Lory Carroll Leacock

where = Fiji

Harmon_Memories = My dad, Edwin G Carroll, was stationed at EHAFB from 1960-1964; after Barksdale and before Castle AFB. I remember going to 1st and 2nd grade there at the elementary school, Miss Williams and Miss Chamberlain were my teachers - Leland Davis was the principal. Because we lived so close to school we had kids stay overnight with us during the blizzards. We would toboggan down the hill across from our 4 or 8 plex - wish I knew the name of the road. I remember when Kennedy was assassinated; blackouts where you couldn't look out your windows and making snowforts. Life was so simple. Going back this fall for my first visit back - too bad my dad didn't live long enough to go back with me - wish I had talked to him more about it.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 02 2019 / 09:57:20

name = Fred Roberts

where = Lake Montezuma AZ

Harmon_Memories = My father, MSGT Charles F. Roberts, was the base Commissary Officer from 1957-1961. My mother, Twyla Roberts, was a "Gray Lady" who volunteered at the base hospital. My sisters, Valerie (Kreipl) and Elaine (Webb) live in Salt Lake City UT. I played Little League baseball, was a member of the Junior NRA at the base shooting club and spent a lot of my free time fishing.

Date/Time of Posting: Dec 02 2019 / 09:57:20

Mar 04 2020 / 09:00:51

name = Wayne Ray

where = London Ontario

Harmon_Memories = My father was Cap't (Major & Lt. Colonel) Claxton Ray my Mother Gay Ray was a Grade 6 teacher on the Base. We were there from 1953-1965. I wrote the Wikipedia article on EHAFB. Does anyone know the next Harmon High Reunion? Thanks Wayne. Brother Cris died in a plane crash at Lake Placid in 1978, Sister Biki is HS Principal retired in Richmond Va, Dad passed in 1989 and mom in 2014.

Date/Time of Posting: Jul 22 2020 / 15:37:56

name = Remy Abeyta

where = Cheyenne, WY

Harmon_Memories = I arrived at Ernest Harmon AFB on Sunday of the Labor Day weekend, 1961. I moved into what I thought was a very impressive barracks. The building was complete with an elevator as the barracks was several stories high. The barracks building also had an attached mess hall. At that time I was a young Airman Second Class and was assigned to the Propeller Shop maintaining the propeller system for the KC-97G aircraft fleet. Work in the Propeller Shop was mostly outdoors and at times in that severe Newfoundland weather but my weekends were almost always free time. Eventually I was picked to join The "Drifters", a Country band. The Drifters Band consisted of Master Sergeant Sam Lewis on steel guitar, Airman Bill Curtis on bass, an Airman drummer whose name I do not recall, Airman First Class Charlie Weems on rhythm guitar/lead vocals, I played lead guitar. Shortly thereafter Charlie had to rotate back to the states and was replaced with a talented vocalist/rhythm guitar player by the name of Stu but I do not recall his last name. The clubs on base would often book Country vocalists (as I recall from the Boston area) who would fly in to perform at the clubs on base. The base clubs were the NCO club, the Airman's club and an alternate NCO club called The Salty Dog. Our Drifters Band was the backup band for these performers from the states. All of these performers were very talented female vocalists and as I kept no records of those performances I have no names to offer. Sometime in December of 1962 country performer Bobby Helms came to perform at the base and we had the honor of being the backup band for his performances. Mr. Helms was a very friendly and down-to-earth person who had produced some giant Country hits including "Fraulein" and "Jingle Bell Rock". Bobby Helms brought along with him a very accomplished Nashville guitarist and fiddle player named Joe Edwards. We performed with Mr. Helms and Joe Edwards at all the clubs on base including a night time performance at a Stephenville school auditorium. Mr. Helms was also booked to perform across the island of Newfoundland at a Naval Station. The entire group would be gone for two or three days and my military duties would not allow me to accompany them. They were flown across the island, sadly I had to stay behind. My tenure with The Drifters Band ended when I rotated back to the states on March, 1963. In 1965 I was on TDY duty from Sheppard AFB, TX to Keesler AFB, MS and to my great joy again met up with Sam Lewis. He was

currently playing steel guitar with a Country band from the local area and invited me to attend their outdoor performance on a Saturday afternoon in nearby Biloxy. In July, 1987 long after my retirement from the Air Force I ran into Joe Edwards in Nashville, TN. I asked him if he recalled his performances with Bobby Helms in Newfoundland and he replied, "I remember it was very cold"!

Date/Time of Posting: Nov 18 2020 / 10:35:02

name = harry strickland

where = tennille ga

Harmon_Memories = just stumbled on this site

lab tech at hospital

there thru may 63. being married aic new baby at home made ehafb hard place to serve to bring wife would have had to extend or gone career went to college Valdosta (ga) state, used af training to become lab mgr at va in lake city fl lost contact info for guys I worked with maybe here??? hesmas42@yahoo.com

Date/Time of Posting: Feb 07 2021 / 01:08:42

name = Bill Harmon

where = Marmora, NJ

Harmon_Memories = To all contributors to this blog, I am filled with pride and warm feelings as I read about all the wonderful memories of life at Harmon AFB which was named in honor of my grandfather Capt Ernest Emery Harmon a.k.a. "Tiny" Harmon (he was 6' 5" tall).

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 02 2021 / 14:42:39

name = monte bona

where = Salt Lake City and Mt. Pleasant Utah.

Harmon_Memories = I was at Harmon from February, 1957 to December, 1958--1933rd AACCS. Would love to hear from Gilman Davis from Oklahoma. Kept in touch with Burton J. Burgeron from Louisiana and Fred Smelser from Nebraska. Both of them died a few years ago. Also, Bob Griffiths and Merlin Harris. Great memories. Loved Newfoundland.

Date/Time of Posting: Jun 03 2021 / 22:45:43

name = Linda Hinrichs

where = Redding, CA

Harmon_Memories = Wayne Ray, I was in class with Cris, in Mrs.Ray's 6th grade class along with Libby Goyt. I remember your parent's flower shop. Your mother came to our house the morning after the crash at the end of the runway in Dec. 1964. She always said that she could stand under her husband's chin. Cheryl Caster Beck, your father must have been one of the two men along with a lady who came to our house that night with the sad news. George Hamilton, My dad was on the KC97 that crashed at the end of the runway. I would love to have a copy of the Church Bulletin for the Memorial Service. I have been back once and would like to go again.

Richard Hays, I do know quite a bit about the crash. It was quite a mystery. If anyone would like to share memories please feel free to contact me at lindabillhinrichs@yahoo.com.

Date/Time of Posting: Mar 10 2022 / 16:56:18

name = Debbie Coughlin

where = Stephenville, NL

Harmon_Memories = Hi everyone, We are putting together the story of the worst storm at Harmon AFB that took place between Dec 19-22, 1963. The snow storm was so bad that the base came to a stand still. Plows were unable to move the snow and only a snow blower could make a path on the road. Does anyone have any stories to share? Please email me with any details. We would really appreciate your help. ddccoughlin@hotmail.com

Rick Shelton says:

October 15, 2014 at 9:46 pm

My Dad was stationed there in 1958-59-60. Our family lived off base at Joe Whites Trailer Park, near the beginning of the airstrip, across the road from TCA (Trans Canadian Airways). I learned about loving winter sports, loving aviation, and leaving school friends every 3 years, when we routinely were transferred to another base. I am 66 years old now, and thinking of a vacation back to Stephenville, and to drive around the island.... In SUMMER that is !!!! Ricky Shelton. :).

Reply

Libby Goyt says:

January 15, 2016 at 5:29 am

You might remember my sister Gina Goyt who graduated from high school there. My dad was Wing Commander then. Loved living there and would also love to revisit.

Reply

Debora LaRose says:

August 25, 2018 at 1:26 am

Libby

This is Deb LaRose, i was married to Bruce LaRose class of "66", who was a good friend of Your sister, Gina. She and your folks attended the 84 EH Rock Reunion in New York that I Hosted. Your dad gave me an Honorary HS Diploma for Class of "66" at the Reunion. A gift i will treasure always♥

Im hosting another EH "Still Rocking" Reunion in July of 2021 in Glacier National Park West, Montana. Would love to have you come.

Its all classmates & families like the NY one. Please join our FB Group Page.

Harmon 2021 Glacier
Your Folks & Sister are truly missed
Debora LaRose
DebHarmon2021Glacier@gmail.com

Kirk Kindley says:
September 7, 2016 at 12:48 am

Rick, I was stationed there 54-56. A friend of mine named Frazer Allen Newberry was sucked into a running jet engine on Sunday 26 Oct 1954 and lived. He was in the hosp for a very long time and is still alive in Az, USA. When he got out of the hosp there was a news paper that came and took pictured an interviewed him. There was a news paper article that he has been trying to find for years. We are now in our eighties. If there is any way you can help us we will be very grateful. Stephenville news paper, Bay St George, etc. This guy is dying and I told him I'd do my best to help him find the article. I am retired AF and am 84 years old. Please forward this to anybody that you thing might help. Thank you, Kirk Kindley 208 777 0474

Reply
Deb Coughlin says:
May 26, 2022 at 1:32 am

Hey Libby, Is your mother also called Gina ? We do tours of the old base and Gina Goyt's name is mentioned in conjunction with the former Officers Mess.

Reply
Libby Goyt says:
January 15, 2016 at 5:26 am

My dad was the Wing Commander at one time. Col. G. F. Goyt. I there in the 60s. That's where we were when Kennedy was assisnated. It was quite an experience and I love it there. My sister Gina graduated from high school there. It was my favorite place I've ever lived. Sure would love to visit it again. What a history.

Reply
Richard lincoln says:
February 18, 2016 at 2:45 pm

SAC 8th AF Iwas stationed there when COL Goyt was wing commander. Great guy!! I still have training certificates signed by him. My gmail is lincolnre1939@gmail.com.

Richard Lincoln says:
February 18, 2016 at 2:49 pm

I spent two tours there and I also married a girl from there. Have been married for 53 years.

Reply

Rich Barbieri says:

June 1, 2016 at 7:03 pm

TDY there in October '66. Some good times at the DOMBOQ.

Reply

Wayne Ray says:

July 11, 2016 at 4:05 pm

My father Lt. Colonel Claxton Ray (Gay Ray grade 6 teacher) had the trailer park next to White's from 1953 – 1965. This year is the 50th celebrations of the closing and they have named a whole day after him. Major Ray Day at Long Gull Pond on August 6th 2016. I will be in town from the 1st to the 7th if fellow Harmon High students are going to be there. Dad passed away in 1989 and would be 100 this year, Mom passed away at 94 in 2014. Brother Cris died in a plane crash at Lake Placid 1978 and sister Biki (Mitchell) is a Principal of a high school in Richmond Virginia.

Reply

Rick Shelton says:

December 14, 2018 at 5:11 am

I am Rick Shelton....Mrs. Gay Ray was my 6th grade teacher at Ernest Harmon AFB in 1958 -1959....She was my very FAVORITE teacher in all of my life ! I now live in Vacaville, Ca. am 70 years old....I remember your Mom fondly...She was just wonderful !

Reply

Rick Shelton says:

December 14, 2018 at 5:14 am

William Newton "Chip" says:

December 14, 2018 at 3:12 am

My father was stationed there from '57 – '59. When I was 8 my father, brother and I went to Camp 33 and stayed in a cabin to fish. Does anyone know where the camp was located? It was owned by Bowater Paper but leased to the Air Force. I can't find it on google maps. Chip Newton

Reply

Rick says:

December 14, 2018 at 5:05 am

My dad was stationed at Harmon during the years 1958-60. I remember going to Camp 33 and staying in a cabin there, and fishing and boating. Don't remember where it was exactly, but not too far from Stephenville....I am now 70 years old and would like to visit Newfoundland again on vacation.....in the SUMMER !!! Rick in Vacaville, Ca.

Reply

Richard says:

December 14, 2018 at 3:15 pm

TDY there in '65. I remember the DOMBOQ.

Reply

Sally Garland says:

May 27, 2021 at 6:36 pm

I lived with my father (Col. William Garland), mother, sister and brother down the street from the Goyts in one of the two duplexes in 1961-1963. The others were occupied by the Tottens, the Spratts, and another family I can't remember. All the kids played together in the gigantic backyard with jet parachutes my father brought home. We looked out on the flight line. Mrs. Gay Ray was also my teacher! Harmon is still etched in my memory. I remember one night when some kids couldn't get home because of the snow and families on base took them in. We had never had fresh salmon until we moved there or seen or eaten a raspberry. I remember the William Carson, the ferry we took and Arlim's store in town. I too would love to return!

Reply

Richard Barbieri says:

May 28, 2021 at 12:49 am

TDY there in '65. Fun at the DOMBOQ.

Reply

Ricky Shelton says:

May 28, 2021 at 12:48 pm

Mrs Gay Ray was my teacher about 1958 and

I remember her fondly....yes, it's quite impossible to forget Newfoundland, as I remember it snowing overnight and having to dig our way out of our house. My dad had a shovel INSIDE the house just for that possibility. Our 1957 Chevrolet station wagon (brand new) was buried completely, and you couldn't see any part of the car at all ! I don't know how we survived, but we did !

Loved hearing from you although I don't remember you... . Ricky Shelton, now living in Northern California....5-28-2021

Reply

Jasmine says:

January 4, 2022 at 5:10 am

Hi there I am trying to find my friends father who was stationed in stephenville until 1963/1964 as he was born in October 1964. He has never met him and never kept in contact with his mother who still lives here in stephenville. His fathers name would be James or Jim Rice. Is there any records or list of people who were stationed here and I can find out more info. Anything would help thank you.

Reply

Wayne Ray says:

January 4, 2022 at 4:47 pm

I can only think of intensive Yahoo or Google or Bing searches. The Kindale Library has all of my school yearbooks and in some of them, the students are listed by their parents home town. I was 14 in 1964. FYI I just found my old Harmon High gym bag!! LOL Wayne Ray

Reply

Wayne Ray says:

January 7, 2022 at 5:24 pm

Oh try 23&Me or Ancestry DNA matching

Reply

Robert wilkins says:

January 19, 2022 at 12:32 am

I was stationed there 1965 to Jan. 66. June Burgess was airman's club employee and was the nicest woman. I have a picture of her and I sitting on the rear of her Volkswagen at Hilton head. She was so nice to be with. I don't know what happen to her I lost contact. She made salmon for me and trifle. My Sargent was Jordan Fuller we work in the hanger down the flight line. the memories are still with me at 80 years old.