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Korean War Scrapbook



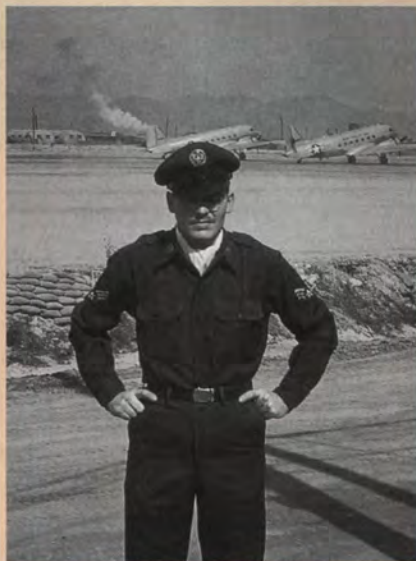
Richard P. Dedinas enlisted in the Air Force in November 1951 and was an F-86 crew chief at Johnson (formerly Irumagawa) AB, Japan, when this photo was taken. He also pulled alert duty at Niigata AB, Japan. Chief Master Sergeant Dedinas, USAF (Ret.), lives in Greenfield, Mass.

Sgt. George E. Ryan was part of a forward air control team that went where the 3d Infantry Division did to direct air strikes. This shot was taken near Yonchon, South Korea, in the summer of 1952. Master Sergeant Ryan, USAF (Ret.), resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.





Capt. Gordon L. Whitted sits in the cockpit of his Douglas B-26 Invader, flying night interdiction from Kunsan AB, South Korea, in June 1953. He was mission-scheduling officer and commander of Flight A of the 8th Bomb Squadron. Major Whitted, USAF (Ret.), presently resides in Lakeland, Fla.



In the spring of 1953, A1C Samuel M. Gardner, dressed up and ready for a trip into town, pauses to have his picture made near the runway at Chunchon AB (K-47), South Korea. Today, Sam Gardner is AFA vice president for the Midwest Region. He presently resides in Garden City, Kan.



1st Lt. Gene L. Rohr (left) gets a ride to his aircraft for a mission out of Taegu AB (K-2), South Korea, in 1953. He was an F-84 pilot with the 58th Fighter-Bomber Group. Lieutenant Colonel Rohr, USAF (Ret.), lives in Granite Bay, Calif.

Lt. Col. Edwin L. Heller was commander of the 16th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron at Suwon AB, South Korea, when this photo was taken in the summer of 1952. He flew forty missions and had 3.5 aerial victories (in addition to 5.5 during World War II) before he was shot down. He landed in China and was a POW for two and a half years. Lieutenant Colonel Heller, USAF (Ret.), lives in Grass Valley, Calif.





1st Lt. Sam Forbert, Jr., stands in front of an F-51 Mustang, Rotation Blues, between missions in the summer of 1952 at K-46, a forward airfield at Hoengsong, near Wonju, South Korea. He had flown P-51s in World War II and was called to active duty with the Mississippi Air Guard for the Korean War, where he was a pilot with the 18th Fighter-Bomber Group. Colonel Forbert, USAF (Ret.), lives in Meridian, Miss.



Spot Maj. Hal A. Strack, 22d Bomb Wing radar officer and mission-briefing officer, prepares to loft a football at Kadena AB, Okinawa, in the summer of 1950. He flew combat missions as radar operator on the B-29 piloted by Capt. David C. Jones (who went on to be USAF Chief of Staff and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff). Hal Strack is an AFA national director. Brigadier General Strack, USAF (Ret.), lives in Incline Village, Nev.



2d Lt. Robert M. Sweet, an RF-51D pilot with the 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, stands by his aircraft at Taegu AB (K-2), South Korea, in 1950. He also flew forward air control missions in T-6 aircraft. Colonel Sweet, USAF (Ret.), presently resides in Englewood, Colo.



F-84E Thunderjet crew chief SSgt. Claude H. Bradley sits atop bombs to be loaded for the next mission at Taegu AB in November 1951. He was assigned to the 154th Fighter-Bomber Squadron of the Arkansas Air Guard. Major Bradley, USAF (Ret.), presently resides in Bella Vista, Ark.



This shot of TSgt. William R. Dooner was taken outside of 116th Fighter-Bomber Group Operations at Misawa AB, Japan, in the winter of 1951–52. He was noncommissioned officer in charge of the intelligence section of the group, which was an Air National Guard organization formed of units from California, Georgia, and Florida. Major Dooner, USAF (Ret.), lives in Carmichael, Calif.



1st Lt. Donald Thomason (far right) leans on the nose gear of Army Gen. Mark W. Clark's Constellation at Chinhae AB (K-10), South Korea, in October 1952. General Clark, commander in chief, UN Command and Far East Command, had flown in to meet with the President of South Korea, Dr. Syngman Rhee, and Army Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of Eighth Army in Korea. Lieutenant Colonel Thomason, USAF (Ret.), lives in Spokane, Wash.



It is Saint Patrick's Day, 1952, and B-26 pilot 1st Lt. R. W. Fox (right) poses with his crew at Pusan AB, South Korea. He also spent some time in the lines with the 3d Infantry Division. There was a jeep, he recalls—but no road to Hill 355. Also shown here are the navigator Lt. Bill White; the bombardier, Capt. Ed Gibbons; and the gunner, Cpl. Joe Riley. Colonel Fox, USAF (Ret.), lives in Middleton, Mass.



1st Lt. Ben F. Crouch stands beside the RB-26C Skivvy Boy at Kimpo AB (K-14), South Korea. He flew fifty combat missions—the last two on a Friday the 13th—as a pilot and crew commander with the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in 1952 and 1953. Lieutenant Colonel Crouch, USAF (Ret.), lives in Statesville, N. C.

SFC Angelo Di Giovanni (left) and Sgt. Frank Flannery of the 1st Cavalry Division have "dinner" somewhere in South Korea in June 1952. Sergeant Di Giovanni's previous service was in Fourteenth Air Force. He is now president of the Richard S. Reid Chapter of AFA in Green Valley, Ariz. Presently resides in Green Valley, Ariz.



In the spring of 1952, permanent buildings were not yet ready at Kadena AB, Okinawa, so Sgt. Herbert J. Casanova, an engine mechanic on the B-29s that were bombing North Korea, was quartered in a tent city. The sign reads, "Brooklyn City Limits, Non Residents Keep Out." He presently resides in Bohemia, N. Y.



Lt. Col. William B. Colgan, commander of the 111th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, was flying F-84E Thunderjets out of Taegu AB, South Korea, when this shot was taken in March 1952. During World War II, he had flown 208 combat missions in Europe in P-40s and P-47s. Colonel Colgan, USAF (Ret.), lives in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.



Capt. Edward J. Brisick (last on the right in front row) and fellow pilots and observers stand in front of a T-6 aircraft at Pyongyang AB, South Korea, in April 1951. They flew front-line reconnaissance and acted as forward controllers for Air Force and Navy fighter-bombers. Lieutenant Colonel Brisick, USAF (Ret.), lives in Irvine, Calif.



MSgt. Winton O. Sanson stands in front of Operations at Brady AB, Japan. In 1951 and 1952, he was assigned to the 437th Troop Carrier Wing, a Reserve unit that had deployed from Chicago, Ill. Senior Master Sergeant Sanson, USAF (Ret.), lives in Dana Point, Calif.



Air Force responsibilities during the Korean War weren't limited to Korea. In November 1952, SSgt. Kenneth A. Robinson was serving with the 102d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron on the western outskirts of Benghazi, Libya. Later on, he served three terms as president of AFA's Igor Sikorsky Chapter in Stratford, Conn. Presently resides in Palm Coast, Fla.



Sgt. Jerome F. Arnoldy spent Christmas Day in 1951 with his Marine Corps antitank platoon near the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. He later joined the Air Force Reserve and retired as a senior master sergeant in 1989. Presently resides in Chico, Calif.



Capt. Rex W. Warden, Jr. (third from right), and his fellow pilots relax between missions at Taegu AB in October 1950. This was the first forward base to be used by jet fighter-bombers of the 49th Fighter-Bomber Group. Also shown are Lt. "Bones" Bonetti, Lt. "Fish" Bellinger, Lt. John Tully, Lt. "Robbie" Robertson, and Capt. John Jackson. Rex Warden lives in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.



Lt. Budd H. Butcher stands by his F-80C aircraft at Taegu in 1951. He flew 136 missions in the F-80C and six in the F-84E. Colonel Butcher, USAF (Ret.), lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.



SSgt. Ivan L. McKinney gives directions to a landing aircraft, using his MPN-1 GCA radar scopes, at Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, Canada, in 1952. From 1992 through 1995, he was AFA state president in Louisiana. Lieutenant Colonel McKinney, USAF (Ret.), lives in Bossier City, La.



2d Lt. Joseph H. Ortega named his F-51 The Spirit of Boystown after Father Flanagan's famous boys' home, from which he had graduated. Shortly after this photo was taken at Osan AB, South Korea, "I flew this Mustang in the last US Air Force combat mission to be flown by F-51 Mustangs," he says. Lieutenant Colonel Ortega, USAF (Ret.), is a past president of AFA's Castle AFB, Calif., Chapter—now the Maj. Gen. Charles I. Bennett, Jr., Chapter in Merced, Calif. He lives in Davenport, Fla.



A1C John W. Roach (first in front row) and his colleagues were the 371st Bomb Squadron, 307th Bomb Wing, ground crew of the month at Kadena AB, Okinawa, in January 1953. Beyond their B-29 aircraft in the distance is the East China Sea. Sharing the honor with Airman Roach were MSgt. Eddie Nevin, the crew chief, A1C Melvin Nichols, and A1C Whitney Savoy. John Roach is a past president of AFA's Burlington, Vt., Chapter. Presently resides in Williston, Vt.



Lt. William H. "Buddy" Gallup, Jr., F-86 pilot with the 334th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, logs some leisure time in quarters at Kimpo AB, South Korea, in the summer of 1951. Colonel Gallup, USAF (Ret.), lives in Virginia Beach, Va.



1st Lt. Chester L. Blunk of the 731st Bomb Squadron—the first light bomber unit trained for night low-level missions—stands by the "Operations Office" tent at Taegu AB, South Korea, in November 1950. He was a "navigator, bombardier, radar operator, or a combination of all three" at various times on fifty-eight combat missions in the Douglas B-26 Invader. Lieutenant Colonel Blunk, USAF (Ret.), lives in Little Rock, Ark.



1st Lt. John H. Fredrickson, a radar officer with the 319th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, stands with an F-94 on the ramp at Suwon AB (K-13), South Korea. Presently resides in Cape Canaveral, Fla.



F-84 pilot 1st Lt. Patrick J. Halloran departs squadron ops for the flight line at Taegu AB in 1952 in a combat prelude to a high-altitude recce career in U-2s and SR-71s. Major General Halloran, USAF (Ret.), lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.



The transient aircraft commander waiting patiently for approval of his flight clearance is Maj. Russell E. Dougherty. The scene is the newly constructed Base Operations Building at Pusan AB (K-1), South Korea. The Major went on to become commander in chief of Strategic Air Command and (from 1980 to 1986) Executive Director of the Air Force Association. General Dougherty, USAF (Ret.), lives in Arlington, Va.



At Pyongyang AB (K-6), South Korea, in October 1951, Capt. Edward J. Monaghan points to the hole in his T-6 "Mosquito" made by a 12.7 mm bullet. The bullet hit a communications dynamotor, which exploded and damaged half the instruments in the cockpit and wounded Captain Monaghan, who went on to become an AFA national director. Lieutenant Colonel Monaghan, USAF (Ret.), presently resides in Anchorage, Alaska.



This shot of Capt. Arlo S. Potter, B-26 pilot at Kunsan AB, South Korea, is from the 8th Bomb Squadron year-book. Primarily, the unit flew night interdiction missions over North Korea. Lieutenant Colonel Potter, USAF (Ret.), lives in Albion, Pa.



Usually, Lt. A. E. Tyra flew a T-6 aircraft in his duties as a forward air controller in Korea, but he was assigned for a while to the 1st Cavalry Division/7th Infantry Regiment at the front lines where this photo was taken. Major Tyra, USAF (Ret.), lives in Merritt Island, Fla.



A Korean boy watches as wounded are loaded onto Lt. H. R. Dunlap's C-47 at Hongchon April 12, 1951. The landing strip was a riverbank, sand and gravel bar, about 2,000 feet long. His unit was the 21st Troop Carrier Squadron. Major Dunlap, USAF (Ret.), lives in King William, Va.

Lt. Daniel J. O'Brien poses with a Korean friend at Seoul City Airport (K-16), South Korea, in November 1950. Lieutenant O'Brien was an air rescue pilot, flying SA-16 and SB-17 aircraft in Korea from November 1950 to November 1952. Major O'Brien, USAF (Ret.), lives in Kirkland, Wash.



In this 1952 photo, TSgt. Lowell A. Smiley had just returned to Tachikawa AB, Japan, from a mission to Korea on the C-54 Bully Beef. Chief Master Sergeant Smiley, USAF (Ret.), lives in North Highlands, Calif.



Lt. Marc J. Michalakes, a pilot with the 315th Special Air Missions Psychological Warfare Detachment, stands beside "The Voice," a C-47 outfitted with speakers and from which leaflets were dropped. This photo was taken at K-37, a mile south of Taegu, South Korea. Lieutenant Colonel Michalakes, AFRES (Ret.), lives in Colden, N. Y.



1st Lt. Richard P. Schumann sat for this portrait in the summer of 1953 after he returned from a tour in Korea, where he flew B-26 combat missions out of Kunsan AB (K-8), South Korea. Colonel Schumann, USAF (Ret.), lives in Shalimar, Fla.



1st Lt. Harold S. French, B-29 navigator, stands with a cleaning maid, Sachiko, at Kadena AB, Okinawa, in 1953. He was assigned to the 19th Bomb Group, whose crews struck North Korea from their base on Okinawa. Lieutenant Colonel French, USAF (Ret.), lives in Spokane, Wash.



1st Lt. Anthony R. Glaudino and Igor I. Sikorsky, the famous helicopter inventor, stand by one of the first H-19 production helicopters to come off the line. The shot was taken in October 1951 at the Sikorsky Aircraft Co. in Bridgeport, Conn., where Lieutenant Glaudino was the assistant officer in charge of the resident Air Force office. He had been a crew chief working on the first military helicopter, the XR-4, in 1942 and had met Igor Sikorsky at that time. Lieutenant Colonel Glaudino, USAF (Ret.), lives in Commack, N. Y.



In May 1952, Nuel E. Sanders (left) had just returned to NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii, from a deployment to NAS Atsugi, Japan. He was a radar-electronic countermeasures crew member on Navy P2V Neptune aircraft. From Atsugi, he flew reconnaissance missions over Korea, the Sea of Japan, and the Yellow Sea. Today, Nuel Sanders is a national director of AFA. His colleague in this photo is Petty Officer Joe Hanlon. Mr. Sanders presently resides in Sun Lakes, Ariz.



John H. Schuck sent this picture home to his family from site K-52 in the Yanggu Valley "to show I had friends there." A3C Schuck was a radar technician with the Tactical Air Direction Post Detachment of the 608th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. The dogs are Mitty, the unit mascot, and her son, Pup. John Schuck now flies with the Confederate Air Force and lives in Plymouth, Minn.



MSgt. Joseph N. LaRocca inspects a jet engine at Suwon AB (K-13), South Korea, in 1952. He was assigned to the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, which flew F-86 Sabres. He spent his entire military career in propulsion systems, beginning with early jet engines at Muroc AAF (now Edwards AFB), Calif. Chief Master Sergeant LaRocca, USAF (Ret.), lives in New Windsor, N. Y.



Lt. Gustave D. Hennig, Jr. (right), an RB-26C radar officer assigned to the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, poses at Kimpo AB, South Korea, in 1952 with Lt. John H. Hansy, pilot of the crew, and Lt. Raymond C. Hennessey, the navigator. Gustave Hennig now lives in Citrus Heights, Calif.



In Korea in December 1951, Col. Francis S. Gabreski briefs Robert S. Johnson, then immediate past president of AFA, on the F-86 Sabrejet. (Bob Johnson was Colonel Gabreski's wingman in the 61st Fighter Squadron in World War II and fourth-ranking ace of that war.) Colonel Gabreski is the top living American ace with a total of 34.5 aerial victories—twenty-eight in World War II and 6.5 in Korea. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and commanded the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing. Colonel Gabreski, USAF (Ret.), lives in Dix Hills, N. Y.



Manpower was short at Yokota AB, Japan, in August 1950, so aircrews joined in the loading of bombs. Here, 1st Lt. Harry A. Anderson (without shirt), copilot of this B-29, and Staff Sergeant Jones, a ground crewman, take a break from the duty. Colonel Anderson, AFRES (Ret.), lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.



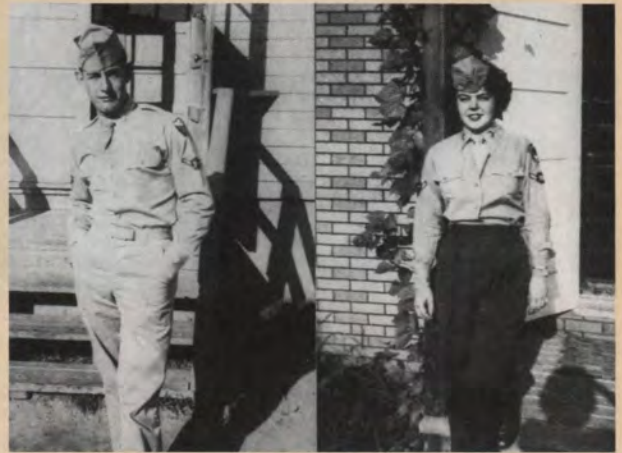
SSgt. Richard J. Harrington (second from right) and friends in the 6401st Field Maintenance Squadron celebrate Christmas at Kimpo AB in 1951. When not enjoying the fine dining experience, this unit recovered downed aircraft for repair or salvage. Presently resides in Dale City, Va.



This picture was taken October 12, 1951, and creased in the middle by Kathleen O'Connor, who carried it in her wallet while her future husband, Pfc. James M. McCoy, left, was away on Air Force duty. (The Air Force did not switch to the grade designation of "airman" until April 1, 1952. At right is Pfc. Marco Maggio.) In time, Jim McCoy became Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and served as National President of AFA. He is now AFA Chairman of the Board. Presently resides in Bellevue, Neb.



Newly commissioned 2d Lt. Robert N. McChesney (right) hears wisdom from Capt. C. B. Hodges on a WB-29 over the western Pacific. Robert McChesney is now an AFA national director and currently resides in Barrington, N. H.



Pfc. Wanda Blair and Pfc. Theodore O. Eaton were stationed at Hamilton AFB, Calif., in 1950 when these photos were taken. They married in September 1951. Ted Eaton was subsequently assigned to duty at Osan AB, South Korea, and eventually retired from the Air Force as a chief master sergeant. He is AFA state president in Indiana. The Eatons live in Springport, Ind.



When this photo was taken in the spring of 1952, SSgt. Ronald I. "Rip" Powell (third from left) and his colleagues had just set up a new Shoran beacon at Baker site on a mountaintop northeast of Seoul, just below the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. He is currently president of AFA's Tacoma, Wash., Chapter. Major Powell, USAF (Ret.), resides in Steilacoom, Wash.



Maj. Russell M. Olson (center) had flown missions over Germany in World War II and B-29 missions in Korea. When this shot was taken in 1952, he was maintenance officer at Kimpo AB, South Korea. Sgt. John Dewan, right, was maintenance supervisor. Army Sgt. Bob Heinly, left, was Sergeant Dewan's cousin. Major Olson, USAF (Ret.), presently resides in Orangevale, Calif.



1st Lt. Chester T. Kochan receives the Distinguished Flying Cross at Pyongyang AB, South Korea, in the spring of 1951 from Col. Timothy O'Keefe, commander of the 6147th Tactical Control Group. Major Kochan, USAF (Ret.), lives in Austin, Tex.



These second lieutenants were part of Air Weather Service graduation ceremonies in June 1953 at Saint Louis University, Mo. Standing, left to right, are Bruce Swezy, Bill Roper, Jim Kistler, Frank Kingston, and Bert Chrow. In the front row, left to right, are Bob Erickson, Hugh Miller, and Max Keeney. After leaving service, Max Keeney was instrumental in developing AFA's membership and insurance programs and currently serves as AFA's director of Membership Operations. Presently resides in Bethesda, Md.



Maj. Winton W. Marshall waves from the cockpit of his F-86 fighter on November 30, 1951, as he returns from the mission over North Korea on which he became the sixth jet ace in USAF history. Lieutenant General "Bones" Marshall, USAF (Ret.), lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Capt. Edgar Wolf, Jr., military chairman of the US Defense Bond Drive at Olmsted AFB, Pa., shows his approval of the big purchase of two \$1,000 bonds by John Coble on September 26, 1951. The cashier is Mrs. Irene Eby. Edgar Wolf resides in Cherry Hill, N. J. ■