

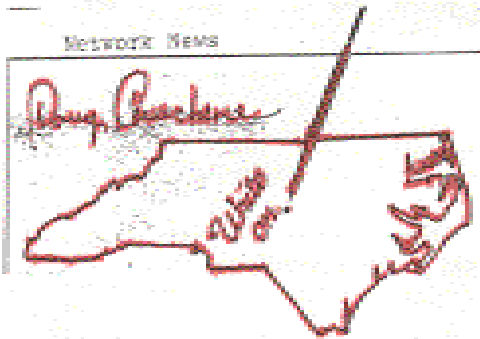


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“LEGENDARY PIONEERS WHO
REMINISCE ABOUT THE PAST BUT
FOCUS ON THE FUTURE”



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Eglin Fire Chief cracks “grade barrier,” effective May 15, 2005, for US Air Force Bases.



Congratulations to Base Fire Chief Paul D. Hawkins upon receiving the Office of Personnel Management

approval to GS-14. The editor held that position from 1970 to 1984 and feels the upgrade was long overdue. Eglin AFB is the largest Air Force installation comprised of 474,000 acres. That is roughly the size of the State of Rhode Island. The base is host to over 40 tenant organizations spread over this vast mega base complex. The base has the largest accompaniment of federal firefighters, military and civilian, and fire stations of any single Air Force base within the CONUS.

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Story by: MSGT Jesse Munoz Jr., USAF Retired - jmunozjr@comcast.net

Read on for an interesting and historical account of the beginning of Gray AFB TX. By the time I got QNN Volume 3, 2005



L to R: A2C Johnny Hinson, SSG Jesse Munoz (Airborne Firefighters) with PEDRO pilot LT Bert E. Cowden in 1967 at Laredo AFB

to Gray AFB, it was pretty much developed with a mess hall, barracks, administration buildings, control tower and of course a fire station with fire equipment: 0-10s, 0-6, R-2, 750A, 530B pumpers and the chief's pickup.

This is the account of my arrival and introduction experience at a secret base that very few people knew or ever heard about. Anyway, I (a short man all of 5'4") reported to Gray AFB in January 1955

as an A3C just back from Korea, full of spunk and vinegar and looking forward to another assignment. But what a reception and surprise I received at the base gate. It appears the base was so secret that I think not even one of the personnel clerks at Randolph AFB knew where it was and might have sent my shipping orders to Gary AFB in San Marcos, TX. I suspect many other documents were sent there as well since the base names were similar. While at home on leave in Uvalde, TX, I had a hard problem trying to find where Gray AFB was in order to buy a bus ticket. It was a soldier on leave from Ft Hood who mentioned there was a base named Gray in Killeen. My time was running out so I took a bus to Killeen. The bus agent there said, "Yes, Gray Base is a few miles away" and directed me to catch a shuttle bus outside the terminal. One thing for sure, the base had no orders on me and the Air Polices (AP) at the gate thought I was a spy trying to infiltrate the base. I showed my orders from Korea and military I.D., but the APs would not accept that. I was taken into a back room for interrogation where they took my entire luggage and turned it inside out. The OSI came in and grilled me for several hours, later that night I was taken under armed guards to some barracks on the base and placed in a room by myself with a guard standing outside the door. I was instructed to inform the guard if I had to go the "head."

Next morning the guard woke me up around 0600 hours, gave me my shaving kit (they kept my entire luggage) took me to the latrine and stood guard there while I shaved and showered. Then the armed guard marched me to the mess hall where he signed the meal sheet and walked behind me while I went thru the line. I had to sit in an isolated area while he stood guard as I ate (needless to say I was too scared to eat much even though I hadn't eaten since I left home the day before). From the mess hall the AP took me back to the room where I sat for what I thought was an eternity and contemplated "what in the world did I get myself into!" A couple of hours later the guard unlocked the door and said to go with him to the Provost Marshal's office. The Provost Officer told me to relax, that the Air Force had verified who I claimed to be, apologized and took me down the hall to see my CE Squadron



Commander. He called the Fire Department's NCOIC, MSgt Joseph P. Odea, to come pick me up. When we arrived at the fire station, the first thing I had was a hot cup of coffee and a sigh of relief. Chief Odea then assigned one of the firemen to escort me for base clearance and to take me to my living quarters.

Secrecy was the order of the day and remained that way until the day I departed. I have often wondered if any firefighters ever experienced an ordeal of this nature. The only way to get out of that base was to die, maybe transfer or be discharged. You guessed it - I took a discharge. Several years ago I went thru Killeen and heard the Army had taken over the base and I would suppose they still operate it. Chief Bob Barrow, the QNN Editor, gave me Chief Joe Odea's address. He is now a USAF CMSgt (Retired) and living in Baton Rouge, LA. A letter to him introducing myself again after 50 years brought a most pleasant telephone call from Chief Odea. I was elated and thrilled to hear from him. He had broken a hip and was just now getting up and about. He appreciated my letter and said he remembered me; we talked for about 30 min. He seems to be very alert and has a good recollection of his experiences. I gave him your compliments and he thinks highly of Chief Doug Courchene and you. He does not have email at this time, but said he would try to mail some photos to me with the help of a female friend, which I think is his honey bunny (smile).

EDITOR'S Comments: Good story Jesse. It was good that Chief Odea and you connected again, after all these many years. That is what the "Quarterly Networking Newsletter" is all about. Together we can accomplish anything.

Mrs. Kathleen P. Rushin of Montgomery, Alabama, asked that her donation be made in "Memory of her husband, Chief Robert Rushin." Bob died 13 years ago, April 29, 1992, at Fort Walton Beach,

Florida. He had retired earlier as Base Fire Chief of Hurlburt



Field, 1st Special Operation Wing, now The Special Operation Command at Hurlburt Field, FL. Kathleen reports she is doing "Great" since her new Pig Aortic Valve was installed, June 24, 2004. *Editor's comment: Thanks, Kathleen, for the "Stamp Fund" donation and for the reminder. I, too, think of Bob often. We were friends long before I was assigned as Fire Chief of Eglin AFB, October 9, 1970. Since Bob was already at Hurlburt, he helped make the transition much*

easier at our co-located Bases. There are so many reminders of him still in this beautiful area. Take good care of yourself and #1 Grandson, Lt. Bob Ellzey, an EMT/Firefighter at Prattville, Alabama. Thanks for the photographs of Bob & Bob in uniform above. Warmest regards and thank God for the replacement parts.



Chief Irvin "Jim" R. Brown, Jr. (Retired)
April 28, 1925 to June 12, 2005



Last Alarms!

Chief Irvin "Jim" R. Brown, Jr., died 12 Jun 2005 of pulmonary complications during a hospitalization at Colorado Springs, CO. He had been hospitalized since 4 June 2005.

Jim requested that his body be cremated and the ashes be scattered over his beloved Cheyenne Mountains that overlooks Colorado Springs. A memorial service was held 8-10 July 05 for this purpose, to celebrate what would have been Jim and Anna's 60th wedding anniversary and their annual family reunion. The Shriners Club's Al Kali Mule Train Team of Colorado Springs performed the "last rites" for Jim during this 3-day celebration.

At 17 years of age Jim joined the US Navy during WW II and participated in the "D" Day Invasion of Europe as a Landing Craft Operator. This was the largest amphibious assault in the history of warfare. Jim was honored by France during its 60th "D" Day Celebration. Anna and Jim attended the ceremonies at France's invitation held on June 16, 2004.

He started his firefighting career with the Baltimore City Fire Department in the 1940s. From there he secured a Civil Service position as Assistant Fire Chief at Pinecastle AFB (changed later to McCoy AFB) at Orlando, FL. When McCoy closed, he accepted the chief's job at Dow AFB, Maine. Then when Dow closed he moved to Headquarters 1st AF, Stewart AFB, NY, and worked with Chief Gene Courtemanche. In 1969 he moved to Headquarters ADC, and then again in 1969 to Clark AFB

Philippines as Fire Chief. He returned to the States as the Fire Chief of Sheppard AFB, TX for 22 months, before he became Chief of Fire Protection for the US Logistics Command in Turkey. He then returned to ADC and worked with Chiefs Ed Dickman and Sandy Sanchez, before becoming Fire Chief at Peterson Field when ADC deactivated. When Headquarters AF Space Command was activated, he became Chief of Fire Protection there until he retired in 1987.

Chief Brown was a charter member of the Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs and contributed regularly to the QNN. The photo above was taken at the Dallas Pioneer Day Gathering at Dallas, TX, in 2000. On behalf of the Retired Chiefs, our sincere condolences are given to his wife, Mrs. Anna Brown, and the children. Chief Brown will be missed by all who knew him. He will be memorialized at our next Pioneer Day Gathering at Dallas, August 2006.

Chief Wayne Kee (Wayne.M.Kee@nasa.gov) wrote on June 17, 2005 that his wife, **Lynda**, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2005, at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, after a long battle with pulmonary complications. She had been diagnosed with Scleroderma, which led to her pulmonary hypertension, about 2 ½ years ago. Prognosis then was 2-5 years. She was a real lady, beautiful up until the end. There is a hole in my heart that only God can heal. Just wanted you to know she is resting without any oxygen tanks, IV Infusion, Therapy or wheelchairs...she is with our Lord and Savior."

EDITOR'S Comments: Our sincere condolences to Wayne and Family. Please stay in touch.

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STAMP FUND CONTRIBUTORS: The QNN is privately funded by members' contributions. There were 6 contributors for this quarter: Mrs. Betty Munn, wife of Chief Ray Munn (deceased) - Bowbelle33@aol.com – enjoy the QNN and thanks for all your help; Mr. Clarence & Mrs. Frances Monaco - service@monaco.com – for a most generous donation to help the QNN kitty; Chief Jack R. McGary - jackmac@chugach.net – thanks for keeping us in the loop and updated on what's happening. It is sad to learn of our Pioneer Chiefs dying. Chief Dick Waller was a good friend of mine when I was at King Salmon, Alaska; Chief Edwin Davis Jr. of Fairdale, WV – Virginia and I look forward to the QNN keep them coming by snail mail; Chief Glenn Cloud of New Braunfels, TX – enjoy the QNN and news about old friends, but saddened at so many passing away. At 86, I am not getting any younger... Send donations to Chief Bob Barrow, 126 Clements St. NE, Fort Walton beach, FL.

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Sick Call – Prayers Urgently Needed. Power of Prayer (PoP) – PoP Works! I am happy to report that my wife, Nan and I are both feeling much better. Due to my good progress in battling kidney failure (Stage IV), I am be able to hold off complete kidney failure (Stage V) a while longer. Nan after a long battle was given a test that might have located her problem. The test revealed an Adrenal Gland growth that controls productions of essential magnesium and potassium. Now she needs a good fix to the problem.

Mrs. Phyllis Cooper, wife of Chief Jim Cooper - fdchief1@myway.com - reports that her cancer is in remission and she is feeling fine.

Chief Hugh Martin of Crestview, FL, reports his cancer is in remission and doing well except for failing eye sight.

Chief Bill Wilson of Fort Walton Beach, FL, continues battling Stage V kidney failure with dialysis three times a week. Bill & Marty were at the eye doctor's office last week. Neither one could recognize the other by sight. Marty's wife, Markie told him that Bill Wilson is going out the door. Marty yelled "Hey Bill is that you. It's me Marty."

Although they could not see one another, they did recognize each other by voice and had a good conversation.

Chief Joe Jarrell's - firechief6736@yahoo.com - wife, Ruth, has completed her long recovery from surgery and was given a good clean of health from her doctor.

Chief Lennie Blau - lennieblau@aol.com – feeling much better and able to attend the San Antonio "Spurs" playoff games.

Chief Ed Sams - rosened2@concentric.net – is feeling much better since trading in his old pacemaker and receiving a new super pacemaker, with a defibrillator in it. The defibrillator is programmed to kick in anytime my heart quits beating. Hopefully, it will work.

Chief Bob Veerland of Riverside, CA, was admitted to a Nursing Home, June 1, 2005, suffering from dementia. His wife Barbara, reports he is not doing well. He hates nursing homes and wishes the good lord will take him home soon. Barbara at age 88 fell at home. No broken bones, but very painful and sore. Please keep this loving couple in your prayers. Bob is our oldest living Pioneer (Chief Courchene's book, *Pioneers With Intent*, and it is not like him to give up.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." Psalm 91, v. 14-16, NIV

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Honoring our Pioneers: Chief Don Warner issued a challenge to the Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs. "Lead an effort to develop biographies on pioneers we know, including ourselves, with as much information as can be found concerning their contributions to Air Force Fire Protection. Every career firefighter should prepare a bio immediately after retiring so their family and friends (and us) have a record of their service, whether they accomplished anything dramatic or not. I think everyone deserves to leave a "marker" and what better way to do it than

with a brief bio that can be shared with successive generations of the family and firefighters.”

Biographies or autobiographies will be submitted to the Editor of the QNN for review prior to forwarding to HQ AFCESA/CEXF. HQ AFCESA/CEXF will advocate dedicating present or future Fire Protection facilities to those that made Air Force Fire Protection successful. Categories are: 1) Fire Stations, especially the new ones, 2) Classrooms and pavilions along the troop walk at the Louis F. Garland Fire Academy, 3) Other facilities of opportunity. Chief Doug Courchene and Chief Joe Jarrell have completed biographies on the following deceased

Pioneers: Chief Frank Joseph, Chief Ross Stephens and Chief Richard Waller by Doug and Chief Bill York by Joe. From the bio's a format will be developed for submission. A recommended format will be published in the next QNN. Considerable work and research are required to prepare quality biographies.

This is an important challenge and the ball is now in your court. How many times have you thought this would be an appropriate way to “Honor our Pioneers?” Please contact Chief Courchene or Chief Barrow if you need more information. Following is an example biography written by Chief Courchene.

PIONEER FIRE CHIEF ROSS STEPHENS

10 April 1910 – 10 January 1978

Pioneer Chief Stephens was born April 10, 1910, Madison, Indiana. Chief Stephens, who chronicled an early chapter in Air Force Fire Protection, is memorable enough to be assured of a place in history. His career encompassed and dramatically affected the transformation of Air Force Fire Protection. A humble and gentle man, a friend to many in the profession, a professional fire officer, a master instructor, and a master mechanic who inspired firefighter trainees in the classroom, as well as motivating them at the training grounds where they acquired firefighter skills and techniques.

Ross started as a volunteer firefighter in Gering, Nebraska, in 1937. In July 1942, he became Assistant Chief at Alliance Army Air Field, Nebraska, then served as the Fire Chief for Second Air Force at Deming, New Mexico, from March 1942 to March 1946. The next year he taught crash fire fighting for the Army Air Corps under Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force. From 1947 to 1951, he was the Fire Prevention Engineer, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Omaha, Nebraska. Chief Stephens and select fire department instructors conducted the Fifteenth Air Force Fire School, Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona, February 11, 1947. For two weeks firefighters applied high-pressure fog, used six burn pits and fought 318 fires in 84 hours.

Then too, he dedicated his life to quality training and became a permanent part of fire protection. For that reason alone, it's fitting and cause for celebration. What he did reflected on what mattered most to him in life. In an era when new ideas were not forthcoming, gifted, he stood alone and apart, a legend who declined his own status. He developed tactics that worked. Firefighters listened to him as he often stated, “Don't *tell them what to do – show them.*” Chief Stephens established a reputation as one of the finest training officers. Nearly everything done had never been done before because it had never been possible before. What is now commonplace was then a rough beginning. He technically advanced the profession. Someone asked Ross, “What's your definition of fire tactic”...“The best way to fight a fire!” Chief Stephens was the recipient of many Commendation Letters, i.e., Army Service Forces, Headquarters Seventh Service Command, 14 August 1944, for teaching students in Airplane Crash Training; Headquarters Second Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 12-28 November 1945, for conducting Airplane Crash Fire Fighting Course at Peterson Field, Colorado; Headquarters Air Transport Command, 30 January 1945, for organizing and teaching Crash and Structure Fire Fighting Course during the war effort; Army Service Forces, 21 October 1944, for conducting fire school at Scribner Army Airfield, Nebraska and graduating 200 students. In summary, Chief Stephens' extraordinary performance during WW II, instructed at ten fire fighting schools. His final assignment was as Fire Prevention Engineer, GS-12, and Headquarters Air Defense Command (ADC). He retired November 17, 1965.

A change of pace and hobby for Ross occurred on November 17, 1965. "Growing hybrid roses- Peace and Chrysler Imperial were his favorites; he cared for roses like he cared for people," Mrs. Aline Stephens said. Mrs. Debbie Wright, granddaughter of Chief Stephens, requests that a classroom be dedicated in Chief Stephens' honor.

A Memorial for Chief Curtis Dunn who died, December 18, 2004, at age 75, was held by members and friends of the Texas Chapter, Retired Air Force Fire Chiefs that served with him. The Manchaca Fire House Café & Kitchen located in the suburbs of Austin, Texas was the site of this event in May 2005.

Present and shown here right to left were: Chief Glenn Cloud, Chief Donato Jaso, Chief John Meek, Lieutenant Curtis Dunn Jr. (son of Chief Dunn), Chief Joe Jarrell and Mr. Jim Overcash.



Lt. Dunn of the Arlington Texas Fire Rescue and his sister, Dianna, enjoyed the coffee and fellowship with their father's comrades. Many stories were told about Chief Dunn's wit and generosity. Chief Joe Jarrell recalled when he was serving with Curtis in the early stages of his Air Force career that he was easy going and got along with everyone except his NCOIC of the Fire Department, MSG Gordon Stark. Curtis had this cute habit of addressing the NCOIC as "Stark" wherever they met. Before another word could be said the NCOIC would address Curtis rather sternly, that he had six stripes on each sleeve and that the proper address was "Sgt Stark." The young airman would do OK until his next tour of duty, when his rather personal salutation to the NCOIC would be repeated over again. Sgt Stark would go through his same act. After about a month of watching this happen, Sgt Jarrell pulled Curtis to the side and asked if he planned to make the Air Force a career? If he did he might want to start addressing the NCOIC properly. If not the Sarge might just take action for a discharge sooner than he wanted. Some 50 years later Curtis asked me if I remembered that advice that I gave him on addressing Sgt. Stark. I affirmed that I did and he said "Jarrell that was some of the best advice anyone gave to me during my 27 years of service in the USAF". There always seemed to be a

humanitarian touch in Chief Dunn's activities. For years prior to his death, he did volunteer work in the patient wards at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas. Editor's comment: What a wonderful way to honor those departed comrades. Lt. Dunn has been asked to attend "The Pioneer Day Gathering" at Dallas, Texas in August 2006 as a guest speaker.

Story by Chief Milt Puckett, CMSgt, USAF (Retired), Panama City, Florida



From Chief Milt Puckett's photo collection

This article is in honor of Chief Charles Chedd, whom I had the pleasure of serving with during my first duty assignment in the Air Force in 1954.

Pinecastle AFB, FL, had two B-47 Bomb Wings and experienced several crashes both on and off base. There was always excitement with the B-47s.

One memorable crash occurred when a B-47 crew detected smoke in the cockpit immediately after takeoff, declared an emergency, and had to return and land with such fast air speed due to the heavy fuel load that it couldn't stop on the runway. The drag chute burst open immediately after deployment on landing and then the aircraft slid down the runway leaving tires and wheels on the runway until it crashed on the overrun and burned. An 0-10 crash truck (photo on page 6) bogged down on setup and also burned. When it was all over, I think we saved a part of a wing. There was also a weapon on board that we weren't aware of (talk about scary). I was riding rescue that day. Lucky for me the 0-10 firefighters and aircrew were able to exit unassisted.

Chief Ed Chedd was on duty the day another B-47 crashed just north of the base with Col McCoy (Wing Commander) on board. It was during a bomb competition in which the British were participating. Col McCoy was the pilot and had the British Commander (Joyce) on board with him. The entire crew perished. The base was then renamed from Pinecastle AFB to McCoy AFB in honor of Col McCoy. I was there during the dedication ceremony.

During that era the Air Force had no dedicated rescue vehicles. Chief Chedd developed his own with a one-half ton pick-up truck equipped with 4 ea 50 lb CO2 bottles and the limited emergency entry tools we could carry. The rescue vehicle was Chief Chedd's pride and joy. He always said "If I am not the first to arrive at a crash site, the rescue vehicle had better be the first."

I don't know if Chief Chedd was one of the people who helped make the Broken Arrow film but I think he was one of the co-authors of the Broken Arrow Procedures and TO:11N-20-11. He was truly a pioneer in AF Fire Protection.

Story by Chief Douglas Courchene, CMSgt, USAF (Retired)

Early beginnings of TO: 11N-20-11. The late Chief Carl K. Barker and I were part of Headquarters Air Force and Sandia Base team who tested nuclear weapons under fire conditions. From these classified tests came the first Classified Technical Order 11N-20-11 (note correction) as guidance for Air Force Firefighters. Chief Roscoe Bell witnessed explosions (high order detonations) at test site. The earlier nuclear weapons were "killers." The material used in the weapon skin contained enormous internal pressure before the HE started to burn. Once the HE ignited, firefighters, had one minute to get out and upwind. Our procedure for such incidents, was don't roll hoses, drag them behind the Class 155.

Updating email accounts: Clifton R. Davis - cdavis1239@nc.rr.com - I need help on this one. It seems Clifton has dropped off the face of this earth but most likely he just has not updated his email account. My records showed that he lives in Goldsboro, NC; however, a check of local phone directories by Chief Courchene did not turn up anything.

While talking to Mrs. Anna Brown about the death of her husband, the conversation turned to Chief Ed Dickman and wife, Irene, They are close friends and neighbors of the Browns. Anna gave me their mailing address so that I can resume sending them the QNN. I told Anna the Dickman's had an email account at one time, however after repeated attempts to contact them through other friends, I had their account as inactive.

If there is anyone out there that wants to get the QNN, please write or call me at 126 Clements Street NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL or (850) 243-1274. Those with access to the internet should go to <http://www.dodfire.com/retirees/pioneers.htm> web site and fill out the request form for the QNN. Provide as much information about your career experiences possible so I can determine eligibility. Anyone with internet access can download a copy of the QNN but if you want me to mail you a copy, I need you to fill out the information on the web site or write/call me.

IMPACT!

By Chief Donald Warner, CMSgt, USAF (Retired), Panama City, Florida

I started DoDFire.com in 2000 for several reasons. I had been collecting AF fire truck pictures since I was a MSgt and wanted to share them with other AF firefighters. I also wanted to share training materials and other information that AF firefighters would enjoy or benefit from.

I had started the Fire Club when I was the Command Fire Chief at the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) on the official AFRC web site. As the rules began to tighten on web sites, it became apparent that the Fire Club couldn't be kept as an official product. So, I moved it to DoDFire.com where it remains today.

As I scan through the listings in the Fire Club, I am stunned by what I see; namely, the tremendous impact that AF Fire Protection has on the world. Countless firefighters listed there began their careers in the AF. Undoubtedly, their life's journey was determined by and began in the AF.

Looking back, I was 18 when I came in the AF and someone determined that I should be a firefighter. Like most 18 year olds, I didn't have a clue what I wanted to be. This same process took place for thousands of firefighters that are now spread throughout the world. They began their career in the AF and were provided world class training to start them on their way in a lifetime career.

Today we worry because our firefighters don't reenlist. In my lifetime we have not meet the AF retention goal of 55% for first term reenlistments. That problem continues today. The good news is that when they do leave the AF, they go on to protect cities and people throughout the US and the world. So, even if we can't keep them, our investment in them is not wasted. I guess that's fair since the taxpayers paid for it to begin with.

AF firefighters are the preferred candidates for firefighter positions nationwide. Look at the "Jobs" page at DoDFire.com and you'll see numerous advertisements intended for AF firefighters that are leaving the AF.

I am humbled to occupy the position of Chief of AF Fire Protection. Great leaders were here before me and I'm quite sure they will follow me as well. Nevertheless, none of these great leaders will ever be more proud of our firefighters than I.

For the record, I am a 24/7 Christian that prays to the one True God through his Son, Jesus Christ. I ask that you join me in praying for the sick men and women mentioned in this and every QNN and our firefighters, many of whom are in harms way on our behalf. Prayer also prevents arrogance – it's hard to be too proud of yourself when you're on your knees!

History Help! I need help to document the history of the Chiefs of AF Fire Protection. We accumulated the list below sometime back but I'd like to fill in the blanks. If you can help, notify the Editor or myself at donald.warner@dodfire.com.

AF Chiefs of Fire Protection			
Mr. Donald Warner	Dec 01 – Current	Col Bob Allen	80-81
Mr. Hugh Pike	Jun 01 – Dec 02	Mr. George Morgan	77-80
Mr. James Hotell	Jun 90 - Jun 01	Rosco Bell	
Mr. Doug Knowles		Clifford Cook	
Mr. Ted Taipalus		Mr. Vick Robertson	
Lt Col Ron Deschenaux		L/C Jack Doty	at AFCEC at WPAFB OH, 60 & early 70s-1st Idr of ACRFAT
Col Bill Gaddie			71-75 when AFCEC left WPAFB & went back to PREMF in DC
Lt Col John Mogge		L/C Tony Vitale	Perhaps the first chief of fire protection
Lt Col Steven Waller		Mr. Henry Patrick	killed in car accident in DC-early 70s
Col Joesph Aldinger	81-83	Dink Cessna	