

Chapter 9

The Memorials

All Veterans Memorial Park, Eglin AFB



A Memorial Ceremony in honor of the Warriors Who Died in the Defense of Freedom in Saudi Arabia on 25 June 1996.

The memorial bricks representing the twelve airmen from the 33rd Fighter Wing, who lost their lives at the Khobar Towers, were dedicated on 30 September 1996 at the All Veterans Memorial Park



Colonel Gary Dylewski addressing the families during the dedication of the memorial bricks

MSgt Kendall K. Kitson, Jr.

TSgt Thanh Van Nguyen

SrA Jeremy A. Taylor

A1C Peter J. Morgera

TSgt Daniel B. Cafourek

Sgt Millard D. Campbell

A1C Brent E. Marthaler

A1C Joseph E. Rimkus

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A1C Joshua E. Woody



Entrance to the All Veterans Memorial Park

33rd Fighter Wing Memorial, Eglin AFB



This memorial was dedicated on June 25, 1997 to the twelve airmen from the 33rd Fighter Wing who lost their lives at the Khobar Towers, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia as a result of the terrorist bombing on June 25, 1996.



General Richard Hawley, Colonel Gary Dylewski (both seated) and Chaplain, Colonel LaVerne Schueller



The lighting of the Eternal Flame by Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Cochran



A1C Joshua E. Woody

THIS MONUMENT
IS DEDICATED
TO THE BRAVE WARRIORS
WHO WERE KILLED BY
A TERRORIST BOMB
AT KHOBAR TOWERS,
SAUDI ARABIA,
ON 25 JUNE 1996.
THEY MADE THE ULTIMATE
SACRIFICE AS GUARDIANS
OF THIS GRATEFUL NATION
WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM.

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On June 25th, 2000, the seven other airmen killed at Khobar Towers were added at the base of the Eternal Flame.



**Capt. Christopher J. Adams
SSgt Kevin J. Johnson**

**Capt. Leland T. Haun
SSgt Ronald L. King
A1C Justin Wood**

**MSgt Michael G. Heiser
A1C Christopher Lester.**



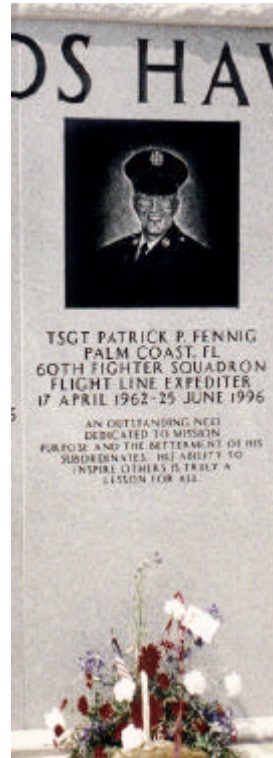
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AIC Justin R. Wood

Offutt AFB, Nebraska



SSGT Ronald L. King

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



AIC Christopher Lester

Patrick AFB Memorial, FL



Khobar Towers Victims Remembered

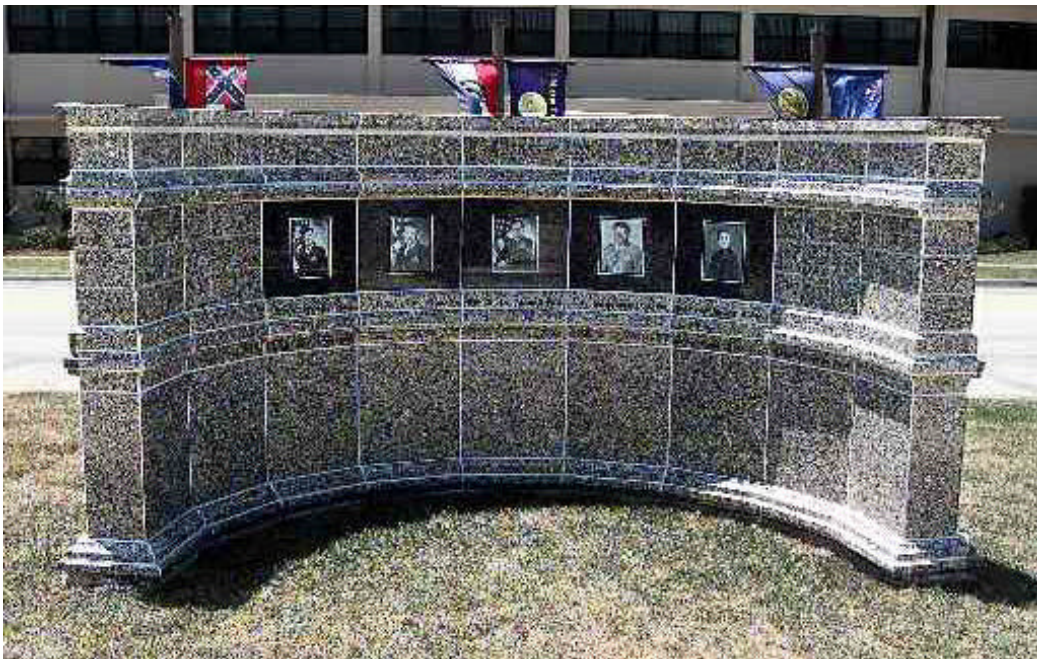
**Air Force Secretary F. Whitten
Peters dedicated this Memorial,
at Patrick AFB on June 25, 2000.**



BRIG. GEN. DONALD PETTIT, wing commander at the 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, comforts Jenny Haun, above, as a granite panel with the likeness of her husband, Capt. Leland Haun is unveiled at Patrick Air Force Base on Thursday. Haun's husband was among five Patrick airmen who died in the explosion at Khobar towers in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996. Haun left a carnation with her husband's portrait which will become part of a monument at the base's Memorial Plaza. A dedication is planned June 25, the fourth anniversary of the bombing. Members of the 1st Rescue Group who died in the bombing are Haun, Capt. Christopher J. Adams, Master Sgt. Michael Heiser, Staff Sgt. Kevin Johnson and Airman 1st Class Justin Wood.



Patrick AFB Memorial honoring those who died at Khobar Towers



Master Sgt. Michael G. Heiser

Capt. Leland T. Haun

Staff Sgt. Kevin J. Johnson

Capt. Christopher J. Adams

A1C Justin R. Wood



Staff Sgt. Kevin J. Johnson



Master Sgt. Michael G. Heiser



Captain Leland T. Haun



Captain Christopher J. Adams



A1C Justin R. Wood

The following Khobar Towers Victims are also honored on this monument:

MSgt Kendall K. Kitson, Jr.

TSgt Daniel B. Cafourek

TSgt Patrick P. Fennig

TSgt Thanh Van Nguyen

Sgt Millard D. Campbell

SrA Earl F. Cartrette, Jr.

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A1C Joseph E. Remkus

A1C Joshua E. Woody

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SSgt Ronald L. King



363d Training Squadron, Shepard AFB, Texas

Memorialization Ceremony 23 April 1998

The 363d Training Squadron trains over 3,800 students annually. Providing the world's best militarily trained graduates, specializing in munitions, armament, and nuclear weapons skills to meet Air Force objectives.

Both A1C Joseph E. Rimkus and A1C Joshua E. Woody received their weapons training in the 363d Training Squadron.



Mathies Hall (Building 1045)



Dedication corridors by SSgt Joy Defosse

Mathies Hall

Building 1045 was dedicated in honor of Staff Sergeant Archibald Mathies who died piloting the crippled B-17 Bomber "Mispah" onto a runway at Glatton, England, on 20 February 1944. S/Sgt Mathies was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. His display of Integrity, Excellence, and Service Before Self shall be an inspiration to all who pass through these halls.

A1C Joshua E. Woody Corridor



The west corridor of building 1045 is dedicated in memory of A1C Joshua E. Woody. A1C Woody was from Corning, California. He entered the Air Force on March 9, 1995. Upon graduation from the F-15 Aircraft Armament Systems Apprentice course on September 11, 1995, he was assigned with the 58th Fighter Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. On June 25, 1996, A1C Woody lost his life, along with 18 others, in the fatal bombing of Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. A1C Woody will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and fellow Air Force members. He made the greatest sacrifice of all for his country. For this, A1C Woody, we thank you.

A1C Joseph E. Rimkus Corridor



The east corridor of building 1045 is dedicated in memory of A1C Joseph E. Rimkus. A1C Rimkus was from Crestview, Florida. He entered the Air Force on March 8, 1995. Upon graduation from the F-15 Aircraft Armament Systems Apprentice course on August 4, 1995, he was assigned to the 58th Fighter Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. On June 25, 1996, A1C Rimkus lost his life, along with 18 others in the tragic bombing of Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. A1C Rimkus will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and fellow Air Force members. He made the greatest sacrifice of all for his country. For this, A1C Rimkus, we thank you.



Above, The entrance sign to Joseph's corridor.

Left, A1C Joshua Woody's Mother, Bernadine Beekman, and SSgt Joy Defosse stand at the entrance to Joshua's corridor.

Corning Area Memorials

Yost Park Memorial Grove



MICHAEL GRIFFIN Corning Observer

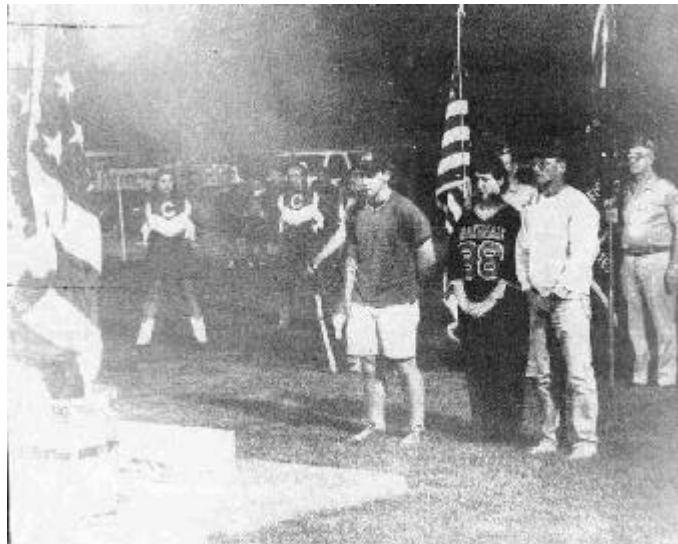
On September 26, 1996 a redwood tree was dedicated in memory of U.S. Airman 1st Class Joshua Woody and planted at Yost Park. In the future, other redwood trees will be

planted to create a memorial grove on the south side of the baseball field. The tree was donated by Marjorie Yost-Conserve. Yost Park is named after her late husband, Roger Yost, who donated the parcel of land so local children would have a ball field to play in.

In photo above, Marjorie Yost-Conserve shovels dirt around the tree as (l. to r.) Stanley Jones, Jean Jones, Bernie Beekman, George Beekman, Councilman Rex Roush and Mayor Gary Strack look on.

Corning Union High School Memorial

A memorial unveiled for Woody



TODD SHURTLEFF/Corning Observer

A permanent memorial to Airman First Class Joshua Woody was unveiled on Friday night, September 6, 1996 before the Corning High School varsity football team's season opener. The home game against Enterprise was dedicated to Woody, who was killed in June by a terrorist truck bomb while stationed at a U.S. military base in Saudi Arabia. Woody was a member of the varsity football team and he graduated from Corning High School In 1994 (In photo left to right) Joshua's brother, Timothy Woody, his mother and stepfather, Bernie and George Beekman stand In front of the memorial that was built below the flagpole at the football stadium.



CUHS Gymnasium Trophy Case
Honoring Joshua Woody



Joshua's Mother at the Memorial



Monument at the base of the flag pole



Corning Union High School Stadium and Memorial



Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall

The Enlisted Heritage Hall is the only place of its kind in the Air Force. This unique facility reveals the story of our enlisted force's contribution to the development of military aviation in America. The Enlisted Heritage Hall is located in Montgomery, AL at MAFB-Gunter Annex.

The Khobar Towers Exhibit and Memorial at the Air Force Museum







