

# AFTAC ALUMNI

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## DENVER 1996

The AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado has announced that they will host a reunion in Denver on 14 June 1996. They want an accurate counting of just how many will be in attendance and thus they are requiring a sign-up with a pre-registration fee of \$20.00. Contact Ben Vlassick at 303 - 690 - 1239.

Ben reports: - We had our picnic. Sixty people signed up; 30 showed up. We had food coming out of our ears. However, I had a half price sale and sold everything that was not cooked. I, on the other hand, will be eating cooked hamburgers on night shift for the next few weeks.

Main reason I am writing is to let you know I have fallen behind on securing a place for the 96 Reunion. Not to worry, it is not dead. I had decided on two places to select from when an outstanding idea was thrown at me - let's do it at a mountain resort. Excellent idea since June is off season. WRONG - Turns out June is not off season and a steak dinner is \$37.00. Rooms also mega bucks. Hor D'ourves also \$30 per person. Had its impact. I lost almost two weeks checking all that out so now I'm back to square one and hopefully, I can still lock in the Red Lion.

Keep your eyes on the Denver and Florida newsletters and we will keep you informed as to the progress in planning this reunion. Denver has a record for planning and implementing 'super get-togethers', I personally cannot wait.

More information as it becomes available.

## WINTER SOCIAL DECEMBER 16TH

December 16th at the Enlisted Beach Club at Patrick AFB, Florida. For more information contact J. Milam at the Headquarters. (407) 494-4587.

**PLAN ON BEING THERE**

## 1996 DUES

It is that time of year once again.....Dues are due as of 1 October. Remember now that they are now **\$10.00** per year, and **\$75.00** for a lifetime stint. We are attempting to figure out how to automate this process. If there is a mistake, please let us know ..... You know "computers never make errors"!! **PLEASE** look at your address label right now and if it says you owe dues, please remit them and keep your records straight. Maybe next year we will have figured out automated billing??

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND GOLF

20 October 1995 at the Patrick AFB Golf Links. Golf Tournament for fun followed by a General Membership Meeting. Election of officers and the events of the past year will be the items for discussion. Membership voting on the revised Constitution and By-Laws will also take place. Like the Marines - "The AFTAC Alumni" needs a few good folks to carry on this tradition of an effective Alumni Association. T-Off at 13:00 - PAFB Golf Course. Sign up at the course.....Contact Joe Goldian for further information. See ya there!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Chief McClellan chastised me during a conversation that we had recently. He told me that I had really never lost the APR mentality of saying thank you with glowing accolades! I honestly believe that you really can change the habits of an 'Old Dog'! With that in mind, I will attempt to close out my career as the AFTAC Alumni President without thanking a single soul. Just the facts he says, just the facts!

We have had a very good year. Several Golf Tournaments, the deposit of 'Lifetime Dues' into a CD where it will earn interest to ensure our continued livelihood. The issuance of a Tax Number by the IRS and the ok by the State to be a real Non-Profit organization. This lowered our mailing fees for our newsletter from about 16 cents to 14.4 cents per copy.

We have generated and delivered a Worldwide Directory that lists all the folks that we can possibly find who were associated with AFTAC over the years and have this item for sale through our mail channels.

Our membership grew to well over 600 with 268 of them being 'Lifetimer's. Intentions are to get the complete Alumni listing digitized with an automated tracking and billing system on-line prior to October of this year.

We have established a Clothing Sales group and we included AFTAC Logo pins in our mailings to our Lifetime members.

We have increased the awareness of the Hall-of-Heritage within the AFTAC Headquarters Building and want to continue to build our historical records to let the world know that we have been there all of these years.

We now have a President's Column in each issue of the formal AFTAC Monitor which keeps the Active Duty contingent aware of our activities.

Well Chief - no glowing accolades, no special remarks about members who have contributed to this success, no off-the-wall APR 9's that show that these folks "really do walk-on-water" - Just plain hard facts!

I have enjoyed my tenure, sometimes it has been a tough road to walk, but it just goes to show you what a dedicated team can accomplish if they want to!

I trust in God and now it is my time to "Monitor"!

Clark E. Creery, Past-President

## GOLF AT BAYTREE

On the hot and humid afternoon of 14 July 1995, 144 golfers braved snakes and alligators to play in the AFTAC Alumni Golf Tournament held at Baytree National Golf Links. With the hot weather and the threat of thunderstorms, golf balls rained throughout the fairways, greens, trees, swamps, and lakes. We even conducted a contest to guess the number of balls lost by all players. The estimates ranged from 42 to 760 balls lost. Needless to say, the winner was a Colonel who is known for fishing golf balls out of lakes and anywhere else they are to be found. Colonel Jay Sherman guessed that 667 balls would be lost on the fabulous Baytree Course. In fact, 631 balls were lost, an average of 4.3 per person.

Also, some great golf was played. The team of David Westing, Clay Wilcoxin, Jamie Orsborne and Ron Couch was the first place winner with a -23 posted. The second place winners were Mike Hoy, Ken Oyer, Hal Baker and Jim Payne (a real weak team, sharp pencils will do wonders!). They posted a -22.

Bill Bancroft won the longest drive contest, and Ron Couch was closest to the pin on hole number 4 where a Hole-in-One contest was sponsored by Nevada Bob's. No holes-in-one occurred this day.

After the tournament, we awarded prizes and Baytree served a nice meal for all participants.

Thanks go out to Colonel Tom Niquette for his assistance in setting up the Tournament with officials at Baytree. Hard work behind the scenes deserves special recognition. Colonel Jimmie Heinbaugh, Judy Milam, Carl Gailey, John Horsch, Bev Hall, Marlene Couch and Lori Fitzgerald provided assistance when needed.

It was an excellent golf tournament. We hope to do it again next year at Baytree.

A special thanks to Colonel Frank Hall for making all of this come true and become a reality. We know just how hard it can be to get things to come out correctly and it is very much appreciated.

**AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
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# ACTIVE DUTY

This article was in the May/June 1995 issue of the MONITOR and credit goes to Judy Rhine who is a Pinedale Roundup Staff Writer. The article first appeared there on April 27, 1995.

Detachment 489, also known as Pinedale Seismological Research Facility, in Wyoming is home to seven AFTACers - Maj. Dale Benedetti, MSgt. Fred Ward, TSgt John McCauley, SSgt. Ken Ash and SSgt. Barry Brown, SSgt Dave Brady and SSgt Kent Albert.

The men work eight miles outside of Boulder at an Air Force facility which used to be classified, during its original use from 1959 to 1986. Back in its early days, the Det. was used primarily to keep an eye on the United States' neighbors.

"When the Det. opened in 1959, originally the mission was primarily monitoring the Soviet Union and their nuclear program," Benedetti said. "At this time, obviously, given the nature of the world, that was a very classified, low key activity, and this Det. provided operational data which contributed to that."

In 1986, the Air Force decided that the Soviet threat had diminished enough to make the Det. unnecessary, so the base was shut down. In 1989, it was re-opened with research in mind.

"In 1989, there was some interest for research of monitoring the world of nuclear testing," Benedetti said. "So this Det. was reopened for the purpose of researching new techniques and testing new types of instruments."

Benedetti added that using the remote facility offered the Air Force the opportunity to conduct its research and tests without interfering with the operations of a larger Air Force Base. Because of the separation of the research facility, it created an opportunity for the men to take on their own tests and also to become examples to other countries.

"We are very much out here on our own," Benedetti said, "and that's what makes much of this unique. We can't function as an individual entity, we depend on support and much of that support comes from Hill AFB, Utah. Anything we do here, we are responsible to facilitate."

"The base has also shown other countries what the U.S. has learned through the testing and research at Det. 489," Benedetti said. "We've been able to host a lot of international visitors because in our wonderful new world of openness, we've deemed it appropriate to let others in the world know exactly how we do business."

This is an appropriate place for the U.S. to showcase our capabilities."

Part of the new attitude of sharing was brought on by an agreement between several countries, which is in the works. The United Nation-sponsored Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty would make each country responsible for its own seismic testing, and the results from each station in a country would go into a national computer. From national computers, information would be passed along to an international system, which would provide access to all countries included in the agreement.

"Ideally, everybody in the world would sign the treaty, agreeing not to do any nuclear testing," Benedetti said. "In that concept, we would move away from what has been, historically, to monitor the long distances, to an emphasis on regional monitoring."

Benedetti added that the new system would entail a cooperative network of seismic arrays in which each country would provide its own seismic information.

"Each country would have its own national data center, and then distributing the data throughout the world," Benedetti said.

Currently there are 43 stations from 36 countries participating in the agreement.

The array of Det. 489 consists of 12 instruments which detect vertical ground motion, Brady said. Brady is the seismic research analyst at the base. He analyzes all seismic information gathered there.

The information comes into data link processors via modems, and data is archived to tape, and transferred to other machines.

The computer system used at the Det. is a prototype for the field systems that are employed worldwide.

"All detachments throughout the world will have the same computers we had first," Brady said.

The emphasis at Det. 489 is on teamwork, and each man is responsible for keeping his end up. The men cover everything from seismic analysis to repairing equipment to support systems, with each man responsible for specializing in one area.

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#### Your Newsletter Staff

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# LETTERS

Dear friends,

Evelyn and I have been meaning to write for quite sometime, but in-as-much as we're both "Certified Procrastinator's", we always seem to wind up singing that old country and western song, "Funny - how time slips away"! But the moment has arrived for action - so:

First and foremost, congratulations to a great group of people who started the AFTAC Alumni Association. What an achievement! You've overcome all those who had to tell each and everyone of you, it won't work; you won't get any participation; etc., etc., and you have kicked all of those blocks out of the way, persevered and look what has happened - SUCCESS!

We enjoy the newsletter, especially the notes that come from all different locations. Written by former AFTAC'ers living in every corner of this great land. Even though we don't know most of them, we enjoy reading about their experiences. Evelyn was assigned to AFTAC Personnel from 1959 to 1972 and worked from start to finish for Col. G.Cook, Col. Miller, Col. Rhinehart, Col. Flavin, Col. Cleary, and last but not least, the great one (God rest his soul), Col Buehler. As a result of this long period, she knows many more of the people than this old "Manpower Chief" does. I was only assigned there from 1970 until I retired in 1975. And while I had many memorable moments, the nicest part of my AFTAC assignment didn't come until nearly "5" years after I retired. August 2, 1980 to be exact. On that day, one of my most beautiful of my life, two AFTAC'ers came together and even more tremendous - Personnel and Manpower merged and became one. Yes Evelyn McCaleb became Mrs. Evelyn (Now I'm the Chief!) Anderson. It's been a good merger!!!!

To sum up, as Dean Martin used to say; "Keep those cards and letters coming," cause us folks out here in the hinterlands really enjoy them. The Air Force is a great way of life and your newsletter helps to always maintain the closeness we knew when we were on active duty. Keep up the great work and thanks "Bunches" for all of the hours you spend on behalf of so many. You're doing a tremendous job and it is really appreciated.

Evelyn and John Anderson  
Carlisle, PA

**Ed Note:** All I can say as I devote this complete Sunday to starting the newsletter....."You have made my day" ....thank you!

## Gainsville, FL

Folks,

Received the Newsletter and updated directory within the past couple of weeks, thanks for both. Was awfully sorry to hear about Charlie Butler. He was a very dear and very old friend. We first met on my first detachment assignment in the organization (Det 301 in '54) and I was lucky enough to have worked with him again during my and his last assignment at HQ, Patrick. He was a true pioneer in the outfit and I doubt AFTAC would have been what it is without the likes of people like Charlie. I and many others will truly miss an ole Buddy. They don't make many like Charlie anymore.

I know that the updating of the directory is a huge job but was wondering if it would be easier and cheaper if just page or alphabetical section changes were made? Just a suggestion since I know that I throw away an awful lot of paper when the updated directories come out.

Also have enclosed a few orders that someone may find interesting. SO 74, 29 May 52, lists a group sent to St. Louis University to take a course in Seismology. Frank Winter and I completed our active duty with AFTAC. I don't know of any other group that went to St. Louis University. SO A-175, 2 July 59, indicates when 1009th Special Weapons Squadron became the 1035th Field Activities Group.

That's about all from Gatorland. Say hello to all and take care. Hope to make it to the next reunion....wherever!

Bob Jones  
Gainsville, Florida



## ALUMNI OF THE QUARTER

**Joe Goldian**

Joe is one of those unsung hero's of the Alumni Association. He rarely misses one of our monthly meetings and can always be counted on to assist in any way possible. Joe, we thank you for your involvement and your assistance over the past year.

Would you consider including the attachment remembrance in your next publication? I will understand if you believe the timing to be too late, but would be delighted if a special person could receive special attention. That remembrance follows:

Every so often something significant happens to your life. As a first termer at Detachment 162, I was learning about AFTAC, the Air Force, and life in general.

We received word that a maintenance team from the 1155th was arriving to work on our equipment. When the team arrived and started working, one of the team members asked me for some rocks he could put in his pockets to keep the Wyoming wind from blowing him away.

This was my introduction to Charlie Butler, I didn't know much about people, but I recognized quality when I saw it. Over the years I came to know and respect this man who taught me the measure of a person was in their work, their word, their friends, and their family. He served as one of my role models from that time on.

It is my belief that his personality and character are embedded into AFTAC's greatest strength, its people. That perhaps the requirements he set for himself helped to develop the organizations high standards, and that in some small way his contributions serve as the foundation and heritage we pass on to new members.

If Charlie were to be described in one word, it would be 'INTEGRITY.' Webster says the word means soundness, incorruptibility, and honesty. Webster could improve his definition by placing Charlie's picture next to the word.

Charlie is no longer with us, every so often something significant happens to your life!

Richard (Alky) Summers  
Shreveport, LA

### Orlando, Florida

Hello again,

While at the Winter Social last year, I wondered why Curt and Eunice Harris weren't there? Perhaps I learned when I read Curt's name under "Get Well Wishes" in the July newsletter. Was he ill in December? Has he recovered? My best wishes to him and the rest of his family.

For anyone who might be interested, I learned from the Barnicks that Bob had experienced a mild stroke a

few months after they moved to Hawaii.

He had recovered pretty well by the time we learned of it.

On a happier note, I am anxious for information about the Winter Social again. And I like the new format of the newsletter. It's much easier to read.

Sincerely,

Leo Orr  
Orlando, FL

**Ed Note:** Thanks for the information Leo. Here on the 6th of August, I just have a heck of a time getting excited about a Winter Social, but I am informed that it is going to be December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Enlisted Beach Club, Patrick AFB, Florida.

### Albuquerque, NM

It has been a while - but I appreciate you keeping me on your mailing list and I was elated at the opportunity to join the AFTAC Alumni Association last year. It seems that you now have my mailing address up-to-date. Your newsletter now comes directly to my apt. here in Albuquerque. Initially, you used my folks' address in Shawnee, Ok (my permanent home of record), but dad always forwards all the newsletters to me - Good Job!

I would like to ask for the prayers of the Alumni Association members for a recent tragedy that my family experienced. My sister, Diane Althouse, worked for the Department of H.U.D. on the seventh floor of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. She was the 85th victim identified and left behind a 22 year old daughter, Athena Roy, and a 2 year old granddaughter, Stephanie Roy, who live in Oklahoma City, and a 16 year old son, Aarion Althouse, who lives with his father (retired USMC) in Jacksonville, NC. Diane was an Oblate of the Roman Catholic Order of St. Benedict and was laid to rest in the cemetery next to the Benedictine Abbey in our hometown of Shawnee, Ok.

Thanks for all your help, and I look forward to the upcoming reunion in Denver - just "up-the-road."

Sincerely,

Dan Hollingsworth  
Albuquerque, NM

## RONALD B. ELLINGSWORTH

We have lost a true AFTAC gentleman. The following was printed in the local newspaper on 30 June 1995:

**Indian Harbour Beach** - Ronald B. Ellingsworth, 58, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant, died Wednesday, June 28, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne.

Mr. Ellingsworth was born in Los Angeles. He came to Brevard County in 1973 from Colorado.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving two tours of duty, and a member of AFTAC Alumni Association. He was Protestant and enjoyed bowling.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Ellingsworth of Indian Harbour Beach; son, Darren Ellingsworth of West Palm Beach; daughters, Sharleen Mitchell of Melbourne, Donna Ellingsworth of Satellite Beach and Stacia Danico of Palm Bay; sisters, Linda Walkington of Arizona and Karen Ellingsworth and Cheryl Schott, both of California; and four grandchildren.

Calling hours will be 12:30 to 2pm Saturday, with services following, at Davis Funeral Home in Melbourne.

The service for Ron was held as stated above and in the true spirit of AFTAC just prior to the honor guard salute to a fallen comrade an aircraft departed the local area and it gave me the impression of a full fly-over for this man. Ron gave of himself to his country and to AFTAC and we are going to miss him dearly.

On behalf of the AFTAC Alumni Association, we will mourn his departure with orders for Detachment 000, but know that he is in very good hands. Ron spent many hours of his personal time running errands for the Alumni Association and his contributions were too many to list here. We have not filled the void and doubt that we ever will. His love of data automation and his vision for this association continues to be the spark that drives us onward. We thank Ron for his vision and his assistance. His family knows how we all feel and we vow to assist them in anyway possible through this time of their and our loss.

Ron Ellingsworth - We salute you!

## LETTERS

### Taps to a very good friend.....

Ron and I worked together when he was in TDS and I was in TDM (the Technical Directorate support offices) in the early '80s. Ron introduced me to computers, set up a database of significant alert information, entered the alert information into the database, and helped me learn to maintain the database on a remote HDC (I think that stands for Headquarters Data Center) terminal. That was in the old days - when you had to pick up your computer printouts at the HDC (now we just print them off at our personal computer.). Ron was always there to help out when I needed to sort the data to get specific information, and he helped me get comfortable with the computer. He was always patient and encouraging and never seemed to mind when I asked him the same question for the tenth (or more) time.

Ron and I kept in touch after his retirement (about 10 years ago) and saw each other at Alumni meetings and AFTAC functions, and I always thought of Ron as a person I was happy to call a friend. One of Ron's recent contributions to the Alumni Association was his work as the Alumni clothing chairperson. Ron arranged and purchased shirts and hats with the AFTAC logo in color for the Alumni Association to have available for sale. Ron was also our activities chairperson for awhile, and he could always be counted on to help out at the AFTAC picnics and the Alumni golf tournaments. Many active duty and Alumni will remember Ron as an avid bowler. He once told me the reason he liked bowling was because, unlike some sports like baseball and basketball, you have time to get to know the people on the other team as well as those on your own team. Ron was a talker, he enjoyed being with other people, and people enjoyed being with him.

Ron will be missed by many people and especially by the Alumni Association. If you were one of the many people who were touched by Ron in some way and you would like to drop Brenda a note, the address is 245 Marion Street, Indian harbour Beach, FL 32937.

Tribute by:

Judy Milam  
Melbourne, FL



Clay Wilcoxon - Ron Couch - Dave Westing - Jamie Osborne

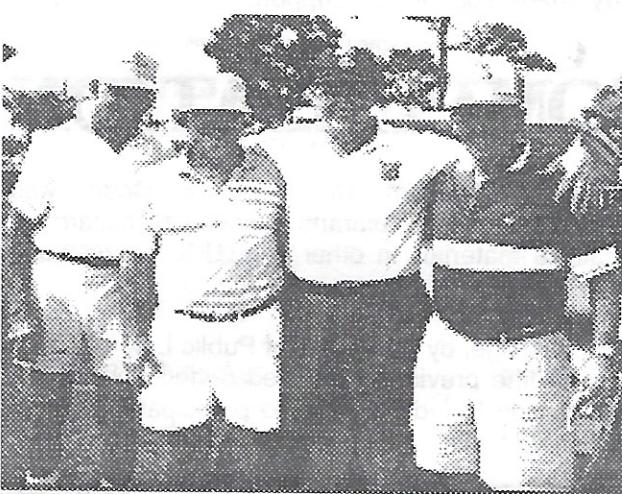


Carl Gailey



Greg Murray - Tony Calenda - Brian Grew - Pat Murphy

# BAYTREE '95



Jim Sweat - Larry Huffman - Hank Raymond - Frank Coburn



Mrs. Eddleman - Tom Niquette - Tom Eddleman

**Any 'Sandbagger's here?**

## A SPECIAL THANKS

Let us not forget who helped with our prizes at the Baytree '95 Golf Tournament. Nevada Bob's sponsored the Hole-in-one contest, the Cocoa Beach Golf Shop contributed items, Suntree Golf Shop contributed, SAIC donated cash, Baytree Golf Course donated rounds of golf, Upper Crust Bakery & Deli donated four dinners and CTI contributed. Without businesses like these, having a tournament would be much harder than it really is. On behalf of the Golfers, the AFTAC Alumni Association sends a hearty Thank You for your support.

## COMPENSATION

Recently, Title 38, United States Code, was amended to include Veterans exposed to hazardous radioactive materials in other than U.S. atmospheric tests.

The passage, by Congress, of Public Law 103-446, eliminates the previously enacted restrictions for VA compensation to individuals who participated in non-U.S. nuclear tests.

The following public announcement of this new rule appears in The Retired Officer Magazine, page 25, August 1995:

"U.S. veterans who suffer from certain diseases that may be a result of radiation exposure received while participating in atmospheric nuclear weapons tests conducted by countries other than the United States are now eligible, on a presumptive basis, for disability compensation.

Since 1988, veterans who were involved in atmospheric nuclear tests performed by the U.S. government and who suffer from certain diseases that may be attributable to ionizing radiation have been eligible for this compensation. Eligible veterans included those involved in the occupation of Hiroshima or Nagasaki, Japan. The new ruling provides the same eligibility rules to U.S. veterans exposed to radiation during tests conducted by other countries.

The Department of Defense is being asked to provide to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dates and sites of foreign tests and to identify U.S. military personnel who participated in the tests.

See next column ----->

Veterans or their survivors who may be eligible to file claims should contact the nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000 for information and assistance."

If you were previously denied compensation for a medical condition that could have been the result of exposure to radioactive materials collected during aerial, atmospheric operations against countries other than the U.S., you are encouraged to resubmit your claim to the VA for consideration.

Specific conditions now covered by the VA are:

- Leukemia - other than chronic lymphocytic
- Cancer of the thyroid
- Cancer of the breast
- Cancer of the pharynx
- Cancer of the esophagus
- Cancer of the stomach
- Cancer of the small intestines
- Cancer of the pancreas
- Multiple myeloma
- Lymphomas - except Hodgkin's disease
- Cancer of the bile ducts
- Cancer of the gall bladder
- Primary liver cancer - except if chrrhosis or hepatitis B
- Cancer of the salivary gland
- Cancer of the urinary tract

If you have questions or concerns about this new amendment, contact the VA office in your local area. HQ AFTAC/IGO; Attn: Mary Welch, 1030 S. Highway A1A, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-3002; can provide copies of the existing laws and amendments.

### DET 489 CONTINUED

And although they work in a remote area, they do their best to integrate into the community.

"The guys do make a strong effort to become part of the community," Benedetti said. "That involves a lot of activities outside of work, including the volunteer fire department and coaching and belonging to churches and other organizations."

"One of the high points is that the community is so accepting of us. Lots of small communities are not necessarily fond of outsiders. We're only here for a short time, so if that was the case, we'd always be outsiders."

Benedetti added that Pinedale has not only welcomed them but also offered a high quality of life.

"From a military tour perspective, this area has a lot of very unusual opportunities. There are challenges in its isolated nature, but obviously great privileges in enjoying the area, family life and overall quality of life perspective you wouldn't have in a big city."

**Denver, Colorado**

I received your most recent directory yesterday and resolved to drop you a note right away. Ed Gardiner and I had planned to go up to Encampment last week, but it has been fairly cold so we are going to go next week. Rest assured that we will take the new addition to the museum and check to see if we can get any new names and addresses from the people who register.

Please extend our thanks to the Alumni association for making this directory possible. My personal thanks to Mary Welch for the unending efforts to compile and publish this material.

The Obituary Listing in the back brought to mind that we all are "moving on." I appreciate the information, since we often do not stay in touch. There were a few surprises that I was not aware of. For your information, Lt Col. Odell K. Smith was listed in the "TAPS" in the June 95 issue of The Retired Officer. We have not been in contact for many years, but I worked for him when I was a S/Sgt (1954-55) on seismic surveys in Australia, Norway, North Africa, Germany, and Spain. 40 years can go by in a hurry.

Your new editions of the AFTAC directory always evoke a lot of memories. Tonight it prompted me to call old friends: Fred and Kay Brehm. (Det 301, Hqs, Wiesbaden) He has been at death's door on several occasions: quadruple bypass, 2 joint replacements, another bypass, colon cancer, and now just lost 1-1/4 kidneys. But, tonight he sounded fine and was his usual lively self.

Enough of this.....Thanks again!

Sincerely

Bill Braukman  
Denver, Colorado

**Grove, Oklahoma**

Good work and thanks for the news on a regular basis. A change of address is in order since Jeanette and I are retiring full time Aug 1, 1995. Will be living on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees near Grove, Ok. My assignments in AFTAC took me to WFO, EFO, Det 421, Denver, and CFO from 1955 to 1964. Met a lot of fine people and keep in touch with some. We have four children (all over 30) and 11 grandchildren.

All the best to AFTAC'ers, current and retired.

Fenney P. Derden  
Grove, OK

**SHOPPING CENTER****JACKETS**

- Unlined Windbreakers \* \$20.00

Royal Blue - Large and X Large

**GOLF SHIRTS**

- Jersey with pocket \$14.00

Blue/Teal - Large and X Large

Royal Blue - Large and XX Large

Navy - Medium and Large

Red - Medium, Large, and X Large

- Cotton without pocket \$14.00

White - X Large

- Cotton with pocket \$18.00

Medium Blue - Large and X Large

**T-SHIRTS** \$ 7.00

Mint Green, Light Blue, Royal Blue, Navy, Purple, and Fuschia - Large and X Large

Medium Green, Ash Grey, and Red - X Large

**HATS**

- Mesh: \$ 6.00

Green, Grey, Red, Navy, Royal Blue, and Light Blue

- Cotton: \$ 5.00

White and Medium Blue\*

\* These items have white logo; others have multi-colored logo.

- Coffee Cup - Ceramic \$ 6.00

- Beer Mug - Plastic \$ 2.00

- Logo Pin \$ 3.25

- Logo Coin, Bronze (Members Only) \$ 4.00

- Logo Disk - 2 inches (round): \$ 5.50

- Wooden Nickel: \$ 1.00

# DIRECTORY

**Attention all Subscribers:** Change 3 to the Worldwide Directory was dispatched to all subscribers during June and July. If you have not received your copy of change 3, please drop us a note as soon as possible.

Due to the large number of personnel moves during the last 3 months. We are already working on Change 4!

As you will note, the size of the directory continues to grow as we locate more former members of the 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, and AFTAC. We are nearing 6,000 names in the Worldwide Directory. A significant number of these names have been provided by our alumni. Copies of old Special or General Orders have been the most valuable source, followed closely by copies of old unit personnel listings.

For all the Alumni that have mailed in orders, listings, photographs with names attached, and notes/letters - Thank You! We would not have been able to put the directory together without your support and help - Please continue to send copies of these items in when you can. There are still many former members that we haven't identified yet.

For those of you who do not know. The Worldwide Directory comes in a 3-ring, white vinyl binder, with the AFTAC Alumni Logo on the front. The back cover will contain your choice of a color photo of one of the following:

Aerial shot of the HQ Building at 6801 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

Front entry shot of the HQ Building at 6801 Telegraph Road, with the tulips in bloom.

Aerial shot of the HQ Building at 1030 S. Highway A1A, Patrick AFB, Florida.

Aerial shot of the Russell Building at McClellan AFB, California. [The building now houses the majority of the Technical Operations Division - formerly known as the 1155th TCHOG or 1155th TOS.]

The directory subscription cost is now \$25.00, and updates are currently free.

If you would like to subscribe, write our P.O. Box named elsewhere in this publication.

# MEMORIAL

More than 34 years ago, the Air Force Technical Applications Center contracted for the design of a memorial to honor and immortalize those personnel who lost their lives while assigned to the organization.

The memorial plaque was erected in the foyer of the first permanent AFTAC Headquarters building, at 2525 Telegraph Road [later redesignated 6801], Alexandria, Va.

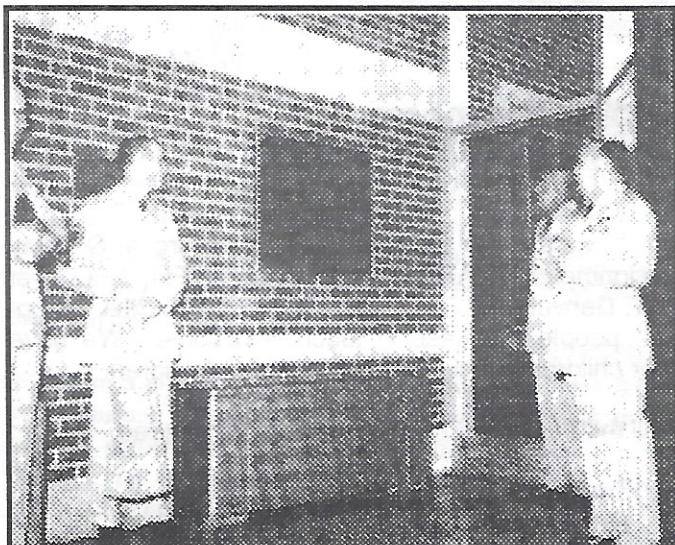
The plaque was unveiled during a formal, dedication ceremony on 30 May 1961. Major General Jermain F. Rodenhauser, AFTAC Commander, officiated at the ceremony. A number of relatives of the members enshrined on the plaque attended the unveiling.

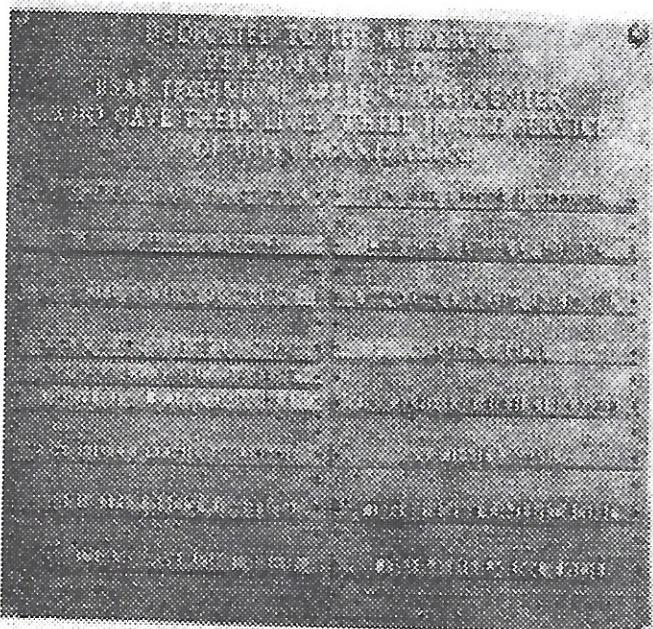
The memorial plaque was erected adjacent to a special, separate plaque, enshrined at an earlier date, honoring Dr. William D. Urry. Dr. Urry (1905-1959) was a renowned nuclear physicist employed by the organization in 1948, to head the Nuclear Branch of the Science Division.

The names of 17 personnel were enshrined on the plaque at the time of dedication.

Since dedication in 1961, a second memorial plaque was acquired and dedicated to honor 61 personnel now honored and listed on the plaque.

These honored memorials were moved to Florida when the AFTAC Headquarters was relocated to Patrick AFB in 1972. All three plaques are erected in the lobby of the Headquarters (Building 989), at 1030 South Highway A1A. Continued Next Page -->





## Memorial Plaque

Major Beverly L. Britton

Sgt George E. Silva

A/B Edward F. O'Malley

Captain Virgil G. Harris

Captain Stephen A. Clisham

A1c Edmund S. McMahon

A2c Julian R. Arnette

TSgt Richard K. Brown

A1c Lawrence L. LaPlante

A2c John K. Foster

MSgt Claude M. Burgess

Miss Jean M. Remus

A2c Ronald D. Fruechete

Mr. Marvin H. Oleson

Major Frederick P. Davison

Major Donald Pollock

### ENSHRINED PERSONNEL

# ON-LINE

Subj: Hi  
Date: 95-04-14 20:31:12 EDT  
From: KermitW  
To: AFTACFL1

A quick hello from Jerry Wampole, retired AFTAC'er living in Sacramento, CA. Was in the AF and AFTAC from 1961 thru 1987. Assignments included HQ (VA and FL), Depot, Denver, 310, 324, 415, and 301. "Q", "I", and "B" systems. Not currently a member of the association but plan on joining soon.

Subj: bELLEVUE, NEBRASKA  
Date: 95-07-08 18:46:33 EDT  
From: WARDWVA  
To: AFTACFL1

I've been meaning to write and let you know how much I enjoy the newsletter and my ten years in AFTAC (Aug 67 - May 77). Now its easy with America Online. Some of the best supervisors in the Air Force while in AFTAC: Cal Watson, Art Pridemore, Ed Masek, Carl Bannister, Tom Clawson, Rod Moore, Dash Johnson, etc. Plus an outstanding commander at Det 333 (Lt Col George Waters). I retired from the Air Force in Feb 92 with almost 29 years in military personnel. Two years as a personnel clerk at Det 333 and eight years at the headquarters as a assignment/manning technician for RI 99125.

AFTAC was the highlight of my Air Force career. I am currently working at Offutt AFB as a civilian personnel clerk. I would like to say hello to: Sam Fowler, Frank Calenda, Ron Ellingsworth, Ken Oyer, Tom Sullivan, etc. I loved AFTAC!

John M. Whited

Subj: Missing persons  
Date: 95-08-10 01:17:16 EDT  
From: Taxman55  
To: AFTACFL1

Hi Clark,

Harry Masters AFTACer 1969 - 1976. My son Ron in Palm Bay found your address on AOL and sent it to me. I'm trying to find a couple AFTACERS: Joel and Jackie Cocks and Al & Sally Preble Can you help?

Tell Tom Niquette the Padres are still looking for a 95 MPH right hander.

Subj: Re: AFTAC  
 Date: 95-08-11 23:10:16 EDT  
 From: Taxman55  
 To: AFTACFL1

Fast turnaround Clark. THANKS! Yea, that's me in San Diego Of course, I'm a member. BUT not a Lifetime member yet. I REALLY SHOULD get the worldwide directory Mary Welch recently got me the address for Sam & Pat Stewart in Missoula, MT. They were great friends back in the 70's. We lived on the same street in Capehart housing . Your recent picture of "Welcome Gen Goade and party" at Shemya really brought back memories. I was in that party. I remember standing in the BOQ hallway making a phone call back home to Patrick when two foxes (4-legged variety) walked in the front door and right between my legs. I remember it being overcast and drizzly but not cold as the front door was wide open. Shemya, What a rock!! My AFTAC TOUR was in the Comptroller Dept (Telegraph Rd and A1A) In fact, my present profession as an income tax consultant was due to AFTAC. I was the project officer for the income tax aspects of our move from Alexandria, VA TO Satellite Beach. I STILL have clients from that 1971 move, longer than most marriages.

I've been preparing tax returns ever since. I have a crazy story about an attractive blonde who impersonated an AF General and fooled several AFTACERS at the O Club back in 74 or 75 if you're interested.

Harry

Several days later Harry writes:

My ex-wife remembers more of this than I do, but here goes: This attractive 40ish blonde dressed in a Class A blue uniform with 2 shiny stars walked into the O Club during Happy Hour one Friday night.and invited herself to sit down at a table of AFTACers. She claimed to have just sailed her yacht down from upstate New York and parked it somewhere on Merritt Island and was looking for someone to take care of her boat during the winter while she stayed in NY during the summer . Or maybe it was the other way around!! I don't remember. anyway, she fooled a large Cadillac dealer in Melbourne with her credentials and was seen driving her Cad convertible all over the place. She even cashed a \$600 check at the Club which bounced of course. Several 99ers(names withheld) got very excited about taking care of her boat and were even making plans to sail it to the Bahamas. We were asked if we wanted to go. We said "yes" of course , but nothing came of it My EX remembers that I came home one day and told her a civilian AFTACER blew the whistle on her.

I've racked my brain and can't remember his name but there was a guy in IG that could answer to that description. Other than drinks, no AFTACers lost any money on her that I'm aware of. I also recall she was "wanted" in Ohio for passing confidence game activities. Does anyone else remember what happened to her?

Harry

**Harry returned my comment and he thought the person was as follows:**

I think the AFTACer was Mr. Otto (IG) but I cannot remember.

So you know Morris? We have a lot in common, please say Hi from me!

So many WRITE INTO THE ALUMNI newsletter about the R system. I knew of B,I,O,AND Q what was R? Remember, I was an Accounting & Finance type, not operational. The guy who wrote in about cups and saucers at AFOAT-1 reminded me of another story I'LL share later when I find the newspaper article I saved somewhere in my "stuff". G'night

Harry

**Ed Note:** Now I really would like to hear the remainder of this story.....sounds very interesting, thanks Harry! And to top off the story, Harry sent me a copy of his Tax News and Tips just to prove that he really is in the Financial Service field.

#### MORE LETTERS

I am enclosing my dues for the next year. Thank you for your newsletters and the new address book. I have made contact with a few old friends because of it. Any dates available for the 50th Reunion yet? My wife and I are interested in attending.

Keep up the good work people, and thank you for all your efforts in maintaining the AFTAC Family History. It's great to make contact with people from out of the past and stir up batches of pleasant memories. I was saddened to read about all the losses to the AFTAC Family and in particular one of my former bosses, Donald H. Winstead.

Sincerely,

Delbert (Tom) Leiter  
 Fremont, Michigan

# MORE DENVER

## ----- COLORADO REUNION - 1996 -----

The AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado (AAAC) will host a national reunion in 1996. Participation is open and encouraged to ANY AND ALL PERSONNEL THAT HAVE EVER SERVED A TOUR with any AFTAC entity, i.e., EFO, WFO, 1009th, TOD, 1155th, Special Weapons Squadron, 3454th, SPINSTRA, 1035th Field Activity Group, Detachments (stateside or overseas), etc., etc.

Planning is underway:

- a. DATES SELECTED ARE JUNE 14, 15 AND 16, 1996.
- b. Location for lodging and activities: Red Lion Inn at the old airport (Stapleton).
- c. The "Ice-Breaker" will be Friday, June 14, 1996.
- d. The formal dinner will be Saturday, June 15, 1996.

The AAAC Committee now needs a commitment from YOU. Complete the pre-registration form below and return to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, Colorado 80010, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 1995. A \$20.00 registration fee per address will ensure that you will receive all future correspondence about the reunion. THIS \$20.00 WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR FINAL REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FEE! (NOTE: Unused monies will be returned if pre-registration does not meet the minimum number required).

Questions: Call Ben Vlassick, (303) 690-1239.

A \$20.00 CHECK MADE OUT TO "BILL SCHMIED" IS ENCLOSED; COUNT US IN. (Mail to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010 NLT OCT 31, 95).

WE/I PLAN TO LODGE AT THE RED LION INN.  
NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FRIDAY ICE-BREAKER. NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO ATTEND THE SATURDAY DINNER. NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO DO THE GOLF TOURNAMENT.  
NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO DO THE CENTRAL CITY or BLACKHAWK GAMBLING TOUR.

NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO DO THE U.S. MINT TOUR.  
NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO DO THE COOR'S BREWERY TOUR.  
NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

WE/I PLAN TO DO THE LOWRY AFB MUSEUM TOUR. NO. OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (Area Code - No.)  
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## ----- COLORADO REUNION - 1996 -----

# ASSISTANCE

As your outgoing President and the Editor of this newsletter I promised never to beg! At our monthly executive meeting last month, I once again placed the call for a staff for the coming year. Our Constitution and By-Laws requires that 60 days prior to the Elections (October of each year) I appoint a committee to search the bushes for those who would continue to support the association as executive officers.

This year, as in the past years, I have not been very successful. I have heard every excuse known to mankind and then some. The Alumni Association is a success because a few have dedicated themselves to continued service to you, our members. I ran a quick statistic and found that we have almost 300 members in the State of Florida and we have been able to get the service of only 6 folks. Everybody is too busy, too involved, too lazy, too something or other. Those of you out there who are remote to our location are 'exempt' from this chewing, however, those of you within driving distance of A1A and the Headquarters building ought to be ashamed.

Our Association is based upon the principles that formed and sustained AFTAC - involvement and service. Feedback tells me that this is a worthwhile endeavor and that folks enjoy the product that we produce.

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## ASSISTANCE CONTINUED

I happen to enjoy the service and I feel a sense of accomplishment when I get a note that says "We really enjoy the newsletter"! I am not a professional writer, I do this because it gives me a sense of satisfaction knowing that all over this country and overseas we have provided a forum for our historic past.

Everyone on our staff has full-time jobs (and we hope they continue in this world of change), but we make time to accomplish the tasks that are required to keep track of the AFTAC'ers who move more than "Allied", we plan activities, we collect and publish information that we feel is newsworthy, and we meet once a month to discuss our successes and our failures. We manage YOUR money, and we are here to serve you.

**What we ask - assistance!** Our General Membership meeting at the Patrick AFB Golf Club on the 20th of October is the place to volunteer. Run for office, get a real competitive effort started. As of this newsletter we have no contenders for President of this association. You do not have to be a duffer to become involved. The General Membership Meeting will happen following the Tournament. To let you in on a little secret - We have this tournament to ensure that we have more than 4 members present for the required General Membership Meeting each year.

Think about it. I do not normally beg, however, I will do whatever is required to ensure that the AFTAC Alumni Association continues to be the success it has been for the last 7 years.

Let me tell you what we actually do:

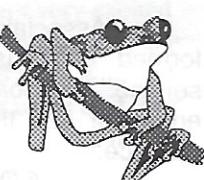
**President** - Presides at meetings, keeps chit-chat on track, and votes in the event of a tie. Writes a column to our readers each quarter.

**Vice** - Acts as the President when the former is not available.

**Treasurer** - Keeps track of the funds and is responsible for making sure we do not over or under spend.

**Secretary** - Keeps records of meetings, mails condolence letters, and accomplishes administrative duties on behalf of the president. **Ribbet.....**

Activities, Newsletter, Publicity, and Membership are appointed positions and of them - Membership is the most difficult.....! Help Us out!!!



## Get Well Wishes

Charlotte Schutz - wife of Denny Schutz  
Kidney Transplant from her sister.

## IN MEMORY OF

### *In Memory of:*

**Ronald B. Ellingsworth**  
Indian Harbour Beach, Florida  
(June 1995)

**Odell Smith**  
Abeline, Texas

**Darrell Dee Yates**  
Raleigh, North Carolina

May each and everyone of them  
Rest in Eternal Peace!

## YOU CAN JOIN, TOO

Saturday, October 28, is Make A Difference Day, the fifth annual day of doing good.

To participate, just do something good for your community or the people in it. A million Americans have joined so far.

This fits our Alumni Theme of 'Service' - "If we can pull together and reach out to others in our community, we've accomplished a lot. No economic development plan can change the hearts of people the way service can".

Make a difference - Our community is worldwide!

# EVENTS

## OCTOBER 1995

16 Oct 1995 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

20 October 1995 - Golf Tournament at PAFB  
followed by a General  
Membership Meeting.

## NOVEMBER 1995

13 November 1995 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

## DECEMBER 1995

11 December 1995 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

12 December 1995 - Newsletter Mailing

16 December 1995 - Winter Social at PAFB

## JANUARY 1996

8 January 1996 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

## FEBRUARY 1996

12 February 1996 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

## MARCH 1996

11 March 1996 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

12 March 1996 - Newsletter Mailing

## APRIL 1996

8 April 1996 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

## MAY 1996

13 May 1996 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

## JUNE 1996

10 June 1996 - 17:30 - AFTAC HQ - Meeting

14 June 1996 - Denver Reunion

25 June 1996 - Newsletter Mailing

## Heber Springs, Ar

Dear Staff,

Here is my check for \$15.00 for the next 3 years membership (if it is still \$5.00 per year).

**Ed note:** Charley is getting a \$5.00 credit for 1997 dues. Charley, we pushed the dues to \$10.00 per year due to postal increases. Next year, watch for your additional billing.

I enjoy reading the notes from old acquaintances from all over - I am an 8 year member who started out in 1957 at 14th & Constitution (Tempo-T) then to Guam Hall, then to Telegraph Road and then to Canberra, Australia as liaison with the Air Attache for Detachment 421. After that, it was back to the real Air Force and out to pasture! I retired, August 1972 to Heber Springs, Ark and I still winter sometimes in Satellite Beach.

Hello to everyone and I will try to make a meeting if possible.

Charley Beam  
Heber Springs, AR

## Simpsonville, SC

Enclosed is a check for my dues and for the worldwide directory. Since I was there from 1964 - 1971, please use photos of the Telegraph Road building for both front and back covers of the directory.

I enjoy reading the letters from people I worked with many years ago. Keep up the good work!

Bill Strader  
Simpsonville, SC

# TRIVIA

Membership has gone over 650 active members in the Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association.

We have managed to invest some funds into a 5 year CD that will help defray the postage fees. And it is a non-penalty account, thanks to Carl Gailey.

General Membership Meeting - 20 October 1995

IN GOD WE TRUST - ALL OTHERS, WE MONITOR!

NO DUES ARE DUE

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Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892  
P.O. Box 254892  
AFATAC Alumni Association



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**20 OCTOBER 1995 AT PAFB GOLF COURSE  
GOLF AT 1 pm  
MEETING AT 5:30 pm**

**DUES ARE DUE ONCE AGAIN**

**CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL  
IF IT INDICATES YOUR DUES  
ARE DUE, PLEASE REMIT AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE.**

**IF THERE IS NO INDICATION YOU ARE FINE  
FOR ANOTHER FISCAL YEAR...THANK YOU!**