

**Geodetic Survey Squadron 2012 Reunion, Newsletter # 6, January  
2012**

**Greetings and Happy New Year, Fellow Veterans of the Geodetic  
Survey Squadron/Geodetic Survey Group!**

This will be another short one, because I have an...

**Urgent Request!**

Since the holidays, I have been carrying on a running e-mail and phone conversation with former Squadron Commander, **Col Gordon Barnes**. Gordon is also active in the Air Force Photomapping Association. As you may recall, the original 1381<sup>st</sup> got its start under the 1370<sup>th</sup> Photomapping Wing. Gordon had a lot of fun designing and successfully minting a Commemorative Coin for the Air Force Photomapping Association, so we have been discussing creating a special commemorative coin for the next GSS/GSG reunion, that includes **all** the various configurations of the GSS/GSG units patches on it. I have decided to go ahead with that plan with Gordon's able assistance. We are already in the preliminary design phase.

**What we now need is the best available imagery of *all* the Squadron/Group patches.**

So far, all we have are photos of *some* of the patches from the unit history pages at <http://1370th.org/gsshhistory/gsshhistory.htm>. However, there is *no* patch shown for the Geodetic Survey Group, the final name of the unit before it was disbanded. Our problem is that the mint does not like to work with derived or second-hand imagery or cloth patches.

**We need to locate original slides, vugraphs, briefing charts, decals, or other art-work copies of the each of these patches: 1381<sup>st</sup> Geodetic Survey Sqdn (Missile), 1381<sup>st</sup> Geodetic Survey Squadron (without the word "Missile"), 1<sup>st</sup> Geodetic Survey Squadron, DMA Geodetic Survey Sqdn, and the DMA Geodetic Survey Group patches. We have photos of most of these but **NOTHING** for the DMA Geodetic Survey Group.**

***Is there anyone out there, especially from the last days of the Geodetic Survey Group, who has, or can point us to, clean original art work or copies of ALL the unit emblems?***

**If so, please contact me and CC your reply to Col Barnes ASAP:**

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You can read the interesting story about commemorative coins in general and Col Barnes' trials and triumphs in creating the Air Force Photomapping coin at <http://www.1370th.org/coin.html>.

Here's an image of what the AF Photomapping coin looks like:

I'll be back later this month with more details about the reunion. Meanwhile,

***Happy New Year!***

***Looking forward to seeing you all in August 2012!***

Garrett

Field Survey & Astro

GSS/Cheyenne

April 1967 - May 1970 and January - December 1972

*Nothing makes the Earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance—they make the latitudes and longitudes.*

*--Henry David Thoreau, Surveyor & Philosopher*