



ON DISPLAY at Little Rock, Ark., is the 52-0595 B-47E Strategic bomber. Neil McCumber was the crew chief for this plane during his career in the Air Force.

Vet tells about 'his' plane

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St. Francis resident, Neil McCumber, recently made a trip to Little Rock, Ark., where he was able to be reunited with this old aircraft 52-0595 — a B-47E Strategic bomber plane.



McCumber



NEIL MCCUMBER, far left, and some of the other crew members posed for this pic in 1954.

Mr. McCumber entered the Air Force in January 1954. After basic training and tech school, he arrived at Smoky Hill Air Force base in Salina in August 1954.

"When I arrived in Salina on a Grayhound bus at 11 p.m., it was 95 degrees," he said. "I thought I had died and gone to hell."

In October of that year, the 40th Bomb Wing (Strategic Air Command) started receiving the new Boeing B-47E Strategic bombers from the Wichita plant. Mr. McCumber was assigned to Serial Number 52-0595 as an assistant crew chief.

After 18 months as an assistant, he became the crew chief of 595. In 1960, the 40th Bomb Wing was moved to Forbes Air Force Base at Topeka and McCumber followed 595 there.

He was the crew chief of the 595 until May of 1963. During those seven years, Mr. McCumber maintained and traveled with the aircraft to England twice for 90 days each time, Alaska, Tucson Ariz. (three times), Tulsa, Okla., Trux Field, Wisconsin, Tule Air Force Base, Greenland, the state of New York, Atlanta, Ga., and Morocco, North Africa, (three times). In that time, he flew about 600 hours in the airplane.

During those years, Mr. McCumber said, we went through the Suez Crisis and the Cuban crisis in which we were close to world annihilation. I slept under the wing of that aircraft during those times and I was scared.

When the hydrogen bomb was invented and modified, the B-47 could carry four of those bombs.

"One B-47 and a crew of three could fly across the Atlantic non-stop while carrying the destructive power of all the bombs dropped during the World War II," Mr. McCumber said.

In 1963, he was transferred out of Strategic Air Command into a missile program and went about various assignments until he retired in 1974.

In 1964 after he had left the Strategic Air Command, the Boeing B-47s were phased out and about 2,000 of them were flown to Tucson to be cut up for

scrap. A few were destined to be saved and used for different experimental programs and such. In 1965 when McCumber's 595 was close to becoming pop cans, Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas, came to the rescue.

Officials wanted a B-47 for their display on the base and the 52-0595 was selected.

"They saved my airplane from the scrap pile," Mr. McCumber said.

In 2011 while visiting the Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio, Mr. McCumber's wife, Nancy, was leafing through a book, she saw a picture and said, "is that you in that picture?"

Sure enough it was, he said. My aircraft commander was acquainted with the person writing the book and had the picture put in the book. I was assistant crew chief at the time.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. McCumber, with their daughter, Linda, and granddaughter and husband, Courtney and Don, traveled to Little Rock where they saw a great air show and Mr. McCumber was again reunited with his old aircraft 52-0595.

Christmas promotion begins, excitement builds

The Christmas On Us promotion has begun and with it is the excitement that builds each week as people accumulate tickets, hoping they have the lucky number to win \$1,000 in scrip.

There are eight St. Francis businesses participating in the Christmas On Us promotion: Bier's Hometown Store, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Uptown Market, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Schultz's Limited, The Saint Francis Herald and the United Methodist Thrift Store.

With every \$10 spent in these businesses, the customer receives a

ticket. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase in The Herald office as once a week, people can come in and get a free ticket.

Each week, in the B section of The Herald and Times, numbers will be listed. The numbers without a "*" will receive \$50 in scrip.

Some numbers will have an "*" and these numbers mean the lucky person will receive a gift in one of the businesses. When matching the * numbers, cards will be drawn at The Herald office and the winner and a photographer from The Herald will go to the business where they

will be photographed receiving the prize.

The first drawing for tickets will appear in the Nov. 24 issue. There will be a drawing for four weeks. The big drawing for \$1,000 and \$100 scrip, along with any leftover \$50 and gift prizes will be held on Monday, Dec. 17. The winners of the Christmas Coloring Contest and the Christmas Lighting Contest will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

Everyone is urged to collect their tickets and mark Dec. 17 on their calendar. Plan to attend and win!



MOCK ELECTIONS HELD — Steve Jenkins talks to students Chris Hoard, McKenzie Taylor and Kayla Reed.

Students participates in election

A mock presidential election was held on Nov. 6, the same day as the nationwide election. For the two days preceding the election, Current Social Issue class students gave summaries of the candidates and how they viewed key issues that face the United States. The election itself was conducted by selected teachers in both junior and senior high school.

The disaggregated results are as follows: The winner of the 2012 mock election was Gov. Mitt Romney over the president by a 177-37 count. Seth Swihart conducted his own voting in grades 3-6 at the grade school. There, Romney defeated Obama

by a 69-17 count.

At the junior-senior high school, more boys voted for Romney (71-11) while the girls did essentially the same (40-9). With these kinds of numbers, the class decided it would be futile to further disaggregate these numbers as it would make no difference as the Obama sample was so radically under-represented.

Individual class included:	class	results
Grades	Romney	Obama
Seventh	19	5
Eighth	11	3
Ninth	23	4
10th	10	6
11th	17	2
12th	28	0

"It was interesting to see how Romney dominated our mock election but was soundly defeated in the national election," Aly Schlepp, junior.

Great Tips

- Remove permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) rubbing alcohol on paper towel.
- Whenever I purchase a box of S.O.S pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. And now a box of S.O.S pads last me indefinitely!

Club Clips

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on Monday, Nov. 5, at the senior citizens building. Twenty-four members were present.

Ken Loos from the High Plains Mental Health in Hays was the guest speaker.

President, Betty Loudon opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone. Anita miler introduced Ken Loos.

Mr. Loos gave an informative talk on the mental health services for Northwest Kansas. There are 20 counties in this area that are included in the Hays group. He explained that adults and juveniles are treated from many illnesses including: depression, self injury, eating disorders phobias, substance abuse, grief

and many others. Many people do not realize that they have need for mental health first aid; hopefully they will make an appointment for treatment. There sometimes is a 12-hour course given in the area on mental health first aid and if it is available, people are urged to try to attend. There was a question-and-answer period for discussion.

A check was presented to Mr. Loos for travel expenses. Minutes were read and the treasurer's report given.

The next meeting meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the senior citizens building. Hostesses are Nancy Weinstein and Jo Ford.

Delores Kinchloe and Anita Miller served refreshments.

Thank You

I appreciate your votes and loyalty. It is greatly appreciated!

Delores Jenik

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After Church
Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
at Good Samaritan Village
Sunday, Nov. 18 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
You will have an opportunity to purchase your Holiday Pies!
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Volunteer support and supplemental funding is being provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and who have supported me during my first term.

I am honored to serve as your Commissioner and look forward to a stronger future for Cheyenne County.

Dale Patton

Pol Adv Paid for by Dale Patton Treas.

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for your support in the general election. Your positive comments and phone calls continue to encourage me. I look forward to your continued support during the legislative session and beyond.

Senator
Ralph Ostmeyer,
Kansas 40th District

Pol. Adv. paid for by Ostmeyer for Senate, Lori Edwards, Treasurer



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that voted for me. Thank you for giving me words or cards of encouragement. A special thanks to my friends and family for all of your support. I am honored to become your next Cheyenne County District 3 Commissioner. I have worked hard for the past 5 months on this election and I will continue doing so. I have a good



working relationship with our other two commissioner and I feel we can make some positive changes for our county. Thanks again for your support. Brett T. Poling, D.C.

Pol Adv pd for by Cynthia Poling, Treas.