

# THE ANTENNA

## BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



Spring Edition

September to November 2023

### News Highlights!

#### Hillsborough ARES/RACES Training and Information Net each Thursday at 7:30 pm

Hillsborough County ARES/RACES provides emergency communications in the Tampa Bay area during a critical event. Please join us for our weekly Hillsborough ARES/RACES Information and Training Net on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm on the N1CDO repeater in Tampa. Receive: 440.100 MHz, Transmit: 445.100 MHz, +5 MHz offset, PL tone 162.2. We feature info on ARES activities and upcoming EdVantage training classes. All check-ins are welcome!

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# BARS VE testing summary for 2023

By Karen Jacobi K4KZF

During the year we've had a great turn out of interested persons attempting their first or upgrading their Ham radio license.

The VE testing team consists of:

- Karen Jacobi K4KZF
- Al Wiledon KN4GTZ
- Bill Johnson N4NOA
- Dana Perrin KM4DTJ
- Dave Welty N4DLW
- Dick Shaffer W7RRS
- Jim Moorehead WF4AC
- Jim Smith K4PPK
- John Turell W1JVT
- Mark Haskell WB9UJS
- Rick Farr KK4CVD
- Ron Perrett K4FZU
- Mike Worden KF4CIG

# of People includes pre-registered plus walk ins.  
The license and Total Passed does not include fails or no shows

79% of all registered obtained the license they tested for. If I exclude the 7 no shows, # of people tested is 55, with a total pass of 89%.

Session	# of People	Technician	General	Extra	Total Passed
Jan	3	1	1	1	3
Feb	4	2	1	1	4
Mar	6	3	1		4
April	9	3	4		7
May	7	1	3	1	5
June	10	4	3	2	9
Aug	8	1	4	1	6
Oct	6	1	3		4
Nov	9	2	3	2	7
Total numbers for 2023	62	18	23	8	49

## HAMFEST VOLUNTEERS 2023

Volunteers are needed for the Tampa Bay Hamfest on Friday Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec.9 , 2023.

We are at the Strawberry Fairgrounds EXPO HALL in Plant City, see the attached Site Photo.

There will be three locations, **“A”, “B” and “C”**

**Position “A”** is the main ticket booth with two windows, A1 and A2, Only one person is necessary after the first shift.

**Position “B”** will be opposite “A” and is the entrance for tailgate vendors. It will require three volunteers, B1 and B2 for tail gate sales. B3 will help vendors and handicapped parking, (**please bring your own chair**)

**Position “C”** will be a door guard checking for tickets at the front entrance of EXPO Hall and also selling tickets, which should be seldom.

Volunteers will report to the Ticket Booth “A” in the main parking lot behind the building at 301 BerryFest Pl. (previously Lemon St), Plant City, FL.

Listed below are the positions and times needing volunteers;

### FRIDAY, DEC 9, 2022

TIME	A1	A2	TIME	B1	B2	B3	TIME	C1
12-2	WA4NSV	KB4PUM	10-12	K4FZU	KM7WT	N3BUL	12-2	N4PGC
2-4	K4KZF	KK4CVD	12-2	K4FZU	KM7WT		2-4	_____
4-5		2-4						

### SATURDAY, DEC.10,2022

TIME	A1	A2	TIME	B1	B2	B3	TIME	C1
8-10	KW4MB	K4ZVO	7-9	KJ6FNV	_____	N3BUL	8-10	KK4CWO
10-12	WF4AC		9-11	KJ6FNV			10-12	KM4DT
12-2	K4PPK		11-1	N3BUL			12-2	KK4CWO

### VOLUNTEER AWARD DRAWING

Each volunteer will receive a coupon for each hour worked. At the end of Saturday the coupons will be put in a hat and a lucky coupon will be drawn to see who gets a gift of \$50.00. Hamfest Directors are not eligible.

THANKS

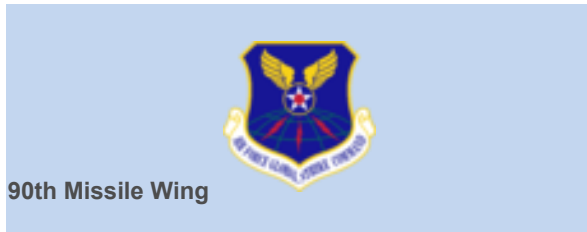
FRED/N3BUL/ Director

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## Road trip to Cold War History

During the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 19 of October 2023 my wife Melanie and I made a short trip to Cheyenne Wyoming for a change of scenery. While there we visited the F.E. Warren AFB a former US Army Cavalry post (Fort D.A Russell and Fort F.E. Warren) now the headquarters of the 90<sup>th</sup> Missile Wing which manages ballistic missiles in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Display of missiles operated by the wing next to the main gate.

<b>Active</b>	1951–60; 1963–present
<b>Country</b>	 <a href="#">United States</a>
<b>Branch</b>	 <a href="#">United States Air Force</a>
<b>Role</b>	<a href="#">Strategic missile</a>
<b>Size</b>	3361 military and 964 civilians as of May 2016 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Part of</b>	<a href="#">Air Force Global Strike Command</a>
<b>Garrison/HQ</b>	<a href="#">Francis E. Warren Air Force Base</a>
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	Mighty Ninety <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Motto(s)</b>	"Impavide" ( <a href="#">Latin</a> ) "Undauntedly" <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Decorations</b>	<a href="#">Air Force Outstanding Unit Award</a> <sup>[note 1]</sup>

The **90th Missile Wing** is a component of [Twentieth Air Force](#), stationed at [Francis E. Warren Air Force Base](#) and equipped with [LGM-30G Minuteman III](#) Missiles. It has served at Warren as a component of [Strategic Air Command](#), [Air Combat Command](#), [Air Force Space Command](#) and [Air Force Global Strike Command](#) since 1963.

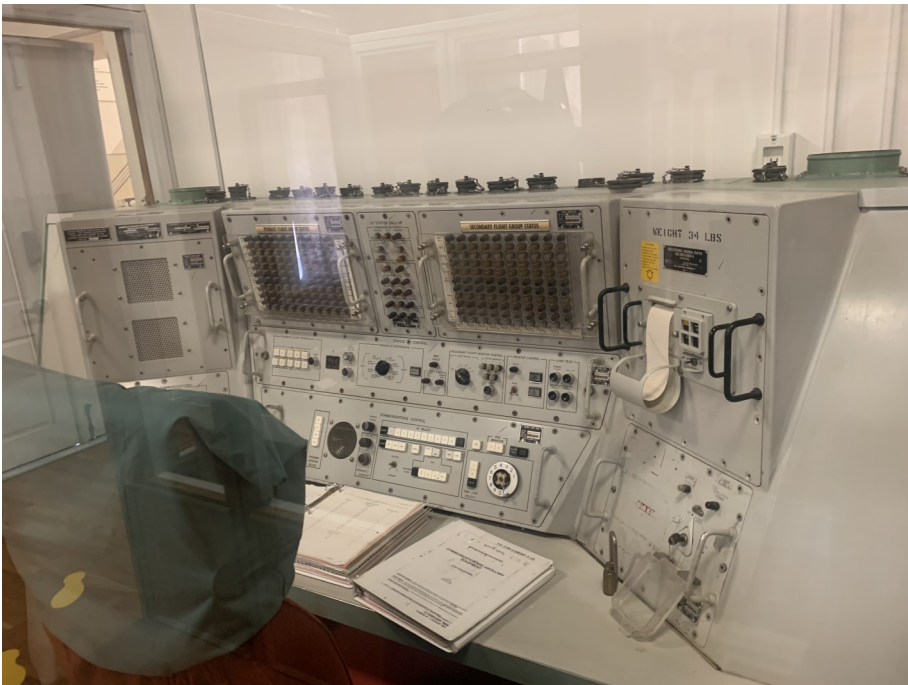
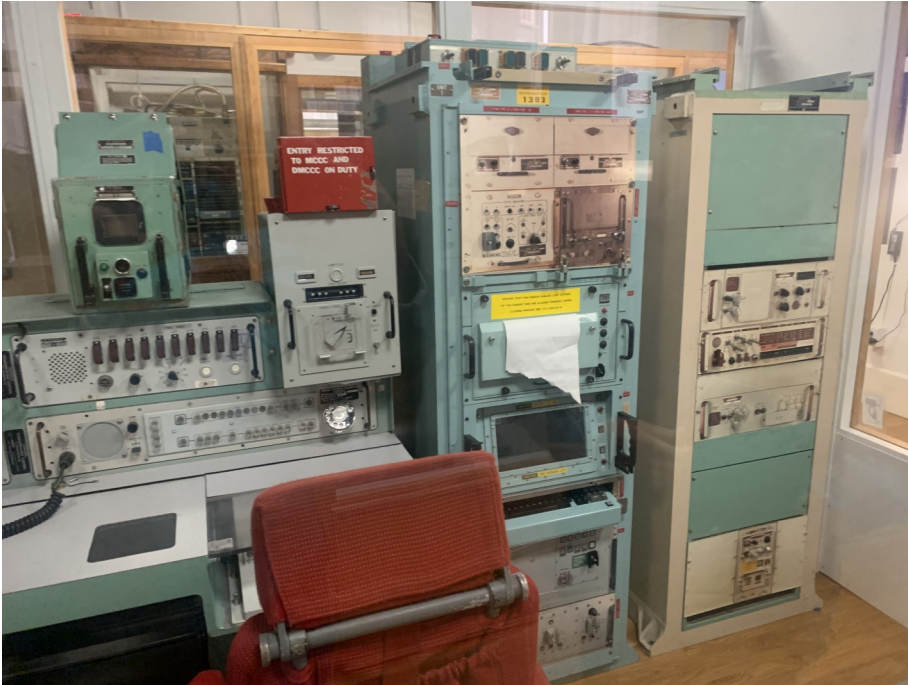
The [wing](#) was first organized at [Fairchild Air Force Base](#), Washington as the **90th Bombardment Wing**, a [Boeing B-29 Superfortress](#) unit. After moving to [Forbes Air Force Base](#), Kansas, it served as a training unit for [Strategic Air Command](#) units and [aircrews](#) in the B-29. In 1953 it converted to the [strategic reconnaissance](#) mission, upgrading to the [Boeing RB-47 Stratojet](#) in 1954. After 1958 it trained reconnaissance crews with the B-47 and continued that mission until it was inactivated in 1960.

The [wing](#) operates 150 [LGM-30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles](#) on full [alert](#) 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Its missiles are dispersed in hardened silos to protect against attack and connected to underground missile alert facilities through a system of hardened cables

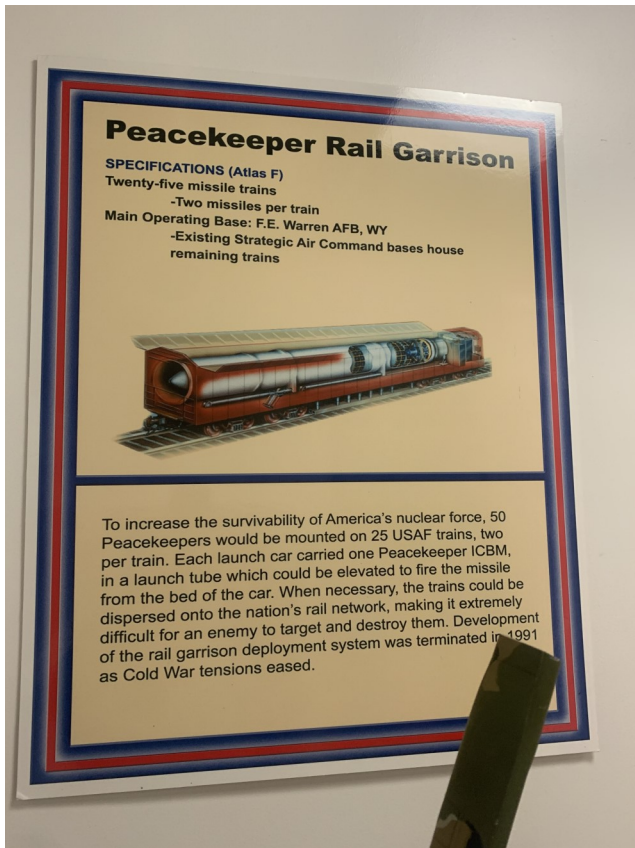
While visiting the base we noticed it maintained it's old style look of the early 1920's look and feel of the US Army garrison with all the base buildings being unchanged. Nothing by it's appearance would tell you that you were on a US Air Force base much less the headquarters of a major nuclear missile command. Inside the base missile museum which is a former base Army hospital I saw on display actual launch consoles from the Cold War which are still used today to monitor and launch missile should the need arise.



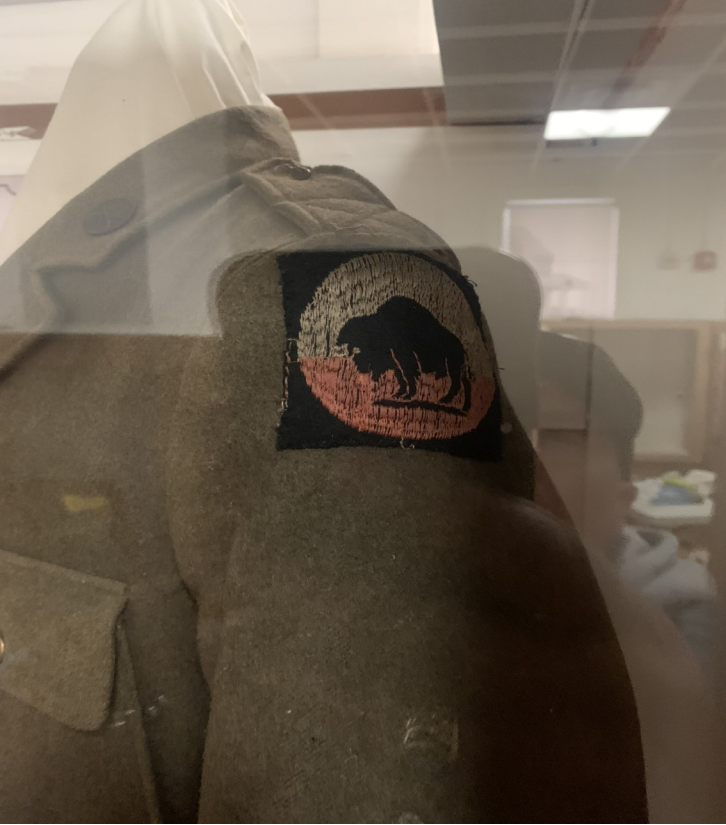
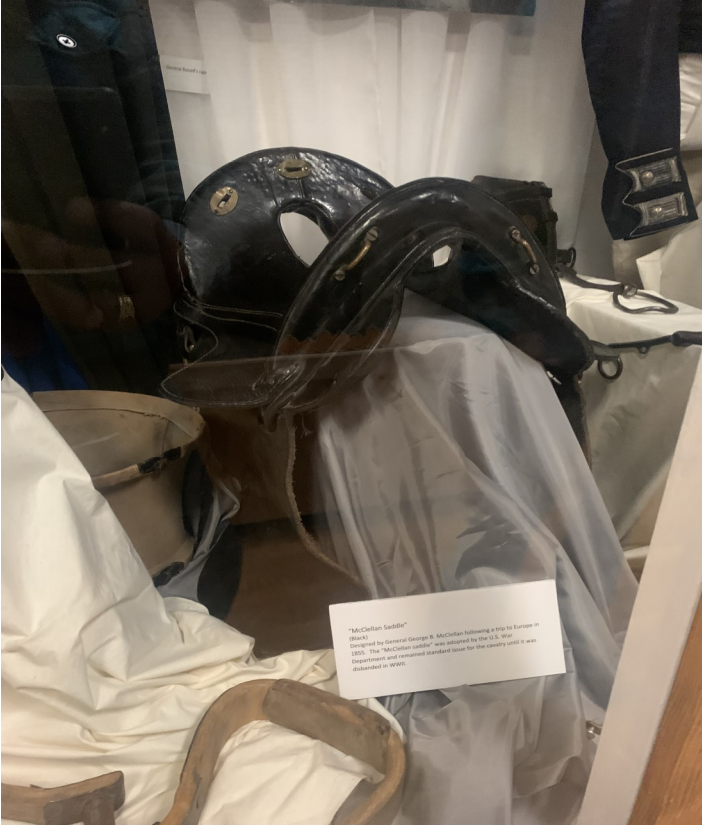
Of course being I served during the Cold War years (1947—1992) and this was a nuclear missile launch console I could not help getting into a bit of pretend that I'm launching a hot missile from two different consoles!



One method of launching a missile was using a mobile rail car to keep the Soviets guessing the location as a target for a possible strike. The missile we used for this was the 1980's MX or Peacekeeper ICBM. This missile would be moved around on railroad tracks during a crisis or war to confuse targeting of the launch site. This missile was retired during 2006.



The museum also had on display the history of the US Army Buffalo Soldiers and the other military personnel stationed at Fort F.E. Warren while doing it's mission of protecting the Union Pacific Railroad and it's workers. Famous Army Generals were in command here such as General John "Black Jack Pershing





## **BARS 2023 Officer Nominations**

The Officer Nomination Committee offers you our current slate of

Nomination Candidates

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**NOMINATIONS**

**STATUS: Selected**

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**PRES:** Steve Maslin - NS4M

**VP:** Tony Stone - W4TAS

**Tres:** Karissa Hendershot - N3YDA

**Sec:** Rick Farr - KK4CVD

**Dir:** Jim Stocks - KK4CWO

Continuing as Directors:

- Tony Stone - W4TAS (FCC Trustee)

- Dana Perrin - KM4DTJ (Outgoing President)

- Kelly Anderson - KE4GS (23-24)

**Editor:** Jim Stocks KK4CWO (willing to continue)

## Thursday Bagels

Come ONE, Come ALL!

We have reactivated the BARS THURSDAY MORNING BAGELS event on Thursdays at 9:00 am! We're meeting at the same location as in the past:

Einstein Brothers Bagels

660 West Brandon Blvd

(North East Corner of Kings and 60)

JOIN US!



## **President's Desk—The final word**

Happy Holidays BARS Members!

This year has flown by. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday! Make sure you spend some time with friends and family during the holiday season.

The annual election occurred earlier this month, and we had to say goodbye to two long-running officers as they are stepping down this time around. Wayne Thomas (KM7WDT) as Treasurer and Ron Perrett (K4FZU) as Vice President. Their time as officers was invaluable as they made my role as President that much easier. I've always said, as a leader you don't need to know everything or do everything, you just need to surround yourself with a fantastic team. These guys did an awesome job and they will be missed. However..... Now we get to welcome Tony Stone (W4TAS) as VP and Karissa Hendershot (N3YDA) as Treasurer. I am grateful they stepped up and volunteered for the open spots.

2023 has certainly been a challenging and interesting year with our organization. Clearly the big event was having to sell the van that everyone worked so hard to keep but just financially couldn't. We formed a committee to come up with options on what the next big project will be, so we look forward to what their brainstorming comes up with.

I am honored to have been re-elected as your Club President for 2024, I appreciate everyone's support, truly.

Happy Holidays and 73,

Steve, NS4M