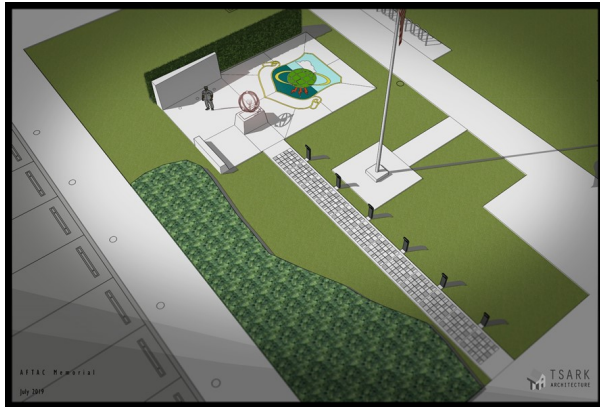


The Design



In 2019, several members of the AFTAC Alumni Association formed a non-profit corporation to create a memorial to honor our fallen airmen. Over the last seven decades, 76 AFOAT-1 and AFTAC members have lost their lives in service to the long range detection mission.

The AFTAC Memorial Corporation is currently seeking donations to construct a memorial that will be built in front of the AFTAC headquarters. The goal is to raise approximately \$150,000. To do so, we are selling paver bricks with donor names that will line the walkway to the memorial wall. You can make a donation by simply visiting the following web site:

<https://brickmarkersusa.com/donors/aftacmc.html>

The AFTAC Memorial Project

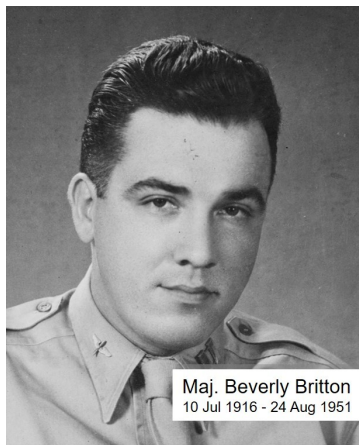


Thank you for your contribution!

The first to pass . . .

Maj Beverly Britton

24 August 1951



He died aboard United Air Lines Flight 615 (a Douglas DC-6B) that crashed on approach to Oakland, California, causing the death of all 50 passengers. Major Britton was the officer in AFOAT-1 HQs at that time who was responsible for hundreds of contracts needed to create the USAEDS.



Catholic priest giving last rites to passengers of Flight 615

TSgt Richard K. Brown

31 August 1956

He was an SEO, assigned to AFOAT-1's Team 202 (later Det 460) at Eielson AFB. The WB-50D (49-315), the "Golden Heart," crashed on a group of small islands in the Susitna River, approximately 50 miles north of Anchorage. It was enroute to a sampling mission in response to a Russian nuclear test.



TSgt Charles E. Heckman

21 April 1964

Heckman was an SEO who died aboard a WB-47E that crashed on take-off at Eielson AFB. The 11 member crew was about to fly a sampling mission on the Ptarmigan polar track.



Det 509 Deaths

4 August 1969

Three couples from Det 509 died while going on leave on 4 August 1969. The US Navy plane, a C-47M (17254), disappeared into a winter storm in the Andes Mountains. Their remains have never been recovered.



Ron and Norma Ball
Robert and Esther Patterson
Frank and Carol Homer

The most recent to pass . . .

SSgt Justin R. Verhines

21 July 2019

