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## 2016 REUNION

**Tom McDonnell with Coordination and  
Input by Norm Goetz and Fred Kemp**

SAC ACCA Reunion  
Sept 28 - Oct 1, 2016  
Tucson, AZ

Radisson Suites Hotel  
6555 E Speedway Blvd  
Tucson, AZ 85710

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Jim Dart**

Well, it's only 10 months until our next reunion. Our Arizona Reunion Team has been working hard on the location and events as you will see in this newsletter. Take the time to read it over. As always, save the date and plan on joining us; sign up early for what is always a lot of fun.

Well, everyone knows by now that 049 restoration has begun. Those lucky enough to live in the Omaha area and have the time have been volunteering to work on the aircraft. Some of those helping out are Dick Doo -

President's Message continued on page 2

## 8049 RESTORATION

As this picture and others on pages 5 and 6 readily demonstrate, restoration of former "Looking Glass" aircraft EC-135C No. 63-8049, located at the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum in Ashland, Nebraska, is well underway. The ones on pages 1 & 5 were provided by SAC ACCA member **Henry N. "Hank" Carriger, Restoration Committee Co-Chairman and Volunteer Liaison**, the ones on page 6 by members **Dick Doolittle** and **Fred Kemp**.

The work began in earnest this past summer with members **Dick Doolittle, Norma and Dennis Kathman** and former member, Amy Walton, training with one of the museum's volunteers. Dick indicated that "the process is to label/tag the racks and each piece of equipment, then we

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Early Stages of Work in the Battle Staff Compartment

**President's Message** from page 1

Doolittle, Norma and Dennis Kathman, and Amy Walton. To give you an idea of what they have been doing, I'll quote one of Dick's emails: "The process is to label/tag the racks and each piece of equipment, then we remove the connected cables and tag them. We remove the equipment from the racks and take into the hanger (aircraft is still outside). We make note of condition and then wrap in plastic and put tags on the outside. Take them out to rented storage containers and mount on wooden shelves. This is going to be a long process."

I'm sure many would agree with me when I say we are a little jealous of what they are doing and we do owe them a debt of thanks for volunteering their time to help with this project.

I know many of you have received your coins. We did this to help raise funds for the restoration effort and I want to thank Steve Leazer who took in all the orders, made the certificates, stuffed the envelopes and mailed them out. The coins and certificates came out great! Thanks again, Steve, for taking this on. We still have a few coins left if you're interested

The SAC Museum has information on the restoration and is still in need of money to go towards the effort and contributions are tax deductible. Their website is:

<http://sasmuseum.com/ec-135-looking-glass-restoration/>

I mentioned at the beginning we have 10 months until our next reunion. By then, the aircraft will be well into its restoration. We will have a status update and pictures to show where things stand. Our business meeting will discuss what else we can do as an organization to help raise funds. Any ideas you might have please let me or any of the Board know so we can prepare the information for the meeting.

## **EC-135 "Looking Glass" Newsletter**

The October 13, 2015 edition of the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum's newsletter, shared by Hank Carriger, noted that this restoration is its largest project to date and reported that a total of \$46,400 had been collected, so far. To fully restore the plane and build exhibits around it will require an estimated \$200,000.

The newsletter mentioned SAC ACCA's efforts supporting this cause with our commemorative coin initiative. Details on how to order were included.

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# Challenge Coin - 8049 Restoration

Donation Level	Donation Amount	Award
Platinum	\$185 or more	Gold & Silver Coin
Gold	\$135	Gold Coin
Silver	\$50	Silver Coin

Should you wish to reserve a coin and its accompanying Certificate of Authenticity, please send a check made out to SAC ACCA to the Association's Treasurer. Only the costs of the coin and the mailing will be subtracted from the donation amount eventually sent to the museum. Mail to:

SAC ACCA Treasurer  
PO Box 1934  
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GOLD  
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### Contributions via SAC ACCA

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### Contributions via Museum\*

*Nancy Ellithorpe-Sanders in memory  
of Col Robert C. Ellithorpe*

*Greg Ogletree  
Steve Warkaske*

*Thank you also to any other mem-  
bers who may have contributed  
directly to the museum.*

\*As reported by members to the association's secretary

remove the connected cables and tag them.” He indicated further that the aircraft is still located outside the restoration hanger but the equipment is taken into the hanger where the condition is noted, wrapped in plastic and tagged on the outer surface. Next, it is taken back out to rented storage containers and placed on wooden shelves. He said it is going to be a “long process.”

“The stated intent is that we will become trainers as new people choose to come out and volunteer. I think there are about 24 on the list right now but some of them work during the week,” Dick continued.

In addition to the informative photos, Hank has also been providing a number of updates as to the progress being made. In **mid-August**, he emailed:

“The deinstalling of equipment from 049 is being done outside the SAC Museum for two reasons: (1) The C-54 restoration is in its final stages and needs to be in a clean, inside environment for painting, etc., and (2) The EC-135 has mold inside the plane and all work to deinstall equipment and remove the mold will be done outside to ensure that mold is not transmitted throughout the museum.”

He noted “Deinstallation is a slow, precise process in which the Museum staff makes a detailed record of the location and condition of the equipment, cables and racks; tags all of the equipment, etc.; removes the installed items; wraps the installed items for preservation; and then stores the installed items in an orderly fashion so it can be located for clean-up and reinstallation. The detailed record is required so that the Museum can put the aircraft back together even if, or when, personnel who worked on the aircraft are no longer available to help.”

Hank indicated further that “The Restoration Committee is now working to obtain donations from the corporations who were involved throughout the years in building or modifying the EC-135s.” He later noted that “The Museum is finalizing the letters to go to the 18 or so corporations from which we are going to ask for large donations. Gen. Chain will sign the letters around 15 Sep and then they will be released.”

On a personal note, he stated that “I am ready to get out of the money business and on to the cleaning and sanding business.” He further pointed out that “the first EC related volunteers to actually work on the plane were SAC ACCA members.”

**In late-August**, Hank wrote “the restoration crew

worked on removing the LF/VLF racks. Lots of penetrating oil and patience is required.”

**In mid-September**, Hank posted the following: “Most of the work since the last report was done in the Radio Compartment (Compartment 2). Deinstallation is almost done in that compartment with only one crypto rack left to be removed.”

“Next is the Battle Staff Compartment (Compartment 3). More work is required in the cockpit, the galley and the boom compartment. The aircraft will remain outside after deinstallation so the aircraft exterior can be sealed, power washed, and then closed tightly and “fogged” to kill mold. Once the mold residue is removed, the aircraft will be moved inside again and work started to make her look nice. Volunteers will be needed to work regular shifts on shining up the plane and also to clean, paint and wrap the equipment and racks that are now in storage.”

More recently, Fred Kemp forwarded photographs of the Battle Staff area and the Radio Compartment taken in **early to mid-October** (See page 6) and indicated that “Removal of equipment in the radio compartment is complete. Removal of the equipment in the battle staff compartment is in progress. Note the computer cabinet in the background of the picture. The big equipment rack opposite the main hatch is a one piece rack with cross braces. There are no obvious breaks where the rack can be separated. It may need to be cut since it is too big to be removed in one piece.”

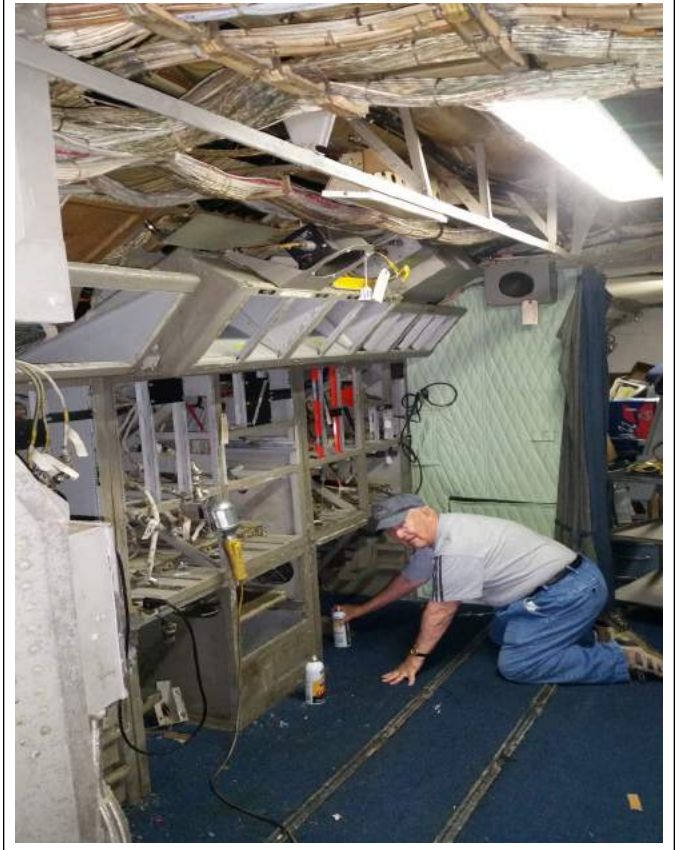
**On October 31st**, an even more up-to-date report, written by **Dick Doolittle**, was forwarded to the newsletter editor by Fred. In it, Dick said “Worked at the museum Monday and yesterday”...and “completed removal of the Logistics, Ops Planner and Intel consoles. The data terminals in the back had already been disconnected but could not get out because of consoles in the way.” He went on to say “also had to remove half of the divider between the Comm and the Battle Staff areas. They can come out now. Have also been working on the Ops positions and the General Officer and Comm positions. They are a real bear. Corrosion and rust under the consoles are unbelievable. I was trying to remove screws and the angle iron supporting the consoles literally disintegrated. We are having to drill out the screws because of the rust, corrosion and paint. That’s rough on an old man.”

Dick’s update continued by noting “the good news is getting more help. I was working alone Monday when a young man arrived. He was Air National Guard working on their 135’s. He stayed most of the day but had to leave but did a lot of good while there.”

Looking aft from cockpit door



Crypto - Dick Doolittle



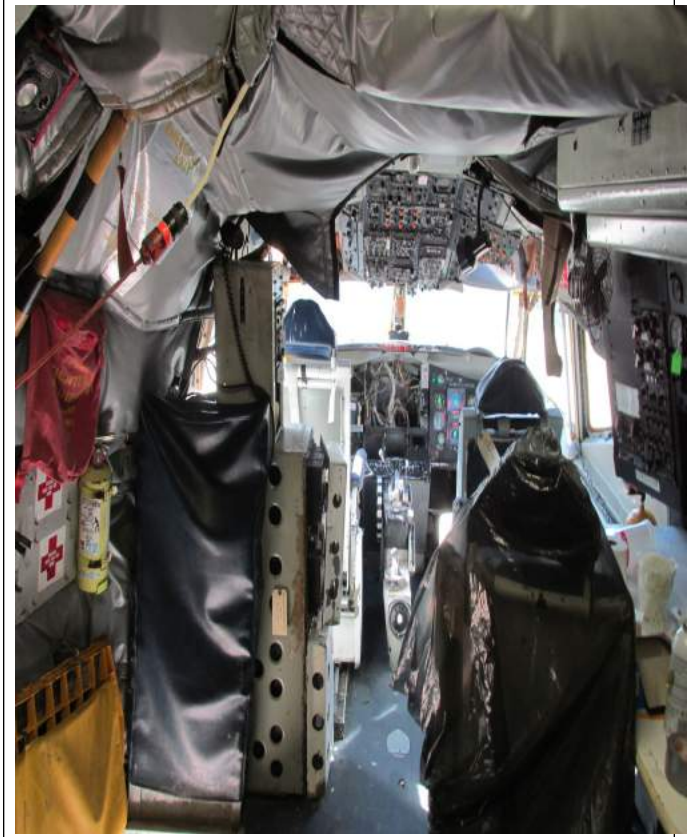
**Restoration of EC-135C Aircraft No. 63-8049**

Photographs provided by Henry N. (Hank) Carriger, Co-Chair & Volunteer Liaison, Restoration Committee

Norma & Dennis Kathman removing SLFCS Rack



Cockpit



**Progress in the Communications Compartment & Battle Staff Area - Photos provided by Dick Doolittle**



**More recent progress in the Battle Staff Area and Radio Compartment - Photos provided by Fred Kemp**



**STAYING INFORMED**

1. **Fred Kemp** has indicated a ready willingness to keep members informed of the restoration progress of aircraft 049 at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. Just send him an email at [fkemp8367@aol.com](mailto:fkemp8367@aol.com) and he will put you on the list. He said "the information keeps coming and the list keeps getting longer."

2. Register with the museum [[www.sasmuseum.com](http://www.sasmuseum.com)] to receive email copies of the **EC-135 Looking Glass newsletter**. Click on "Restoring the EC-135 Looking Glass" and enter the information requested.

3. Member **Bob Henderson** has posted on Facebook, according to Fred Kemp, pictures of the last reunion, some details of the next reunion as well as information on 049's restoration. As VP **Ed Bowman** stated, "Thanks to Bob Henderson" for this posting on Facebook. Fred says it appears as SAC-ACC (Strategic Air Command-Airborne Command Control).

## SAC ACCA Donations

Treasurer, Steve Leazer, reports having mailed three SAC ACCA checks to the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace museum for donations made via SAC ACCA towards the restoration of aircraft 8049, less costs of restoration challenge coins and expenses of mailing. The first was in the amount of \$3,829.38, the second for \$3,735.00 and the third \$467.60. (TOTAL: \$8,031.98).

## Survey on Newsletter Delivery

For future consideration, this survey is being conducted to determine the level of members' interest in receiving the newsletter by email in lieu of the U.S. mail. If you'd prefer getting the newsletter by email please notify the secretary at:

**wcurtis135@aol.com**

Note: Using the heading "SAC ACCA" in the subject line would be helpful.

## Reminder

**Check to see that your 2016 dues have been paid. Your address label has the year paid in parentheses ( ) by your last name. Please save the association**

## U.S. Mail Roster

The enclosed **U.S. Mail Roster** is for the **use of members only**. Please do not copy or distribute it to others. Note that only the U.S. mailed copy, not the website edition, contains this roster. For additions/deletions/corrections, contact the association's secretary.

## Available SAC ACCA Merchandise

Item #	Item Description	Item Sale Price
101	Cap, SAC ACCA	\$12.00
106	Lapel Pins, SAC ACCA	\$ 5.00
103	Patches, SAC ACCA	\$ 5.00

To order, contact the Treasurer. Please make your check payable to SAC ACCA. Note: The price includes shipping.

## Museum Information

A recent email from the **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum** titled MEMBER NEWS listed a number of items of interest including *Featured Events*, *Upcoming Events*, and *What To See*. Among the latter topic was a mention of an exhibit on "Moving the SAC Exhibit" which noted the inclusion of "timeline and photos dating back to the early days of SAC Museum." It went on to state that "the exhibit covers...the massive undertaking of moving 36 aircraft and missiles...36 miles over land to the new 300,000 square foot site in Ashland, Nebraska."

**Photo of 63-8049 at SAC Museum in Bellevue prior to the**



**move to the new facility in Ashland, NE W. Curtis - July 1997**

### **049 Restoration from page 4**

Dick added "Getting cold here but still working outside with the hatches closed. Go up the crew entry hatch. 'Hambone' thinks we can get her inside before the weather gets too bad. I hope so. Dennis and Norma were scheduled to work today. Amy was back yesterday and we had three of the 'full time' volunteers working with us."

He concluded his email remarks to Fred by stating "I'll give it another week or so and then try to send some pictures of an empty Battle Staff area. They are having a formal presentation of the restored C-54 (beautiful job) in a few weeks. After that is done, I think our plane will have a place to come inside. Not sure how they are going to handle the mold situation. I'll keep you posted."

## Reunion Registration

The cutoff for registering to attend the SAC ACCA reunion is August 28, 2016.

### Hotel Information

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 520-721-7100 or by accessing hotel web site [www.radisson.com/sacreunion](http://www.radisson.com/sacreunion) If calling hotel directly mention SAC Reunion and dates of reunion (Sep 28-Oct 1, 2016). Rates are \$79.00 plus tax. Room rate includes a breakfast buffet.

**Important:** Cut-off date for hotel reservations is August 28, 2016.

And for the attending hackers – duffers there is a golf course (Dorado Golf Course) near the hotel. [www.doradogolfcourse.com](http://www.doradogolfcourse.com) The Dorado Golf Course is offering a 20% discount for those attending the reunion. Contact Cynthia Espinoza (Radisson Suites Hotel) at 520-239-1117 or [cespinoza@rstucson.com](mailto:cespinoza@rstucson.com)

### Airport Transportation

If needing airport transportation to/from hotel we have negotiated \$15 round trip per person trip rate. If needing airport transportation you must call Cynthia Espinoza at 520-239-1117 or [cespinoza@rstucson.com](mailto:cespinoza@rstucson.com) and make the reservation in advance and ensure you mention you are part of the SAC Reunion. The web site the hotel created for this reunion for booking a room has information on airport transportation.

The hotel has agreed to provide local transportation within three miles of the hotel. If wanting to use during the reunion check with the front desk. The three mile area includes Park Place Mall for those wanting to do some shopping.

**1. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base** - An Air Combat Command (ACC) base located within the city limits of Tucson, Arizona. The base was established in 1925.

**2. Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group-** Sometimes referred to as the “Boneyard,” it is an aerospace storage and maintenance facility adjoining Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. More than 4,200 aircraft are stored there, many of which could be restored to an operational status. In addition, reclamation of spare parts and the eventual disposal of spent airframes take place. Several of the original EC-135C models that can be found there are: 63-8047 and 63-8054 in location 23; 62-3581, 63-8046, 63-8048, 63-8051, 63-8052 and 63-8050 in area 25.

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**3. San Xavier Mission del Bac** - A National Historic Landmark, the church was founded as a Catholic mission in 1692.

**4. Titan Missile Museum** - A preserved Titan II Missile site, the last of 54 such sites from the Cold War. Several SAC ACCA members are docents there.

**5. Tumacacori National Historical Park** - 360 acres park containing the ruins of three Spanish mission communities and the Tumacacori Museum.

**6. Tubac** - A shopper’s paradise with over eighty galleries and shops featuring hand crafts, sculpture, paintings, clothing and import shops.



## Schedule of Events

<b>Wednesday – September 28</b>	<b>0800-1700</b> <b>1700-2000</b>	<b>Registration (Suite 101)</b> <b>Reception (Pool side or Reddington Room)</b>
<b>Thursday – September 29</b>	<b>0830-1600</b>  <b>1130-1300</b> <b>1700</b>	<b>Scheduled Bus Tours</b> <b>*Davis-Monthan AFB</b> <b>*AMARG (Bone Yard)</b>  <b>Lunch</b> <b>Free Time</b>
<b>Friday – September 30</b>	<b>0800-1700</b> <b>0800-1200</b> <b>0900-1200</b>  <b>1230-1330</b> <b>1400-1600</b> <b>1700</b>	<b>Scheduled Bus Tours</b> <b>Titan Missile Museum</b> <b>NP Tumacacori</b> <b>Historical Tubac AZ</b> <b>Lunch Amer Legion #131</b> <b>San Xavier Mission</b> <b>Free Time</b>
<b>Saturday – October 1</b>	<b>1000-1200</b>  <b>1200-1730</b> <b>1730-1830</b> <b>1830</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b> <b>(Reddington Room)</b> <b>Free Time</b> <b>Social Hour (Ballroom 2)</b> <b>Dinner (Ballroom 2)</b> <b>(Dress code: Casual or sport coat)</b> <b>Special Program</b>
<b>Sunday – October 2</b>		<b>Departure</b>

**\*Base tour and AMARG requires identification (military ID or driver license) *needed in advance*. Provide the following info with registration:**

**Full Name      Military ID (Yes or No)    If no military ID provide driver's license number and state issuance.**

# SAC ACCA - 2016 REUNION REGISTRATION

Please fill out and return to address below. Deadline August 28, 2016. For registrations post marked after August 28, 2016 add \$10 per person late fee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Years/Squadron/Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate number of attending**

**Wednesday, September 28**

_____ SAC ACCA Registration Fee	\$15 per person= _____
_____ SAC ACCA Welcome Reception	\$15 per person= _____

**Thursday, September 29**

_____ Davis Monthan AFB and AMARG Tours (Includes bus fee \$25)	\$25 per person= _____
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**Friday, September 30 (Select one)**

_____ Titan II Missile Museum (includes bus (\$25) fee and museum entrance fee (\$16))	\$41 per person= _____
_____ National Park Tumacacori and Historical Tubac AZ (includes bus fee \$25)	\$25 per person= _____

**Saturday, October 1**

_____ SAC Business Meeting	
_____ Banquet (Choice of)	
_____ Roasted NY Strip Loin	\$49.00 _____
_____ Seared Salmon Fillet	\$46.00 _____
_____ Stuffed Chicken Cordon Bleu	\$43.00 _____

All meals include fresh garden salad, chef's seasonal vegetable, potato, rice or pasta, rolls and butter, chocolate cake or New York cheesecake, ice tea, and coffee.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to SAC ACCA and send completed registration form along with ID info and payment to:

Steve Leazer  
 P.O Box 1934  
 Twenty-Nine Palms, CA 92277

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**Strategic Air Command  
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SAC ACCA**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

(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)]. **Renewals may omit this data unless there are changes.**

Amount Enclosed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial Fee (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Dues (\$15.00) Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Reinstatement (\$10.00)

**If paying annual dues, please indicate for what year(s) you are enclosing payment. The current paid year for your dues will be found in parentheses on the mailing label of your most recent newsletter.**

New memberships require the payment of the initial fee and dues for the year (\$25.00). Dues are for the period 1 Jan through 31 Dec and 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 preference regarding the publication of your name and address on membership rosters which may be provided to the membership of SAC ACCA.

I authorize: \_\_\_\_\_ Name, U.S. Mail and Email addresses on ACCA rosters to the general membership.  
\_\_\_\_\_ None of the above to be published on ACCA rosters to the general membership.

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**EC-135C, No. 63-8049 - SAC & Aerospace Museum  
(Now Undergoing Restoration)**

*S. Leazer*