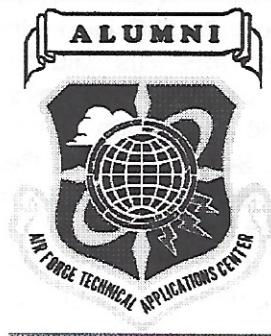


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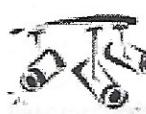
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2001 MARCH



The Alumni Anthem
Over the years and at
younger ages ...
GS, E and O were our
gauges

But now we've reached
the best of stages
Being one of AFTAC's
SAGES



SAGE SALUTE
ALUMNI MEMBER OF
THE YEAR 2000



***** BEN VLASSICK *****

A 'First' with this 'Second Salute' to a member ... we 'Saluted' Ben in September '96 (gosh, that was over 4 years ago) right after he had organized an International AFTAC Alumni Reunion in Colorado and here we go again. He's planning another one for June '01 – hope you're there cause the Colorado Chapter knows how to 'reunion.'

At that time we noted Ben was the backbone and President of the Colorado Chapter ... that continues to this date and because of the unceasing nature of his service, and the quality and quantity of that service, Ben was selected as 'Alumni of The Year.' He was recognized for this honor at the Florida Chapter's January 'SnowBall' and will be again at the Command Award Ceremony in April and at the very reunion he organizes in June.

Ben is also the first AFTAC Alumni member to receive this honor who does not serve the Florida Chapter ... a true honor and certainly deserved because of his unwavering and outstanding work on behalf of Alumni everywhere.

Ben's service to his country began on June 3, 1954 and to AFTAC three months later after completing basic training at Sampson AFB. His AFTAC assignments began with B-Technique training at Lowry AFB with assignments as follows: Det 405 (1955), Det 142 (1956), SPINSTRA - Q-School (1959), Det 155 (1960), Det O'seas (1961), 1155th TOS (1963), Det O'seas (1966), HQ at Alexandria (1969), 1157 TOS (1972), 3454th (1977),

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ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

WHERE, IN THE BEST AFTAC ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK YOU TO 'REPORT IN'

COMMAND AWARD CEREMONY

PAFB NCO CLUB, 04.04.01

PAT SNYDER, 494-6867, FOR INFO/TICKETS

COMMAND SPRING PICNIC

WICKHAM PARK PAVILION, 05.05.01

PAT SNYDER, 494-6867, FOR INFO/TICKETS

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GOLF N'GETOGETHER, 06.08.01

COCOA BEACH COURSE

SUBMITTED BY SAM SORICE AND JOE GOLDIAN, MAJOR ARRANGERS

Story on page 14, right column

AFTAC ALUMNI NATIONAL REUNION

DENVER CO, 06.14 - 17.01

REGISTRATION FORM, PG 13

INFORMATION, PG 14

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

WHERE, AGAIN IN THE BEST AFTAC TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL

BOB WILEY ... DIGICAM MAN

Alumni had the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances with the active duty AFTACers at the 2000 Winter Social at the Rialto Hilton. After the social hour, alumni found that they had been distributed among six tables intermingling them with active-duty members. It was the first and only time for some of us to see the (then) Commander, Col Dettmer.

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"WE THREW A SNOWBALL"

AFTAC ALUMNI SNOW BALL III

KEN MYERS ... MAJOR ARRANGER/ACTIVITIES CHAIR

Saturday, 13 Jan saw Snowball III in full swing. Forty past and present AFTACers gathered upstairs in the Patrick AFB NCO Club Ocean Lounge for an evening of reminiscing and fellowship.

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Association Honor Roll
Alumni Of The Year Recipients
 Ben Vlassick 2000—John Horsch 1999
 Frank Hall 1998—Judy Milam 1997
 Carl Gailey 1996—Clark Creery— 1995

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in March 1985 and chartered later the next year. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

Florida chapter

Membership dues, \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), payable in Oct., or \$75 for a life. You're encouraged to attend scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC headquarters building (#989) at Patrick AFB., FL. For information, meetings or membership, contact **Jim Payne**, (321)777-4731/paynejb@juno.com, **Carl Gailey**, (321)777-0569/gaileyc@juno.com, **Judy Milam**, (321)254-8878/jem2415@worldnet.att.net, or **Pat Snyder**, (321)494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.pafb.af.mil. Dues, membership applications, and queries/information should be mailed to:

**AFTAC Alumni Association, PO Box 254892
 Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

The chapter provides a quarterly (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) newsletter, "Post-Monitor" (staff data below), (namesake of a previous AFTAC active-duty publication, "Monitor") & a Webpage, "<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>", with association & alumni information, "Post-Monitor" issues and photos - WebMasters are **Dave Johnson** and **Mike Black**. Florida Chapter Board "PERENNIALS"-Alumni serving for five+ years. Frank Hall, President/Vice, 89-98/01, Judy Milam, Secretary 89-00, Eunice Harris, Hospitality, 89-00; Mary Welch, Membership, 91-99; Carl Gailey - Treasurer 91-99, Swede Swansen, publicity, since 93

Colorado chapter

Membership dues are \$5 per year, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, "Echoes," and meets several times a year-for information, **Bill Schmied**, (303) 367-0625

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, dues are \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for information-Joe Johnson, (916)783-8676, 'TOD.Alumni@bigfoot'-mailing address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc., West Coast Chapter, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510.

They plan to hold meetings and socials, host a webpage and publish a periodic newsletter.

AFTAC and Alumni Honorarium

There are several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring AFTAC people and history. Two of these, the "Hall of Heritage" (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Biographies of Alumni who served AFTAC for 20 plus years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

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Rovin' Reporter: Clark Creery/Bob Wiley
Printing/Mailing: Carl Gailey/Swede Swansen

"A TEAM"...of Horsches'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



We must begin this column with a colossal and collegial call for congratulations to **Big Ben**—that is Ben Vlassick of Colorado fame. His salute for 'Alumni Of The Year, 2000' on page one says it well and we look forward to givin' him a good 'back beating' at the reunion. So gird yourself Ben, put that board at your back and get ready for all that congratulatory jazz m'tazz this June.

In light of that reunion, we'd like to mention we are in the process of deciding how we are going to handle the June issue. Because so many of those responsible for the Post-Monitor are going reuniting, we will have to either publish the next issue three weeks early, i.e., late-May vs mid-June or develop another alternative ... stay tuned, we will let you know when we can.

We've got a lot coming up besides the reunion as you will learn as you peruse this missive. The Command Award ceremony is always a big event and we appreciate the recognition the command award affords to the alumni. At this writing we do not yet know if we will see the Alumni award winner there or not but there will be several of us there to represent him in any case.

The command picnic never fails to attract a lot of alumni and is sort of a mini-reunion. The alumni horse-shoe tournament 'lock' has reached the status of 'legendary' and we would expect that 'lock' to continue.

Golf N'Getogethers are an event for which the alumni association is famous and we have one of those on tap for June. These are also a chance to see some old friends, and if you don't golf come out and give us a hand, or drop by for food and prize awards afterwards. It's almost as much fun to watch the golfing action as it is to play.

And the reunion. We look forward to seein' a whole lot of old-timers there as the list on page 13 attests to. It's always fun to look over that list and see if there's a name that you have not thought of for awhile and try to remember where in your past that person fits, and what part they play in your memories.

Thanks for your readership and support ... we look forward to your presence at one of our functions and to hearing from you in regard to the newsletter and your input—John and Chris—

MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
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Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com

Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

Jacksonville, AR

00.11.17

Please enter J.M. Long as a member. I am enclosing dues. He was with us in the early 60's.

Allison Carter what a great gesture Allison

New Port Richey, FL

00.11.30

I just today received a mangled copy of the Sep Post-Monitor, receipt of which reminded me to pay my dues. Thank you.

Maurice Walsh mangling is our way of reminding

Lawrence, KS

00.12.8

(enclosed was an article about the Florida policy on military votes and the postmark issue, and two letters. Jack had written to the local newspaper about this issue wondering if we were going to revert to a disrespectful time for the military and again see signs, 'No Dogs or Soldiers Allowed.' The other letter was a reply from his congressman to Jack's contacting him about this matter)

What are you doing about this? I had thought about moving to Florida in my old age (I'm 70 now) but this is a bad deal. It makes me wonder if my absentee ballots got counted all those years.

Jack Wagley meat for thought Jack, thanks

Warner Robins, GA

00.12.22

Enclosed Check for dues. Sorry about being late but have had a hectic time recently.

George Antonio thanks, your next issue was scheduled for mangling ... you have avoided that

Colorado Springs, CO

00.12.29

It's been 30 years since I retired from AFTAC. I was exec for Gen Hall and for his successor. I enjoy reading the Post-Monitor and have enclosed dues so that it can keep coming to me. Thanks,

Vernon Bone you should be able to tell some tales ... we really enjoy hearing from the 'early' timers—hope to see you at the reunion

Cyberspace

00.12.28

Happy Holidays! As I sit here at my desk reading the recent issue of the Post-Monitor I would like you to know that I truly enjoy the AFTAC Alumni newsletter. I especially enjoy the Mail Call and the notes from old friends that I had the opportunity to work with.

Most recently was the note from Jon Kemp who instituted our famous "1156 TECHOPS Substance Call at the Park." These gatherings would consist of the squadron members, some of the wives that were at Wheeler, a few adult and non-adult beverages and lots of good old-fashioned team building. Big Jon, when he was available and not on the road, played a "big" (no pun intended) part in the success of these events. Good to hear from Jon and all other contributors to the newsletter. Chris and John, thank you for a job well done.

Gary Warfield Thanks so much...thoughts like this from deep-down AFTACers make it all the more worthwhile and easy to 'keep on doin'-trust you and Sharon had a great holiday and will behave yourselves on/in the New Year. Jon Kemp is sure to blush when he sees your comments in the next PoMo.

Cyberspace

00.12.26

Just received the Dec. 2000 issue. On page 3, letter from A. B. Studki, about the 1009th award. It was not the Presidential Unit Citation, but the first ever Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Have a copy of the certificate but not orders. The certificate is sign by J. F Rodenhauser, BG, USAF and issued to every member of the squadron. There are no dates on this but I was assigned from 6-1-55 through 4-15-67, It was the first of 4 the outfit received during this period.

Bill Hart, MSgt (Ret) great, thanks Bill...this should help AB straighten this out

Melbourne, FL

01.01.09

Thanks for "monitoring" me and reminding me of the due dues! I've enclosed a check to keep me in good graces for a while - it's hard not to want to be a member of an organization as worthy as AFTAC.

I enjoyed the last POST-MONITOR, and still recognize several of the people, times, events and places. A great group to be associated with.

Ken Oyer thanks Ken, even tho it does not sound that way we are going to assume you also enjoyed preceding PoMOS ... we appreciate your readership and have transplanted your 'memory' to our BS area – now send us MORE...

Bountiful, VT

01.01.02

I looked in my dictionary at the word forgetful and I found my picture looking back at me. I had thought I had paid—oh well—\$5 is for the project!!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Lovely Kwanzaa. In my church we have a hymn titled 'Count Your Many Blessings' - Florida has changed that for the people, it is now 'Re-Count Your Many Blessings.'

Jack Binkerd thanks, now enough about us Florida voters

Greenwood, MS

01.01.10

Sorry dues are so late ... I apologize. I was an original member of Det 421. Looking forward to

Reunion 2001.

Edward Evans great, see you there

Cyberspace 01.02.24

George Kraus here, one of the 'Old Originals' from Alice Springs in 55-56. I sent in a short remembrance of our early days but I gave you a wrong name. All references to a Donald J. Robinson should be Donald J. ROBERTSON. Thanks, George Kraus again, thanks for the story George and happy to make this correction

Castle Rock, CO 01.01.27

We moved so I guess I forgot to mail the check. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of our fellow alumni in June 2001 when we host the reunion here in the Denver area.

Bob and Sandy Tomlinson see ya then ... and thanks for all the preparation efforts you guys are making ...

Springfield, MO 01.01.30

I would like to join (lifetime membership) the AFTAC Alumni Asc. I came into it in Dec 1955 and left in July 1970.

Howell Hollis welcome aboard ... it's always great to have an 'old-timer' come aboard and look forward to hearing the tales you can spin ...

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Continued from page 1, Sage Salute

Det 057 (1978), retiring in June 1980.

His AFTAC duties included B and Q Technique operator, analyst, and maintenance technician, B20-5 technician, staff positions at depot and HQ, instructor at SPINSTRA completing his career as the Det O57 Commander.

The Colorado Chapter was founded following a National AFTAC Reunion held in Denver in August 1989. Members of the '89 reunion committee decided at that time to establish a Chapter. Ben was 'elected' president and the rest is history. Ben has never wavered in his support, both on a local basis, and throughout the Alumni community.

Thanks Ben, for your service to the country, the US Air Force, AFTAC and the Alumni Association. Your service is truly appreciated.

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He made an excellent first impression with his opening remarks about the organization and his privilege to be its commander. But he also informed everyone that, although he had only reported to AFTAC in July, he had been selected for a new assignment and would be leaving before February, making his tenure as CC one of the shortest on record.

This was the largest crowd in recent years. The hotel moved the bountiful buffet line from the banquet room to the hallway outside allowing more seating for guests. The arrangement worked well and everyone was fed expeditiously and enjoyed a delicious meal, including seconds for those so inclined. A slide show reviewed the year's events in the lives of many staff members. Last year's DJ returned to provide music for dining and dancing. Yes, even the alumni got out on the floor for a few songs. Does the term "Golden Oldies" provide a concept for you to picture it in your mind? That night "Silver Oldies" might have been a better descriptor.

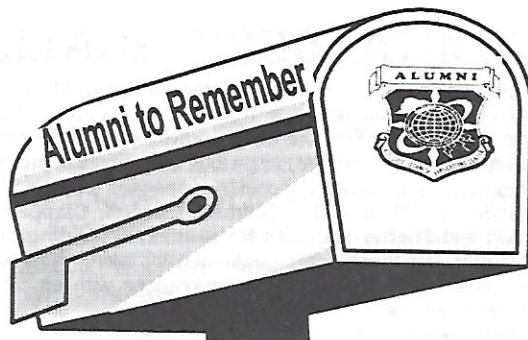
Among the attendees were both the past and present Alumni Presidents – Mike/Ronnie Shilkittus and Sam/Kathy Sorice, and two former Vice Commanders - Rich Krebs and Jay/Cathy Sherman. Of course, there were some familiar faces like the Chief Scientist, Dr. Dave/PJ O'Brien, Chuck/Linda McBrearty, Ken/Heather Myers, Dennis Gilroy, Joe/Gail Marshall, Patricia Snyder, and Carol Warfield, who count themselves among both the alumni and active staff. Other alumni spotted were Bruce Varnum, Philip Lindstedt, Steve Noe, Boyd Lease, Marv Irma Owens, Curt/Eunice Harris, Carl/Mayme Gailey, John Loftis, Bob/Judith Wiley, Mike/Debbie Winchester, Jim/Juana Edmundson, Terry/Patti Hammond, Ed/Carol Gorczyca, Charlene/Brian Grew.

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Since the theme was "Red Hot Chile Peppers" the club did an excellent job decorating in a Mexican theme. With festive music playing in the background, margaritas and coronas being pushed over the bar, it wasn't long before questionable stories and tall tales started flying around the room.

After everyone got their fill of the Mexican buffet, our new President, Sam Sorice provided us with a few words of wisdom. He also announced our Alumni of the Year is Ben Vlassick. Ben has been instrumental in organizing and running the Colorado Chapter.

All told, it was a great evening and if you haven't already surfed the web, go out to the AFTAC Alumni website to look at the pictures. I'm sure you'll recognize many of the faces. Look forward to seeing everyone next year at Snowball IV. A German theme has already been decided on.

**Personals . . .**

Wherein alumni let us know of events in their lives they want to share. Please send us births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements (military or otherwise), and other events.

Beginnings...Transitions

None Reported

Hopes of Health for...

Wherein Alumni share hopes for themselves or others...

Ben Vlassick

TAPS

**In Memory of Those We
Knew But Are Now Gone**

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh,



Thanks and praise for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
As we go, this we know:
God is' nigh.

In Memory Of

Wherein Alumni share names of those gone but never forgotten..

Prosper E. DeBee (see below)

Sally Jane Brown Witherell (see below)

Johnnie D. Page (see below)

James F. Shoemaker (see below)

Mike Valent—Ralph Grogg (see below)

Rest in Eternal Peace

Prosper E. DeBee

PASSED ON BY DAVE JOHNSON—RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FROM GEORGE THOMPSON, PROSPER WAS AN SEO FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS'

Prosper E. DeBee passed away Friday, Novem-

ber 10, 2000. He was born on August 13, 1924 in Quinnesec, Michigan, and grew up in Tyler, Texas. He is survived by Lois Wright DeBee, his beloved wife of 52 years, children Prosper Jr., Lisa Schiller and husband Glenn, Suzanne Knowles and husband David, grandchildren Hollie, Jenny, Rogan and Sarah; and brother Jan DeBee. Prosper served as a pilot in the US Army Air Corps during World War Two and retired as a Captain from the United States Air Force. Family address: Mrs. Lois DeBee, 11627 Sagepark Lane, Houston Texas 77089

Sally Jane Brown Witherell

PASSED ON BY TOM NIQUETTE

Sally Jane Brown Witherell, 54, a resident of Prince William County for over thirteen years and Development Director for the Arc Greater Prince William INSIGHT, Inc., 13505 Hillendale Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22193 died on January 4, 2001, at Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington D.C. after a twenty-month battle against metastatic breast cancer.

Born in Columbus, OH, in November 1946, Sally and her family moved to Toledo, OH, in 1950. She attended Gesu School and St. Ursula Academy, graduating in June 1964. Paying her entire way through school by working full-time, Sally graduated from the University of Toledo in December 1968 with a B.A. in Sociology and was a member and office holder in Pi Beta Phi sorority. On 17 July 1968, she married Thomas John Witherell of Toledo.

Following a year of graduate school at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, her husband joined the U.S. Air Force and the family began a 24-year journey that included stops at Williams AFB, AZ; Little Rock AFB, AK; Pope AFB, NC; Ching Chuan Kang AFB, Taiwan; Rickenbacker AFB, OH; McClellan AFB, CA; and Patrick AFB, FL before ending up at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.

There was never a more loving or more devoted friend, sister, wife, and mother. She is survived by husband, Tom; children, Todd, Scott, and Ryan; brothers, Mike Brown (Pat Parton) and Tom Brown (Dawn Ohms); mother-in-law Marie Savage Witherell; brothers-in-law Michael Witherell (Beth Hall), Dennis Witherell (Suzanne Moritz), and Jack Witherell (Barb Spangler); sister-in-law Debra Mathewson Witherell and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers tributes be made in the form of contributions to the Sally Brown Witherell Memorial Fund from which donations will be provided to Arc

Greater Prince William INSIGHT, Inc, 13505 Hillendale Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22193 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Johnnie D. Page

RECEIVED FROM EUNICE PAGE, 1/3/01 - SHE ADDED THESE POWERFUL WORDS, 'IT WAS A PLEASURE AND HONOR AS A 'WIFE' TO BE A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION.' SHE WAS ALSO KIND ENOUGH TO SEND A PICTURE, WITH CAPTION,

AFTAC Alumnus Johnnie D. Page of Kenly, NC, died April 19, 2000, following a three-year bout with emphysema – he was 64. A service of Death and Resurrection was held with full military honors on April 21.

Johnnie joined AFTAC in the spring of 1962 from an assignment at Seymour Johnson AFB. There he had responsibilities in OIS and DOA. In 1967 he was assigned to Allbrook AFB, and then back to Headquarters at Telegraph Road. Next he saw service in Thailand. He retired November 1, 1974 while serving at Langley AFB. Jonnie was a member of the American Legion and the Air Force Sergeants' Association. His wife, Eunice and three children, Danny, Lynn and Mary survive him.

(picture, going away party for Johnnie and Dave Meyers, Albrook) (Fr) Col/Mrs Martin, Johnnie, Col/Mrs? Wood, Dave (right side) Col/Mrs Pea, Betty Jones (others unknown)



James F. Shoemaker

Bill Braukman (Colorado Chapter) reported that MSgt (ret) James F. Shoemaker passed away January 28, 2001, in Westminster, CO. He was born April 29, 1931 at Kent, OH. He served 24-years in the AF. He was buried, in uniform, at Fort Logan, Friday, February 2, 01, with Honor Guard and 21-gun salute. "Shoe" was highly regarded by friends and neighbors.

Ralph Grogg

FROM ROBERT AND JEAN HASLETT THROUGH FRANK GOODREAU

Ralph Grogg died March 6 from pancreatic cancer. His wife Pat, said he was diagnosed in Dec. and that aside from the discomfort of surgery he suffered very little and was able to be home most of the time. He was buried in Ohio, his home state. Remembrances may be sent to 1537 4th Ave East, Bradenton, Florida 34208-1319, (914)748-8163. Ralph spent almost all (minus a short stay in Vietnam) of his AF career in AFTAC and at TOD. He was a great friend to us

COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is AFTAC, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are entering a new millennium, we asked previous AFTAC commanders (for whom we had addresses) to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We received positive responses from almost every commander to include Gen's Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer and Col's Meisenheimer, Wigington, Beatty and Dettmer. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances with us. We feature replies (one an issue) in the chronological order of their time of command - reCalls in previous issues, Gen (Ret) Silliman, Gen (Ret) Gordon, Col (Ret) Meisenheimer, Gen's (Ret) Clapper, O'Lear and Bingham and Gen Shaffer ... at this time we feature...



JOHN T. WIGINGTON III
COLONEL, USAF
COMMANDER
AUG '96– JUL '98

I was never one to spend much time examining the past or celebrating history. But, the one assignment in my career that did give me an appreciation for an organization's history was my time at AFTAC.

In the Fall of 1997, AFTAC and the Alumni Association celebrated "Fifty Years" of Long-Range Detection. The event was punctuated by the fact that the anniversary was a homecoming for AFTACers—and they came from across the country and across time. All who attended were immensely proud of the contributions they had made to the nation through the Long-Range Detection Program. Everyone had a great time! I was fortunate to have been a part of such an outstanding event. The special 50-year history written for the celebration is a great introduction to the command for anyone who was not around to make the history. The Alumni Association has done a superb job of keeping the history alive for future generations of AFTACers.

The enduring 50-year mission of long-range detection was and is the core of AFTAC. Commanders have come and gone, the command has been re-subordinated several times in its history, the emphasis on integrating with the larger Air Force has been emphasized or relaxed, "new" missions have been added and dropped. But, the long-range detection responsibility has always remained. It is a national mission more so than an

Air Force mission, which has caused the road to be a little bumpy at times, particularly when the Air Force had to address difficult funding issues. But, there always have been people at the national level who appreciated the long-range detection mission and have seen to it that the funding and program support was there. My prediction: the core mission will see little change in the years ahead. If "radical" change does occur within the Air Force or AFTAC, the long-range detection mission and function will continue regardless of organization name, structure or subordination.

The scientific and technical aspects of the mission have always been important for assessing other countries' levels of nuclear sophistication. The political dimension has grown as the world has moved toward a comprehensive test ban treaty and the long-range detection mission becomes an integral part of international treaty verification. The national and international politics of treaty monitoring were becoming a factor during my tenure. That political dimension will add a challenging and possibly frustrating element to future commanders' jobs.

By the time I arrived on the scene at AFTAC the command had been through the alphabet soup of techniques for long-range detection and was narrowing the list down. So the intriguing cutting edge technology issues were primarily in the command's new mission areas. This continued to highlight the superb technical capabilities and ingenuity of the AFTACers. The officer and civilian engineers were always pushing the edge of the envelope to make things better or discover new approaches to the challenge of the day.

The command was indeed fortunate to have some of the very best NCOs I've met in the Air Force. The 9S (or 99) school house must have sent the NCOs through a special "MacGyver" course because the NCOs could always figure out how to make things work and to get things done. That was just the type of NCO you needed out in the field and in many of the other jobs in AFTAC!

An old fighter pilot once told me to fight for the good field assignments, because that is where the real action and fun is. That was clearly the view of AFTAC NCOs. They thrived on the challenges and hardships of the overseas and US field assignments. Whether it was stringing cable or tending to sensitive equipment in knee deep snow or 100 degree temperatures, most of the NCOs loved it. I'm convinced they all had fun driving ATVs, jeeps, or snowmobiles to the work sites—

which meant they loved doing whatever it took to get the job done.

In those places where the families could accompany the AFTACer, I always enjoyed meeting the spouses and children because they reflected the enthusiasm of the AFTACers and were an active part of the community. Life in the Dets was always close knit. The camaraderie was something that most Americans, and some Air Force members, don't have the opportunity to experience.

Each of the dets had its small ritual for visiting commanders—snowshoeing to the top of the mountain to see the repeater site, visiting the furthest borehole, playing golf in a cow pasture, or visiting the Det's favorite watering hole. Of course, these "activities" were always fun!

Clearly, the most unpleasant job I had was to begin the planning and initial steps for the closing Tech Ops Division. What a great facility and capability for this nation! It is a shame that some other option could not have been worked out allowing us to keep TOD open. One of the challenges was to persuade the 9S to move on to other tasks. We encouraged many to go to the new 9S jobs that were opening outside of AFTAC. I have run into a few of those brave enough to take the "outside" assignments and they seem to be enjoying their new work. As it turned out, they were the "experts" in their units—which is a nice position to be in. All in all, the integration of the 9Ss into the Air Force has been good for the people and their new organizations.

It has been many years since any of the commanders had previous AFTAC experience (technical or otherwise). I tried to get into AFTAC in 1977, but I had the wrong AFSC! That meant that I had to lean heavily on the key staff, such as Dr Frank Pilote, Chuck McBrearty, Dr. Dave O'Brien and the Chief (Larry Silhanek). I was fortunate in that I had vice commanders—Rick Larson, Mike Shilkitus, and Paul Guttman—who had AFTAC time earlier in their careers and returned to help lead the command.

My two-year tour at AFTAC went by at the speed of light. I always have questioned the Air Force philosophy of such rapid turn over, particularly in a technical organization. I just feel fortunate to have had the time I did with AFTAC—it is a great organization with great people!

I Remember...

AFTAC History by those who were there

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS We solicit your unclassified remembrances of highlights in your AFTAC career (events, people, etc.). Forward these memories to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

George Kraus has written a gem. Thank you so much, George. We guess all those names and details came back to you with the reunion and it's great to see alumni getting' together like that. We are proud to be one of the ways you guys communicate.

The Old Originals

GEORGE KRAUS, 00.12.4

The Yanks

Return with us now to the thrilling days of yester-year when out of the sky came 'The Yanks.' The first Yanks of the old 1009th in Alice were Team 153 (the survey team) who in 1952 came in via an USAF Globemaster aircraft. They went about their job of assessing the area for seismicity and livability quietly and efficiently. The small town was judged to be acceptable for our troops and the seismic noise level to be exceptionally low. An ideal location for our mission if a little remote.

In early 1955, Major Lester J. Jackson (Jake to us but not to his face) was selected to establish the permanent operating station. He assembled his team from some of the troops he trained at Team 143 (Ft. Sill, OK) just before training operations were moved to Lowery AFB, CO. Harold (Mac) McCarter served as liaison; Maurice (Mo) Walsh and William (Willie) Rumsey were selected for technical operations. Terry Wilkinson was selected from Pole Mountain, WY (Team 141), as chief analyst and George (Porky) Kraus was selected from Encampment, WY (Team 142), as communications supervisor. Wilkinson and Kraus also received additional analysis training at Team 139, Laramie Analysis Center, from Geotechnical Corporation employees. 2nd Lt. Clentis Bailey (da Loot) was selected from the first class from Lowery AFB to be the deputy commander and Dixie (Hal) Griffitt was selected to be an operator.

Jake and Mac arrived first and located office space and made arrangements for our arrival. We, the next six, mustered at WFO, and completed our travel requirements.

Then off to Australia, first to Hawaii via C124, Hawaii to Clark AFB via Navy R4D, bus to Manila

and to Darwin via a QANTAS Viscount. It didn't take us long to figure out that da Loot was green as grass so we assisted him making arrangements for us. We went from Darwin to Sydney and then to Melbourne to get ready for our final leg to Alice Springs. We arrived on Friday and, after clearing with the Air Attaché office, we were ready for some Aussie Beer. However, when we hit the pub in our hotel, we heard the dreaded "time, gentlemen, please" and we went dry for the entire weekend as Melbourne was dry after 1800 hrs during the week and entirely on the weekends.

Jake and Mac met us at the airport in Alice with a Weapons Carrier, the Blue Goose; we loaded our gear and proceeded to the palatial 'Bonds Hotel' with its corrugated metal buildings and two cots to a small "cell." Of course, these were the best in town so we couldn't complain. Since our equipment hadn't arrived, we were left to our own devices. Given the circumstances, we could hardly get into much trouble. We made the obligatory climb to the top of Mt. Gillian, tasted the Aussie beer, and made the acquaintance of some of the ladies of the town. Soon after, William N. (Bill/Alex) Alexander, Donald (Robbie) Robertson and David (Dave) Reasbeck arrived to complete the initial assignment of operators. Wade Jung arrived a few months later to complete the assignment of operators.

John Sistrunk came as our supply clerk; Duane Somerville was assigned as our motor pool/generator maintenance airman. Eugene Snyder was our administrative clerk and Edward Evans was assigned as the NCO IC.

The first weeks in Alice were a ball. No equipment to work with but we scoured the "bush" to find some evidence of the survey team activities but they were like the "spirits" that prowl the "outback" and we never found even a piece of old cable or a beer bottle. We made good use of our complimentary memberships to the Alice Springs Memorial Club and for at least the first few weeks, we were "shouted" the beer on tap. In order to repay the Aussies for their generosity, we, the Yanks, shouted the beer for the Friday night dance closest to the 4th of July. We repeated the gesture the next year with added decorations and entertainment. I think that this tradition was carried on for a few years afterward.

We competed in the basketball league and won the first 'Premiership' for the Yanks and even split a pair of games with a team from Darwin. It was spirited competition. Robbie carried the spirit into

the Aussie Rules Football league and when he broke his arm, Jake decided we couldn't afford to have anymore walking wounded and the playing of 'footie' was forbidden.

We had a small reunion in Colorado Springs in 1999 and of the 15 originals, six were on hand to down a brew or two. Only one of the troops couldn't be located. We are still looking for Donald J. Robertson. Dave Reasbeck and Gene Snyder have passed on, Dixie (Hal) Griffitt is in a Veteran's Hospital in Kentucky but the rest of us, although showing signs of age and dissolute living are still kicking and enjoying communicating via email and the Post-Monitor.

A BS (Barely Substantiated) Tale!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit **unclassified** humorous stories about AFTAC events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN BS column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

Ken Oyer Shares a Tale

One of my memories that still gives me a chuckle goes back to the sixties at Det O'seas. We received a FLASH message, and the personnel at our host communications support group, having never received one before, got a second one for not responding to the first one within the specified time limit. After that scenario we seemed to receive more awareness as an important customer.

Where are ya??!!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. Where we attempt to get you, the alumni reader, to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin'" - Forward these updates to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Updates column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

Vern Mikkelson

Iowa Park, TX 01.01.07

Good to hear from you even under the circumstances. My error, things just got very busy toward the end of the year, again my apologizes. My check is enclosed.

After leaving Good Old Hawaii in the Mid seventies I kind of lost track of you (our membership chair, Jim Payne) until your name turned up in the Post-Monitor. I was out to Calif. visiting Dick Bargy and playing some golf with a reunion group, in between, at McClellan.

It is good to see that your career took off when

you got back to the Main land. Just to fill you in somewhat on our time in Hawaii, I enjoyed some of the people there and got to travel a LOT. Made SMSGT and left the 1156th for a comm. Squadron on Wheeler and was DetCo for the AF Station just above Kahuku on the northeast shore (one of my most enjoyable assignments in the AF). Left there for Sheppard AFB, made CMSgt there and decided to retire and did in pay grade of E-8.

Got a really good job (about two months before I got retired) with WR Grace, Cryovac Div in the little town where we still live. Their headquarters are now in your neck of the woods, Boca Raton. I retired from Cryovac after twenty years with them, and do mostly volunteer work now for our Church in Day school activities and with church finances. That's kind of a recap of my life over the past thirty years since we parted. Maybe more than you want to know?

thanks Vern, for bringing Jim and the membership up-to-date

... and another 'Old-Timer' checks in

Robert Chadwick

Melbourne, FL

01.01.25

Started in the Outfit in 1962 as a Z1 tech, spent time at two Dets O'seas, then went to Hq Data Terminal Maintenance (Telegraph Rd) in 1967 for 4 1/2 years. They offered me Det 202 or an O'seas Det as my short tour. Momma Chadwick having not raised that much of a fool, I selected O'seas, closed the place and went to another O'seas site then another (all as an I Maint tech). Closed that one in '74 and came to Patrick. Back to Data Term Maintenance till '77, then Det 421. Came back in late '78 and took what was (I think) intended as a position emptying wastebaskets in DOK and turned it into an interesting tech control/circuit herder job till Feb 83. At that time Harris made me an offer I couldn't refuse and I've been there ever since.

See a lot of old AFTAC guys - Wally Jones, Rick Manley, Clark Creery a couple times, Howard Dibble and Tony DeMarco. Learned a long time ago never to say goodbye.

I even met your daughter-in-law (Debbie) at that time (about a year ago). I was the New Guy. It's a pleasure to be on a team with a worker like her. Better run. It's midnight. As more stories rise to the top of the cesspool of my mind I will scribble, censor and send along.

Thanks Bob, and also for the BS tale—we will publish it in the next issue ... it's always great to have one of those on tap and yours is especially entertaining ... look for it folks.

MONITORing Active-

Duty Doings' prepared by the editors from your inputs sent in from around the AFTAC World

Command Section



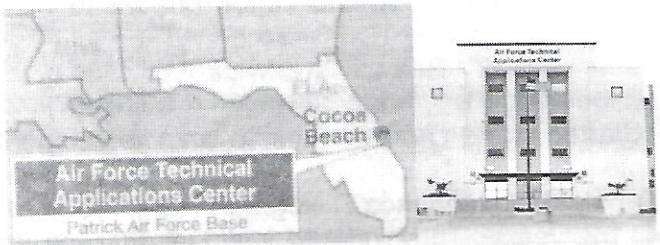
Col. Roy E.
Horton

AFTAC Commander, 2/01, previously AFTAC DO and before that, CC 91st Intelligence Sq and 694th Intelligence Group, Fort Meade, MD. He has a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, from the University of Southern California ('79) and a Master's from Defense Intelligence College, Wash. DC ('90). He is married to the former Dr. Lendra Persaud, assigned to Ft. Belvoir, VA. They have a daughter, Denise, and a son, Brian.



CMSgt Kenneth
Myers

AFTAC Superintendent, 11.98, a 20+-year AFTACer, he enlisted 3/79, trained as a scientific measurements technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from all three AF NCO Leadership schools. He has been the AF Command Senior NCO of the Year twice, '91 and '93. He served at Dets 301, 415, 421, and in the HQs with DO, CC, TT, TA, LS. Chief Myers is from Doylestown, PA. His wife Heather is from Melbourne, Florida. He has two children, Douglas and Melissa.



Biography, AFTAC CC

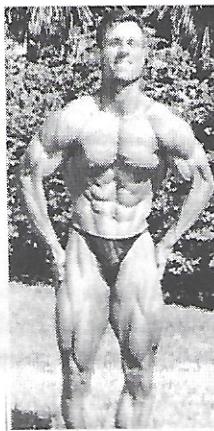
Colonel Roy F. Horton III is the Commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. AFTAC operates and maintains the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System to monitor foreign compliance with the treaties limiting nuclear testing. AFTAC's 700 people are responsible for detecting special events in the atmosphere, underwater, underground and in space; determining if they are nuclear; and reporting them to national command authorities. The USAEDS is supported by a network of trace material analysis laboratories, 14 worldwide detachments and operating locations, and approximately 50 unmanned equipment locations.

Colonel Horton was born on 4 Nov 1957 in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was commissioned in 1979 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Southern California Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He is a career intelligence officer with technical, operational and command experience in a variety of unit and staff positions in the United States and Europe. Col. Horton served as the Air Staff focal point for intelligence support to

special access programs like the F-117, B-2, and F-22. More recently, he planned and implemented the integrated operations-intelligence architecture supporting NATO operations in the Balkans.

Col. Horton is a graduate of Squadron Officer School (1984), Air Command and Staff College (1994), Armed Forces Staff College (1994), and was the National Defense Fellow for the Program in Arms Control Disarmament and International Security at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois (1998).

Welcome Col. Horton. We, the Alumni Association, look forward to working with, and supporting you in every way possible.



AFTAC MAJOR GETTING "MAJOR" RECOGNITION

SMGTT. FRED HAGANS, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It took eight tries over a span of 14 years, but when Maj. Bill Moschelle took his bow on Sept. 9 in Virginia Beach, Va., it was after accepting the first-place trophy in the middle-weight class of the 2000 Armed Forces National Bodybuilding Championships.

Moschelle, who's assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., edged out 11 other service members in the hotly-contested middle-weight class consisting of 154-176 pound competitors. He finished second overall out of the five weight-class (bantam, light, middle, light-heavy, and heavy) division winners.

"It gave me tremendous satisfaction after all those years of coming so close," said Moschelle, who previously had three second places, a third place, two fourth places, and a fifth place finish in the annual contest. "I was knocking on the door every year, and I knew if I kept plugging away I would make it. All the previous disappointments are offset by this win." Moschelle now has 15 wins for his career, which has spanned 20 years and includes 46 contests.

The 36-year-old, Clayton, N.Y., native, started bodybuilding 21 years ago with the goal of beefing up as an athlete. Once introduced to the competitive side of the sport he was quickly hooked on the new possibilities. It didn't take long however, for him to realize the dedication and diligence demanded of a competitive bodybuilder. "The first time I competed I got completely blown away, but it did motivate me," he admitted.

Chapter News

◆ AFTAC Alumni Association, Florida Chapter

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SAM SORICE - PRESIDENT

FRANK HALL - VICE PRESIDENT

2001 is in full swing and I must say we have started out quickly. So much has happened since our last Post-Monitor, I was amazed when I reviewed the activities.

The AFTAC Holiday Party was another outstanding event setting the mood for the holiday season. The Rialto Ballroom was packed full and the festivities went extremely well. The food was excellent, the music was great and as always the best part was meeting and greeting old friends and new. The Alumni that attended collectively agreed it was another great AFTAC production and we tip our hats to the many folks responsible for the fun evening.

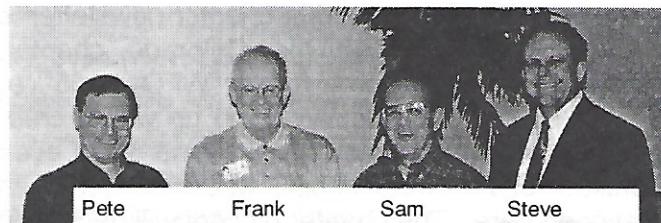
The alumni started our New Year with our third annual SnowBall. CMS Ken Myers did another outstanding job of setting up the affair and the NCO club put out a great Mexican buffet. Those of you that couldn't attend missed a fun evening of reminiscing. The highlight of the evening was announcing the winner of our Alumni of the Year award. I was pleased to announce Ben Vlassick as the recipient of this year's award. Unfortunately Ben was not able to attend, so John Horsch accepted an Alumni Golf Shirt on behalf of Ben. Ben will be receiving the award at the AFTAC awards banquet on April 4 and we will also present it to him at the association reunion in June.

We also attended the AFTAC change of command in February. We said goodbye to Col Paul Dettmer after a very short stay at AFTAC. We appreciate the fine support he provided to the Alumni during his stay. Col Dettmer always made us feel welcome and recognized the many contributions made by our membership. We salute the Dettmers and wish them Godspeed and good tailwinds.

As we bid farewell to the Dettmers we welcome Col and Mrs. Roy Horton. Col Horton has spent the past 6 months as the Director of Operations and assumes Command with a good working knowledge of AFTAC. Sir, we look forward to working with you and pledge our continued support.

The next few months promise to be just as excit-

ing; the awards banquet in April, the AFTAC picnic in May and our spring golf tournament in May. I hope to see you at these functions and look forward to your continued support of our Alumni association.



BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members
Elected

President-Sam Sorice

Vice-Frank Hall

Secretary-Pete Towell

Treasurer-Steve Cook

Appointed

Heritage Hall Committee

Frank Hall, Clark Creery and Larry Silhanek

Activities-Ken Myers

Hospitality-Judy Milam

Internet Communications-Mike Black and Dave Johnson

Membership-Jim Payne

Newsletter-John and Chris Horsch

Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

December 2000 – February 2001:

- The Executive Board continues to seek an acceptable solution to the Constitution and By-Laws changes required by AF regulations for private organizations operating on base
- Plans are underway for the spring golf tournament. Hope to see you there—even if you're not a golfer. Remember, we can always use help registering guests, selling "mulligans" (a golfer thing), keeping score, etc.
- Members who have not paid their annual dues will be dropped from the rolls if dues are not paid by this month.
- Snowball III—our wintertime informal banquet—was held 13 January, with a Mexican theme and menu. Once again, this was a fun party. We offer our thanks to Ken Myers for making the arrangements.
- The AFTAC Spring Picnic will be held 5 May at the Wickham Park Pavilion in Melbourne. You're sure to find plenty of Alumni at this annual event.
- Clark Creery has agreed to take on responsibility for ensuring current events are placed on our Internet Homepage. If you haven't looked at the site lately, check it out!
- In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, Col Horton, new CC, will be given honorary membership in the Association.

West Coast Chapter/California

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG, EDITOR/CHAPTER SECRETARY

"Name Our Newsletter" Contest

It's been suggested that we name our newsletter. Everyone at our last meeting seemed to think that it's a great idea. The Florida chapter newsletter is the "Post-Monitor" and the Colorado chapter, "Echoes." I'm sure some former WFO, 1155th or Tech Ops Div member can come up with a creative suggestion for a newsletter name. We'll even consider entries from people who've never been stationed here. The chapter officers will decide on the name and appropriate prize for the person submitting the winning entry, so put your creative talents to work. Send your entry to Joe Johnson at our address or e-mail it to: TOD.alumni@bigfoot.com. We'll announce the winner in June.

Spring 2001 Get-Together

Already underway are plans for our next outing. Based on input from members we decided on the Amtrak trip to Oakland and cruise aboard FDR's "Floating White House." We are looking at spring for this event. Joe Johnson and Orv Pritchard are getting all the details and arrangements made.

Let us know if you're interested in participating. The final date will be announced in March and immediately published in the newsletter.

Words From The Prez' - Joe Johnson

Harm Aning has accepted a promotion with SBC Communications (Pacific Bell) and has moved to St Louis, MO. He has resigned his position as Director at Large and Membership Chairman. In accordance with our chapter articles of association, Chairman of the Board Jack Allison, President & Director Joe Johnson and Vice President George Thompson selected Bob Fitzgerald to replace Harm. Bob accepted the position and will serve the remainder of Harm's term.

Since it is too expensive to notify each of you of every meeting, we have set up our meetings for the rest of the year. The quarterly meetings for 2001 are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 7pm, on Mar 6th, Jun 5th, Sep 11th and Dec 4th at the McClellan Air Museum. Others will be held as needed. If you have any questions or topics you wish to bring up, call me at 916-783-8676 prior to a scheduled meeting and I'll include it on the agenda. Hope for a great turnout at the AFTAC 2001 reunion. Will you be there?

ECHOES Colorado

SUBMITTED BY BRYCE DUNN, ECHOES EDITOR AND BEN VLASSICK, PRESIDENT

NATIONAL REUNION 2001, Denver CO

The Colorado Chapter will host the next National AFTAC Alumni reunion. Dates are 14 - 17 June 2001. Any and all personnel that have ever served with AFTAC, SWS, 1009th, WFO, worldwide detachments, etc., are invited and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. Questions: Contact Ben Vlassick, 303-690-1239, or, "aftacco@aol.com".

Late Breaking News

BEN VLASSICK, 3/3/01

The Reunion 2001 Committee has advised that they can continue accepting reservations for the June 14 reunion. The response has been excellent so far with 150 planning to attend at this time. There is still room for more. So, don't hesitate to join us in Colorado.

The registration form has been prepared and is available on the following pages of this newsletter and on the alumni association's webpage.

For this event to be a total success we need you and yours to be there—please register NOW!!!!

To date, the Committee of volunteers that are working the reunion are, Chairman/Co: Ben Vlassick/Earl Pierce, Treasurer: Bill Schmid, Data Processing: Bob Tomlinson, Facilities: Chuck Toner, Ed Gardner, Ben V, Registration: F. Lepus, Bill Braukman, Hospitality: L. Gibbons, Tom Miller, Jack Smith, Dick Plan, Golf Tournament: Jack Smith, Souvenirs: Bryce Dunn, Rick Phillips, Newsletter, Recorder: Bryce Dunn, Entertainment, Photographer: Bill Harris, Tours: Earl Pierce, Tony Ferese, MC: Dick Plan

When AAACO hosted the Reunion in '96, the Golf Tournament was canceled due to a lack of participants. Jack requires your support if we are to have one in 2001.

The Colorado General Membership Meeting was held on Oct. 28th at the Plainsman III.

Twenty members showed up and enjoyed breakfast and camaraderie. Two meetings (April and October), a summer picnic and a winter social, per year, were decided as sufficient.

It was also noted that Bill Harris had registered the name AFTACCO.org and started a web site. At this site you will find links, information about the chapter and how to join, and a page full of pictures of chapter activities as well as great memory joggers. Always something new to see, so check in often.

REUNION 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

◆ AFTAC Alumni Association, Florida Chapter

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THIS FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE AFTAC ALUMNI WEBPAGE, 'CSHQ.COM/AFTACALUMNI', ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

(Please Print)

Name(s): Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guests: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

(Please include a head count for each activity, even when there is no associated cost).

****Registration will start Thursday, June 14, at 10 AM in the hotel lobby.—Packets with information will be available at that time.****

1. Reunion Administrative Fee (Badges, etc.)@ \$ 5.00/person.....X ____ = \$ _____

2. Golf Tournament (Friday, June 15, 7:30 AM) (price includes green fees, carts & prizes). Shotgun start with a minimum of 40-people. An additional \$6.00 is required for the shotgun start. Transportation will be provided to the golf course if required. Guests are welcome

MEN = ____ # WOMEN = ____ \$ 40.00/person X ____ = \$ _____

3. Ice Breaker with Hors D'oeuvres/Cash Bar (Friday evening, June 15, 2001)@ \$ 20.00/person X ____ = \$ _____

4. Banquet Dinner and Dance/Cash Bar (Saturday evening, June 16, 2001).....TOTAL NEXT TWO LINES = \$ _____

a. Roasted Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish and Au Jus.....\$ 32.50 X ____ = \$ _____

b. Chicken stuffed w/Rock Shrimp and Scallops w/Basil Cream Sauce.. \$ 32.50 X ____ = \$ _____

5. Tour - Detachment 045, Buckley ANGB, (Saturday Day, June 16, 2001)....(no charge)... # people ____

Transportation will be required from the hotel: YES ____ NO# people ____

6. Tour - Central City/Blackhawk (Sunday, June 17, 2001). Transportation will be provided from the hotel.

A fee is collected on the bus in exchange for tokens to be used in the casino.....# people _____

7. Brunch, Monday morning (June 18, 2001), hotel cafe (pay at the event).....# people _____

8. For the total of items 1, 2, 3, and 4 I have enclosed a check in the amount ofTOTAL \$ _____

Mail your completed form to arrive NLT 15 May and check to: Bob Tomlinson, P.O. Box 471344., Aurora, CO, 80047.

Make checks payable to **Bill Schmied** and include your check with the registration form.

Bill Schmied sends us a list of currently registered alumni as of 3/6/01 – you know you've got someone in here you want to see ... **SIGN UP NOW**

Carter, Jr Allison B, Nicholes Forrest H. & Pabst Herb & Verny, Black Richard C. & Sharon, Bridges William H, Burke Whitney P. & Susan, Byrd Lee B. & Elaine, Cline Lee E. & June Hesperia, Ferris Clifford & Patricia, Goodreau Francis M. & Irene, Johnson Joe M. & Gayle, Thompson George J, Waters George & Gennie, Braukman Bill & Marge, Colton Milo L. & Garnet, Defler Bruce H. & Susan, Doughty Al & Margaret, Dunn Bryce & Sue, Feakes Glen A. & Joncee, Gardiner Edward T, Gibbons Lonnie E. & Ginny, Harris Bill & Garneth, Lachner Gerald O. & Mattie, Lemois Linda M, Long Earnie & Joyce, McAllister Wilbur C. & Lois, McKenna Ed & Ima Jean, Metcalf Norm, Miller Tom & Monique, Minamoto Mike & Shirley, Phillips Richard S, Platt Dick & Gayla, Proctor William W. & Zola, Romanchuk Peter, Schmied Bill & Sue, Smith Jack F. & Helen, Tomlinson Bob & Sandy, Toner Chuck & Jerri, Vlassick Ben & Ginger, Ware Tom & Barbara, Zahm Wayne & Catherine, Butler Doris I, Calenda Frank S. & Edna, Cauda Jerome E, Currier Jr. Lewis W, Gailey Carl W. & Mayme, Horsch John T. & Chris, Milam Judithe E. & Auburn M, Preston Dean & Janet, Cotter Leo J. & Dot, Rose Thomas H, Cronin George & Sherry, Jones Max H, Lyon James F. & Ruby, Spencer Susan, Winter Frank & Monai, Lyslo Elling O. & Mary, Richardson Jon & Violet, Mosley Don & Verna, Vernon Donald L. & Ann, Bruner Griffen L. & Karen, Johnson Robert D. & Joyce, Ramrath Thomas J. & Jeri B, Deal Richard A. & Barbara, Strock Robert E. & Esther Dalton, Jones Leroy & Ruth, Nargoski Leon E, Stern Warren G. & Beth, McGuire Frank & Donna, Flener James B. & Jahron, Kimball Jack & Wanda, Normington W.E. & Reiko, Soucia Charles J. & Joan, Tasto Dennis C. & Doris, McCarty Dwight E. & Beverly, Williams George M.

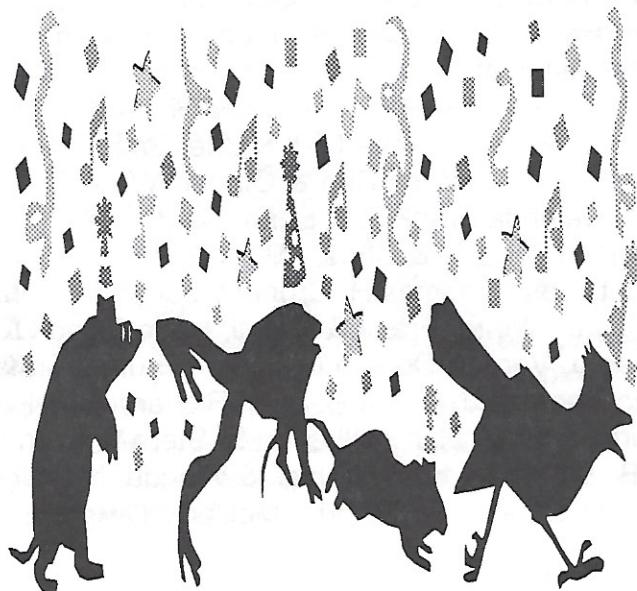
HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The reunion will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. (The Doubletree was formerly the Red Lion where the 1996 reunion was held across street from Stapleton - old airport). A special reunion room rate of \$78.35 is available. Toll free number: 1-800-222-8733, Local: 303-321-3333.

When you call the hotel for reservations, be prepared with a credit card and tell them you are participating in the AFTAC Reunion. Reservations must be made prior to May 25, 2001. Special rate may not be available after May 25. You will be given a confirmation number. Hotel reservations must be canceled 24-hours in advance if your reservation is to qualify for a refund. Contact the hotel directly if you need to cancel.

SHUTTLE: The hotel's shuttle service to and from DIA airport runs 7 days a week from 4:30 am to 12:30 am rotating every 30 minutes. At DIA, West Terminal pickup is Door 512; East Terminal pickup is at Door 505. The hotel also offers a shuttle service to Downtown Denver and the Cherry Creek Mall 7-days a week. Information is available at the Guest Service Desk. From DIA, you can call the hotel at local number 303-321-3333 (ten digits are required) for shuttle info if necessary. Airline travelers that will be renting a car should compare fares to Colorado Springs airport. Often, a better fare is possible.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car has a booth in the hotel lobby. The only advantage in using the hotel booth at this mailing is a tax savings. A group rate cannot be negotiated at this time.



Golf n'Getogether from page 1

Did you enjoy the last tournament that we held in November '00? Well, if you did we have another one that should be better than the last one. We will play on the Friday, June 8th 2001, at the Cocoa Beach Country Club Golf Course, swinging out at 1300 (1 p.m.). We will be playing a scramble or select shot, as many golfers know it. Recommend that you sign up as a team, but if you cannot find enough players please call in and sign up as single golfers. We will certainly find a team for you to play with.

We are looking at holding it to 144 players and it will be first come, first selected to play. The cost will be \$30.00 for AFTAC Alumni members and \$35.00 for everyone else. This price includes green fees and cart, bar-b-que dinner and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day (and evening).

If anyone would like to attend just for the camaraderie, food and awarding of prizes, the cost will be \$9.00 per person. Prizes will be awarded immediately after golf and during dinner at the Cocoa Beach Country Club Pavilion.

For details and signup call:

Nancy Frey at 779-6046

Pat Snyder at 494-6867

CALENDAR

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend these events for fellowship and participation.

ALWAY VERIFY (PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867, BEFORE COMING

—Board/membership meetings are normally scheduled for the second Monday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: Lobby, AFTAC HQ building

HOW: come to lobby, you will be met and escorted

—WindDowns are normally scheduled for the first Friday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the Outback)

HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

April, 2001

6th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
9th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

May

4th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
14th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting
End of Month - Post Monitor mailing

June

1st, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
11th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Special Events

April 4th—Command Awards Ceremony
PAFB NCO Club,
Pat Snyder, 494-6867, for info/tickets

May 5th—Command Spring Picnic
Wickham Pavilion

Pat Snyder, 494-6867, for info/tickets

June 8th—AFTAC Alumni Association Golf
N'Getogether, Cocoa Beach Course
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June 14th - 17th—National AFTAC Alumni
Reunion, Denver Colorado
see Page 1 and 13 and 14

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Red	2	3	4	2
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Maroon	3	4	3	3

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Purple	2	2	3	2
Red	2	2	3	2
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Jade Green	2	4	4	2
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Sagey sez "Alex, looks like the Sages have a lot of big events coming up ... awards, the picnic, golf and the National Reunion...you interested???



"You betcha, but I'm having trouble trying to reply. They keep running away and my email has stopped working ... what a croc, I say, pardon the expression."

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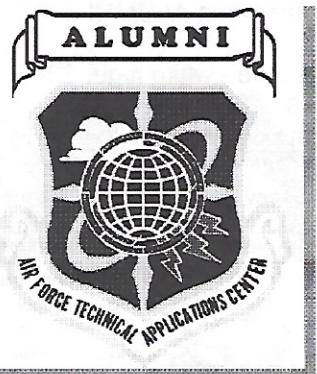


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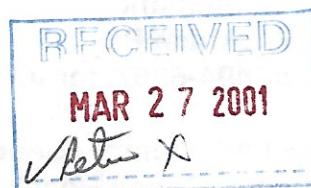
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