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## Chief Master Sergeant Duane Eugene Segrist

By Steve Leazer

Duane has slipped the bonds of earth and taken his final flight. He served in the Air Force for twenty-eight years and retired in 1978. I did not know Duane then. But, I know the man and that tells me a great deal about the kind of Senior Non Commissioned Officer and leader he was. Solid leadership traits stay with you forever. They do not just come and go as we take off the uniform.

Over the past three years Duane and I had many a conversation on the telephone. We spoke of the Association, those AF related activities he continued to support, the Air Force and the many things we had in common. He had a continuous flow of great ideas and he worked hard for the Association everywhere he went. I finally met him in person at the 2000 reunion. It was as if I had known him forever.

Somehow, it seemed as if I could sense when Duane was going to call. It was generally about 0700 on a Saturday morning here in California. I looked forward to those conversations and the help he gave me, not to mention the reference sources he sent me. Shirley was always there in the background with additional information that Duane would pass and probably to keep the two of us on track. I like to think he took me on as my mentor. Maybe he thought I was a piece of work as yet un-

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## Folded Wings

CMS Duane Segrist  
20 Feb 1930 — 12 July 2002

finished. Even in that short period I came to respect him and greatly appreciate his friendship. The fact is, that he was a special man, open, friendly and a pleasure to know. I miss him and especially those early Saturday morning telephone calls.

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Fred Kemp

Reunion 2002 has come and gone and from all reports a good time was had by all. A special thanks to Jim Bostick, our reunion chairman, for a job well done. Few of you are aware of the amount of work put in by those who plan and organize a reunion. I think everyone enjoyed the activities, from the Arch to the meal at the Landing. Our Past President Carl Bryant and Vice President Lincoln (Lee) Hill did a real good job and we all appreciate the work that they did on this reunion.

Also appreciated is the input that we get from our President Emeritus Jack Sugars who has always had the best interests of this organization at heart and was the first President. I will try to do as good a job as they did for the next two years. I have a lot of really good help in Ken Witkin as VP and was fortunate keep Steve Leader as Secretary. Actually we get doubles here since we also get wife Mary to help with the typing, envelope stuffing and mailing.

Another fortunate office which required a volunteer was that of Treasurer. We were able to convince Jim Kroskey and his wife Betty to take over that position.

Please, before you send your membership renewal in this year, check the address. After seven years, it has changed.

I really feel that we have an exceptional board and am looking forward to reunion 2004 in Omaha, Nebraska. In case you didn't realize it, this will be our tenth anniversary as an organization and we want to make it memorable. Amy Walton, Hector Campos, and Jim Simons have all volunteered to head up the reunion committee in Omaha.

We were also fortunate to get an application for reunion 2006, with a price quote that was firm through March 2006, in Tucson, Arizona. I will look into that and report back to the board later as to suitability.

## **ASSOCIATION WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING**

By Ken Witkin

Recently, an Internet Web Site was created for our Association, which will enable our members and prospective members Internet access to all SAC ACCA public information.

The Web Site enables our Association officers the capability to disseminate important information to our membership in a rapid and efficient manner and will also enable prospective members the capability to view and complete a membership application online.

The address of our Web Site is: <http://members.aol.com/sacacca/sacaccaindex.html>. For those who would like to leave a note on the SAC ACCA Message Board (Guestbook), the address for that is: <http://members.aol.com/sacacca/guestbook.html>.

If you have any problems browsing our

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## **MEMORIES OF ST LOUIS**

BY SANDY KEMP

The 2002 reunion in St Louis was attended by a smaller group than in the past, but wives had a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones, while the men reminisced over the "good ole days."

The Discover St Louis tours were very informative and interesting.

On Thursday, we boarded the bus for a seven hour narrated tour of downtown St Louis making a trip through the unique architecture of the old neighborhoods on our way to the Gateway Arch. At the Arch some of the braver souls took the 630 foot tram ride to the top, while others wandered into the Museum of Westward Expansion at the base. We also visited the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi and saw the Old Courthouse where the Dred Scott case began and Busch Stadium, home of the St Louis Cardinals, on our way to the corporate home of Anheuser-Busch, the world's largest beer producer. We toured the grounds, stables and had a briefing and tour of the brewery. Free beer and pretzels were served at the end of the tour. The next stop on our tour was the 1894 Union Station. It has been rehabbed and redeveloped into an urban market place with shops and a large food court, where we had many choices for lunch. After lunch it was back on the bus and we headed for the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of St Louis. The interior is the length of a football field plus. Small mosaic tiles cover 83,000 square feet on the ceilings. Many in the group commented on the splendor of the cathedral and said it rivaled many of the ancient churches overseas. It was most im-

pressive. Leaving there, we took a drive through Forest Park, one of the largest public parks in the United States. It was the site of the 1904 World's Fair. Located in the park are the zoo, Science Center, Art Museum and History Museum.

On Friday, we boarded the bus for a riding tour of Scott Air Force Base, located thirty-eight miles from the hotel. After lunch on the base, we took a tour of the TACC (Tanker Airlift Control Center) and a briefing by SAC ACCA member Lt. Col. Scott Weaver on the mission of TACC.

Friday night was spent at Laclede's Landing, a 1764 nine block historic district named for the founder of St Louis. It is nestled next to the mighty Mississippi and features century old warehouses filled with restaurants and nightspots along the original cobblestone streets. Dinner was served at Hannegan's, decorated as a replica of the US Senate dining room, where we dined on filet mignon and salmon. After dinner we had lots of time to explore the area, take a carriage ride, view the Arch lit up and visit the President Casino before taking the bus back to the hotel.

Saturday morning was a tour of Grant's Farm, a 281 acre estate owned by the Busch family. The tour begins with a tram ride in Deer Park. In the Bauernhof, one could have lunch, sample free beer, see the carriage collection and horse trophies and stroll through the Tier Garden. At the end of the visit was the Clydesdale stables.

Thanks to the great guides whose broad knowledge of St Louis made this a memorable experience, a good time was had by all.

## **SCOTT AFB WELCOME**

By Steve Leazer

As Sandy mentioned, our tour started with a bus ride from St. Louis. A young second lieutenant met us at the gate to give us a "windshield tour" of the base and housing areas. She had been aboard the base for about two weeks, but was well prepared with a script that provided a lot of good information. Given the experience level of some of our members, I think she learned to things too.

Not surprisingly, Scott has changed a lot since I went to Aviation Radio Repair School there forty-five years ago. I didn't see the big old hanger mess hall that we ate in at that time. I think we ate all the pigeons that frequented the overhead in those days. Of course, the cooks said it was chicken. Sure.

After the tour the guide departed and the bus took us to the PX where some of the members took advantage of the opportunity to do some shopping.

After the PX visit, we then went to the building that houses the TACC (Tanker Air-lift Control Center). We visited the snack bar there which hosted our visit. They had a nice quiet area set aside for us and we took advantage of the cafeteria style fare. The staff had baked and decorated a very nice cake for us so we had a nice sweet treat as well.

Lt. Col. Scott Weaver (SAC ACCA member) met us and escorted us to the TACC for a brief. It had a very definite SAC appearance to it (but don't tell anyone). Scott gave a great brief on the world Tanker situation and current missions. A well earned Bravo Zulu (well done) to Scott and his staff for the time and effort spent com-

posing and providing us with an informative briefing. Scott's background in SAC and in the Airborne Command Control aspect of it gave him a unique perspective that fit right into our experience.

## **ATTENDEES** **AT REUNION 2002**

If you were not in St. Louis for the reunion, we missed seeing you and you missed seeing:

Ann Billau & Rick Stone  
Jim & Mary Ann Bostick  
Robert & Wilma Kay Bowers  
Carl & Bea Bryant — President  
Rick Cabeen  
Hector Campos — 2004 Reunion Co chair  
Marcel-Henri Claing  
Dave & Maureen Cooley  
Bud & Josie Creek  
Dick & Loretta Doolittle  
Robert Flanagan  
Ed & Doreen Hershey  
Lee Hill — Vice President  
Charles Jones  
Fred & Sandy Kemp — New President  
Jim & Betty Kroskey — New Treasurer  
Steve & Mary Leazer — Secretary  
Donald & Faye McClain  
Harry Mullen  
John & Pearl Nagle  
Miyuki & Kazuto Ohshita  
John Ostronic  
Dewey & Norma Scheufler  
James & Bonnie Simons  
Jim & Carol Spence  
Harold & Ann Starnes  
Jack & Jan Suggs  
Amy Walton — 2004 Reunion Co chair  
Scott Weaver  
Jerry Wilson  
Ken Witkin — New Vice President

Mack & Evelyn Womack  
Chuck & Pat Woodward  
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Major Martin Hertz, USAF

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3. Current Status of Accounts. The Treasurer also summarized the status of accounts as of the time of the business meeting. Since the final costs and charges were not known at the time of the business meeting, they will be attached to this report as an addendum sheet. Further discussion ensued regarding the \$3,000 that was assessed by the hotel due to not meeting the contracted number of room nights due to the unanticipated lack of member participation. Several members voiced recognition of the phenomena. This fee was determined to be an industry standard, customary and unavoidable. It was decided that the summary of these expenses would be included in the next newsletter.

4. Membership Restoration. A question was asked and answered regarding how lapsed members can reestablish their membership. The answer is that these members pay the \$10.00 fee, plus the current dues for the year.

5. SAC ACCA Bylaws. The Secretary explained to the members that no original copy and/or signed copy of the SAC ACCA bylaws is known to exist. The unsigned copy in his possession required revision and completion, to include signatures. A group consisting of Carl Bryant (President), Fred Kemp (Treasurer), Steve Leazer (Secretary) and Jack Suggs (President Emeritus) met the preceding day to modify and edit this document. The Secretary summarized the changes proposed. The following actions were taken.

a. Marcel-Henri J. Claing made a motion and Charlie Jones seconded to adopt a change pertaining to the Board of Directors. The number of Directors changed from not less than seven, to not less than five (5). The motion also proposed to change the method of election of officers to direct election by the membership. These officers consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will consist of these four, plus the President Emeritus. Marcel-Henri J. Claing also pointed out that the President Emeritus is normally listed after the other officers. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

b. Marcel-Henri J. Claing made a motion and Ken Witkin seconded to accept a proposal that the President would be included on the check account as an alternate signature if the Treasurer were not available. This ensures that a minimum of two signatures are available on the account. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

c. Marcel-Henri J. Claing made a motion and Jim Spence seconded to accept a proposal that empowers the President, with a quorum of the other Directors, to appoint a member to fill the remaining term of an officer who resigns or is unable to perform his duties between the business meeting interval.

6. Disposition of Funds. The Secretary discussed the need to change or reaffirm the disposition of any SAC ACCA funds remaining in the event the Association is dissolved.

a. Marcel-Henri J. Claing made a motion and Don McClain seconded that any remaining funds should be given to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

b. Ann Billau made a motion and Ken Witkin seconded to adopt the initial proposal and amend the motion to instruct the President to appoint a committee to consider that and other



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Last, First, Middle

Rank/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Active, Retired, other

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your affiliation with PACCS, ACCS: [Organization - Duty - (Dates)] Examples: [22<sup>nd</sup> ARS - IP (74-82)], [34ARS - BO (63-66)], [HQ SAC - ABS (69-71)], [2<sup>nd</sup> ACCS - In-flight Maint (69-72)], [55<sup>th</sup> SRW - Staff (72-73)], [(4<sup>th</sup> ACCS - Crew Chief (74-76)], [AEAO/40ADIV (74-76)], [SAC Hq - Planner (88-90)].

Amount Enclosed:

Initial Fee (\$10.00)       Annual Dues (\$15.00)       Reinstatement (\$10.00)

Initial membership requires the payment of the initial fee and dues for the year (\$25.00). Dues are for the period 1 Jan through 31 Dec. Dues are due the first day of January (\$15.00) each year. A reinstatement fee, plus current dues is due for inactive members who wish to reactivate their membership after an absence of two years or more (\$25.00).

Please indicate your preferences regarding the publication of you name and address on membership rosters which may be provided to the membership of ACCA.

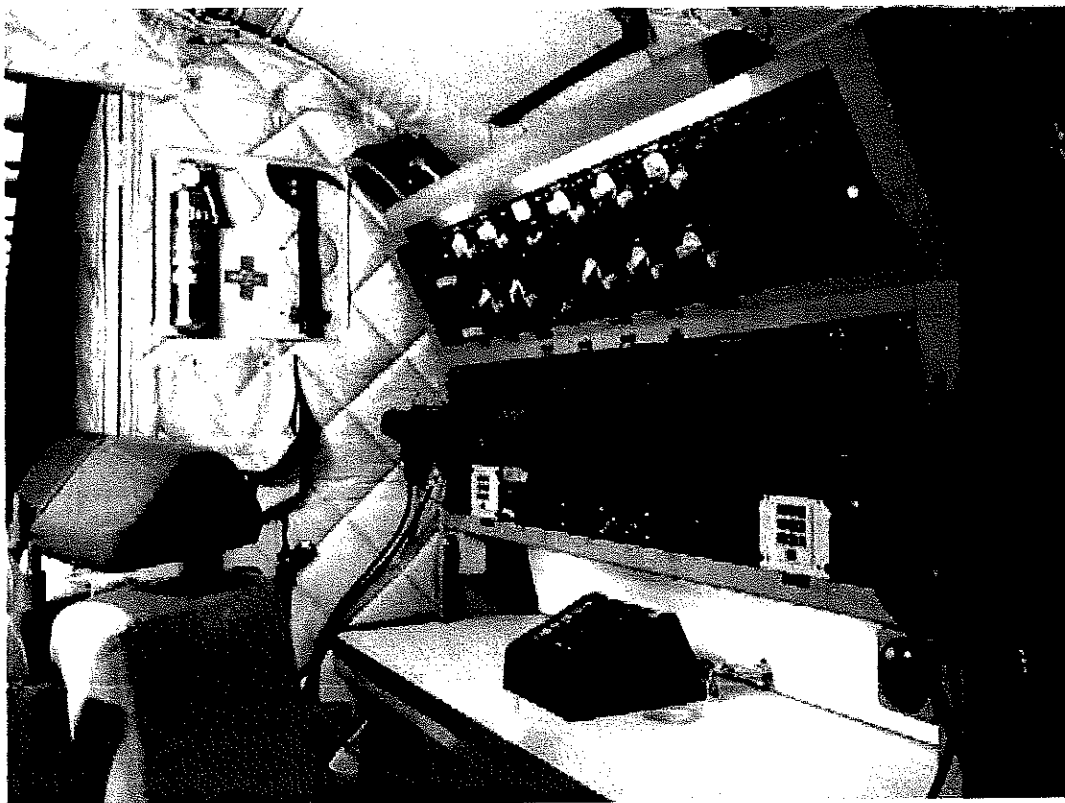
I authorize my;  Name and Address to be published on ACCA rosters to the general membership  
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