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Memorial Web Site  
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Saturday 12/30/2000 9:15:27pm

**Name:** Gregory E Robinson

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**Location:**

**Comments:** i wish i never left england; but i do get to go there often. my time at heyford was something i'll never forget;ihope someday i'll meet some people who i had the pleasure to serve with. once again i hope i here from some of you people who remember me

Friday 12/29/2000 3:35:22pm

**Name:** Diane (Crum) and Steve Burtcher

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**Location:** Eagle, Idaho

**Comments:** Diane was in the 20th CRS, in shop avionics, from Oct 86 - Dec 91. Steve was also in the 20th CRS, he worked in fuel systems shop and was there from 86 - 88. We were married there in 1988 and have been civilians for just over 5 years.

We would love to hear from any of the old gang that signs in and sees this!

Friday 12/29/2000 1:01:13am

**Name:** Barbara Williams

**E-Mail:** [blokebar2@aol.com](mailto:blokebar2@aol.com)

**Location:** Las Vegas Nevada

**Comments:** I was an air force wife at Upper Heyford from 1970-1974.I was married to my ex-husband for 34yrs.I am sorry to say he(L.A.(ZEKE)Williams) died on December 10th.2000.This site brought back fond memories of Upper Heyford and all the friends we made there.

Thursday 12/28/2000 11:11:59pm

**Name:** Vickie Bare

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**Location:** Tennessee

**Comments:** I lived at Upper Heyford 1970-1975. I am a military brat. The best time of my life was spent at Heyford. Great times, great people.

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Thursday 12/28/2000 2:50:10pm

**Name:** Carl Shannon

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**Location:** Union, MS

**Comments:** I was at upper heyford from 85-87, worked in fuels POL.

Wednesday 12/27/2000 10:22:03pm

**Name:** Mike Shanley

**E-Mail:** [Shan49@aol.com](mailto:Shan49@aol.com)

**Location:** Fallbrook, California

**Comments:** Duane, what a great page. I was stationed at RAF Lakenheath from 1972 to 1974. I just started on the long road of putting together a website dedicated to those who were stationed at Lakenheath. Your site certainly has given me more motivation and inspiration, as well as some ideas. Finding old friends has been the difficult task along with photos. Thanks again.

Tuesday 12/26/2000 9:56:28pm

**Name:** Erika Simmons

**E-Mail:** [erisim0217@aol.com](mailto:erisim0217@aol.com)

**Location:** Seattle Washington

**Comments:** I am always looking to find anyone that stationed at Upper Heyford between 1988-1991. I was an MWR employee at the Rec Center and in the NCO Club.

Sunday 12/24/2000 2:04:38am

**Name:** Jeff Turkel

**E-Mail:** [nswirechap@yahoo.com](mailto:nswirechap@yahoo.com)

**Location:** North Pole, Alaska

**Comments:** Wow, talk about memories!!!! Was at Heyford & Croughton Dec 78 to Dec 81. worked in the Fire Department and lived in Steeple Aston.

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Sunday 12/24/2000 0:09:08am

**Name:** Mark Sinclair

**E-Mail:** [launcherboy@yahoo.com](mailto:launcherboy@yahoo.com)

**Location:** Flower Mound, TX

**Comments:** This site is great. What a bunch of memories. I can't wait to see more. It was an interesting time and I met a bunch of great people.

Saturday 12/23/2000 1:18:49pm

**Name:** Wayne George

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**Location:** Cumberland, Maryland

**Comments:** Great site, really enjoy the photos and reading the guest book. Brings back lots and lots of great memories. Served with 20th BHS/20th CSG from Jan/70 thru April/73. I've been back 93, 96 & 98, visit British friends whom I met while serving there. Worked in Finance and Pay/Leave. Had some of the best football teams back then, didn't have the stadium that is now there, played all games at RAF Croughton. Remember all of those fun weekend trips to London, Dover, Oxford, etc. Little has changed around the base other than it being completely closed for a couple of years now, used a bit by the British MOD. Anybody remember the Three Horseshoes-its closed too. Recommend that anyone who is able to go back and visit, well worth it. Keep those memories alive!

Tuesday 12/19/2000 1:29:00am

**Name:** MELVIN WILLIAMS

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**Location:**

**Comments:** 20 MMS WEAPONS RELEASE SHOP

OCT 1973 - AUG 1980

Friday 12/15/2000 9:48:10pm

**Name:** David Kielmar

**E-Mail:** [kielmar@zoomnet.net](mailto:kielmar@zoomnet.net)

**Location:**

**Comments:** Great Site, I have a lot of fond memories of Heyford and my tour of duty in England.

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Monday 12/11/2000 8:06:20am

**Name:** Roy N. Johnsen

**E-Mail:** [FireBuff2@AOL.COM](mailto:FireBuff2@AOL.COM)

**Location:** Forked River, New Jersey

**Comments:** I was stationed at UH from March 1956 to November 1959. I was in The Fire Department. We had a few fires on base but most of the fires we had were off base helping the local Fire Brigades. I though my tour was great, really liked to visist London and of course the garden spot of England, Bicester. I remember a family that I was good friends with that lived in Bicester there last name was North. There daughters were very nice also. I'm now retired and living in New Jersey. I retired from the New York City Fire Department after 22 years. Sure would like to hear from anyone that was stationed with me. If anybody is still around. We Old guys are fading fast.

Sunday 12/10/2000 7:56:37pm

**Name:** Marvin Wingett

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**Location:** Laguna Niguel, CA

**Comments:** I was at Upper Heyford from February 91 through December 93, when it was gearing for closedown. I cannot recall a more fulfilling time in my life than my short time in England.

I arrived at the onset of the Gulf War, and spent a rough month looking for a place to live. With 3000+ medical reserves on TDY there, and the field at Bicester turned into a wartime contingency hospital, everything was in short supply. Still, my family and I found a "rustic" home at 9 London Road, in Bicester. It was at the corner of London and Launton very near the Kings Arms. It was built in 1760 and was drafty, had spiders, and according to my daughter, was haunted. 11 months later we took a base home in Grove Wantage, which apparently was leftover housing from the closure of Fairford. It was a mix of homes owned by local folks and the US government. We were welcomed and treated with friendship. I loved it there!

When I arrived at Heyford from nearly 4 years at Luke AFB, AZ, I was a SRA jet engine mechanic assigned to the 20CRS Test Cell. After about 18 months of running TF-30's in the cold, I got a cush job in Logistics Group QA as the PQDR Monitor. My last few months were spent working in the DRMO unit salvaging items and helping run local auctions. I left as a SSGT.

I reluctantly left Heyford in 12/93 for Spangdahlem Germany, where I spent nearly two and a half great years before moving to Edwards. I finished my degree in 97 and up and quit.

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Heyford was the BEST!

Monday 12/04/2000 8:27:40pm

**Name:** Dennis A. Spcier

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**Location:** "Retired" (LOL) in Alexander City, AL

**Comments:** I would have never known such a website existed if I hadn't been contacted by someone who took notice of my website in the USAF locator website. Thanks Duane Park, you have treated me to a very nice walk down memory lane. My 4 year/5 month tour at the Heyford was probably the best assignment and definitely the best years of my entire Air Force career. The "family" atmosphere is one I will always remember. The entire time I was there, I was assigned to the 520th AGS, which so far, no-one has mentioned either on the website, in the comments, or in the guest book. Having arrived on base via my bus-ride from RAF Mildenhall to RAF Upper Heyford in November 1982, I can remember vividly feeling as though I had stepped back in time. It seemed I had stepped back into the WWII era. The next morning, my family and I were awakened by that God awful base siren and announcement of "ATTENTION,ATTENTION--ALARM YEIIOW, or ALARM RED, or ALARM BLACK, or ALL CLEAR" My kids were horrified by the sound and site of people walking on base wearing those gas masks!!!! But hey!!!! It was real, it was fun, and it was real fun. England was truly the best experience of my life!!! I hated those long hours as a Flt Line expeditor from 3 Bay, where I was assigned as a SSgt supervisor of load crews or weapons release personnel. I got promoted to TSgt before leaving. I was attending NCO Academy, at RAF when we bombed Libya and the base was surrounded with constatine wire and my kids had to be escorted on base with Security Police from Anglo Housing in Bicester. I too, wish I had taken the Consecutive Oversea Tour option and stayed on Heyford, but at the time, I thought coming back to the U.S. was what I wanted. Oh well, life goes on.

I met some great people, remember good times, and will always cherish the memories. I have plenty of pictures, if you want some. Anybody remember me? Email me, and visit my website. Thanks again

Monday 12/04/2000 5:39:45pm

**Name:** Walt "Bud" Stolpa

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**Location:** Red Wing, Minnesota

**Comments:** Mass Loads, 10 in 10, 30 in 30, Elephant Walks, Convoy's, Riot Control, Emergency Security Operations and others combined to reek havoc on the SPs. 12 Hour shifts were the norm doing so much with so little that we found we could do anything with nothing.

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Saturday 12/02/2000 11:14:58am

**Name:** Andrew Hopwood

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**Location:** 15 miles east of RAF Upper Heyford

**Comments:** Great site, I enjoyed the photos and all the information.

I'm a huge fan of military aviation and love to see US Military Aircraft.

I try to get over to RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath regularly and eagerly await the re-opening of RAF Fairford. It'll be great to have the B52's and B1's back in the UK. Seeing them during Allied Force was superb.

Thursday 11/30/2000 10:26:32am

**Name:** Art Bitterman

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**Location:** Warner Robins, Georgia

**Comments:** WOW!

Served at Uper Haystack from 79-84 and 86-92. Was in shop Avionics (Auto Test stations) in Bldg 300 and 299 (Big 'ol hardened avionics building over by the K-9 yard and the "Peace Camp").

Best years of my AF career were spent there. Retired out of Cannon (UH West), used my GI Bill to get trained as a gunsmith. Opened up a gunsmithing shop with another Heyfordite (Jim Bryan) called "Aardvark Arms"-yep, named after the Airplane!

Have a 1960 Land Rover that I bought while there, shipped back stateside named-- "The Aardvark"

If any Heyfordites in the Warner Robins area-stop on by the shop-the coffee pot is always on!

Aardvark Arms <http://www.aardvarkarms.com>

Wednesday 11/29/2000 7:01:09pm

**Name:** Heather J (Patton) Rice

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**Location:** Brunswick Ohio

**Comments:** I am having a problem viewing the guestbook. If you can send me some help I would

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appreciate it, thanks. Thanks for setting this up, I still keep in touch with an air traffic guy and I'll pass it along. 20th Security Police 1990-1992

Saturday 11/25/2000 4:53:06am

**Name:** Anthony G. King

**E-Mail:** [falconp51@aol.com](mailto:falconp51@aol.com)

**Location:** Bradenton Florida

**Comments:** Thank Heavens there is a page for Upper Heyford with pictures to boot. I was a flightline Ramp Rat and do I ever remember Heyford. I wish I had extended my tour when I was there 1986-88. I was on "D" flight. I hated the @#%\$! excersises until I was sent to Grand Forks, Now that was a hell hole during Winter times!!!

If anyone remembers me from my old flight please email me

Anthony King

Monday 11/20/2000 8:50:25pm

**Name:** Kelley (Clancy) Clausen

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**Location:** Oklahoma City, Ok

**Comments:** All I see are guys registered here! What about us girls?? I was stationed at RAF Upper Heyford from 1987-89. I absolutely loved it. I was a Dental Assistant. This web site really brings back some memories. I am glad that I am not the only one with such fond memories of place far far away. Does anyone remember the Warehouse? The Club? They had just built the donut shop when I left. I think they were building a Burger King also. I never got to see that. Does anyone remember "The Bat Man Society". They were a real blast. I would love to hear from people that were there in the same time frame.

Kelley (Clancy) Clausen [okabenared@hotmail.com](mailto:okabenared@hotmail.com)

Sunday 11/12/2000 3:00:16pm

**Name:** Ligaya "Tosh" Protasio Owen

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**Location:** Richmond, VA

**Comments:** Great site! Have several photos, patches, maps to submit later! After living at UH from

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Mar '81 through Mar '83, went to Malmstrom AFB (83 - 86), then Anderson AFB (86 - 89), then Minot AFB (89 - 98). I live in Richmond, VA now. Hope to get back in touch with old friends from UH!

Friday 11/10/2000 2:58:10am

**Name:** Jess Van Wickel

**E-Mail:** [jess.vw@home.com](mailto:jess.vw@home.com)

**Location:** Santee, Calif.

**Comments:** Great site, great times! I was with W/R shop of 320/20th MMS from 12/71 to 3/74. Would love to hear from former MMS and other UH troops. Have photos of base, F/L and F111's. I was also at Mtn. Home, 74&75 (F111F's). Anyone remember the retired Yank who had the Pizza truck? Would sit just off base (north)(72-74), best pizza in the world, washed it down with Black Cat wine from the class-6!

Tuesday 11/07/2000 4:03:09am

**Name:** steve Covington

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**Location:** Oregon

**Comments:** U got some ugly pixs of cops on this site. I know cause i was with them at the time. I was a dog handler from 70-73-then 73-74 on b flt sec. then 76-79 i was mostly on C Flt sec. the best flt i served on in 22 years in the air force. i want to hear from any cop in from heyford. well done here me lad.

Sunday 11/05/2000 6:10:41pm

**Name:** Patria Ortman

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**Location:** Currently stuck at Grand Forks, ND

**Comments:** Was stationed at UH in the late 80's early 90's and went to UH West (Cannon, NM). I miss alot of close friends from UH and some of the great food. Mike Kaplan, thanks for the site--it was fun going back in time. I Worked for the 20th DOT, 77 FS, and the 55 FS--helped to close it down.

Saturday 11/04/2000 5:50:16pm



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**Name:** John Shaffer

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**Location:** Massachusetts

**Comments:** Wonderful! I was at UH in 1975 to 1977 - 20th SPS. This brings back long forgotten memories. Thanks.

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Saturday 11/04/2000 3:45:42pm

**Name:** Peter E. Davies

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**Location:** Bristol, England

**Comments:** The great Mike Kaplan directed me here and it's good to see the site up and running. I made numerous visits to the base in the 80's and early 90's while co-authoring two books on the F-111 and researching others. There was always a warm welcome and I am still in touch with many of the people there who contributed to the books. There will be another in due course, but I would be happy to send some pictures.

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Sunday 10/29/2000 11:41:06pm

**Name:** Joe Bosko

**E-Mail:** [jsb@military.com](mailto:jsb@military.com)

**Location:** Originally from New York

**Comments:** Served at Heyford from 1981-1984. Played varsity soccer before becoming a Class I referee. Was Chief, PSM in the CBPO. Daughters had added distinction of having tea with Roger Moore when he filmed Octopussy on the base. Oldest daughter met her husband while there and she still resides in England. Now retired and living in San Antonio.

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Sunday 10/29/2000 4:58:18pm

**Name:** Timothy P. Kurtz

**E-Mail:** [kurtzt@hotmail.com](mailto:kurtzt@hotmail.com)

**Location:** Amherst Ohio

**Comments:** Hi" to everyone out there!! I was with 20th SPS from 1973 to 1975 would love to hear from old sq members.

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Thursday 10/26/2000 11:06:36am

**Name:** Mike Kaplan

**E-Mail:** [mike.kaplan@f-111.net](mailto:mike.kaplan@f-111.net)

**Location:** Wherever the USAF sends me!

**Comments:** Hey, it's about time! I have lots to offer picture wise, will do it ASAP. For all you F-111 guys and gals, go see <http://f-111.net> and <http://fb-111a.net> for lots of great Aardvark stuff!  
MIKE

Wednesday 10/25/2000 5:23:21am

**Name:** Rick Belt

**E-Mail:** [rickbelt@hotmail.com](mailto:rickbelt@hotmail.com)

**Location:** St. Louis, Mo.

**Comments:** Duane, Great job on the web site. I have some pictures of some of the guy's I used to work with while at UH. I'll send them as soon as I can. I sure miss those days. They were filled with a lot of hard work, but there was also a lot of camaraderie and friendship there, too. I was always proud to be a member of the 20th TFW and the 20th MMS. Take care my friend.  
Rick Belt  
20th MMS

Tuesday 10/24/2000 6:46:19pm

**Name:** Bernie Hurford

**E-Mail:** [hurfords@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:hurfords@tinyworld.co.uk)

**Location:** Epsom, surrey, England.

**Comments:** Supported the Upper Heyford Skykings football team from 1973 to 1993 when USAFE football finished. I hope all ex-Heyfordians will support this great site and we can keep all those memories alive.

Bernie Hurford.

Thursday 10/19/2000 6:45:06pm

**Name:** Michael Baldock

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**Location:** Guildford, England.

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**Comments:** Duane, congratulations on launching your website dedicated to RAF Upper Heyford. It fills a vital gap on the web and I was really interested to see some personal photos from the days when the base was very active. Many of us over here still miss the old F-111E and the "UH" tail code which we thought would last forever...and of course you guys who did your little bit to make it all happen. Michael.

Rolling Thunder Classic Jets <http://meltingpot.fortunecity.com/springhill/492>

Monday 10/16/2000 5:59:43pm

**Name:** Bernie Hurford

**E-Mail:** [hurfords@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:hurfords@tinyworld.co.uk)

**Location:** Epsom, Surrey, England

**Comments:** Great site! Have found some photos and other bits and pieces which may be of interest. Will try and send them soon. Good luck for the future.

Kind regards, Bernie Hurford.