



Strategic Air Command Airborne Command Control Association

Recording, Preserving and Celebrating the Legacy of PACCS

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Dear Don,

As you readily recall, the Post Attack Command Control System (PACCS) of the Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC) maintained a continuous airborne alert over the United States for more than twenty-nine years (3 Feb 61 to 24 July 90). The centerpiece of this system, of course, was the EC-135C aircraft, LOOKING GLASS, based at Offutt AFB. Included at various times were Auxiliary Airborne Command Post and Relay Aircraft spread across the country.

Since its beginnings in 1991, SAC ACCA has endeavored to preserve this legacy. Following a recommendation by our President Emeritus, member input and evaluation by a Study Committee, the Association has enthusiastically **taken on the challenge** to place a PACCS Memorial at the National Museum of the USAF in Dayton, Ohio. The biennial reunion is scheduled for October 15-19, 2008 and it is our intention to dedicate the memorial at that time.

An inscribed, granite bench will be constructed by Dodd's Monuments of Xenia, Ohio who have done many outstanding examples including the recent Strategic Air Command Memorial. Our design will emphasize SAC's Airborne Command Posts via the use of pictures of the EC-135, call signs of the ABNCP, AUXCP and *Relay* Aircraft, the SAC ACCA Logo and a statement of dedication to all who served. The costs, including a perpetual maintenance fee, are estimated at \$8,000.

Remembering the October 1998 transfer of control of the EC-135 LOOKING GLASS mission to the United States Navy's TACAMO aircraft was historic but very nostalgic for all Air Force veterans. If the 55th SRW would like to participate in SAC ACCA's efforts to honor this legacy, I would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions. (Note: fkemp8367@aol.com).

With warm regards,

Fred Kemp, Chairman
PACCS Memorial Committee, SAC ACCA