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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 the
Center's Sages

Long-Range Detection
denotes and represents all
who served the mission
throughout its inception and
history. Recognized for 70
years of service to our
country **1947 – 2017**

A 70TH COIN WAS ONLY AVAILABLE TO
ATTENDEES AT THE DINING OUT HELD IN
2017.



Sage Salute

SCOTT MORGAN, SMSgt, USAF (retired)



Our SAGE SALUTE for this issue is a name you may not be too familiar with, but if you've ever looked at the JOB LISTINGS page on our Web Site, you may recognize the name **SCOTT MORGAN**. Scott writes a short explanation of

why he decided to provide this information.

I arrived at my first duty assignment at AFTAC in 1990 and worked as a seismic analyst in the Atomic Energy Detection Center under the tutelage of great AFTAC legends such as Delbi Solari and Vince Gillen. After two assignments to Det 460 and one each to CENTAF, DIA, and NGA, I retired with 23 years of service and began my "second career." I found many job advertisements that desired skills that most AFTACers possess and thought it would be a great idea to share these opportunities. I began posting these job ads on social media and was later asked if I could submit them to the Alumni Association. Even though I am no longer searching for that second career, I've continued to share ads from organizations such as USGS, various universities in the U.S. and across the world, and private companies such as SAIC and CACI. Hopefully, this will help fellow AFTACers find that "second career" after retirement.

- Scott

** Sage ALERTS -WHAT' COMING UP **

[For a complete list of upcoming events, see page 24]

2018 AFTACAA SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

and FY19 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Alumni of the Year (AOY) Selection Committee
will meet immediately after the Annual Meeting

Friday, 7 September 2018

1130 – 1230

Manatee Cove Golf Course (Putter Room)

Patrick AFB, FL

Pay-as-You-Go- Lunch is available before the meeting
from the Fairways Snack Bar.

(See Page 3 for additional details)

ANNUAL FALL GOLF-n- GETOGETHER

Friday, 28 September 2018

(See Page 3 for additional details)

2019 AFTACAA SNOWBALL XXI

Saturday, 2 February 2019

(See Page 3 for additional details)



NOTE: PoMo pictures (& more) are at our **website** (URL at banner above) on various pages. Also, check the **Colorado and California websites** for more pictures, reports, and information. URL with chapter information on next page.

ASSOCIATION Information *Deceased, (D)*
Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (23)
 John Kemna/2017-Carol Snyder/2016-
 Frank Calenda/2015-Sean Ryan/2014
 Lonnie Gibbons/2013-Gene & Dee Melchior/2012-
 Dale Klug/2011-Jack Smith (D)/2010-Jack Jackson (D)/2009-
 Bob Wiley/2008-Bill Schmied/2007-Deborah Carson/2006-
 Mike Black/2005-Joe Goldian(D)/2004-Pat Snyder/2003-
 Joe Johnson/2002-Jim Payne/2001-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-
 John & Christel (D) Horsch/1999-Frank Hall/1998-
 Judy Milam-Henderson/97-Carl Gailey (D)/1996-
 Clark Creery/1995

AFTAC/Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects represent and honor Center people and history. Two, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts), the '20-Year Wall of Service' (alumni who served the Center for 20+ years and have mailed in their photos/bios) and the **Wall of Honor**, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an **AFTAC display at the Grand Encampment, WY, Museum.** **Association History** A group of retired/active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col Clapper, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the **AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)** (chartered, 1986); (from 2001-2014, we were renamed 'Long Range Detection' (LRD).

--The Association provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any field detachment. Of note, there are several Sages who recall an earlier effort to form an association in 1978.

There is this Association and two Chapters

1. Florida 'AFTAC Alumni Association': (application-on-line)-Dues, **\$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life.** Most monthly meetings are at 1600, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 10989), or other venue, at Patrick AFB, FL-details, see 'Sage Schedule' at back of issue. Contact: Mike **Steskal**, steskalmike@gmail.com, mailing address is: **PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892.** The Association has several communications resources, this triannual newsletter, '**Post-Monitor**' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, see banner on previous page, with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a '**Breaking News**' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we term, '**eALLert**', for time sensitive data at <http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>.

"**PERENNIALS**" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster 96-16; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian (D), Treas, 03-17; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09; Sean Ryan-Sec, 09-15; Steve Revels, Sage Shop, 2010- 2016.

2. Colorado Chapter: Formed Nov 1986, **\$5/year**, they publish a newsletter, 'Echoes', have several meetings and social events a year. See website at <http://www.aftacco.org> for additional information and email contacts.

3. California Chapter: Formed 1999, **\$10/year/\$75 lifetime.**

For more, email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publishes a newsletter, '**Depot Fallout**' and has a website, <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>

EDITORIALLY

SPEAKING

FROM THE HORSCH'S MOUTH

I must start this issue recognizing Judy Henderson for taking on the formatting of this PoMo. Thankfully Pete Gilbert took over for several months and did a tremendous service for the alumni assn for a period of time as he also maintained/improved the assn website.

Judy's brave offer to take over was a blessing indeed to keep the PoMo alive and give Pete a needed break. She has done a tremendous job as you will find as you enjoy this issue. Even tho the general format has changed, it is well organized and great easy read.

--we also understand Terry Hammond has offered a hand and will be working with us for the next issue. Thank you, Terry, we look forward to that working relationship as we move forward.

The issue has a lot to offer from articles about what has happened to what events are yet to come. We hope your reading of these events will result in increased participation by some of you who have been considering how you might help out, or would like to jump back into the AFTAC world.

--we've got a very interesting tell of Mark Smith's skill as an artist with wood, pictures and all

--I'm sorry to say we have a great number of obituaries but we are honored to be a source of honoring those friends who are no longer with us

--Jack O'Connor has written a very well done story about his Airborne days that is guaranteed to hold your interest, and Tom Niquette has passed on information of interest about the Vietnam Wall

--George Cronin, Frank Calenda, Ed Lindsay, Gene Ross, Bryce Dunn, also wrote us with words we want to pass along

--Ed Lindsay, our President, writes a very newsworthy column, and I appreciate the praise he has for this humble editor ... I have been blessed these years that you have honored me with this trust to be the editor of this newsletter and appreciate your allowing me to still perform a service that means so much to me

--next we have news from the two Chapters, they are also very busy, and CO is getting ready to host all of us with the WorldWide in 2019 ... make your plans now

--the active-duty section is loaded with AFTAC info to keep you up to date on those who came after you and carry on our critical mission

-- finally, we have an up-to-date listing on events and merchandise

Enjoy, drop a line with your ideas and improvements, JTH

Sage Communicators-Post-Monitor Editor John Horsch, **Formatting**

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UPCOMING AFTACAA SCHEDULED EVENTS

SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER – 7 SEPTEMBER 2018 (continued from page 1)

Big meeting next month: 7 September, 1130, at the Manatee Golf Course is our Annual General Membership meeting (the Wind Down at AFTAC will also be held at on 7 September – at 1530-1630 at Stonehenge Pavilion).

It is where we review our current Constitution and By-Laws and nominate our Board for 2018-2019. Attendance is always up for this important meeting, but many of our monthly attendees are out of town this year. So it would be great to see many of you there that are in the area the beginning of September!

NOMINEES: Our most previous president, Lou Seiler, contacted the Current Board members and received agreement from all of them to be nominees FY2019:

President, Ed Lindsay
Vice-President, Jim Whidden
Secretary, Arlin Massey
Treasurer, Sean Ryan.

In addition, nomination of willing individuals will be taken from the floor during the elections.

Lunch (pay as you go optional) 1100-1300. (Note: Lunch Service Hours for Fairway Snack bar are 1030 - 1400, for your dining pleasure, before and after meeting). See you there...Ed Lindsay, AFTACAA President

HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISING EVENT

“STARS AND STRIPES”

8 SEPTEMBER 2018

American Muscle Car Museum

Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL

(See the Web Page – <https://www.aftacaa.us> for details)

Friday, 28 SEPTEMBER 2018

AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)

Annual Fall Golf-n'Getogether XXXIII

Venue: Manatee Cove Golf Course, PAFB. **Check-in:** 1130; **Shotgun Start:** 1300.
(Format: 4-Person Scramble).

Cost: \$40 (Alumni Members); \$45 (Non-Alumni Members).

Fee includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, and BBQ from Tides Club served for Dinner
Open to: AD Military, Retirees, Civilians, and Contractors

Mulligan's pkgs will be on sale: \$5 gets you: 1 Red Bomb, 1 Nolan, & 1 Mulligan
Team Mulligan ball: available for \$10

POCs: Mr. Ed Lindsay -- piston_horse@hotmail.com -- 321-610-7548 (Unlisted)
Mr. Bruce Snelgrove -- robert.snelgrove@us.af.mil -- 321-494-6166

Saturday, 2 FEBRUARY 2019

2019 AFTACAA SNOWBALL XXI

LOCATION: Holiday Inn Melbourne-Viera Conference Center – 8298 North Wickham Road, Melbourne

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 to 6:30 PM

CHIMES/INTRODUCTIONS/National Anthem/POW-MIA Remembrance/Sage Salute/Invocation: 6:35 PM

DINNER: 7:00 PM **BREAK:** 8:00 PM **PROGRAM:** 8:15 PM

DRESS: Florida Casual **MENU:** TBD **COST:** TBD

Hotel Room Rate: Please call hotel (321-255-0077) for rate/reservation (mention SNOWBALL XXI event)

RSVP: NLT Friday, 25 January – noon

AFTACAA POC: Sean Ryan – oceanblueview@yahoo.com (unlisted); Cell 321-591-9053 (unlisted)

HQ AFTAC Building POC: Ms Carol Snyder, carol.snyder@us.af.mil; 321-494-4402

FEATURED ARTICLES

AFTAC Spring Picnic 2018

Submitted by **Ed Lindsay**

I have been to many AFTAC Spring Picnics throughout my 35 year association with the organization and this one was a little different. Let me elucidate. AFTAC has had their picnic at the huge pavilion at Wickham Park, with bands, bouncy houses, the final day of the Iron Man, good food, music and plenty of activities. The huge pavilion has been torn down, making room for the expanded campus of Eastern Florida State College.

The Picnic has been held in Wickham Park, next to the lake, but that was a not an option. Last year they held it at Chevron Park on Patrick AFB, right next to the Banana River and the Outdoor Rec camping grounds; again, not an option.

So thinking outside the box and attempting to get maximum participation, they decided to have it at the new AFTAC Pavilion and recently constructed volleyball pit. Along with that, instead of having it on a Saturday, they decided to have it on a workday Friday, 8 June, starting at 1000hrs and the Cherry on Top is that it would be Colonel Gorski's (AFTAC Commander) going away function.

Now that is some brilliant marketing. Get off work at 0900 to get ready for the party, pay \$5 for food, free drinks would be provided, and start your weekend early. That is the AFTAC I remember. It was a wonderful day. More than 450 people attended. There was plenty of food for all. The beer kegs ended up floating and they had to actually go out and buy cans of beer to make sure all stayed well hydrated. There was Giant Jenga, Connect Four, and Checkers from the Outdoor Rec and there was a nice bounce house for the kids to play in along with some music, plenty of cards, and checkers (that was a run on sentence that never ended).

A dunk tank was provided to cool certain leaders of AFTAC and raise a little money for the event and the Booster Club. Our own Vice-President, Jim Whidden even took his turn being a Dunkee. I heard there were unknown floating objects in the tank at times...but SMSgt Rob Christman, dutifully cleaned out the rubbish.

Another event for the day was the reintroduction of the Top Banana Competition/Trophy. I did not get the lowdown on all of the events that led up to that day. But the final competition was some pretty intense volleyball matches, pitting the newly made squadrons against each other. For the life of me, I do not recall who claimed the Trophy, but pretty sure it was an AFTAC squadron. After the Volleyball match and trophy presentation, Col Gorski made some parting remarks. He was very gracious to mention the Alumni and the great working relationship we had during his tenure.

There were many Alumni who attended and plenty of people to get reacquainted with or simply talk story with. In my opinion it turned out to be a great event and one that seemed to be enjoyable for all who attended.

HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK

After completion of the National World War II Memorial in Washington DC in 2004, the Honor Flight Network was founded to assist those who fought in the war to travel to the exhibit. The Honor Flight network has hundreds of chapters nationwide.

Go to <https://www.honorflight.org/about-honor-flight-network/> and read about them. Click on “**Hubs/Flights**” to see this network. Their mission presents a fine tribute to the men and women who served our country during the great wars.

For those of you who live close to Patrick AFB, the Space Coast HonorFlight chapter is holding a fundraiser event to help support the very popular flights to Washington DC for veterans. They have been providing these free trips for Veterans since 2010, and to date, have taken over 1275 Veterans on these trips. It's always a great event and one worth attending. Take a look at our website www.aftacaa.us and click on the event in our “**Upcoming Events**.” This is a fitting way that you can contribute to show that we honor our warriors.

EVENT DETAILS
“STARS AND STRIPES”
8 SEPTEMBER 2018
American Muscle Car Museum
Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL

Can't make this event? You can still support this effort by going to this site
<http://www.spacecoastonorflight.org/donate.html>

XXXIInd AFTAC Alumni Golf N'GetTogether—Spring 2018

as recalled by **Ed Lindsay**

For those of you who missed this GetTogether, you missed a doozy. We had one of our biggest turnouts in many years. 92 brave souls came out to partake in what was to be a beautiful day of golf and comradery. They gathered at the Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick AFB, FL, on Friday, 4 May. People signed in with our super-duper registration crew of volunteers. They emptied out their wallets, with just enough in reserve for later beverage purchases...the food was paid for already. Everybody started loosening up in whatever fashion they deemed most appropriate...hitting balls, rolling in some putts, and throwing back some cold ones. They had to get ready for the shotgun start at 1300. We had 24 teams and they were ready to roll.

After a quick round up of the masses to give them some ground rules and field questions, Colonel Gorski provided the group with some uplifting encouragement. Something to the effect of, you are golfing, not working, so no whining...at least that is what I heard. Without further delay, Rene Uzee sent the golfers on their merry way.

Bob Wiley could be seen out on the course taken action shots of the antics. He had to be careful on a few occasions to be nowhere near the golfers as there were times the ball did not proceed in the planned trajectory. A lot of golfers on the course and a lot of friendly bantering could be heard. Some huge roars erupted from regions of the course. Some loud cries of disappointment were also evident. The afternoon went on with players beating around little spherical objects in an attempt to get them in a small hole in the least amount of shots. What a silly game...methinks more shots is the solution.

Everyone finished up their rounds in a timely manner and headed back to the Clubhouse for some much needed grub and to pick up their door prizes. A wonderful BBQ buffet was provided by the Manatee kitchen staff.

The scorecards and Long Drive/Closest to the Pin cards indicated that there were some very good shots through the course of the day. Big shocker was deciding 2nd place...there was a tie. Rene Uzee had to really dig deep in the USGA golf tournament guidance to determine who it was gonna be...great decyphering Rene. Results gave us a good representation of the field. Everyone got a door prize and 23 percent rated additional recognition:

1st place: Devin Dean, Troy Lawson, Mike Correra, Kyle Walden—**51**

2nd place: John Howorth, Dennis Kauffmann, Pat Murphy, Ed Lindsay—**55**

3rd place: Howard Buckley, Duke Snyder, Pat Snyder, Jim Whidden—**55**

High Score (Most Honest): Jason Kotlewski, Jack Matejka, Jason LaBelle, Ryan Palmer -- **79**

Closest to the pins: Taylor Youtsler, Britton Eddy, Bruce “Nitro” Snelgrove, Kyle Walden

Long Drive: Women: Pat Snyder **Men:** Cameron Crawford

The whole event could not have gone off so well without the selfless help of our Alumni volunteers. Thanks to Gene and Dee Melchoir, John Howorth, and Dennis Kauffmann for putting the goodie bags together. The crew of Frank and Edna Calenda, Susanne Cahill, Carol Snyder, and Eileen Best for taking care of the registration and getting the door prizes picked and placed. Finally Bob Wiley for snapping all of the nice photos.

We had some great sponsors. Thank you to Moon Golf, Fiesta Azteca-Suntree, Beef O’Brady’s-Satellite Beach, & Charlie and Jake’s-Suntree/Viera. Susie Glasgow from Kegman Inc. and HIPPO roofing came in big, with a \$250 donation....SUPER! We also acknowledge our sole \$100 sponsor: Space Coast Intelligent Solutions (SCIS)

Just have to figure out a way to make the event even better....any volunteers to run the Fall 2018 event??? Pictures follow:



1st place-Walden, Lawson, Dean, & Correra
(Photo Bomb: Ed Lindsay – second from right)



3rd place-Duke, Pat, Buckley, & Whidden
(Another Photo Bomb – Ed is on the left)



Our Stalwart check in team-Frank, Carol, Susanne, Dee, Edna, & Gene, & Eileen
John Parker giving up the greenbacks and Joe Hauser laughing in back



Pat Snyder picking up here Long Drive prize



Another golfer picking up his door prize



5 Guys and a Hippo—our Alumni visitor from Orlando, Pete Sherman



Leading from the Front



The White Knights..or is it Knuts?



More happy golfers



And even more happier golfers

REPLICA OF AFTAC HQ BUILDING

By Mark Smith

[NOTE: After being alerted about a picture on FACEBOOK, Mark was asked to send information about his artistic replica of the AFTAC HQ building.]

AFTAC Alumni –

I built the wooden AFTAC display as a going away gift for Mr. Jim Kelly. Jim was AFTAC's Operations Security (OPSEC) Manager when he retired from civil service, and had been with AFTAC since 1991 (military and civilian).

I had a "wire-frame" outline drawing of the building and decided that I wanted to make Jim something special for his going away gift...something no one else had. I took the wire-frame drawing and extrapolated the measurements to ensure they were "to scale". I used red oak for the main part of the building, sapele (looks like mahogany) for the stairs and concrete planters to the sides of the stairs, and black walnut for the windows and trim. I finished the display with a natural stain to bring out the grain of the wood, and sprayed 4 coats of lacquer. Either side of the entrance is adorned with the AFTAC coin, front and back. The flag I printed mirror images and glued it around a 1/8" dowel rod. The letters



that spell out Air Force Technical Applications Center were made by a 3-D printer. I didn't have anything to scale the letters to other than photos of the front of Building 989. It took between 40 to 50 hours to create the display. I found the dragons at the flea market west of Melbourne and I-95 and had a friend airbrush them. The base of the display is made from red oak.

The purple dragons represent the OPSEC program (<http://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/614272/af-adopts-new-dragon/>), a program that Jim Kelly took pride in every day at AFTAC. He walked the walk and talked the talk, and brought a program that was given little more than lip-service to life, and even gained Air Force-level recognition. "OPSEC has always been an important factor in the military. Since Vietnam, OPSEC has become an established process used by military, federal, and state and local agencies, as well as private companies."

Jim would tell you, or anyone, that everyone in AFTAC is on the OPSEC Program team. It was his attitude that drew people to be more actively engaged in OPSEC. Jim Kelly definitely exhibited excellence in all he did, just as AFTAC has done for more than 70 years.

There is something nostalgic about that old Tech Lab to me...as a kid arriving here in 1973, riding by the building every day of my childhood knowing my dad worked there, and it was just so big!!! It is much like home to many AFTACers that have spent part of if not all of their career there. For many people, it was home, and they loved it as it had become a symbol of excellence not only at Patrick Air Force Base, but also to the Air Force and to our nation's leaders.

Thank you for your interest. I have considered trying to recreate the entire complex, rocket garden and all, but that could take several hundreds of hours. I would have to research to find out what rockets were on display.

OBITUARIES

For additional information, see our Web site – <https://www.aftacaa.us>

MARTIN E ALEXANDER

Learned of his passing when mail was 'Returned to sender -Deceased" – no other information available

CATHERINE BREWSTER

Widow of Fred Brewster (deceased – December 2017)

Died: May 1, 2018 [Notified by Mark Brewster, their son]

Note: The above information was added to Fred's entry on the www.AFTACWCC.org website "Departed" page. Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster



STEVEN C. DOUTHETT

January 4, 1947 – July 22, 2018

[Information provided by Dan Anderson]

On Sunday, July 22, 2018, Steven C. Douthett, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at the age of 71 from complications related to Agent Orange. Steven was born on Jan 4, 1947, in Pasadena, CA. Steven answered the call to serve his nation by joining the United States Air Force on Sept 15, 1965. Steven is a veteran of the Vietnam War and had a distinguished military career of 20 years. During his time at AFTAC headquarters, Steve worked in DO in the vault. Following his military career, Steven started a civilian career working for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center for 20 years; contributing to the Space Shuttle Program, Hubble Telescope, and countless other programs. He devoted many years to his church and prison ministry, as well as youth sports in Florida, before moving to NE to be near his grandchildren. He worked with and assisted other disabled Veterans to receive their disability benefits.

Steven is survived by his wife Rita (Kotrous); his four children and daughter-in-law: Stephanie, Christopher, Scott, Brian and Maria; Steven is also survived by his five grandchildren Danielle, Holly, Alex, Colin, and Hugo. Condolences may be addressed to the family at 11405 S. 120th Ave, Papillion, NE 68046.

CHARLES MONTGOMERY “CHARLIE” ECKERT, JR.

[Published in Asbury Park Press on June 19, 2016]

CMSgt, USAF Ret., passed on June 16, 2016, in Alexandria, VA. He is survived by his son Charles M. Eckert III (Mae) and daughter, Theresa L. Bostard (David), several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charlie is also survived by his loving companion of 33 years Patricia L. Curran.

Charlie served as a ground crew member for President Eisenhower’s plane, Columbine III, and was later assigned to AFTAC as a computer programmer.

WILLIAM “BILL” FIALA, JR

[Information provided by Millard C Davis Jr, MSgt Ret]

MSgt William (Bill) Fiala passed away the night of June 21, 2018, in Foley, Alabama. Born on April 15th 1938, Bill joined the Air Force in 1961, giving him the opportunity to travel the country and abroad. Bill served at AFTAC in the late 60s and early 70s.

Bill retired from the Air Force in 1983 as Master Sergeant at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas; the same location as his first active duty assignment.

Upon retiring he returned to Magnolia Springs, Alabama, where he quickly took up his love of land and sea through gardening, fishing, and shrimping. Soon after planting his roots back home he worked as a civilian at the Naval Air Base in Pensacola, Florida, and retired again in 1994.

Bill is survived by his three children - Daphne McKenzie, Gary Fiala, and Cheryl Todd, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Complete Obituary at www.casonfuneralservice.com/m/obituaries/William-Fiala/Memories



ARTHUR K. “ART” HALL

September 26, 1936 – May 26, 2018

Art Hall, age 81, of Akron, Ohio died May 26, 2018, at Akron General Hospital.

He was honorably discharged from the US Air Force (AFTAC) after 20 years of service. Following the AF, he went on and retired as a supervisor from the US Postal Service in Akron.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, the former Donna M. Prentiss, daughter Tracy L Keefer (companion Jeffrey Lytle), and grandson, Dyllan L Keefer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in Art's memory.



MARIAN (CHAMBERS) JORDAN

May 25, 1934 – June 11, 2018

[Obituary provided by Marian's daughter, Kathy Wayland]

Heaven gained another angel on Monday, June 11, 2018. Marian Ellen Jordan (nee Chambers), a most beautiful, loving, funny, and joyous lady, passed away at the age of 84 in Elk Grove, CA. During the Vietnam years she was employed at the 1155th TechOpsSqn, McClellan AFB Central Laboratory and always spoke fondly of her many Air Force friends.

Marian is survived by her two children, Kathy Wayland and Jeff Chambers, her four grandchildren, and her five great-grandchildren. According to her son-in-law, Wade, "work at McClellan AFB was a source of great pride for Marian and her memories and stories about her many friends brought her great joy.

Note: Marian Chambers was the "Sweetheart of MCL" and Executive Secretary to the Director of the McClellan Central Laboratory of the 1155th TechOpsSqn for many years. She was also a very talented pianist, singer & band director who formed a number of bands from talented 1155th TOS musicians, who called her "Mother." One of the bands was named "**The Mother's Brothers**" who performed for a number of events and at various venues in the greater Sacramento area. A number of band photos, including one with Marian, were published in 1999 on page 98 in the "**Technical Operations Division Heritage Remembered**" booklet. I hope to have some of the photos of the band(s), which I received from Marian and also from **Warren Wachter**, published in future issues of the Depot Fallout newsletter. I may even find a way some day to publish on our website some of the songs recorded by the band(s) members which I also received from Marian & from Warren. The band photos included **Warren Wachter, Alan Gontang, Doug Clevenger, Bill Scott, Wayne Gunther** and possibly others. [Provided by *Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster*]

JOHN T LINDSAY

Died July 13, 2017

Contacted by Son, John Lindsay I regret to inform you that my father John T Lindsay Sr Lt Col Ret passed on July 13 2017

VINCENT STEPHEN "Steve" McDONALD

April 14, 1943 – July 18, 2018

"It is with great sadness that I am writing to you all today. My dad lost his battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis early this morning. He passed away in his sleep. The last few months have been an up and down battle for him, but especially difficult these last few days. Today was the most at peace that I have seen him in a long time because he is finally where he wants to be, back with my mom." [Provided by Steve's daughter, Rhonda McDonald Dousharm]

'Steve was a good friend and leader. He was a 99125 Q technician in Shemya, a Q instructor at Lowry, a PCM/electronics instructor at 2nd Communication Squadron, and the NCOIC of OL AO, Buckley ANGB. May he rest in peace.' [Provided by Bryce Dunn, President AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado]



BEN MURPHY

April 26, 1962 - July 13, 2018

"It is with great sadness that our family announces the untimely death of Ben on 13 July 2018. Heather, Ashley, Courtney, Ben's Mom, and siblings, as well as myself, and Ben's extended family are numb with grief...Rest in Peace Ben! ❤️" [Reported by Laura Paas Murphy.]

Thomas Benjamin "Ben" Murphy, 56, died peacefully at home on July 13, 2018. He joined the Air Force right out of high school, He obtained a bachelor's degree from Golden Gate University in 1994. Ben retired from the Air Force with the rank of Master Sergeant in 2001. He was employed as a civilian at AFTAC on Patrick AFB.

"Team, it is with great sadness that I relay the news about the passing of one of our own on, Ben Murphy, a member of the Strategic Integration Directorate. Ben passed away on Friday, 13 July, after what appears to be an accidental fall in

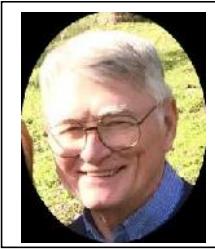
his home. He was a civilian employee at AFTAC for more than 17 years, and was well-known and liked by all who worked with him. In addition to his time as a member of civil service, Ben was also a career Air Force 9S100 and retired from active duty in 2001."

[Released to the Men and Women of AFTAC by AFTAC PA on behalf of the AFTAC Vice Commander, Col Bordner.]

It is with great sadness that we pass on the following information about the loss of one of our AFTAC brethren. [Posted by Joey Martinez, a longtime friend of Ben, on the 99105 99104 FaceBook page.]

"An awful loss to the AFTAC family. Rest in Peace Ben Murphy." [Ed Lindsay, President, AFTAC Alumni Association.]

See full obituary at <https://www.beckman-williamson.com/notices/MasterSergeant-MurphyUSAFRet>



DAVE PAQUETTE

October 9, 1942 - July 28, 2018

[Alerted by Tom Niquette, This Information Reported by June Paquette]

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of Dave's passing. He was returning from his daily walk on 23 July, when he took a fall on our front steps, and hit his head. He sustained a significant bleed due to being on blood thinners, and despite prompt surgery, he could not recover from the injury. Dave passed away on July 28th. His care at Sutter Roseville hospital was exceptional, but he did not regain consciousness following surgery. He received supportive care and died peacefully. Gratefully, I was at his side when he died.

He loved the men and women of AFTAC and was so proud to be part of such an outstanding organization. Nearly the entire 28 years in the AF were spent with AFTAC - a year at Command and Staff and 4 years at Eglin , otherwise we were fortunate to be part of AFTAC. It was like family to us and we have life-long friends from TechOps. After his retirement from the Air Force, he received a teaching credential and taught high school chemistry for a number of years. He then graduated on to teaching chemistry at Sacramento City College, mainly to pre-nursing students.

A Celebration of Life will be held for family and friends the evening of September 7 in our community of Lincoln Hills. Should anyone wish to make a donation in honor of Dave, I have chosen the Placer Food Bank as the recipient. It is an outstanding organization that does so much good in our community and surrounding area and Dave enjoyed being a volunteer with the food bank. Here is a link to a donation page in his memory: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ihodp>

Tom Niquette reported that Dave retired as a Lt Col. Tom and Dave were assigned to AFTAC HQ back in the 1974-1978 time frame. Tom in DO and Dave in TN.

DENISE JUDITH ROBINSON

[Notified by TSgt William C. (Connie) Robinson]

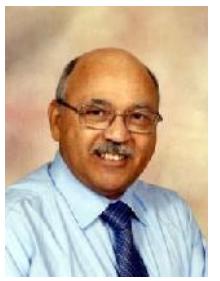
Denise Judith Robinson, 72, longtime resident of Lady Lake, Florida, passed away May 29, 2018. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, William "Connie" Robinson, daughters Pennie A. Miguel and Julie R. Thomas, and sons William Robinson Todd L. Robinson. She has eleven grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Mrs. Robinson was a retired registered Dental Assistant. Full obituary available at <https://www.beyersfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3526622/robinson-denise/obituary.php>

MARK SHARRATT

(Obituary was posted in the April 2018 POST MONITOR)

(UPDATE – Information received from Cliff Kendall)

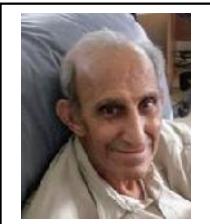
Mark Sharratt's widow Kim posted the following: I wanted to let everyone know that Mark's service at Arlington will be on September 21st at 2:00 pm. He was so proud of his service to our country and really proud to be able to be buried at Arlington so anyone who can make it and share in this with us will be appreciated."



LAYTON "ERIC" WILLIAMS

Eric Williams was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 23, 1949, and Died 4 June 2018. [Information provided by Tony DeMarco]

Eric entered the Air Force on April 27, 1970. During the career field selection process at Lackland AFB, Eric was identified as a candidate for the 99125 Special Electronics Technician Career Field. Following BMT, Eric headed off to Lowry AFB and attended 99125Q Tech School. He graduated from Tech School in early 1971 and headed off to his first AFTAC assignment at Det 370. Following completion of his tour at Det 370, Eric headed off to a new assignment at Depot/LQEQ. Eric worked in the "Q" Engineering Office until the Technique was shut down in mid-1975. After his release from the Command into the regular AF, Eric went on to complete his degree, attend AECP, and receive his Commission as a USAF Officer. Eric had a very successful USAF Career and retired after 25 Years. In his 2nd career, he served as Director of Department of Health for the State of Alabama until his retirement in 2013. Eric is survived by his wife Maria, two sons Rick (Jessica), and Juan, and 4 grandchildren. For the full obituary, see <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/montevallo-al/layton-williams-7871298>



DR. NAZIEH YACOUB

Died: June 15, 2018

Dr. Nazieh Yacoub, went to be with his beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Jun 15, 2018, in Melbourne, Florida. Nazieh was 85 and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife Yvonne (West), daughter Natalie (Ryan Pugh), granddaughter Isabell Marie, and his brother Dr. Makeen Yacoub. He was born and raised in Egypt and joined the Egyptian Army. Upon completion of his national service to his native country, Dr. Yacoub left his country to pursue furthering his education. In 1966, Dr. Yacoub was accepted into the Colorado School of Mines to study petroleum engineering where he earned his masters. In 1969, Dr. Yacoub accepted a position with USGS and continued his love for physics and geology. Eventually he would return to Colorado to finish school. After receiving his doctorate at Saint Louis University, he accepted a civilian position at the Air Force Technical Applications Center on Patrick AFB in 1976.

Along the way, Dr. Yacoub laid the cornerstones and foundations for his beloved Coptic Orthodox Church. He dedicated so much of his life to serving the house of God, building entire church communities, leading them, and handing them down to new generations. He cared for the altar, made holy bread, taught chants to younger deacons, and ensured the traditions of the Ancient Church were understood and passed along.

The full obituary is available at
<http://www.beachfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3536230/Yacoub-Nazieh/obituary.php>

REST IN PEACE





MAIL CALL



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Missives requesting no action may be mailed/mailed to the editor, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' . Those may be edited for clarity and space but not normally for punctuation, wording, etc; opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy.

George Cronin posted on FACEBOOK – Interesting Post

<http://www.25af.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1492978/reserve-citizen-airman-sets-sail-as-first-reserve-mission-commander/>

Ed Lindsay-email, 2018.04 PoMo –

A great effort put forth by all to get this issue completed and to the masses. Thank you so much for your dedication.
John - Thank you, Ed, it's an honor to have the trust of our Association and our Readers.

Frank Calenda-email, 2018.04.23 Another great issue and thanks for all the dedicated work put into this production.
Most welcome, Frank, and this one was definitely a 'Team Effort' ... we appreciate your appreciation!!

Gene Ross

It's been a long time since we've talked/communicated and you probably don't even remember me.
My name is Eugene (Gene) Ross and my association with AFTAC was way back in the 1960s;

Taught Q System in the school at Lowry AFB.

Was Ops Officer under Major Bill Deem at Det 418, Baguio.

Was Q Systems monitor in Operations at AFTAC HQ on Telegraph Road under Cal Brown, Alex DiSanto, et al.

Do you still take tales of times/events in AFTAC for the PoMo or is that a thing of the past? The real reason for this email is to get through having a senior moment and ensure that I am ONLY getting the PoMo electronically (jeanandgene@cox.net) and not through the mail.....in the spirit of keeping down costs!!!!

Would you check that out and change anything if anything needs changing? Thanks!!! Keep up the good work that you and the others do to keep the Alumni Assoc. alive and vibrant!!

Gene Ross

Gene, wow, that a nice email, it's AFTAC Blood like yours that are so rewarding to what we do. We sure do still take those great stories you have ... most guys are bypassing us for putting them on Facebook but we still really enjoy them in the PoMo ... we do have to run it thru HQ Security and I'm sure you understand that, so write on, friend. I have Cced Frank Calenda, our Website Manager, aftacaa.us, as he sometimes publishes the stories on that website. I have Cced Judy Henderson as she is formatting the August issue as you may have read in the latest issue if you received it electronically. Lastly I have Cced Mike Steskal, our Master Database Manager, to verify you are only getting the PoMo electronically. So good to hear from you, and await your mighty tales of AFTAC Life. John

A Piece of History - by Jack O'Conner

It was September 1955 and I had just completed our roughly three months of training in Tail # 263---our beloved C-47 "Goony Bird"--- and WB-29's, which had been modified to conduct training and operations for our specialty. I had just been certified to operate solo as a Special Equipment Operator. I was stationed at my first permanent duty assignment: Western Field Office of the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron, McClellan AFB, CA. WB-29's were also stationed at McClellan AFB, but as the 57th Air Weather Squadron. The SEO would be the eleventh man on the crew. We had no crew position available, so we sat on the floor in the rear compartment with our back against the bomb bay bulkhead between the two scanners. After takeoff, the SEO would take over the right scanner position where our equipment had been pre-positioned and tied down. Looking back upon it, we were the only thing not tied down. We didn't know any better and we had a job to do on that aircraft, so we didn't worry about it.



In the WB-29's, we only had a "honey bucket" which was situated directly behind the left scanner position. All human excretions went into that bucket. You can imagine, though you may not want to, just how bad that thing was smelling after we all had been drinking coffee for awhile in briefings and preflight duties without being able to avail ourselves of the scant facilities in the hangar. The beloved honey bucket was used soon and often. More later about that! It is not germane to this story. Directly behind that was the place where we put the box containing all of our lunches--two per crewmember. Twenty two box lunches. We had no heated lunches back in those days. We didn't have a means to heat them.



Back SACTO: I was lying there next to my new bride dreaming of a wonderful something or other. We were startled out of our slumber with the shrill ring of our telephone.

"This is Capt. Copeland. Airman O'Connor, a staff car will be in front of your apartment in 30 minutes to pick you up for transport to San Francisco Int'l Airport. I can't tell you where you are going from there, but be packed and ready for 30 days. We will keep your wife informed on your progress. Others are going with you."

And, thanks to the originator of our concern and the time difference, our alert always seemed to come at about the same time: 3:00AM, PST. The big problem with this is that we never knew what day it might happen or who and how many SEO's would be called to go. It varied with each occasion, so we always had a bag packed ready to go.

So started my first TDY. We always had a First Class Ticket in our pocket because there was almost always room back there, even if the rest of the plane was sold out. (The Pan American Clipper had a great lounge down a circular stairway where, if we were first to get there, we could stretch out on the sofas. There was no bar service at 5:00 AM). We always just had to get to our destination ASAP. Positioning was of prime importance. Our own Weather Man from 1009th SWS HQ at Langley AFB was on his way to provide expertise in where we should be flying. We had to hit the ground running and be airborne in a WB-29 within 12 hours. Most times one of us would be airborne within three hours of our arrival at Eielson AFB, AK, if we had a good idea of where we needed to be.

There was no such thing as "Crew Duty Time." We flew as needed. We learned real fast, that this was the routine method of initiating a TDY for anyone in the Cloud Chasing Business ((or: our type of business)). Capt Buck Copeland and A/1c Guy Davis flew alternating days for over a month. On their "day off," they manned the desk---monitoring and reporting up the line what was happening in the aircraft. Obviously, neither had any crew rest. They both were burned out by the time the operation concluded.

That was the beginning of six great years with the 1009th SWS and flying as an enlisted Aircrew Member. Initially, we were considered additional Non-Crew Member, which paid us \$50.00 per month for "hazardous duty pay." Most of us just wanted to be able to wear enlisted crewmember wings, but a raise in pay to \$55.00 per month would be a welcome increase in our meager pay---as would the designation of flight pay. It was minimal compensation for being separated from wife and baby girl for sudden and frequent separations from the family. It was especially hard on my wife who did not know what we were doing let alone where we were going or why.

The Aircraft Commanders (AC's) always were a little curious if we hadn't flown with him before, because the flying time we logged was "z" time, listed as 'other.' That was an unusual crewmember designation. He stayed suspicious until we found what we were looking for. Then, I think, he understood.

One of the most amazing aspects to me, and probably most of us, was the ability of an A/2C to tell a Lt Col where to take his modified bomber and tell him when to turn and when to orbit. It was a little scary the first few times, but they had been briefed and I only had one flight when the Aircraft Commander did not follow my instructions and what flight profile I wanted.



It was during a roughly twenty seven hour RB-36 mission and we were headed back to Travis AFB without any success. Exhausted, I thought I'd take a nap, and though we had 2 engines shut down, we still had 8 engines working so I told the AC to maintain 35,000 ft as long as possible and then make a steep approach to Travis AFB. I went to sleep which was understandable (In addition, RB-36 pre-flight took about 3 hours, so I had been at or in the plane for over 27 hours already). The Aircraft Commander decided to make a long shallow approach to Travis so we lost about 3 hours off of the high altitude profile I had requested. During my "nap time," I had the radio operator monitor my equipment in the event anything happened.

Upon landing, I gave a long sigh of relief, knowing crew rest and a loving wife was awaiting me at McClellan. Instead, immediately after engine shutdown, I had a big surprise awaiting my arrival. As I disembarked, I was surprised, shaken and not a little frightened to see our Field Office Commander, Col Griffin, waiting for me along with his secretary. Under the wing of the giant ten engine RB-36, at an improvised desk and chair, the secretary typed as I explained what happened. Two days later, the Aircraft Commander was a Co-Pilot. This was in General Curtis Lemay's Strategic Air Command. It was amazing how much clout a little airman had in this organization. Of course, this was when the Squadron had a two star General for a commander and we had the number one priority in the Air Force. There were four Full Colonels just in the Western Field Office at McClellan AFB, CA.

Though we had nothing to show for our long flight but flight time logged, it was still a successful mission. Just like hunting or fishing, there would be better results on the next time out!



VIETNAM WALL – submitted by **Tom Niquette**

The Wall -- A little history most people will never know.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth , Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965. There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. 8,283 were just 19 years old. The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old. 12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old. One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam. 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam .

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall. Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school. 8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio, with a population of 475, lost 6 of her sons. West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments,

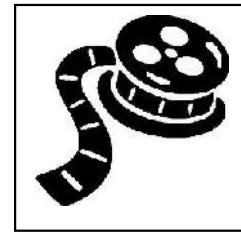
they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

Please pass this on to those who served during this time, and those who DO Care. I've also sent this to those I KNOW do care very much, and I thank you for caring as you do.



SUBMITTED by **BRYCE DUNN**, via Email, 8 July 2018

Ran across where LLNL recently declassified some videos and put them on youtube. Thought you would find them interesting.

Watch this one first....

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsOrRWzmmUU&list=PLvGO_dWo8VfcmG166wKRy5z-GIJ_OQND5&index=100&t=0s

Then this one...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvGO_dWo8VfcmG166wKRy5z-GIJ_OQND5

Enjoy!
Bryce

SUBMITTED by **FRANK CALENDAR**, via Email, 13 June 2018

IMPORTANT TRICARE DENTAL AND VISION COVERAGE

Your Florida Website Committee is closely monitoring this change in coverage. Those presently insured with Delta Dental and any Tricare Dental or Vision policies are advised to investigate this situation.

We have provided the Tricare Dental/Vision Update 4 on the website www.aftacaa.us in our Hot Topics Box. This update includes a tool to check out the new policy offers and make comparisons. To get the best policies offered, it will take an effort on your part to review these offers. Those of you that applied for periodic updates as shown in our Update 3 will have gotten this notice.

Remember, if you don't respond to these governmental changes at the end of the year, you will be dropped from the coverage. Our notifications are for information only and it's up to you to take action.

Your Florida AFTAC Alumni Association

FROM THE TOP — by Ed Lindsay

Happy summer to our Alumni that reside in the Northern Hemisphere and wonderful winter to those of you down in the Southern Hemi. It has been pretty quiet and relaxed for us in the Florida area. So far our hurricane season has been non-existent and I for one hope it stays that way. Hope I have not jinxed us, but I doubt that I have that much

influence over weather systems. I know our brethren on the West Coast have been experiencing extreme temperatures and some awful fires. Our prayers are with all of them.

Back in April we generated a status of our financial situation and mentioned that we planned to make some changes to the way the Post Monitor is developed and distributed. We received an outpouring of ideas and support with how we planned to proceed. Not surprisingly, many members decided to provide generous contributions to the Alumni Association to help with funding of the Post Monitor and other operations of the Association. Thank you. You may have noticed that the April issue was a little smaller. In this issue we have made more adjustments. This will be addressed later in this post.

The first Friday of May we held our Spring Golf N'GetTogether at the Manatee Golf course on Patrick AFB. It was a good venue and we had a great turnout. We were blessed with great weather, good friends and food. Read all about how it all played out in this issue of the Post Monitor. We will have our Fall Tourney the end of September and hope many of you join us.

AFTAC went through a huge restructuring in the spring. They now have multiple squadrons at the Headquarters, vice the Directorates that you all were familiar with throughout your tenures. To cap it all off, AFTAC held their spring picnic at the new outback pavilion and recently completed volleyball court. The event also was the going away function for Colonel Gorski. Again you can read about the event in this publication and later on our website.

AFTAC held a Change of Command on 20 June welcoming in Colonel Chad J. Hartman to take over the reins of AFTAC. Colonel Gorski was a wonderful supporter of the Alumni Association and we look forward to another great relationship with the new Commander. Another story that you can read more about and even some photos that were put together by AFTAC's Public Affairs professional, Susan Romano.

The Post Monitor has been a staple of this great organization for many decades. There have been many contributors, but none has done more (in my opinion) than CMSgt(retired) John Horsch. John has decided to start the transition process to allow for others to take over the publisher duties. Pete Gilbert, our Webmaster has also been instrumental in putting the past few PoMOS together for everyone's enjoyment. He also decided that it might be best if someone else take over those duties. For this issue, Judy Milam-Henderson boldly stepped up to give it a go. She has been involved in the editing process for many years. So we know the PoMo is in good hands. Terry Hammond has also thrown his expertise to help ensure we have a quality product for many years to come. Great teamwork and always looking for more to contribute. I personally am very grateful for John (and Chris's) exceptional dedication and devotion to providing decades of their lives to getting the word out to the Alumni to keep us all in touch. The Horsch'es Mouth has kept the herd together.

Gonna wrap this up, so I lastly give a big shout out to all that provide stupendous support to keeping this Alumni Association alive. You know who you are and we couldn't make it work without you. Thank you all so much.

If you are in the Melbourne area, it would be good to see you at the General membership meeting on 7 September or any of our other meetings/events. It would be great to get some old/new members involved, if you find you have some free time. It doesn't require much..LOL and is usually tons O' fun. Also maybe see you at the Worldwide Reunion in June of 2019 that is being hosted by the great folk of the Colorado Chapter--another gathering of wonderful friends.

Wishing a blessed and enjoyable remainder of 2018 to all of you, **Ed Lindsay**

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Coordinator-**Bob Wiley**, Publicity-**Sean Ryan**, Sage Shop-**MSgt John Goll**. Website
Manager-Frank **Calenda**

John Horsch has stepped down from his position as Coordinator of the Alumni of the Year selection committee; fortunately, **Bob Wiley** has stepped up to that position. Thanks, John, for your many years of service.

A FEW MINUTES FROM THE MINUTES

This column will help you stay up-to-date on issues that are not covered in other places in the PoMo.

With nearly 200 AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) members in the local area, you would think we would have good attendance at the monthly meetings, but as you might guess, there are just a few members who attend each month and conduct the bulk of the business. Fortunately, there are a number of active-duty members who show up nearly every month, and this helps us keep in touch with the activities going on in the building.

The latest membership report from Mike Steskal indicates we have 593 members; 250 members live in Florida, of which 182 live in Brevard County.

Progress is being made to develop an **AFTAC Memorial Corporation** (AFTACMC) which will be responsible for building a memorial to honor those who died while working at AFTAC. A checking account has been established and design efforts are underway. Fundraising efforts are being considered. The application has been submitted to obtain non-profit tax-exempt status.

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DEPOT FALLOUT ~ Excerpts from the AFTAC Alumni West Coast Chapter newsletter

For more information, visit their Web site at www.AFTACWCC.org

WCC ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL 10 NOV 2018

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster & Vice President

On Saturday, November 10th the West Coast Chapter will have our annual Fall Social at the **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant** in Citrus Heights from 11:30am-2:00pm. This restaurant will allow us each to order from their full menu and will bill us separately for our meals & drinks. This is always a great time of year to see and talk to friends. Details and the required reservation form are published in this newsletter and are also available now online from our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Forms" page. **The deadline for reservations is 5 Nov 2018 but please don't wait until then to send yours to us.**

2018 SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster & Vice President

The West Coast Chapter held our annual SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK on ARMED FORCES DAY, **Saturday, 19 May 2018**. We had a beautiful day for our picnic, a wonderful time and a really good group of thirty-eight in attendance. If you missed this one you missed another good chance to see and visit with old friends ... and we missed you! **John "Butch" Kemna** our chief Picnic Guru, did a really good job putting it together again this year and our BBQ Chefs, **Ken Breitwieser & Denny Nolan**, worked their magic on the grill for us again. An abbreviated showing of the photos I took can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter. More of them, larger and in full color, can be seen on our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Albums" page. You should plan now to be a part of this WCC spring tradition next year on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, 18 May 2019.



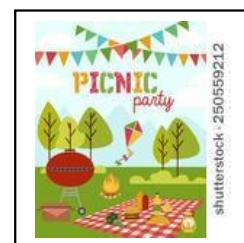
Tom & Sue Wentz Ken & Eva
Breitwieser



Ken & Cathy Denbleyker, Bob Haslett,
& Rod Hinkle (WCC President)



Yuko & Glen Carson with daughter Mari



2019 AFTAC Alumni Worldwide Reunion

This reunion is sponsored by the Colorado AFTAC Alumni Association and is taking place at the Denver-Aurora DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton located at 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014. The reunion is open to all current and former members, family members and guests, of AFTAC, its predecessor organizations and subordinate units and associated units. A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of **13, 14, & 15 June 2019** at a special rate of \$119.00 (plus tax) per night and includes a full breakfast buffet. This special room rate is available using group code AFT and will be available until 24 May 2019 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Additional room nights for 11 & 12 and/or 16 & 17 June may be booked at the same rate on a space available basis. The room block consists of the standard 1-King Bed room and the 1-King Bed Larger Mobility Access with Tub rooms. If you require two beds, 2-Queen Bed rooms may be booked at the AFTAC rate on a space available basis. If you want to book a room for any of the additional nights or a room with two queen beds, you must call the hotel Sales Coordinator, Tina Le, at 303-337-2800 ext. 157 or Direct 303-614-0788. We very strongly recommend making reservations early so we can request increases to the room block before additional rooms become unavailable. If your reservation does not include any nights outside the three room block dates, or a 2-Queen Bed room, booking a reservation is a simple process using the AFTAC Alumni Web Page provided by the DoubleTree, the public DoubleTree website, or telephone:
http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DENITDT-AFT-20190613/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
or www.doubletree3.hilton.com or calling the Denver-Aurora DoubleTree desk at 303-337-2800.

Additional updates regarding the specific agenda, food menu, registration, etc., will be provided when firmed up. We are planning a golf tournament on Friday morning, 14 June, and an informal meet and greet icebreaker with Hors D'Oeuvres and cocktails on Friday evening along with briefings by local AFTAC unit personnel. The formal dinner banquet and ceremony will be Saturday evening, 15 June, along with special guest speakers. Our hospitality suite in the hotel will be open starting on Thursday, 13 June. It will be closed during the Friday icebreaker and Saturday dinner. An informal Sunday morning farewell breakfast at the hotel may also be scheduled if there is sufficient interest. Again, please make your room reservations early because June is a very popular time for visitors in Colorado.

If you have any questions or comments please send an email to: President@aftacco.org and Treasurer@aftacco.org

MONITORing Active Duty Doins'

from around the AFTAC World **Command Section**



Commander/CC/2018. **Col Chad J. Hartman** earned his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program at the University of Missouri in 1994. He has led intelligence operations across multiple theaters and echelons, to include an F-117 fighter squadron, Air Operations Centers in Pacific and Central Air Forces, the US Air Force Distribution Common Ground System, and US Special Operations Command.
[Full Bio at <https://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC/>]

Hello AFTAC Alumni! It's been a whirlwind first month or so since I took command of this great organization, and I am enjoying every minute. I was fortunate to meet some of you at the Change of Command ceremony in June, and I hope I get to meet many more of you throughout my tenure.

You've probably had the chance to see my career chronology in my official biography, so I won't bore you with the details of the places I've seen and the jobs I've held. I'd rather take this moment to share with you my philosophy on the importance of history and family.

As you know, the history of AFTAC's long range detection mission dates back to the early Atomic Age – the dawn of what ultimately led President Eisenhower to charge the Air Force with this critical mission. We've come a long way from the

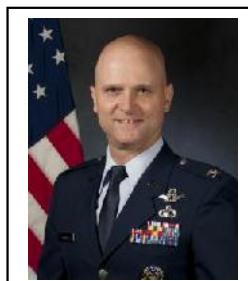
early days of the Cold War, but one thing hasn't changed: the people dedicated to the mission. I think it's vital for any organization to look to the future while embracing our past...an incredibly rich past built up over time by teams of amazing individuals passionate about their AFTAC service. I am grateful to each and every one of you for making AFTAC the success it is and for laying a powerful foundation to build upon as we tackle new challenges in what is an increasingly complex, dynamic and consequential world.

But just as our organizational history is important, so are our families – our blood relatives, as well as members of our Air Force family. Like many of you, there have been countless times I've had to leave my wife and kids behind in order to conduct our nation's business. Though always difficult, I knew my Air Force family would rally around them in my absence to ensure they had what they needed. From what I've learned during my short time here, the AFTAC Alumni Association is no exception to that rule. You are an equal part of our family, and I'm grateful to know we share such a solid and caring rapport. Your support to events such as our annual awards program, spring picnic, softball tournaments and formal military ceremonies is invaluable, and very much appreciated.

I'm fired up to be here and anxious to lead such an extraordinary group of men and women. I also look forward to meeting our first-class Alumni, so please hit me up when our paths cross.

Thank you, and ... One Team, One Fight!

- **Col Hartman**



Vice Commander/CV/2018. **Col Ralph E. Bordner, III**

Col Bordner received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Central Florida in 1996 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. His career includes multiple space-concentric positions, to include crew-certified space operator, space and missile control engineer, chief of ballistic missile subsystems, and research and development engineer.

[Full Bio at <https://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC/>]

Greetings Alumni! Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself to you. It is a literal dream come true to be a part of this amazing organization, and I'm excited about joining such a world-renowned group of men and women. I've got some tough shoes to fill, but Col Sawyer has set me up for success with the foundation he laid during his tenure as AFTAC's Vice Commander, so I know I am on the right track.

From a professional standpoint, I've been in the Air Force for 22 years serving in various assignments throughout the United States. I attended the University of Central Florida (...current National Champions, BTW...) for my bachelor's in Aeronautical Engineering, graduating in 1996. My career, unbeknownst to me and probably even the Air Force hands that guided me, had me in and around the AFTAC mission since Day One when I was assigned to 2nd Space Operations Squadron as a satellite vehicle officer for the GPS constellation. Since then, I was fortunate enough to be selected to earn my master's and doctorate degrees from the Air Force Institute of Technology, both in Astronautical Engineering, as well as serve in two other nuclear-related assignments. Needless to say, I'm thrilled to be here on the Space Coast and anxious to watch routine, real-life demonstrations of the conservation of momentum over at the Cape's launch pads!

OK, now that I have demonstrated the requisite academic 'nerdiness' required to associate with such an esteemed and educated organization, let me share a bit on the personal side. And yes, it is just as nerdy--I love Star Wars and music! The cool thing is both of those things are not orthogonal! In total, I have been to five Star Wars conventions, but I attended absolutely zero of them in costume, so don't believe what you read in the papers! But while I enjoy all things Force-related, music is truly my passion. I can think of no greater way to express our humanity than through the arts. Music -- whether it is band, chorus, or just listening -- has always played a huge part in my life, and over the last decade, it has routinely led me to musical theater. In fact, it has so for my entire family, making us a bit like the Von Trapps at times. My wife Sariela, and kids Sofia, Gabriel, and Isabela have shared the stage in over a dozen musicals. The most recent of which was the national community theater debut of "Tuck Everlasting," where my daughter Sofia played the lead, Winnie Foster. (Oops! Sorry for the puffed-out-chest proud Dad moment!)

On a serious note, as Col Hartman's second in command, my role is to ensure that he has the tools and resources he needs to execute AFTAC's global mission, as well as assist him with formulating and directing his command policies and procedures for our 1,000+ workforce worldwide. But my role also includes the morale and welfare of our Airmen, and in many ways that includes you – our "forefathers" so to speak. So if there is anything I can do to help you, please reach out. I've heard great things about the AFTAC Alumni Association and the partnership the Center shares with its legacy employees, so I'm looking forward to experiencing that synergy myself.

Glad to be on board...anxious to get to know you all as well. May the Force be with you all!

- **Col Bordner**

***** **REPORTS FROM WITHIN THE HQ BUILDING**

(Most of the following extracts can be read in their entirety at the 25th AF Website: www.25af.af.mil)

New commander inherits newly-structured Air Force organization

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs, PRESS RELEASE 18-06-20/001, 20 June 2018



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - Through the tradition of military pomp and circumstance, members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center here witnessed the change of command between the center's outgoing and incoming commander today. Col. Chad J. Hartman assumed command from Col. Steven M. Gorski under the authority of the presiding official, Maj. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien, commander of 25th Air Force. See additional pictures of the Change of Command on page 23.

An Air Force change of command ceremony is steeped in tradition and represents the formal transfer of authority and responsibility. O'Brien, whose Numbered Air Force directly oversees the AFTAC mission, traveled from San Antonio to officiate the transfer and provide insight into Gorski's accomplishments since he took command of the center in July 2016.

Once the guidon was passed, AFTAC's new commander received his first salute from the Airmen in formation, led by AFTAC Vice Commander Col. Michael G. Sawyer.

This will be Hartman's fourth command tour, but his first as a wing commander. Gorski is moving to the Pentagon to become the military assistant to the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence.

NOTE: Frank Calenda, Frank Hall, and Jim Denbow were among the alumni who attended the ceremony. **Calenda** reported that he was able to talk with both the new commander, Col Hartman and the 25th AF Commander, Lt General O'Brien. Calenda said they have both been apprised of the Alumni Association and had nice things to say. Also, Col Gorski included a mention of the Association in his farewell speech.

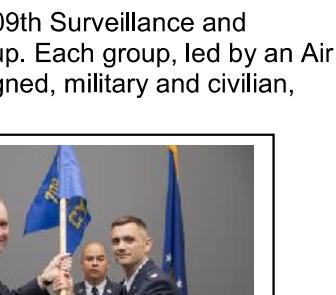
Reorganization brings structure, leadership to treaty monitoring center

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs; Release 18-05-09/001, May 9, 2018



PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In a week that saw 13 formal ceremonies including 11 activations, five inactivations, and 10 assumptions of command, the Air Force Technical Applications Center here successfully completed its reorganization April 9-13 after more than five years of planning.

The organization change request, better known as "AFTAC 2.0" to the center's 1,000+ workforce, became reality April 1 and sees the addition of nine new squadrons, two new groups, one new detachment and two new directorates.



The wing is divided into two groups – the 709th Surveillance and Analysis Group and the 709th Support Group. Each group, led by an Air Force O-6, has roughly 400 personnel assigned, military and civilian, and fall under Gorski's command.

When the storms of life arise, how do you survive the onslaught?

Commentary by **Senior Master Sgt. Eric V. Reynolds**

Don't miss this excellent article, posted on our Web page, <https://www.aftaca.us> – Here's an excerpt:

The storms of life appear in many forms. Some are small and arise as unexpected showers to rain on your parade, while others last so long they leave you exhausted -- mentally, physically, emotionally or even spiritually. Depending on the circumstances, dealing with any one of those storms – large or small – can seem like a monumental hurdle. Dealing with all of them one after another is enough to scare you right off the track.

I encourage you to take some time and look at your life. What is going to keep you going, or pull you out of the storms when they come? For me, my spiritual pillar kept me alive and my family tightly bound together during our extended season of extreme weather. I'm still rebuilding my other pillars and grateful for the opportunity to share this story.

If you are in the middle of a tempest today, get real about your situation and get help as soon as you can. You are not alone, and we very much need you - even if you can't see it right now. One team, one fight!

Florida Airmen Skype with Georgia middle school students

by **Susan A. Romano**, AFTAC Public Affairs; RELEASE 18-05-10/001 – May 10, 2018

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Two Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center here chatted with students from a Georgia middle school via Skype April 25 to discuss how science, technology, engineering and math are used by members of the military.

Tech. **Sgt. BreAnne Groth**, a satellite operations system analyst, and **Staff Sgt. Jordan Peterson**, an AFTAC web developer, video-conferenced with 6th graders from Daniell Middle School in Marietta, Ga., and took questions from the inquisitive teens on a wide range of topics.

Not just a buzzword; AFTAC showcases innovation to ISR community

by **Susan A. Romano**, AFTAC Public Affairs, Release 18-07-09/001, July 9 2018

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Thirty-five Airmen from across the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance enterprise converged at the Air Force Technical Applications Center here recently to get a first-hand view of how the nuclear treaty monitoring center applies innovation techniques to its worldwide mission.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC's Command Chief, thought it would be beneficial to have Air Force ISR counterparts meet with members of AFTAC's Innovation Lab to learn how Airmen have capitalized on the vast amount of knowledge, expertise, skill and talent within the center to find non-traditional ways to solve problems using innovation. So he invited three dozen people from ISR units across the U.S., including Airmen from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.; the 319th Air Base Wing at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; the 480th ISR Wing and 363rd Wing at Langley AFB, Va.; the 70th ISR Wing at Ft. Meade, Md.; and the 655th ISR Group and National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

AFTAC, a surveillance wing of 25th Air Force's ISR structure, created its Innovation Lab in 2014 as a way to encourage the workforce to figure out ways to develop and streamline technologies and processes at a cheaper cost while simultaneously addressing mission gaps. According to Joseph, innovation has been part of the AFTAC culture and is nothing new for the nuclear surveillance organization.

LOOKING FOR AN ANSWER !

What do you know about the "**TOILET BOWL**" tournaments??? Dr. Mike Young, the AFTAC Historian, has posed the question: When was the first AFTAC **Toilet Bowl** tournament held? It seems we have reason to believe it (possibly) began in the mid-sixties, at McClellan AFB. Anyone out there with information that would help us come up with a date or at least a year??? Anyone have pictures of early **TOILET BOWLS**? [Replies to Judy at jem2415@earthlink.net]

Air Force to start transforming tankers into WC-135 'nuke sniffers' in FY19

By: Valerie Insinna April 25, 2018



The Air Force plans to turn three KC-135 tankers into WC-135 Constant Phoenix nuclear-sniffing aircraft. The effort will allow it to retire its two legacy WC-135s, one of which is pictured here at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. (**Susan A. Romano/U.S. Air Force**)

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is set to begin turning the first of three KC-135R tankers into WC-135 Constant Phoenix "nuclear sniffers" in fall 2019, a conversion the service's top general said Tuesday is necessary given the legacy aircraft's advanced age.

The Air Force's two WC-135s planes are among the most rare and specialized aircraft in the service's inventory, outfitted with highly classified equipment that allows its crew to monitor the atmosphere for signs of nuclear explosions. But the planes date from the mid 1960s and are reaching the end of their lifespans.

"The current airplanes are old. They're wearing out," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday.



At Kadena Air Base, the elephant in the room is North Korean

Defense News traveled to Kadena Air Base in February to learn about how operations in the Asia-Pacific are changing. That sometimes proved difficult, as leaders often struggled to convey readiness and combat capability.

By: **Valerie Insinna**

Although the service rarely speaks about the Constant Phoenix or the mission it conducts, the aircraft has garnered more attention over the past year as tensions with North Korea ramped up. It deployed to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, in September, where it was sent to sniff out radioactive clouds after North Korea's sixth nuclear test that month. The first KC-135R is projected to start the modification process in September 2019, Stefanek said. L3 Technologies, which conducts depot maintenance and modifications for all variants of RC-135 special mission aircraft, will convert the tankers at its facility in Greenville, Texas.

Information provided by **Sean Ryan** – seen on a FACEBOOK page, 'AFTAC Alumni of the world unite,' 04.26

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/smr/nuclear-triad/2018/04/25/air-force-to-start-transforming-tankers-into-wc-135-nuke-sniffers-this-year/>
Thank you, Sean, great article. John

Additional Change of Command photos—see article on page 21:



Col. Steven M. Gorski (left) shares a laugh with Col. Chad J. Hartman during their Change of Command ceremony at Patrick AFB, Fla. Hartman assumed command of AFTAC from Gorski who served as the nuclear treaty monitoring center's commander since July 2016.
(U.S. Air Force photo by Phillip C. Sunkel IV)



(U.S. Air Force photo by Phillip C. Sunkel IV)

*****Sage schedule*****

1. WindDowns-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place to the west of the HQ building.

2. Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings-Normally-2nd Mondays at 1600 just inside the HQ Building, #10989. Park across the street and the meeting will be in conference room just to the left as you enter the front entrance lobby.

- a. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.
- b. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted below. **NOTE:** Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility), and off-base sites, may be considered for any meeting.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

**Before coming verify date/time/venue online
and/or with your editor 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'**

September

07, 11:30—Sociable September, Annual Gen Membership Meeting at the Manatee Cove Golf Course

07, 1530—Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion

28, 11:30—Golf-n'Get Together, Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick AFB

October

05, 1530—Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion

09, 1600—Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg
November

02, 1530—Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion

13, 1600—Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

December

07, 1530 — Wind Down

10, 1130 - Membership Meeting, Beef O'Brady's, Satellite Bch
Event Plans and Timeframes—for planning only—dates and months may vary

A. January-April, (months may vary)

- 1. SnowBall
- 2. Center Annual Awards Banquet

3. Center Annual Picnic

B. May-August, (months may vary)

- 1. Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication
- 2. Annual Association Spring Golf N'Getogether

C. September-December, (months may vary)

1.1st Friday of Sep, (**06 Sep 19**), Annual Board, General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September XXII**' will be at Manatee Cove on a **Friday at lunch** to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty.

--Alumni of the Year (AOY) Selection Committee (prior AOY's) meet following the annual meeting

2. Oct or Nov, Annual Association Fall Golf N'Getogether

3. Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE

4. Dec TBD, (usually second Friday), Center Winter Social Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates. Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates between the Association and the two chapters. Last host, CA- 2017.06, FL-2015.05, CO-2013.06 and CA-2011.05.

The next reunion is scheduled to be hosted by the Colorado Chapter 13-16 June 2019.

*****Sage SHOP (SWAG)*****

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: AFTAC Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, **MSgt John "Travis" Goll** Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach MSgt Goll, by phone: 321-494-3739 /email: john.goll@us.af.mil

SHIPPING: Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling of 1 Item & \$1.50 for each additional. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)
A link to additional information on these items is available at <https://aftacaa.us> — enter the Sage Shop

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

SHIRTS NOTE: Most shirts are available in any size/color, including women's sizes. The AFTAC alumni patch can be either appliquéd (pocket remains) or embroidered (not on pockets). Colors listed are on-hand; if items are not on-hand, they will be ordered. Call/email to verify availability.

Golf/Polo Shirt - 50/50 w/pocket; \$18: Sea Teal (aqua blue), Jade (medium green), Forest Green, Navy, Red, White, Royal Blue, Teal, Maroon, Black

Golf/Polo Shirt – Dri-Fit Fabric w/pocket - \$24: Navy, White w/o pocket - \$22: Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Maroon

50/50 T's – w/o pocket - \$8: Light Blue, Royal blue, Navy, Ash Gray, Purple, Red, Fuchsia, Stone Washed Green, Mint Green, Jade Green, Black

Dri-Fit T's – w/o pocket \$13: Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Maroon, Tropic Blue

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

Long sleeve fleece sweatshirt - \$18 (most sizes/colors)

Windbreakers - \$24 Royal Blue, colored Alumni emblem

Hats – \$8.00 Blue/White

COINS/PINS

AFTAC Alumni Association Coin: \$8

AFTAC Alumni Association Pin: \$3.35

50th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$3

60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$4

(NOTE: 60th coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th

AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3.35

CLEARANCE ITEMS (while supplies last):

Golf Shirt \$5 - Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'; 2-Large, 4-XL

Nylon Jacket: \$10 – Royal Blue, w/white emblem with 'Alumnus'; 1-XL

SAGE SHOP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS

AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin - SrA TJ Benscoter - 402-232-1917/Theodore.benscoter@us.af.mil or SrA Chris Hayes, 402-232-9182/Christopher.hayes.13@us.af.mil

Det 45 has minted a commemorative coin. Contact the CO Chapter Treasurer, 'Bilschmied@aol.com,' for info/purchase.

