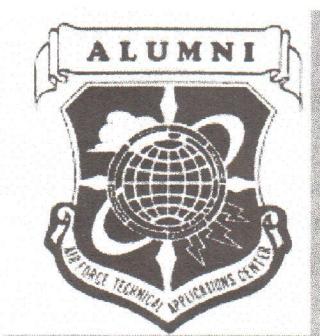


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The Alumni Anthem
Over the years and at
younger ages ...
GS, E and O were our
gauges

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



submitted by the editors

We recognize Tom this quarter for the many positive events he shepherded in his two year tenure ('96/97) as our president. He oversaw increases in membership and sponsored events, improved revenue management, and, most importantly, the alumni reunion at the celebration of the 50th LRD and Air Force Anniversary.

This service as president continued Tom's contributions to AFTAC. Col. (Ret.) Tom Niquette was on active duty from Jun. '62 to Aug. '92, spending Jun. '74 to Aug. '91 with AFTAC. As an AFTACer he started as Chief, Air Operations Branch, Reconnaissance Operations Division, then to Chief, Inspections Branch, Office of the IG. In '78, he was the Ops. officer at the 1155th - in '81, the Commander of the 1157th, from there he moved on to become the DO at Hqs. in '83, and then from '89 to '91 he was the Commander of the Pacific Technical Operations area.

Currently Tom is at Baytree National Country Club where he always makes himself available to lend a hand organizing golf matches and helping with the myriad of details.

Thanks Tom, for serving AFTAC and the alumni in so many ways-you have made us all better.

Alumni Association Honoring High Five

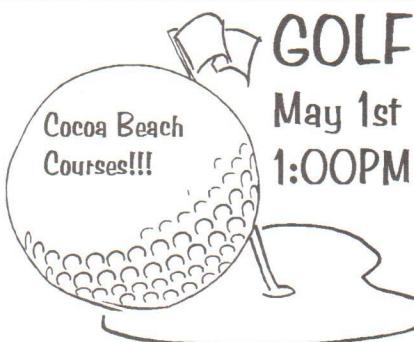
submitted by the editors



Come one!! Come all!! We are going to honor some people who have made critical contributions to the Alumni Association over the last 5 - 6 years ...

Frank Hall, Judy Milam, Clark Creery, Carl Gailey and Ben Vlassick. The first four have been tireless in maintaining the Florida chapter going back to a time when it had, virtually, become nonexistent - the same can be said for Ben concerning the Colorado Chapter. These five have stayed the course, promoting events, planning reunions, and altogether, bringing the overall association to where it is today.

And what a thanks it will be. Shuttle Orbitor Atlantis, STS-86, 9/25-10/6/97, carried aloft ten AFTAC Bronze coins for the association-thanks to Capt. Deborah Werling, the 50th Anniversary Chairperson and Matt Audo, 45SW, AF 50th Chairperson. These coins are back on earth and no more deserving people could be selected to receive the first five. So, plan now! Be there, (pg 3)



Join us again!
submitted by Frank Hall

Get your clubs out and dust them off. It's that time of year when the AFTAC Alumni Association sponsors the spring outing and get-together. This time we are going to change the location - we will play the golf tournament at Cocoa Beach on two of their excellent courses. The tournament is scheduled for the 1st of May at 1:00 in the afternoon. The cost is \$34 which (pg 3)

Please keep us informed of correct addresses-many issues are still not deliverable. The Postal Service does not forward these-they send a postcard with the new address-postage due and with an added fee. These costs are not included in dues and penalize other membership areas , i.e., expenditure of additional funds and staff time.

ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

 Congratulations Judy Milam, our 1997 Alumni of the Year. For all she does, and has done, Judy is most deserving of this honor. She is our "perennial" secretary and has served the alumni since '89 - a formal presentation was made at the AFTAC Annual Awards Dining Out on March 5th. Judy joins Clark Creery ('95) and Carl Gailey ('96) as recipients of this high honor.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in March 1985 and chartered later that 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 are \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), payable in October, or \$75 for a lifetime membership. You're encouraged to attend the regularly 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 verification and information about the association, its meetings or membership, contact Mary Welch at (407) 494-6867 (daytime) (407) 259-0629 (evenings) or Judy Milam at (407) 494-3871 (daytime). Dues, membership applications, and other queries/information may be mailed to:

AFTAC Alumni Association

PO Box 254892

Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

The association publishes a quarterly (Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.) newsletter, the "Post-Monitor," (taking its name from the AFTAC active-duty publication, the "Monitor") (staff information below) and has a Webpage with association and alumni information - "<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>", Webmeisters are Dave Johnson and Mike Black

Colorado chapter

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

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.

Your Newsletter Staff

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Straight from the Horsches' Mouth

"58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

FIRST...Congratulations Judy (see left)!!

We are excited about this issue for several reasons, and we sincerely hope you will let us know what you think about some of these ideas. What with the anniversary celebration being completed (we do have several mentions of it in this issue) and no longer having this, and Mary Welch's excellent history, to relate, we felt we needed some ongoing columns to add value, and reasons to want to read and receive, this newsletter.

So...the thinking caps went on and here's what we came up with - we need you to take the time to write to keep these going (initial response has been fantastic and we ask you "keep it up"). Frank Hall and Clark Creery came up with the idea of you bringing us up to date with your life "since we last knew ye" ... this first effort is in this issue as a "Where Are Ya!" column (pg 4). We came up with the idea of columns concerning your AFTAC experiences, both humorous (see column "This Really Happened?" pg 4), and serious (see column "I Remember" pg 4). We hope you will enjoy these and help us keep them alive.

The association has been busy on some other fronts. We now have AFTAC Alumni license plates for sale (Tom Niquette idea, Carl Gailey made it so) (see "Shopping Center" to purchase (pg 19) - and our new Vice, Dave Johnson, has us trying some new territory. In an attempt to reach more people we are going to sponsor a "Winddown" - this is something the active-duty have been doing for some time and we thought our sponsorship/attendance would be a good way to "get to know each other" (details on page 3). We're preparing Alumni Association Member badges - these will be very professional looking and extremely handy at events members are attending (details see page 3).

We've also planned an April 25 event to honor five alumni who have made extremely significant contributions to the association and there will be golf on May 1st (details of both, page 1). And don't forget the picnic on April 26th (details, 3).

So, you can see we're busier than ever, come on out and say howdy to some old friends.

High Five (from pg 1) we'll have a mini -reunion and salute our High Five, guaranteed joviality, details:

When: April 25th, 5:30-6:30pm, Cocktails, then Dinner, choice of Medallions of Tenderloin or Broiled Red Snapper (with salad, rolls, 2 veg., dessert, and a wine carafe for each table)

Where: PAFB NCO Club, Space Heritage Room Cost: \$15

Dress: Causal **RSVP To:** Judy Milam, 494-3871 by 4/21/98

GOLF (from pg 1) covers green fees, carts, prizes, drinks on the course and at the turn, and food in the pavilion after golf. Many of you probably remember that we gave away over \$2000 of gifts following the October 1997 outing. We hope to exceed this prize amount on May 1st.

We are limited to 144 participants. It will be **first come, first served** and we have turned away golfers in the past. Again, we will be playing a Four Person Select Shot format (Scramble). Handicapping will be by teams, but you can sign up individually and be placed on a team.

And if you don't play golf come out later. We'd like to encourage AFTACers, alumni and active, to join us for a sociable get-together after the game...most everybody is there and we'll feed you for just \$7... just let us know and come on out.

Contact Judy Milam at 494-3871 or Frank Hall, 773-2430 or 867-1613.

Association GOLF & Get-Together - Done Right!

**WHAT IS THIS? IT'S
AN ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS BADGE!**

**HOW DO I GET
ONE?** submitted by the editors

BACKGROUND: At the January meeting it was decided it would be useful to make a badge available to asc. members. The badge would quickly identify who's who at appropriate events and, with some personal information included, be a starting point for some lively interaction with each other and with todays active duty. The design chosen is shown here. The circle of words around the AFTAC logo identify Florida Chapter Asc. membership - leftside is assignments, rightside, techniques. Very sharp looking!!

Well, first you have to be a member, then you send in the information you want on the badge, name, assignments or office symbols, techniques you worked in - if necessary, summarize to avoid providing more data than can be put on the badge (3 1/2 x 2).

Send this in to **Judy (Milam)** - Judy gets picked because, as you can see, she got badge #1 and is the only person who knows how to do this. Use a copy of the following form (or a like format) to submit.



OFFICIAL BADGE FORM

To: AFTAC Alumni Association
ATTN: Badge Person, Judy Milam
PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

or e-mail Judy at "judym@aftac.gov"

Judy, please make me one of those Alumni Asc. Members Badges, Name, _____, Assignments (shorten as much as possible, i.e. det numbers, abbreviations, etc.)_____

Techniques, office symbols, or other descriptive info. about your tenure in AFTAC _____

Thanks, I understand this badge will be prepared as time permits, and when completed, made available to me at association sponsored/attended events. Signed

END OF OFFICIAL FORM

SO, I SEE I'VE GOT TO GO TO AN 'EVENT' TO PICK UP MY BADGE ...

WHEN IS ONE OF THOSE GOING TO HAPPEN? They happen all the time, meetings, golf matches, socials, ceremonies and at a

PICNIC WE'VE GOT COMING UP, the AFTAC annual Spring picnic will be on Sunday, April 26 at Wickham Park. This is always a great event with games and food for all. Ticket prices are not yet known, but are usually in the range of \$5-8 per person...we can also use help with the "beer wagon" - manning this is an alumni tradition...call if you want to help. And also, let me tell you about a

WINDDOWN THATS COMIN' UP ON JUNE 5TH Monthly, active duty get together at the "outback" (a barbecue/sheltered area behind the hq's building) and have a time of reflection, refreshment and renewal.

To increase alumni/active duty interaction the association will sponsor the June 5th Winddown (combined officer/enlisted). This event will begin at 3:30pm and last several hours.

The Assn. will be providing refreshments - liquid and solid - all alumni are invited - come on out and see some old friends and make some new ones. The active duty are interested in what and who came before them, so, bring your expertise and tell 'em how tough it was and how you did it.

AND HOW ABOUT THOSE LICENSE PLATES

THE EDITORS WERE BLABBERIN' ABOUT Yes, we have alumni plates for all desiring to

PLATES (from pg 3) "show their colors". They are spiffy looking with the AFTAC logo, in color, in the center and "AFTAC ALUMNI" (in the blue used on the logo) on the sides, as scanned here. \$7/members, \$10/nonmembers Ordering instructions, page 19.



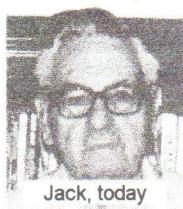
I REMEMBER

AFTAC HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE...

prepared by the editors from your inputs. We solicit your unclassified remembrances of highlights in your AFTAC career (events, people, etc.). Forward these significant memories to us at "chrisjohn@juno.com" or ATTN: Remembrance column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks

How McClellan Came To Have Tech Manuals

Recall provided by Jack Binkerd (extracted from his letter)



Tech writing has a soft spot in my head. If I remember right, I started the Tech Writing section at McClellan AFB. As all our equipment and its application was classified there wasn't a unit assigned to that task. It is interesting how I wound up in it. Simple, I was newly assigned to the 1155th TOS, as a MSgt. I had just finished the B Systems school, where I had nearly washed out because I couldn't read the films too well. It was a good optometrist at McClellan that determined my trouble, over 40 years of age! Well, I needed bifocals.

AFTAC has always had outstanding people, so here I was, an extra MSgt. Then I became a SMSgt. Egad, what will we do with him? The leaders of the Q and B systems were doing an outstanding job. So, give him some manuals, a couple of airmen with English in their background and see what he can do with the manuals. I burned a lot of midnight oil learning tech writing techniques and editing. I started out with 3 airmen in a corner of the maintenance room, my section walled off by metal cabinets to give a bit of privacy. I became an empire builder.

We started to work on the manuals, and I would like to think we did a good job. I also think I made some contributions to the unit. Then when the time came that I determined that I would retire they brought a GS-9/trainee

11 to replace me. I went back to the Q systems. As soon as my replacement came in I turned most of the work over to him. The new Q system was coming in, and I had not been trained on it. So I made a deal, I'd go FIGMO. I had never done that, I came in and worked the mornings on the old Q. I did have the task of writing the final disposition on a suggestion that I had initiated when I was in Det 329. A fitting end for an old soldier (sic).

THIS REALLY HAPPENED?

prepared by the editors from your inputs. We solicit your unclassified-humorous stories about AFTAC events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your stories to us at "chrisjohn@juno.com" or ATTN: BS column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish as we can. Thanks

On Our Way to the Manuals

Again, extracted from Jack's letter

An interesting anecdote: **LTC. Bond**, our section chief, has a marvelous sense. We worked on the manual, bringing it up to date and eliminating errors. We were quite proud when we presented the completed manual to this inspection. He opened the book, turned a couple of pages and said what about this and this? The only two mistakes in the book, and he zeroed in on them.

We left his office wondering if he had a crystal ball, voodoo or just how did he do it. He did have a masters in English and another in Math. He was a fine officer and a very good leader.

WHERE ARE YA?!!!

by our Rovin' Reporter, Clark Creery - where, through this newsletter or through more direct contact, we attempt to get you, the reader, to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin" since last heard from - drop Clark a note at www.webpages/metrolink.net/~clark312 or www.metrolink.net - look for users homepages, Click on Clark312, snail mail is Clark E. Creery, 578 Ford Circle West, Melbourne, Florida 32935, email: clark312@metrolink.net or Clarkie123@aol.com, Electronics: 477-259-8140, Carrier Pigeon: look for the white roof and the squirrels

Following reprints Clark's initial 2/9 email solicitation
The AFTAC Alumni is alive and well. We had our monthly meeting this evening and the subject of - naturally Alumni came up! The president told me that it would be interesting if I could find out where some of the alumni were and what they were doing now that they were away from the outfit. Well, me being an ex-Q troop, I decided to let the electronic media do my walking.

I would love to get a note from each of you. Tell me who you are, where you are, and what you are doing

now that you are out and about. We will post the results in subsequent issues of the Post Monitor.

Can you believe that we have already grown to 266 on electronic mail? This has potential and if you folks would like me to keep you informed between newsletters, let me know. Thanks gang.

Editors note: and here are the initial replies, keep 'em comin'

ERIC LARSON

The former DO at Det 407 (79-82) CC at Det 460 (82-85) DO at TOD (85-89), ADO and DO at HQ (91-93) and AFTAC/CV (95-97) is the Air Force Liaison Officer at THE Central Intelligence Agency. I will never be eligible to be "hung" on Mary's wall in the basement, but my heart is in the right place.

DOUG CAIN

Doug Cain: SC (SSgt, 1988-1990) Contractor for Lockheed Martin working on EPA's web site; living on a farm south of Raleigh, NC.

RALPH SIMONTON

I hope you know what you've asked for! Anyway, this is Ralph Simonton, also an ex Q troop (as well as Z, O and a little U). When I retired from the AF in '72, I attended seminary in California and have been pastoring Baptist churches here for about twenty years, often holding down a secular job as well. I ended up putting in enough time at civil service positions in electronics and quality assurance that I was able to retire in '96. I am still pastoring a small church here in Lancaster, CA, but nothing else, except for watching my roof leak and griping about El Nino. It's about time I retired from more active pursuits, since at 64 I don't have the oomph I once had. One of these days I'm going to make it to one of those AFTAC get-togethers and see if my contemporaries have aged as gracefully as I have. I wish more of us old geezers were on line. I am too lazy to write snail mail, but have a lot of fun with the electronic kind. If **Stew Earl** ever gets on line, I'll get back in touch with him. We had a lot of fun together at the 1157th just before I retired. Take care and thanks for the holler. I'm always glad to hear what's going on with the alumni, even if they don't know that the singular of alumni is alumnus. Editor note: Ralph, thanks for your update and attempt to provide grammar guidance concerning the use of the word "alumni" - however, we have been down this road before. Our senior grammaticalist advises popular usage of this word has resulted in allowing its use both singularly and as a plural.

LOUIS GERSHMAN

Who you are: Louis Gershman, Where you are: 9518 Black Thorn Lane, San Antonio TX, 78240-4968, What you are doing: Retired (Lt Col.) January 1, 1997, Currently a Senior Systems Engineer for BTG, Incorporated, San Antonio Operations

BOB MORTON

I was Deputy AQ under **Bob Beale** and **Rich Krebs**

(84 - 90). Still live in Satellite Beach and work in Hardware Engineering at CSR...in the south end of Bldg 989--just next door to the HQ. I think it would be great to receive "interim" email reports or pieces of interesting tidbits that maybe don't make it into Post Monitor due to space limits.

T KLINE

I'm working with a tenant organization inside building 989, the Central MASINT Technology Coordination Center. I'm working for Zel Technologies, LLC and support the Chemical and Biological Weapons Team responsible for performing R&D for MASINT sensor technology.

ED DUFFY

I left AFTAC and the Air Force in 1988. After 10 years, it was an important decision but one that I do not regret. I do, however, miss the AF and the unique people I met in AFTAC.

Since that time I have finished a BS in Management. I work for Panasonic in Troy Ohio as Production Control Manager. My wife and I own and operate Paisan's Pizza and Subs, also in Troy.

However, the military is still in our blood. My son, Jon, just finished a 3-year hitch in the Army at Ft. Carson, Colorado. My daughter, Lydia, will graduate from the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in June. She has a date at flight school in Pensacola in November.

PAUL THEE

Greetings from Kirtland AFB, NM! I served as a Captain at HQ AFTAC from 86-91 in TX and TN with Mr Singlevich and LtCol Teynor. Presently, I am in the AF Research Lab, Space Vehicles Directorate as Branch Chief of Space Sensing and Vehicle Control Branch. AFTAC was definitely my BEST assignment!

TOM DUNN

I'm still right here in Melbourne, FL., working at the Cape with Johnson Controls. Enjoyed seeing everyone at the 50th. Saw some people I hadn't seen in quite a few years. **Frank & Irene Goodreau** (was Frank's neighbor at Sacramento, he & Irene are 2 of the nicest people I know) and **Bill Johnson** (he was my boss when I was building Q sets at Sacramento in '59- 60).

KEN STANFORD

Col (Ret) Kenneth L. Stanford, HQ/DOR 79-83, HQ/CV 92-95, 43219 Summithill Ct, Ashburn, VA 20147, (703)724-7891 (H)(703)358-9090 x 6042 (TASC office), (703)808-6625 (current work site), "Beltway Bandit," TASC, INC; Rosslyn, VA, Office

KERI ROBINSON

Where am I? As I write this, I'm sitting in the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn. I'm working for Pacific Northwest

National Laboratory as a nuclear scientist. I still maintain close contact with the AFTAC folks, including working a few projects for the folks in TM. Currently located in Richland WA. Skiing is great, nothing like the great northwest.

JOHN BRADFORD

I am currently living in Niceville FL (in the panhandle). I am attending the University of West Florida full time in pursuit of a BS in Computer Science. I am almost finished with my junior year and am doing OK. I guess all of my brain cells aren't dead because I've consistently made the Dean's list.

Pam is doing OK too. She is starting an embroidery business and is excited by it. Cassandra and Jennifer are doing well in school and their health is good too. My health is good and getting better (however I could stand to lose a few dozen pounds). My transplanted liver and kidney are fine.

TERRY DARBY

My name is Terry Darby. I was at HQ from 81-83 and worked for the DO. I am living in metro Atlanta. I have 3 children and am currently in the process of establishing my own travel center. At the present, I own a roller skating rink. I had some great times at AFTAC. Good Memories!

BILL HARRIS

Bill Harris here. Former Q tech. In from May'69 - May '73. School at Lowry (now closed!). Year at Shemya, Det 205 from June '70 - June '71. (I've hooked up with Cokehunter@AOL.COM, Tom Hilton. He was on The Rock about the same time) Married in Denver on the way to HQ, then in Alexandria. Moved with the outfit to Patrick AFB in September '72. Data lines, then film review until I got out in May '73.

Moved out to Denver in December, 1973, been here ever since. After a few years of DJ work, became broadcast engineer in '79, now Director of Engineering for 3 of 6 stations owned by Chancellor Media Corp here in Denver. Would really love to hear from former 99ers, especially Q, such as your-self...and ESPECIALLY from anyone who was on Shemya

JOHN PERRY

Here's an update on me. I served in the USAF Aug. 63 to Aug. 67. Went to school at Lowry AFB in Q-systems and was stationed at McClellan after graduating from Tech. School in 64. Later, I was trained in F-systems and worked on both air and sea platforms. It has been about 30 years since I was at McClellan. Those were the good old days. I can still remember those TDY's from McClellan as if it were yesterday, especially the duty in Hawaii, suffering for the AF. It was a tough job, but somebody had to do it. After the AF, I went to work for Motorola SPD in Phoenix. Seven years later, I left Motorola and worked for several other

companies. Then for eight years I was Manager of Applications and Field Service for Tesec Inc., a Semiconductor Tester and Handler manufacturer. In 91, I started my own electronic consulting business and after completing a contract with International Rectifier, went back to Motorola. My wife's name is Becky, we have been married for 27 years and have three sons. We have lived in Arizona most of our lives and enjoy the climate.

PATRICK BURKE

My name is Whitney (Patrick) Burke. I am currently in the San Francisco bay area working for Tandem Computers Inc., a Compaq company. I am managing our India operations which consists of three different locations, Mumbai, Punna, and Bangalore, India. It seems like I never got the travel bug out of my system.

While not very active in the organization, I manage to watch the communications go by and one of these days plan to attend one of these reunions if I can find a gap in my worldwide tour.

MURF.....PATRICK MURPHY

I'm alive and well and working for CTI in Satellite Beach...I'm able to maintain contact with a lot of my friendships developed and matured at AFTAC. Still manage to play volleyball in the Outback Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for those who feel so inclined. Can't make the meetings on Monday nights due to Leadership Meetings at the church I attend. Enjoy reading the Post Monitor and appreciate all the efforts by you, Judy Milam, Mary Welch, Frank Hall, Tom Niquette, etc.

DOUG MCGEE

This is Robert 'Doug' McGee. I was a 99125A and was sure sad to see the last bird depart for Wright-Patt on the last flight for a sampling mission. I hope it was doing a background run to wrap up the operation instead of just dead-heading to the museum.

Well, quickly, to update. I left in 1968, joined the Army as a helicopter pilot, went to Vietnam (and other SE Asian locations on a scenic tour with the Special Ops guys) Enjoyed myself so much, I stayed in to retire in 1984 as a UH-60 maintenance test pilot with the 82nd Airborne. I'm now the Command Language Program Manager for the US Special Operations Command working out of the JFK Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, NC. Our office develops, coordinates, and executes the foreign language training program for approximately 12,000 special operations personnel. Keeps us busy.

CRAIG EMERSON

Craig Emerson here. I got your message requesting where and what I'm doing. I'm currently in Binghamton, in upstate New York, attending college. I'm working on my electronics degree after being a '104. I occasionally

spend some money and travel around visiting my buddies from 452. Still looking for old buddies from depot. I also spend my spare time surfing the web looking for hot job prospects. When I see them, I spread the word via e-mail to my buddies.

MIKE STESKAL

Name: Mike Steskal, Current Location: Dallas, TX, Current Company: Raytheon Systems Corporation, Current Job: Software Engineer, Up and Coming: PCS to Alice Springs, Australia, in June 98 for two week tour.

HUCK HICKSON

I am Huck Hickson. Came to AFTAC as the Programming Team Leader on the J System. Progressed to the Branch Chief, Atmospheric Software, and finished my tour in Computer Security under **Russ Boggess**. After leaving AFTAC and retiring from the Air Force, I finished my degree at Rollins and taught Adult Education classes at BCC while looking for other employment.

The good lord led me to a little company called Generex up in Cape Canaveral as a Systems Programmer Analyst Consultant on Modcomp mini-computers which finally led me to a contract at Harris and follow-on employment to support the application that was developed.

I am currently with Harris, having made it back after a 2 month layoff, working as the team leader in Desktop Support, involved with Networking, PC Repair and ordering, application problem resolution, etc.

My wife Jody and I have taken up sailing and love to get out whenever we can. In this world of do more with less, we both work half days (7am-7pm) to keep up with administrative as well as normal requirements of our jobs. As you can see, the little time we have left over goes to house chores and getting away from it all.

It will have been 10 years since I retired at the end of this month (Feb.). Do I miss it? NOT! Okay, in some ways I do...like the camaraderie and the security, but for the most part I am happy to be out and alive.

All my best to the alumni...we are one hell of an awesome group.

DANIEL BURK

Daniel Burk, RI 99105 - December 16 1986 through April 15, 1991, stationed Det 421, September 1987 - May 1990, PAFB, Department TTD (Sub-surface data management) May 1990 - April 1991. Left AFTAC for civilian life to go to school full-time. Graduated in 1995 from Michigan State University, Bachelor's of Science, Electrical Engineering.

Currently married, with children, in Haslett, Michigan, 5 miles east of Lansing. Employed as an applications engineer in the field of shock & vibration measurement. Employed by Instrumented Sensor Technology.

MIKE CLARK

I'm Mike Clark, AFTACer from 1969 thru 1994. I work at the Center for Monitoring Research in Arlington, Va, where we are developing the prototype International Data Center.

For those who have never heard of us, we are the development center for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) monitoring capability. The actual IDC is now under construction in Vienna, Austria, and should become operational later this year. The Vienna IDC will become, in fact, an 'international AFTAC,' monitoring seismic, hydroacoustic, infrasound and radionuclides. Sound familiar? My job here is senior analyst, and we both produce a daily (mainly seismic) worldwide bulletin and do training for the international cadre who will eventually operate the Vienna center. Our current group of trainees come from countries such as Russia, China, Poland, Spain, Uganda, Zambia and Egypt. Talk about a '180' from the 'old days,' when you couldn't even talk to people from some of these places!

I was unable to make it down for the anniversary, but would have really enjoyed it, I'm sure. I still have to see if I can get a suitable picture done for the '20-year' project. As I retired at 25 years, being an AFTACer for about half the organizations' history is something I'm certainly proud of. Having the chance to actually operate and analyze several of the various techniques (mostly overseas at detachments) was quite an experience. My 'alphabet soup' included 'U,' 'Z2,' 'O,' milli 'I,' 'K,' and 'B,' with a fairly liberal exposure to operational 'T.' At the schoolhouse, I had the chance to study the science of 'B,' 'T,' and 'O' as a course developer and instructor of all three techniques.

I also got to run the old 'Q' Labmaster film processor, which we resurrected to make training copies of 'B' developorder film records for our classes.

The LRD History is a fantastic collection. This book will demonstrate to our trainees what a real-world monitoring organization is supposed to do, as the model to emulate. Nobody does it better!

ED WEISS

OK, to answer a few of your questions was discharged from AFTAC, just as the outfit was moving to Patrick Air Force Base. I hired on with Control Data Corp two weeks later. I remained with Control Data in the Washington DC/Alexandria Va area until 1981, when I transferred to Princeton N.J. I remained with Control Data till 1990 when I hired on with Cray Research. I am still in the Princeton N.J. area. I have been working on Supercomputers since I left AFTAC. I had lost touch with a lot of the old troops, and only since the internet & WWW have I been able to get back and remember the GOOD old days.

JIM MARK

I am a mostly retired pharmacist and my wife and I

lead the good life in a small town near Canton, Ohio. I entered the program in 1949 right out of Basic and was discharged in 1953 and went back to school on the GI Bill. Thanks to the AFTAC Alumni Association I was able to make contact with some of my old buddies. Keep up the good work. 129 Hartford NW, East Canton, OH 44730, JMark99158@aol.com

HARVEY SHAW

Since I am getting older I have to think a little bit before I can answer, you know how it is. I am a mail carrier delivering mail way up in Cocoa FL. It's nice to know that you are still alive and kicking.

BOB SLADEK

A short note in reply. I'm currently with Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver working with the Titan Major Proposals Team. Have been with the company a little over 10 years associated with Logistics Engineering and Systems Engineering.

RICHARD CARR

In response to your message, I'm residing in the Detroit area. I'm working for a company called Compuware Corporation as a Technology Manager in the Networking area. I've been with Compuware for about three years now and I really like the work I'm doing. I'm primarily a Professional Services Consultant which allows me to work with different companies in the Detroit area to solve their networking problems. In addition, I'm also very involved with the Compuware home office where I work with a group of Networking Specialists and Senior Specialists to help direct the Compuware's efforts in the networking area.

In answer to your query about keeping informed via email, I'm definitely interested. I've been keeping in touch with several people since my retirement in 1994 and I periodically visit the Alumni web page as well as AFTAC's. Thanks for your efforts in keeping the Alumni informed. Your efforts are appreciated.

JOHN HARDY

Greetings! I'm the John Hardy who worked in HQ SC from 1979-82 and 1985-91, and Det 460 1982-85. I am presently the Information Services Manager for the Durham County Sheriff in Durham, NC (Durham as in Bulls, Research Triangle, Duke Blue Devils, UNC Tar Heels eight miles down the road, etc). The work here is really intense because we're modernizing across the board. My Air Force and AFTAC technology experiences are standing me in good stead at present.

I retired at 20, a decision I'm still satisfied with, but boy do I miss my alma mater and all the great people I worked with for 13 years. Folks around here know how proud I am to be an old AFTACer. The one thing I say over and over again is that my part of the "military establishment" did things the right way, with fairness, feeling, and fortitude. I could never fully express the

enormous personal satisfaction and pride that I feel for having been a part of the "AFTAC experience."

I would love for any east coast travellers to stop by and say "Hi." My office is 10 minutes south of I-85, 10 minutes north of I-40 and an hour west of I-95. My number is 919-560-0890, and you have my e-mail address. Enjoyed hearing from you! More later ...

WAYNE GARRETT

Talk about a blast from the past. I'm in Denver Co.-Telecommunication Software Engineer. I've lived in Colorado since 1970. Address: 8174 West Iowa Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80232. Home 303 986-2104, Business 303 714-7440, Fax 303 714-7224, e-mail wayne.garrett@den.galileo.com, holgarrett@compuse-rve.com

DARRELL KROMKO

I live in Melbourne and am a flight test engineer working for Horizons Technology, Inc. at the Joint STARS Joint Test Force (JTF). I do mainly communications testing of the Surveillance and Control Data Link (SCDL) and the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS).

TOM HILTON

Old Q troop.. Alexandria Louisiana

LARRY HUNT

My name is Larry Hunt and I'm a former T-troop. At present I am in Arizona (Ft. Huachuca), working on a Lockheed Martin Project called IEWCS (if interested you can do a search on LMFS and IEWCS). This is a pretty big project, close to a billion dollars in total, so there is a great deal of visibility, responsibility and pressure. However, my years of training in AFTAC prepared me for the rigors of civilian life.

I am a Staff Systems Engineer (BSEE) for a company called ENSCO (they had a heavy presence in AFTAC) and it has been an exciting 8 years since I left the "Force." That's all for now.

RANDY CREAMER

Thanks for the interest. I joined USAF 12/61 and did the tour at Lowery then on to 1155th. Left there Aug. 63 and headed for DET 407. Stayed there in Count Room until Aug 1967 and discharge. At that time the wait for the next stripe was to be about 8yrs so good bye AF. It appears though that forecast was very inaccurate. I came to the 50th in Fla. and everyone that I knew as Airman 1st retired as E8 or E9---I couldn't believe my eyes. I think there were more Bird Col.s there than there were enlisted in the whole outfit.

Anyway, to your message, when I came home I played with retail sales for a while and then in 1973 went to the US Postal Service where I still am. I could retire if I didn't have two in college draining the pockets. Since finding out about declassification of AFTAC I

have been using E-mail to try to find old buddies, not too much luck yet though, found two and passed on info about WEB and boy were they surprised. If you have info on next 1155th reunion in Calif please forward. Thanks for the good time in Florida.

ELLING O. LYSLO

My name is Elling O. Lyslo. I was in AFTAC from 1961 till 1972. First I was at Det 38 as a Ground Power Tech (56750). Then I cross trained to a 99125Q and was transferred to the 1155th. There they cross trained me to A99125F (F-Troop). In 1972, I was cross trained again into 329X0, Special Electronic Equipment. After school in Denver, tours in Texas, Thailand, and Florida, I retired in 1977. Went to Tech School and got an Associate degree in Marine and Small Engines. After a brief stretch as a Lawn and Lake Manager, My wife, Mary, and I were dairy farmers for 17 years in Glenwood, MN. In 1996, we retired again. Since that, we have done some traveling and very little else.

JESSE SANTOS

I'm Jesus (Jesse) Santos and presently in Merced, California. Retired 5 years ago and am about to graduate this coming May from CSU Stanislaus with a degree in bilingual education. With the present demand and shortage of bilingual teachers I shouldn't have much of a problem finding employment in the area. I'm an ex seismic and J troop. Regards to everyone.

JACK AND MARGE MILLER

Got your message and thought I should respond for once. Really thought the pictures from the 50th Anniversary on the net was really neat. Found some folks I Knew. Sorry I couldn't make the trip. Jack Miller, SEO

MATT BROWN

I am not quite alumni yet-still active with AFTAC going on 10 years. In case you still want the info-Joined up in 1988, off to Korea (452) after about a year Tech School at Lowry. Nearly two years there, then off to Australia (421) for 3 more years. Managed to find a lovely bride while there, and (not so) happily whisked her off to Alaska (460) for a long 4 years. Just got stationed here at Patrick only a few months ago, and hope to (eventually) retire a full fledged AFTAC alumni. Keep up the good work with the page, and thanks.

ART HALL

I retired from the Air Force (AFTAC) March '75. I was in Q and then F systems. When I started in Q systems there were only 3 detachments (Dets 154,155 and 156) They brought a group of us into the outfit to set up sites overseas. I was in the group that opened Det 327. Moving around AFTAC I found myself in TD-5 in 1962. I went on a TDY with "Buck" Buchanan (DRI) and some EG & G people. When we came back we used the equipment to start F systems. Patrick AFB

was our last duty station before we retired. After we left Florida we came back home to Akron Ohio. Both my wife's and my parents were still living and it seemed like a good place to retire. I checked the pay rates and I found out I could get a better pay for carrying mail than working in electronics so that's what I did for about 3 years. After that I went into supervision with the Postal Service and have been in that for just over 19 years.

My wife and I were down to Patrick for the 50th reunion. A couple of weeks after we got home I proceeded to have a heart attack and things started to get complicated. I ended up having quadruple by-pass (Oct 13, 1997) and I am still off work going through a Re-hab program. I have just about decided that I will use up my sick leave and then retire from the Postal Service with 23 years of service. This should happen about Sep or Oct of this year. We are not moving or anything like that but we may do some traveling and visit some old AFTACers.

DAVE WINGFIELD

Dave Wingfield, B-Troop, 1976-1993, Now living outside Sacramento, CA, in Georgetown, CA. I am a Management Consultant for the American Productivity and Quality Center in Houston, TX. Still traveling a lot and enjoying it. Working with another group of great people. Not quite AFTACer but still great bunch of folks.

B H DEFFLER

I'm alive and well in Denver. E-mail is either hdeffler@aol.com or bdeffler@ual.com (work). I'm in the alumni locator on the AFTAC web page. I haven't seen a new letter in awhile. Here's a little more info. Currently working for United Airlines as a system engineer. My current project is the DIA bag system. Also, I'm still trying to stumble across anyone who was in Q 66-70 or Det 205 67 - 68. editors note: Thank you for using the webpage and your interest in the letter, i.e., Post-Monitor Sampler - this is a quarterly and the sampler is posted shortly after each issue is mailed.

We appreciate being inundated with responses, we have more, and hopefully will receive more. They will all be published, as we can, in future issues. And, while bringing us up to date, let us fill you in on 50th ANNIVERSARY ATTENDEES

submitted by Mary Welch

The following is a partial list of former AFTAC'ers that attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration/Activities in Sep. '97. More than 500 individuals participated in some or all of the scheduled functions during the 3-day event. The personnel listed below are primarily those attendees that came from out-of-town, or are alumni/retirees that reside in or around the local area of Patrick AFB FL.

ALABAMA

Paul Blais
Howard Larinan

Art & Fran Elsner
Jack & Betty Lynn

<u>ALASKA</u>			
Ken Brauchle			
John & Rae Anna Coffey			
Bill & Midge Johnson			
Hank & Marie Serynek			
<u>ARIZONA</u>			
Pat & Mary Genzler			
Al & Ann Pavik			
Lyle & Grace Stephens			
<u>ARKANSAS</u>			
Frank Mann			
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>			
Bill Auth			
Bill Bridges			
Nick & Jean Charles			
Rose Dunn			
Glen & Sandra Fossler			
Frank & Irene Goodreau			
Marvin & Jacqueline Hopkins			
& Paris Ehrhard			
Joseph & Gayle Johnson			
Mike & Mary Lubin			
Art & Georgie Meek			
Randy & Terry Norvell			
Wayne Gene & Barbara Shipps			
Bob Spanbauer			
George & Gennie Waters			
<u>CANADA</u>			
<u>COLORADO</u>			
Ed Gardiner			
Ed & Ima Jean McKenna			
Lindsay, Mary & Kathy Miller			
Brian & Carol Swan			
Wayne & Cathy Zahm &			
Lannie Hayes			
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>			
John & Evelyn Macala			
<u>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</u>			
Tom Lutton			
<u>EUROPE</u>			
<u>FLORIDA</u>			
Charlie Anderson			
Dennis Back			
Jack & Mary Ballard			
Raoul Barker			
Jeff & Katherine Bartow			
Brent Braud			
Doris Butler			
Frank & Edna Calenda			
Chuck & Gwen Copeland			
Clark & Ruth Creery			
Lew Currier			
Carey & Mary Dobbins			
Ed & Reba Sue Edwards			
David & Karlene Folts			
Carl & Mayme Gailey			
Joe & Sue Goldian			
Frank & Beverly Hall			
Terry & Patty Hammond			
Joe Hauser			
Don & Hanna Homol			
Wally & Kathy Huffaker			
Ruby & Sammie Jennings			
Jody Jones			
Herb Jordan			
Ron & Bert Kane			
'T' Kline			
Joe Kvasnak			
Glenn & Nancy Legge			
<u>GEORGIA</u>			
Rick Manley			
Whit & Evelyn Martin			
Arlin Massey			
Flo McCall			
Stu & Pat McClosky			
Dick & Arlene McManus			
Jackie Might			
Robert & Margo Miller			
Tom & Judy Niquette			
Dave & PJ O'Brien, AFTAC/CA			
Morris Otto			
Frank & Ingrid Phelps			
John Pisko			
Galen & Donna Pound			
Mike & Charlotte Reinig			
Rip & Gaye Ripley			
Marv & Dorothy Ross			
Jon & Phyllis Secoy			
Harvey & Carol Shaw			
Mike & Ronnie Shilkitus, AFTAC/CV			
Larry & Susan Silhanek, AFTAC/CCS			
Sam & Kathy Sorice			
Michael Steskal			
Swede Swansen			
Fred & Cisco Van Dyck			
Gary & Sharon Warfield			
Don & Jan Whitney			
Mike/Deborah Winchester			
<u>HAWAII</u>			
<u>IDAHO</u>			
<u>ILLINOIS</u>			
'Mo' Walsh			
<u>INDIANA</u>			
Max & Nancy Anne Jones			
George & Sherry Cronin			
Bob & Betty West			
Richard & Rita Summers			
John, Barbara, John Jr., Tom, Linda & Jenny Kenney & Michelle & Kevin Polle			
<u>KANSAS</u>			
<u>LOUISIANA</u>			
<u>MARYLAND</u>			
John Bailey			
Francis Merlane			
Art & Ruth Dahlgren			
Frank & Monai Winter			
Gene & Sally Killey			
Bob & Jean Kridle			
Ted & Joyce Sykes			
Will & Rebecca Farris			
<u>MICHIGAN</u>			
Jean & Janet Preston			
<u>MINNESOTA</u>			
Jon & Violet Richardson			
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>			
Bobby Richardson			
Pete & Mat Wigington			
<u>MISSOURI</u>			
Don & Verna Mosley			

O'B & Barbara O'Brien	Lindsay Pickens
Jim Cade Earl & Janet Inks	NEBRASKA
Bob Johnson	
Bob & Mary Sullivan	NEVADA
Mike Vetter	NEW HAMPSHIRE
Gayle Joseph	NEW JERSEY
Dick & Pat Albani	NEW MEXICO
Don & Evelyn Bartram	Clent & Betty Bailey
Charles & Della Craft	Norman Blocker
Nick & Nancy Orsini	NEW YORK
Eugene & Gemma Wills	Warren & Beth Stern
Bill Koerschner	NORTH CAROLINA
Doug McGee	John LePere
Red & Judith Ward	Pete Snipes
Carl & Eleanor Schubauer	Faison Williams
Art & Donna Hall	NORTH DAKOTA
Smith	
Bob & Esther Strock	OHIO
Terry Wilkinson	James Massengale & Sharon
John & Kerry Harpster	Bill & Nancy Taylor
Leon "Ski" Nargoski	OKLAHOMA
Jack & Sandy Tucker	
Frank & Donna McGuire	OREGON
Hal & Ruth Beech	PENNSYLVANIA
Dick Reid	Geary & Vicki Smith
Terry & Doris Airhart	Chuck & Flo Wallace
Bill & Jean Brownlow	SOUTH DAKOTA
Jerry & Norma Counce	
Don & Mary Gash	TENNESSEE
Karen Hillis	Bob & Bette Mason
George Kraus	TEXAS
Mike & Gwendolyn Nadeau	Tony, Alyson & Alton
Bill & Martha Pettus	Balentine
Gus & Mildred Ann Polhill	James Chesney
Roy & Yvonne Sailers	Jim & Jahron Ann Flener
Bob & Mickey Smith	Dick, Nancy, Brian & Lance
Dick & Sharon Black	Gorby
Bob & Milly Caldwell	Jack & Wanda Kimball
Jack Comerford	Jim & Dean McMurtry
Charles & Lorraine Cook	Frank & Margaret Nance
Charles Eckert & Pat Curran	Gerry & Betty Pitstick
Ed & Jan Masek	Curt & Leona Riggs
Mac & Ann McGowan	Jim & Jean Silliman
Rich & Betty O'Lear	
Carl & Barbara Romney	VIRGINIA
Don & Esther Hartshorn	George & Judy Bowman
Richard Pettitt	Jim & Susan Clapper
Doug Rekenthaler	Ed & Leona Conley
Bob & Judy Berard	Randy Creamer
	Gerry & Bonnie Leies
	Tom Maultsby
	Bob Meisenheimer
	Larry & Janey Olson
	Dennis Smith
	WASHINGTON
	Martin & Shirley Kohler
	Warren Wascher
	WEST VIRGINIA
	WISCONSIN

The Air Force Song

It's History, and it's Verses

foundation article from the Patrick AFB Newspaper, *Missiller, The Commander's Page* (BGen. Randy Starbuck) - suggested and provided by Carl Gailey, revised by the editors

Robert MacArthur Crawford, who wrote this song, was born July 27, 1899, in Dawson City, Alaska, and spent his childhood in Fairbanks. In 1921, he enrolled in Princeton University, N.J., where his main interest was music.

Following graduation in 1925, he studied voice in France and upon returning to the United States, he received a graduate fellowship at New York's prestigious Juilliard School of Music. Because of the scope of his travels, Crawford, an accomplished pilot, purchased an airplane to fly to engagements; Time magazine referred to him as the "Flying Baritone."

In 1938, *Liberty* magazine sponsored a contest for a spirited, enduring composition to become the official Army Air Corps song. Of 757 scores submitted, Crawford's was selected as the winner by a committee of Air Force wives. When General Henry "Hap" Arnold heard the song in July 1939, he hoped that singing this song would "lend energy to tired minds and bodies. The song was officially introduced at the Cleveland Air Races Sept. 2 1939. Fittingly, Crawford sang at its first public performance.

When the United States entered World War II, Crawford became a pilot in the Air Transport Command. In 1946 he reverted to inactive status and returned to music - on March 12, 1961, he passed away in NY City; he was a LTC in the USAF Reserves.

In October 1978, "Crawford Hall" with studio, practice, and administrative facilities became home for the 564th Air Force Band at Langley AFB, Va. The building was dedicated to the memory of Robert M. Crawford to recognize the musical legacy of the Air Force's most famous composer

The fourth verse, "A Toast to the Host" is a part of the original Air Force Song. -Many times this is sung as a separate piece. This is the verse that commemorates those who have fallen in the name of our service and our great country. This is the reason for the difference in melody and the somber tone. We are recalling those heroes of the past in our forging of the future.

Col. David R. Scott and Lt. Col. James B. Irwin carried the first page of the score, which Crawford

submitted to the selection committee in July 1939, to the surface of the Moon July 30, 1971, aboard the Apollo 15 "Falcon" lunar module. Interestingly, at the moment the "Falcon" blasted off the surface of the Moon with Scott and Irwin on board, Maj. Alfred M. Worden broadcast a rendition of the "Air Force Song" to the world. Worden had a tape recorder aboard the "Endeavor" command module that was in orbit around the Moon. Scott, Irwin and Worden comprised the first and only "All-Air Force" Apollo crew and arranged to take the page of sheet music with them as a tribute to Crawford and the United States Air Force. The song is an important Air Force tradition. When the song was written in 1938, what we know of today as the U.S. Air Force was part of the United States Army. We were a corps of the Army, just like the Infantry, Artillery, and Armor are today. Because of that, the original lyrics of the last line were "...nothing can stop the Army Air Corps."

**Official Song Of the Air Corps
(the Air Force Song)
By Robert Crawford**

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the Sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun (give 'er the gun now!)
Down we dive spouting our flame from under
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame, hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,
Sent it high into the blue;
Hands of men blasted the world asunder;
How they lived God only knew!
Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer
Gave us wings, ever to soar!
With scouts before and bombers galore, hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Off we go into the wild sky yonder,
Hear the wings level and true.
If you'd live to be a gray-haired wonder
keep the nose out of the blue!
Flying men guarding the nation's border,
We'll be there, followed by more!
In echelon we carry on, hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Here's a toast to the host
Of those who love the vastness of the sky,
To a friend we will send a message of his brothermen who fly
We drink to those who gave their all of old,
Then down we roar to score the rainbow's pot of gold
A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S. Air Force
(repeat first verse)



ACTIVE-DUTY DOIN'S GOOD WORK...



BGen. James E. Miller Jr., Air Intelligence Agency CC., presents the AF Organizational Excellence Award to Col. John T. Wigington III, AFTAC CC and CMSgt Larry Silhanek, Superintendent, AFTAC submitted by the editors, from the PAFB Newspaper, "Missileer," 3/6/98 - AFTAC Public Affairs Report

The Air Force Technical Applications Center recently earned its Fifth Air Force Organizational Excellence Award.

Brig. Gen. James E. Miller Jr., Air Intelligence Agency commander, presented the award during a ceremony Feb. 11. AFTAC earned the award for the period of Oct. 1, 1995-Sept. 30, 1997, and was honored for making great strides in providing support to the warfighting community and maintaining the United States Atomic Energy Detection System in addition to numerous other outstanding achievements.

In addition to the five AFOEAs, AFTAC was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award nine times over its 50-year history.

Air Intelligence Agency, located at Kelly AFB, Texas, serves as AFTAC's administrative headquarters.

...AND GOOD BYES ATTENTION...ATTENTION

submitted by Mary Welch

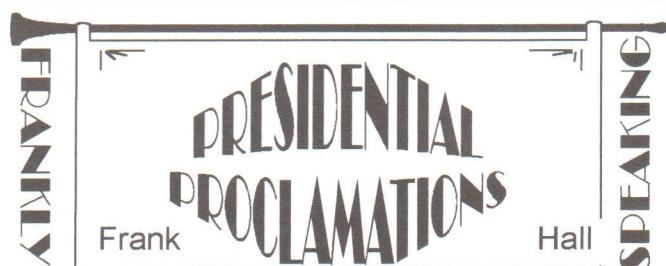
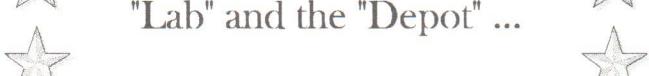
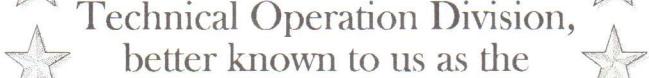
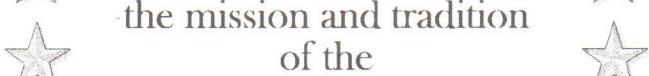
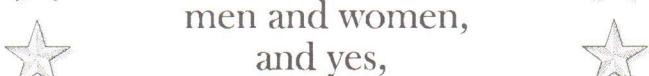
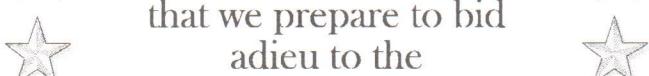
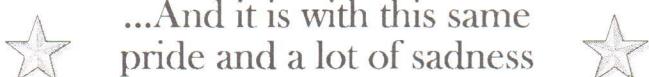
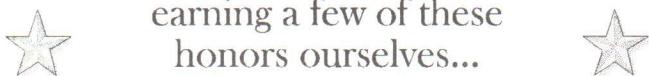
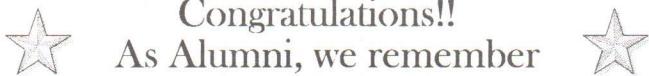
With the closure of McClellan AFB CA scheduled for the year 2000, the Technical

Operations Division (TOD) (formerly known as 1155th Tech Ops Sq and the Western Field Office) will cease operation on 30 September 1999. To accomplish the TOD closure with minimum effect on the AFTAC mission, and realign the TOD missions in different geographical locations, movement of TOD personnel will commence in OCTOBER 1998.

To properly and respectfully acknowledge the contributions of the currently and formerly assigned personnel, TOD is planning/hosting a number of activities, socials, and ceremonies in mid-September 1998, before the majority of the active duty military and civilian forces depart in October.

Specific dates, times, scheduled functions, etc., will be provided in future Newsletters.

WATCH FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!!!



Following in the footsteps of our past President and Vice-President has been quite a challenge. Under the leadership of Tom Niquette and Fred VanDyke, the Alumni Association flourished. From a financial viewpoint, we have achieved a relatively strong position. We have a checking account to handle routine financial matters. Additionally, we have pursued investing in a savings account that has increased our resources to a favorable position. We will need these resources in the years ahead due to the number of lifetime members that we now have on the books. We now have over 50% of our membership as "Life-Timers." It is nice to have so many "lifers," but the downside is that we will not be receiving as much revenue yearly into the association. Carl Gailey has handled the financial responsibility since we reactivated the club in 1989. Needless to say, Carl is a top-notch financial manager and he makes solid recommendations which will enhances our financial position.

In the membership arena, our chairperson reports that we have reached over 750 active members. This is significant considering we started out with less than 100 members in 1989. Our goal now is to achieve membership of at least 1,000 by the year 2000. With your help in promoting the association, we can meet this goal.

We are also pleased with the changes that Chris and John Horsch have brought to the newsletter. They have made numerous changes that have increased the newsletter from 12 to approximately 20 pages. Keep the information coming. Let us help Chris and John make the Post-Monitor even better.

Tom Niquette and Fred VanDyke are to be congratulated for their leadership over the past two years. We will do our best to continue with the trend that they worked so hard to establish.





The Alumni Association set out last year to expand its ability to keep all AFTACer's in communication with each other. The first method we tried was cyber-space and have now had a webpage (<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>) for about a year. The page averages 77 unique hits a week, but we always knew that AFTAC people were unique. With the 77 accesses we have grown the number of members in the database to 3529 with e-mail addresses for 273 people. The association or members has the ability to e-mail directly to these 273 news or important facts at the speed of the Internet. This has been successfully used to notify of deaths within our fraternity, and special events.

Along with the e-mail capability, we have several other features on page that are often used. Some of these are "Upcoming Events," "50th Anniversary Photos," "Newsletter," "Need a Job, Got a Job," "Other Chapters," "Member Locator," "Membership Application," "Alumni Store," "Where in the Word is?" The most used are the photographs from the 50th and then the Member Locator, which has linked up many old friends.

Of special interest to me is that two of the original "I" troops that I was a member of have found me through the Alumni Page. Both of them had tried for years to find me, but do you have any idea of just how many "Dave Johnson's" there are in the world? So now thanks to the Alumni Web Page, I am routinely e-mailing to old buddies that I had not talked to in 25 years. Naturally, we had to use the old fashioned telephone a few times just to see if our voices sounded familiar (they didn't). Just making contact with guys that I went through tech school with, opened Thule (Det. 220), established the Infrasonics HQ analysis center, and closed the last "I" detachment (Det 436), made the whole effort worth it.

Please go take a look at the AFTAC Alumni Web Page, add your information, tell us your suggestions, but most of all go find the old buddies. Let me know of any other old friendships that have been reestablished.



BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members

Elected

President-Frank Hall Vice-Dave Johnson
Secretary-Judy Milam Treasurer-Carl Gailey

Appointed

Membership-Mary Welch
Activities-Ken Myers Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

submitted by our Secretary, Judy Milam

DECEMBER '97/JANUARY/FEBRUARY '98:

-Plans are underway to get more Alumni participation at activities:

—The Association will sponsor the 5 June combined (officer & enlisted) AFTAC Wind-down (a monthly social gathering at the HQ Outback at the end of the work week).

—Arrangements have been made for a dinner at the Patrick NCO Club on 25 April to award Alumni coins flown on the Space Shuttle to some of the people who have helped maintain the Association for the last several years.

—Alumni members will be asked to provide information for preparing permanent badges which will be used at Alumni events. These badges will include the member's name, dates assigned to AFTAC, and techniques and/or offices assigned to. This will promote interaction between active duty and alumni during combined activities.

—An Alumni golf tournament is planned for 1 May, Cocoa Beach Country Club, Cost, \$34. Scholarship criteria will be reviewed to determine if the Alumni Association will be able to award some scholarships.

-Latest membership figures show 750 members, with 379 paid lifetime members.

-Many of the 50-year histories have been mailed out and all members will receive their copy in the next few months.

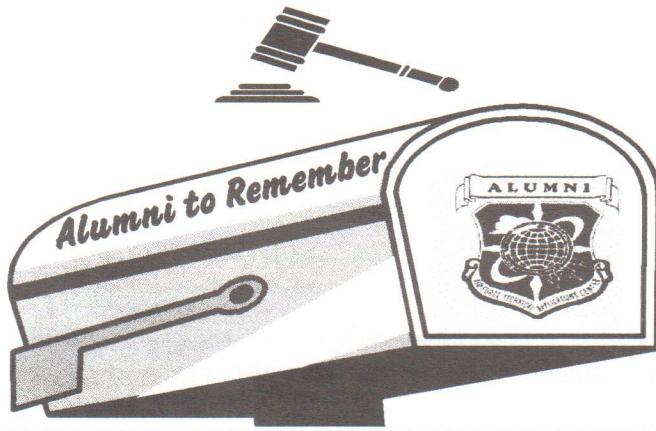
-A new updated Worldwide Directory is in the works and will be ready for mailing soon. This

is the last update we can have printed free; future updates may be pen & ink changes.

-The 1998 Brevard County Standdown for homeless veterans is scheduled for 18 April; volunteers are needed to help that day. A fundraising golf tournament is planned by the Patrick AFB Top 3.

-Judy Milam was voted Alumni of the Year; presentation of the award took place at the Annual AFTAC Awards Banquet (5 March, Patrick AFB NCO Club).

-Alumni license plates for the front of the car are now available for sale: \$7 to Alumni members and \$10 to non-members.



Hopes of Health for...

Art Hall

Frank Martinez

Crafton (Earl) Barnett



In Memory Of

Katherine Cooke, 12/27

May She Rest in Eternal Peace

The Mail Room

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

Deer River MN 1/22/98

Just a short note to thank all who were involved in the best organized reunion yet. This was our 4th one and the best by far. From the moment we walked in everything was lined up and in order and was well appreciated. But then why should we expect anything different from an AFTAC event. People make the difference. I spent 30 years in the Military and in some very good units but the 14 years I spent in AFTAC stand out head and shoulders above the rest. PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, and AFTAC has always had the best people.

One more item I would like to correct, in the Dec Post Monitor our good friend Don Williamson from Wisconsin Rapids made reference to my wife and myself but it came out as Jon and Vic instead of Jon and Vi. I just wanted to make sure people didn't wonder about my gender identity. Vic, I mean Vi and I have been married for 42 years come May and look forward to 42 more years.

To all my old friends who have access to the internet, I look forward to hearing from you. My E-Mail address is :

vijon@mail.paulbunyan.net.

Once again, thanks for a great reunion and Cruise. The cruise was super.

Jon and Vi Richardson editors: Jon and Vi, Thanks for the nice words and the correction - just took a look at Don's letter and the "c" is probably our fault - altho his way of looping the "i" out there might make one wonder until you know for sure - we just thought "Vic" was short for Victoria...does our story sound good?

Cybernote 2/6/98

On Saturday, 24 January 1998, Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans' Quarterdeck received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician that was running a test on our telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test the QMOW should touch nine (9), zero (0), pound sign (#) and hang up. Luckily, the QMOW was suspicious and re-

fused. Upon contacting the telephone company we were informed that by pushing 90# you end up giving the individual that called you access to your telephone line and allows them to place a long distance telephone call, with the charge appearing on your telephone call. We were further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons.

Bob and Ethel Jones editors: thank you, this was passed to B/E and they pass it along

Cybernote 2/2/98

The 50th is behind us, it was a resounding success. What will the future bring? Growth we hope! I have managed to contact Joe Johnson out in California and asked him to muster the troops and start a California Chapter. We shall see if Joe steps to the plate and accepts the challenge. Come-on California, get organized. We will accept your inputs, put you on a Homepage, enter your activities in the newsletter, and give you a pile of support.

Jack Jackson continues to display care for veterans that just happen to be down on their luck. Jack was at the last meeting of the Alumni Staff and he informed us of the Brevard Stand Down (4/18) that will be conducted in Cocoa, Florida. Jack, we appreciate your work!

I continue to be proud of those who attend the Monthly Meetings at the headquarters. This past month we had 13 in attendance. That is way up from the days of yesteryear. You are all invited to attend the Alumni Staff meetings and see your electee's in action.

John and Chris continue to put out a number one newsletter and our thanks goes out to them for each and every issue. Carl continues to muddle through his learning of computers and I have taken the job of moving our data records from a program I wrote many years ago to the new Microsoft Access type database. Our goal is to automate our record keeping system and give Carl some hours to spend picking on other members. Frank Hall has taken the helm once again and his leadership is invaluable. In the near term we will even have license plates available for your vehicles. How about that for an Active Alumni Group!!!

Judy Milam has been selected as the Alumni of the Year and it could not have gone to a more deserving individual. I can still see her running

around trying to coordinate all the activities of Reunion '92. I don't think she has ever missed an Alumni meeting and all of our records (minutes, letters, etc.) are a result of her actions. We congratulate you Judy.

Check out our Homepage at www.csihq.com/aftacalumni if you are a computer user. Mike Black and Dave Johnson have done one heck of a nice job with the whole thing and we certainly appreciate the help from CSI. This has given us a link that will help defray mailing costs in the future plus it gives us a place to get information out quickly.

Hey - for those of you who do not know that we changed our dues several years ago, this is a reminder...they are \$10.00 per year - not \$5.00! Each time one of you mails in a 5-buck entry fee, it costs us that in the postage and the letters and the control of the half-year entry. So, please read your newsletters - cover to cover. We try!

That is it for this report! I continue to rove, and you can smile - for the next time you may appear in this candid report. Enjoy www.metrolink.net/~clark312 Contact me on AOL Instant Messenger!

Clark Creery Clark, thanks for the words and the "pass-ons", and we understand that Joe Johnson and CA Alumni are on the move.

San Jose, CA 11/97

Enclosed are my 1998 dues. I enjoy reading the Post-Monitor and keeping up with all of the AFTAC happenings. I especially liked your article, "From the Beginning," A History of the LRDM...and beyond, in the September 1997 issue. I have been associated with AFTAC for some 14 years ever since my initial assignment to the 1035 FAG in 1962. For most of this time I was assigned to the 1155th TOS at the McClellan Central Laboratory, working in the Chemistry Lab. However, my heart belongs to Det 202.1 was assigned to the chemistry lab from November 1968 until June 1971, having the privilege of working with some of the finest AFTAC'ers, even those airborne guys. We worked hard making numerous meaningful contributions to the mission. We played hard too, just ask Col. Herb Dettmer. I read your article with searching eyes for some reference to Det 202 but not a word. I realize this article was not intended to provide an

official unclassified history of the LRDM and perhaps I missed a reference to Det 202 in an earlier article. Just proud to have served with truly great people in an outstanding organization.

Thanks for all your hard work and great support. As always, looking forward to the next issue.
Maury Bransfield "mauryb@pacbell.net"

Ft. Worth, TX **11/97**

Just received the ECHOS Newsletter from Colorado and noted the huge success of the 50th reunion at Patrick, sorry we couldn't attend.

Noted that you have available "A Fifty- Year History of Long Range Detection" of 214 pages available while supply lasts. Hope you still have at least one for me. I was in AFTAC for 10 years (1958-1968) and dearly loved every minute and all the great people.

Enclosed is my check to cover postage and handling and anything else it might be used for. Thanks, and keep up the good work of keeping the personnel of a very unique and distinguished organization together.

JIM HALL editors: and words like these make it easy

Carmichael, CA **12/16/97**

Thank you for the membership application. I have enclosed the completed application along with my check for \$10.00 for the 1997-1998 dues for the Florida Chapter.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Post-Monitor newsletter, especially the "From the Beginning" history of the LRDM article. Would you please send me the previous newsletters covering the entire series so I can catch up on the entire history of the great organization I proudly served during my brief military career. I am happy to pay whatever costs you incur in fulfilling this request, in advance if necessary.

If the newsletters are not available a reprint of the series would be acceptable. Thank you for your help.

Jim Giordano editors: we're sure Mary has taken care of you

Rio Rancho, NM **1/27/98**

Enclosed you will find my check to cover a lifetime membership. I served with AFTAC from

1962 until 1991, a total of 29 years 9 months. I must admit to being very lax in finally joining the Alumni Association. At any rate, I'm finally getting it done and look forward to being a member. I understand I am eligible for a free copy of the AFTAC History book printed as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the command. I very much look forward to reading it. Additionally, you will find a summation of my service and a photo for inclusion in your "people who served 20 or more years with AFTAC" endeavor.

Harold L. Huhs editors: good to have you aboard Harold

Loomis, CA **1/15/98**

Here I am, late again on paying my dues. Don't know why I can't remember to do this on time. Keep up the good work.

Please be advised that Katherine Cooke, widow of Col. Gilbert C. Cooke, passed away December 27 in Poway, California. She was 89 years of age. Col. Cooke was the Director of Personnel at AFTAC Headquarters in the late 1950's. Please include this item in your next newsletter.

Is there a way to communicate with you via E-mail? Is it appropriate to include death notices on your home page? You can answer these questions via e-mail. My address is "eagle@cwnet.com." Thank you.

Robert M. Davis editor: thanks for the notice-we have, in the past, included death notices on the homepage when they are current -information on using e-mail is listed in the lead-in to the letters section of the newsletter, and the webpage lists e-mail addresses also. E-mail contact is OK for information purposes but we do ask, if there is some sort of action requested, that it be sent to the Alumni PO Box

Chantilly, VA **5/97**

Would you be so kind as to update your files so the US Postal Service will continue to find me with your wonderful newsletter and other mail.

I served at the school at Lowery ('61-'62, Det 418 (John Hay AB, Phi Isl) ('63-'64) and Hq AFTAC, Telegraph Road ('65-'69

Hi to my old friends: Bill Deen, Ron Kane, Col. Lillethun (sp)Cal Brown, Max Edwards, Jim Salus, Art Clark, Ron Krindle, and on and on and on. Keep up the good work!! Gene Ross

Bountiful, UT **1/27/98**

I have been reading the POST-MONITOR and am struck by a sense of deja vu (sic). It's been so

long ago I wonder if I am missing on some of the names, or am I just getting old and forgetful. I can measure how old I'm getting by looking at my 19 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. (Some Of those from Alabama come here and tell me "Grampa y'all talk funny).I was intrigued by John Lanigan's comments. I don't remember the name, but that don't mean much. There are three things that happen as you get older, first you lose your memory and the other 2, uh well I forgot.

editors note: we extract a recall Jack relates here for our new column on page 4, "I Remember," thank you Jack, and here's the rest of your letter

I feel proud of my success in my personal life. Two of my children are teachers in the local high school. One teaches music and the other teaches English, Latin, and the stage crew (she speaks 7 languages, reads sanskrit and signs). Another is a software engineer. I know what you are going to say, he must have a good wife to inspire them. You're right! Tomorrow, another notch in growing older. I'll go to the hospital and have my right knee replaced. I don't think I have done to bad. I'm 5 months from my 78th birthday. Should I quote General Mac with an "old soldiers never die?" For a pastime I carve, it's great. You want to carve a horse, simple, you take a block of wood and cut off everything that is not a horse. (with apologies to Michelangelo). That should be about enough from me. Hope you and yours are well and happy. I plan on having a nice day, if you will promise that you will also.

Jack E. Binkerd editors: Jack, we hope you don't mind our extracting some of your letter for our new columns-we thought it fitting that an "old soldier" be the first contributor

Cybernote

3/9/98

This Rovin' Reporter had a nice experience today. About a week ago, the wife mentioned that some guy by the name of 'Don' called me. Don? I must know 12 or 13 Dons! She noted that it was an oldtimer from AFTAC. Instantly, I knew who it might be. I was right! Then, Friday night he called me and told me where he was located. Lot 38 at the Famcamp at Patrick AFB. I went over (8 March 98), parked the old car and banged on the RV door. A pleasant voice ensued "Come-on-in!" Well, to my surprise and not to keep you all in suspense, Don and Gale Williamson had made their way to Florida and decided to say hi. I have not seen them since California, out in base housing back in the early 70's. Don and I sized each other up and decided that all that had changed was our ages.

I had a nice visit-they finally kicked me out at 3pm. They live in Wis. and Don has done his stint with Heinz 57. He now just works for himself, working at staying way from work. They fire up the RV from time to time and go. I was so glad that one of those 'go's' put them here. We talked about everyone. Jerry Wehling, Dick Payne, Tony DeMarco, Al Pavic, Don Godwin, Page Cline, Archie McDaniel, Mark Wink, The Richardson's, and a host of others. Even Cleve Cruisenberry!

Don's kids are in the San Diego area and they make a few trips there-we thank him for his Florida visit this time. His eldest son just transferred to Hawaii and they can expect a visit next year. Don says he will fly this time, cause the pontoons for the RV are out of date. Thanks Don and Gale for a very nice visit. **Clark Creery** editors: thanks Clark, you "strike" twice in this issue - good rovin'

Maryville, TN

2/24/98

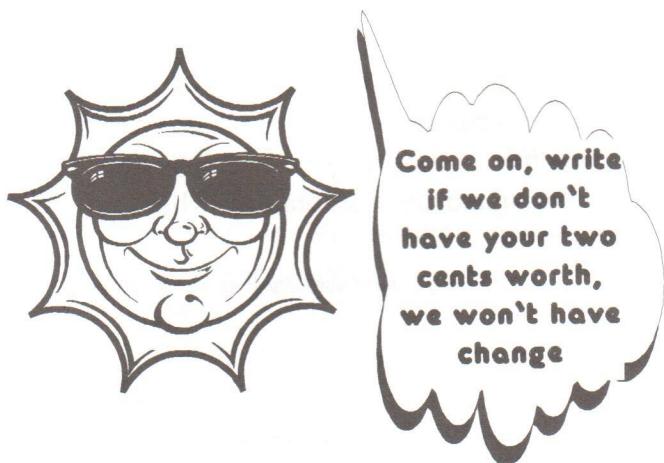
Barb and I have sold our California home and are 'full-timing' in our motorhome. Since our four children, and grandchildren, live in four states (California, Colorado, Tennessee and Florida), the best way for us to visit with them often is to hit the road in our RV. Also, we have lots of relatives to visit in our home state (Illinois). Home base is:

2129 Chesterfield Drive
Maryville, TN 37803-6544

This is Paris' (our daughter) home. Phone number is (423) 983-7480.

Although we didn't "do" the 50th reunion as much as planned (Barb came down with shingles), we did enjoy visiting with old friends at the picnic.

Harold "Hal" Howarter



Important Dates

Association Board/Membership Meetings

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are scheduled (verify before coming) for the second Monday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ building

HOW: come to the lobby and a Board Member will meet , greet and escort

CALENDAR

April 1998

13th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

25th - High-Five Honors, Dinner/Social, details, page one (lets make it a mini-reunion)

26th - AFTAC Annual Picnic, Alumni Tradition, serve the beer and win at horseshoes, details, page three

May 1998

1st - Golf & Get-together, Cocoa Beach Country Club, details, page one, mark your calendar now-at least come out to visit and chow-down, the gangs all there

11th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

June 1998

5th - First Annual Alumni/Active-Duty Winddown, details, page two-come on out and "tell em how it used to be."

8th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Post Monitor mailing

July 1998

13th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

August 1998

10th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

"Holy Alligators - they have a lot going on, hope we see you at some of these events and meetings"



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- Teal, sea	3	4	
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- Red	1	2	1
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- Royal Blue	1	1	3	
- Navy	3	3	1	2
- Ash Gray	1	1	2	1
- Purple	0	1		
- Red	1	1	1	1
- Fuchsia	1	2	2	

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HATS - \$6 # Ceramic Mugs - \$7 12

- Green	8	Ceramic Mugs - \$7	12
- Gray	3	Bronze Coins - \$4	10
- Red	5	Logo Pins - \$3.25	~225
- Royal Blue	6	Logo Discs - \$5.50	~57
- Light Blue	7		

50th CommemorativeCoins - \$3 ~430

Alumni License Plate, \$7/Member - \$10/Nonmem.

Worldwide Directory (choice of cover photo) - \$25

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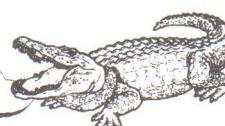
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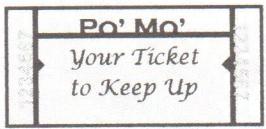
GOLF SHIRTS, White/no pocket/multi-color logo - \$18 2

Hats, cotton - \$5 Med. blue 2

Alex sez ...



"YEA, YOUSE CAN'T
SAY THEY'RE SITTIN'
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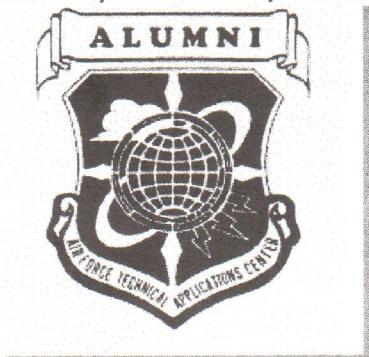
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The AFTAC Emblem symbolizes the unit and, when in color, contains the AF (blue and gold) as well as the national colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of AF operations; yellow, the sun and excellence of personnel. The globe indicates worldwide mission, locations and geophysical studies; the lightning and cloud depict study on natural phenomena and the compass points reflect the assigned tasks around the world. The rings around the globe symbolize electronic instrument readings and unity of purpose and display electronic measurements accomplished. The elliptical belt symbolizes the study of the atmosphere.



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