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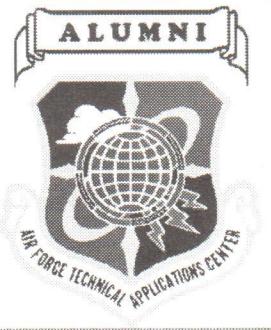
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Membership—675, Lifetime 528 (16 Distinguished)

2004 DECEMBER



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 50 years  
of service to our country  
in September 1997  
1947 – 1997



## SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



### YOUR BOARD MEMBERS FOR FY 2005

Elections were held at the October  
15th Golf n'Getogether and  
General Membership Meeting



Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last job (rank): Alumni Assn relationship  
**ELECTED:** President-Jack Jackson, AF67-77/AFTAC73-77, AFTAC Security Police (SSgt); Assn since the 80's

Vice-Carol Snyder, Civilian, AF/AFTAC96, Editorial Ast, TMN (GS-7); Assn 2004, Sage Shop Dispatch, FY0404

Secretary-Pat Snyder, Civilian, AF74/AFTAC90, Investigations & Inquiries Specialist, IGQ; Assn lifetime, 'Insider' since 96, Vice, 04

Treasurer-Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91, (MSgt); Assn 91, Vice, 99, Treasurer since FY03

**APPOINTED:** Activities/Hall of Heritage-TBD

Hospitality-Judy Milam, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11); Assn lifetime, Secretary FY90-FY2000, Pres FY04, Hospitality 01-current

Internet-Mike Black AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analysis Branch (MSgt); Assn lifetime, Internet since FY97

-Clark Creery AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Assn lifetime, original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President FY94/95, Internet since 97

Membership-Randy Vlassick AF/AFTAC79-03, Directorate of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring (SMSgt); Assn lifetime, Mbrshp since FY04

Newsletter-John Horsch AF/AFTAC 58-87, Senior Enl Adv (CMSgt); Assn lifetime, Pub FY87-90, Newsletter since FY97 ... Chris, coeditor

Publicity-Swede Swansen AF73-93/AFTAC77-93, Small Computer Sec & Network Sys Admin (TSgt); Assn lifetime, Publicity since FY93

Sage Shop Dispatch-Carol Snyder, see 'Vice' above

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Avans

## ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

### "WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL" ALUMNI SNOW BALL VII, FEB 4TH

Since 1999, it has become customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at the beginning of each year. This is done for several reasons - to have an event that does not in-

(SnowBall continued on page 4)

## WORLDWIDE REUNION, 12-15 MAY, 2005

**Reunion** is set for eve of 12 May to morning of 15 May 2005 to be held in Sacramento, California, at the Holiday Inn Northeast. The folks 'out west' have planned a grand time and there is no better way to renew friendships (and revive old stories) than a grand reunion of this sort. See pages 16, 17 and 18 for info/registration forms.

-Winter  
Social

## ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

### THE OCTOBER 15, GOLF N'GETOGETHER

With General Membership Meeting/Assn Elections  
MAJOR ARRANGER, FRANK HALL

Check-in began at 1130 with a shotgun start at 1300—110 golfers showed, lined up and took off. Food was served 'on the fly.' (continued on page 4)

\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION—FY 05 NOTICE...DUES DUE? Here's how to know—ATTENTION\*\*\*\*\*

If you wish to remain a member and receive this newsletter, please check your address NOW! The 'Name Line' on your address label (see last page) indicates when your dues are due. If it reads: "FY Dues Oct 05" it means you have not paid your dues for FY 2005 (began 1 Oct 04). If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or the digits are greater than 05, it means your dues are current.

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*Associate Information***ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL****Alumni Of The Year Recipients**

**Pat Snyder** '2003-Joseph 'Joe' Johnson '02-Jim Payne '01  
 Ben Vlassick '00 (deceased)-John Horsch '99-Frank Hall '98  
 Judy Milam '97-Carl Gailey '96-Clark Creery '95

**Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"**

(board members serving for five+ years)

Clark Creery-NNewsletter 81-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01,  
 Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01, Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/Hosp since 01,  
 Pres 04, Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl  
 Gailey-Tres 91-99, Swede Swansen-Pub since 93, John (Christel)  
 Horsch, Newsletter since 96, Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Mike  
 Black, ,Webmaster since 97, Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04

See 05

**ASSOCIATION HISTORY**

The Association formed ~~on~~ March 12, 1985, and was chartered in 1986. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

**Florida chapter (application on back page)**

**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in **Oct/\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Information: Randy Vlassick, rvlass@aol.com or Pat Snyder, (321) 494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is:

**Long Range Detection Alumni Assc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

There is a quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a Webpage, '<http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac>', with assc/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster is Mike Black; Clark Creery writes an 'Upcoming Events' ('What's Happening') section and posts photos.

**Colorado chapter**

Formed in 1989, dues, \$5 year, payable in **February**; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes' and supports a website, '[www.aftacco.org](http://www.aftacco.org)'. They meet several times a year-for information, Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625. There are ~105 members.

**West Coast (California) chapter**

Formed in 1999, \$5 year/\$50 lifetime; for information-email, [TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com](mailto:TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com) or AFTAC Alumi Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year and publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, '[www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)'; email, [TODalumni@bigfoot.com](mailto:TODalumni@bigfoot.com). There are 145 members.

**Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium**

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring command people and its history exist: Two of these, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the 'Wall of Honor' (photos/bio's sent in) of alumni who served the command for 20+ years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming, Museum.

**Newsletter Editors:** John & Christel Horsch

**Information/Proofing:** Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson

**Executive Review:** Frank Hall/Carl Gailey

**Rovin' Photographers:** Judy Milam (film) and Bob Wiley (digital)

**Rovin' Reporter:** Clark Creery and Bob Wiley

**Printing/Mailing:** Carl Gailey

**"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHE'S**

'58-'87

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

Here we are, the first issue of FY2005. We start by congratulating and thanking new and returning alumni association board members. These elections/appointments were held at the October 15th Golf n'Getogether, and you see/saw the results on page one, 'Sage Salute.' Welcome aboard **Jack Jackson** as our 'new' president. Jack has attended meetings forever, and has always been ready to assist in any way possible. Now he takes on the presidency and we look forward to his reign. Most of the others are 'old' names to us, having served over many years.

And we have got to say more about those hurricanes that forced themselves upon us in August and September, **Frances** and **Jeanne**. Many of your PoMo staff evacuated for both storms and this certainly presented a challenge in getting the PoMo to you in a reasonably 'late' time frame

Frances came and went, as did we in opposite directions, and PoMo wise, we were doing reasonably well. We got the reviewed newsletter to the printers about a week late and they did their thing. But, wouldn't you know it, just when it's about ready for the mailers, along comes Jeanne and we had to 'hideout' again.

Well, this did our schedule in big-time. Carl Gailey, who was trying to get the printed newsletter into mail channels, had a heck of a time, but, he did his usual outstanding job in recovering and managed to get it to most people about 2-3 weeks late. We understand that Frances and Jeanne apologize for all the good that does.

The area was hit pretty hard, and the storms certainly took a toll on roofs, fences and screens, along with some ceilings and walls. The area was littered with stacks of debris for most of this quarter, and several new 'mountains' of mulched debris rose up in Brevard county. See the article in the active-duty section for more details.

Several members, over the years, have asked about receiving PoMo via email/internet vs. the current hardcopy method. We have delved into this possibility the past several weeks and have written an article for your perusal in the chapter news area. We are excited about offering this new option for receiving your PoMo a little sooner, and in living color (where used).

# MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to

**Long Range Detection Alumni Association**  
**PO Box 254892**  
**Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

*Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com*  
 Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

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Thanks' to all who write; **Welcome**,  
 or **Welcome Back**, to new and returning alumni.  
 We recognize all correspondence so your name, and  
 the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

## LETTERS/EMAIL

**Trudee Kirkpatrick, email      2004.09.04**

This was received from good friends of ours, and while technically not alumni, they are great military and AFTAC Alumni supporters (Trudee, and husband Don, have attended several alumni events, i.e., SnowBalls, golf tournaments, etc.). As such we think of them as 'AA' (almost alumni); that fact, coupled with a very good poem about the recent hurricanes, demanded that we print an email, ending with her prose, Trudee recently sent.

"Seems like most of us are back to normal. The true test of normalcy--Don and Tom (**Eddleman**) are on the golf course this morning. An hour before Jeanne came, Don ran into the garage, grabbed his clubs and put them in the bathtub. He sure has his priorities right, doesn't he? Chris and John called last night to see if we wanted to join them at the (Bernard's) Surf. Sounds good, however no one is sure if there IS a Surf. Did you get the news that Corky Bells burned to the ground during Jeanne? That's the "landmark" restaurant on Rt. 1 near Port St. John. The winds just whipped the fire into an inferno.

In parting:

'The storms keep coming but we don't care,  
 Four in six weeks is really rare.  
 The six of us just can't be beat,  
 These tough old hearts can take the heat.'

We'll go to the Surf and raise our glasses  
 To tell those storms we DODGED THEIR PASSES!  
 Wow, I hope we are not tempting fate.

## Hank Raymond-email

**2004.10.17**

I met Carl **Gailey** at the AFTAC Golf Tournament yesterday. Didn't know about the tournament. He said that I could be put on the Alumni E-Mail Address List to receive information about future Alumni scheduled activities by E-Mail if I would contact the address in the Post-Monitor.

Please let me know what other information you need from me to get such E-Mail in the future.

Received the current Post-Monitor yesterday - a great publication - didn't open it up to read until I got back from the Manatee Golf Course. It told of the tournament - as it usually does. I understand the problems with our Hurricane surprises - but you did a great job with the current issue. A lot of copy....

I didn't know who to address this request to - hopefully you will get it to the right place. Thanks in advance for all you do for the Alumni Assn.

Hank, sorry to hear you had not heard of the tournament ... but it is gratifying to read your positive comments, and to learn that some alumni still get their news from the PoMo. The hurricanes did upset the mailing schedule as we discuss in our editorial.

To sign up for the automatic email notification (e-all, as we call them) go to the alumni website (<http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac/>), go to 'member locator ... ' type in your name, i.e., 'w raymond' - update and add to your info if you want (email address is necessary to receive the aforementioned e-alls) and create a password.

Thanks for your membership, and again, for your feedback.

## NEW/RENEWING SAGES

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

F FORMS ON WEBSITE AND FINAL PAGE OF POMO)

**Sam Crouse-Dallas TX**

1990-94, Special Collections Branch, Dir of Qual.

**James Troutman-Annapolis, MD**

AFOAT-1/1009th SWS June 1954-October 1956, Classified B Team Operating Locations and Survey team Colonel, boy do we like to see 'old timers' signing up as new members—we look forward to any stories you might send us about the mission's 'beginning.'

## CHECK/NOTE' ONLY MAIL

(new/renewal, unless noted)

Terrance **Airhart**-Driftwood, TX; John **Bright**-Suffolk, VA; Thomas **Gehman**-Colorado Springs, CO; Edward **Wirtz**, Jr-Wabasha, MN; Harvey **Shaw**-Rockledge, VA; Francis **Goodreau**-Orangetale, CA; David **Hamil**-Det 421 (APO AP 96548); J. **Cole**-Albertville, AL; Richard **Gullett**-Palestine, IL; William **Taylor**-McArthur, OH; Frank **Morsics**-Satellite Beach, FL; Lewis **Currier**, Jr-Boynton Beach, FL; Charles **Desrosier**,

Melbourne, FL; Joseph **Florentine**-Huber Heights, OH; Fred **Campbell**-Palm Bay, FL; John **Forys**-Carlson, CA; Noel **Holbrook**-Bristol, VA; Phillip **Elliott**-Bridgeport, OH; John **Whited**-Layton, UT (renew/address change); Gerald **Jordan**-McLean, VA (address change); James **Chesney**-W. Melbourne, FL (address change); Robert **Ripley**-Summerfield, FL (address change)



(SnowBall continued from page 1)

volve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the October elected/appointed board members, recognize notable alumni and alumni accomplishments hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a brand new year. A highlight will be the announcement of our AFTAC Command 'Alumni of The Year' selectee. This person will also be honored at the '2004 Command Award Ceremony' being held in March.

This is 'SnowBalls' 7th year, the 1st year ~ 40 alumni showed up, ~ 50 for II and III - and 70 or so for IV, V, and VI; let's shoot for 100 this year. It is also customary that the AFTAC Commander and Superintendent, Directors, Dr. O'Brien and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

The Center's Records Chief, Deborah Carson, has made arrangements with the Patrick AFB NCO Club to host us this year and Deborah, with help from other members, will have the place looking very 'Italian.' Other pertinent info:

**Theme: 'Tour of Italy,' 5 Feb 2005 (Saturday) , \$20 per person. Cash Bar, 6-7PM in the Lower Lounge, 7PM Dinner in the Main Dining Room.**

**Menu: Salad/Rolls, Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna, Veg Alfredo, and Tiramisu**

**plus a Carafe of Chianti on each table**

For reservations contact Deborah Carson at 494-6537 or email deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil or Pat Snyder at 494-6867 or email, Patricia.Snyder@patrick.af.mil.

All told, it will be a great evening with a lot of camaraderie and 'catching up'; you can catch a preview. Go out to the Alumni website to look at pictures of previous SnowBalls. We are sure you'll

recognize many of the faces. Look forward to seeing everyone at Snowball VII.

## 'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'



(Golf n'GetogetherContinued from page 1)

Prizes, the General Membership Meeting and elections followed the tournament. Results of that election are on Page One, 'Sage Spotlight.'

The tournament's attendance was hampered slightly by the hurricane delayed 'Post-Monitor'- some members did not learn about the tournament in time to sign up, but a great time was had by those who showed.

### TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** (\$40 gift certificate each: Don McElreath, John Mitchell, Don Jackson, Ron Sliger

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** (\$30 gift certificate each): Keith Ragette, Pat Smetzer, John Stroup, Jimmy Gower

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** (\$20 gift certificate each): Sam Foell, Dusty Leinbach, John Muzzy, Stephanie Estrada

Four teams had a net score of 58. We used the top three handicap holes to break the ties and determine the winner. Using the raw scores for the number 1 handicap hole the team of Brian Chellgren, Tom Donnelly, Chris New, and Jon Eldridge were awarded fourth place. This process continued with the number two and three handicap holes to determine the first, second and third place. The process required the winning team to have two birdies and a par on the three hardest holes on the course.

### Other prize winners:

**Closest to the Pin** -- Titleist golf balls, Mike Hoy and Jim Short

**Longest Drive** – Calloway golf balls, Stephanie Estrada & Jon Eldridge

**Golf Bag** – Tom Andler

**K Cobra Driver** – John Smith

**O Putter** – John McDonough

**Golf Umbrella** – Walt Kiska

**Ball Retriever** – Craig Davis

**Straw Hat** – R. J. Pachter

**Shirt** – Gary Pollard, Mike Stiewig, Pat Smetzer

**Ball Cap** – J. P. Stroup, Judy Milam, Joe Hauser, Walt Kiska, Orion Vanderlinde, Randy Hunter

**Towel** – Walt Labelle, J. W. Jackson, Phil Lindstedt

**Golf Bag Rain Bonnet** – Mike Hoy, Judy Milam

**Golf Glove** – Don Gilbert, Curt Smith, Sam Foell, Jim Short, J. P. Stroup, Judy Milam, Stephanie Estrada, Carol Snyder, Bruce Snelgrove, Larry Silhanek, Craig Davis, Don McElreath

**Sleeve of Golf Balls** – Charlie Hughes, Bob Churnell, Jack Nelson, Louis Taherria, Don McElreath, Bob Schmidt, Scott McIntyre, Louis Taherria, Dennis Kauffmann, Dave Cormack, Terry Hammond, Scott Evans, Dick Merz, Dave Cormack, Gil Costillo, Chris New



### **Personals ...**

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

### **Transitions**

We look forward to transition inputs.

### **Hopes of Health for ...**

*Alumni share hopes for themselves or others*

None Received

### **And Others In Our Thoughts**

#### **In Memoriam**

Anne McElhaney (see below)

Marion Sullivan (see below)

Myrna Payne (see below)

#### **Rest in Eternal Peace**

##### **Anne McElhaney**

EMAIL, 11/5, DALE KLUG, NEWSLETTER EDITOR, ALUMNI WEST COAST CHAPTER  
I received a phone call from Marge Iske last evening informing me that Anne McElhaney passed away this past Tuesday, Nov 2nd.

Anne had been living at Grammercy Court Assisted Living Facility here in Sacramento for the past few years. I would visit her on occasion when I serviced fire alarm & nurse call equipment there. No details cause of death was a blood clot.

Anne was the secretary in 1155/TOD Logistics Maintenance Branch in the 60's when I first arrived here and she moved up to to the Logistics Directorate secretary position from where she retired after a long career in civil service and AFTAC.

##### **Marion Sullivan**

FLORIDA TODAY NEWSPAPER OBITUARY- INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH  
Marion Sullivan, 85, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, November 22, 2004. She was a twin and one of ten children born to the union of Christopher and Frances Vines.

She was an active member to the Prince of Peace Anglican Church and the Melbourne Elks Lodge 1744. Marion is survived by her husband, Thomas

D. Sullivan; one son, William Haigh and wife Ruth of Midland Park, N.J.; one daughter, Dorothy Cishek and husband Robert of Cape Cod, Mass; Toms children, Jeanette, Hilda, and Carol; seven beautiful grand children, Linda, Sandy, Billy, Ann, Ellen, Beth and Dawn; nine great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; one brother, Bill; four sisters, Virginia, Rachel, Carolyn, and her twin sister Margaret. One sister and three brothers preceded her in death.

Visitation was held at Beach Funeral Home, Indian Harbour Beach. Services were held in the funeral home chapel, burial followed at Florida Memorial Gardens, Rockledge.

Donations may be made to the Melbourne Elks Lodge Hurricane Disaster Fund, 211 S. Nieman Ave., Melbourne, FL 32901 or to Wuesthoff Brevard Hospice, 8060 Spyglass Hill Road, Viera, FL 32940

##### **Myrna Payne**

FLORIDA TODAY, Y4.12.05, OBITUARY EXTRACT- SATELLITE BEACH

Myrna M. Payne went home to be with The Lord on Tuesday, Nov 30, 2004. She was born in Natchez, MS, in 1934 to Mr. and Mrs. Carlton M. Morris and was the third oldest of 12 children with seven still living.

Myrna worked as a civil service secretary in Biloxi, MS., where she met James B. Payne through a mutual friend. They married Oct 1, 1962 and a few years later started a family while in Denver, CO.

She has lived in France, Germany, Australia, Hawaii and many of the United States. In each place, Myrna was always actively involved in their church and also with her Avon, which she did for more than 27 years. She used her Avon as a witnessing tool to reach others for The Lord. Myrna will leave behind a great legacy that always pointed to Jesus. She always gave generously to others and truly touched so many lives with hers. She was a constant witness for The Lord. Myrna will be missed but certainly never forgotten.

She is survived by her loving family, husband, James B. Payne of Satellite Beach; son, Chester C. Payne of Columbus, GA. and his wife, Kristin and their triplets, Dylan, Noah and Emma; daughter, Mardi B. Wallace of Cummings, GA and her husband, Garry and their daughter, Haille.

Our family thanks each of you for your friendship, your thoughts and your prayers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideon International for Bibles ([www.gideons.org.](http://www.gideons.org.)) or the Brevard Hospice and Palliative Care.



## Chapter News

### Prez FROM THE TOP Sen

JACK JACKSON

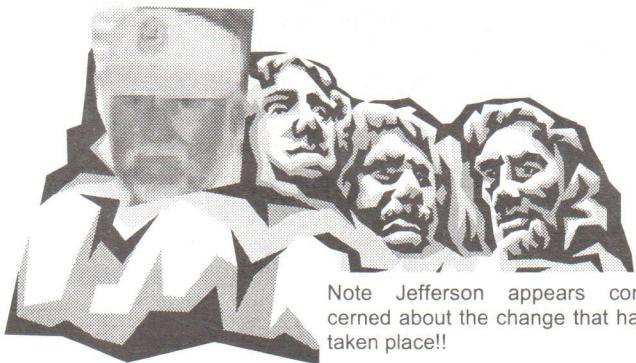
It is with great honor I accepted the office of President of this outstanding alumni association. The AFTAC-LRD alumni association has always been a big part of my life after I retired from the Air Force. I am replacing one of the best presidents ever to hold this office. Judy **Milam** has been an inspiration to this chapter and I only hope I can achieve half of her goals.

Being the first security policeman ever to hold this office I have learned and relied on some of the best men and woman I served with in AFTAC. It is hard to believe that both my first Sgts I served with are friends of mine, even after 27 years into retirement. I will be asking a lot of questions and relying on the current officers and membership to assist me in making some progress with everything I do.

We are well into the planning stages for the SnowBall banquet and I am sure we will have a full house again just like last year's. I would like to see more members getting involved and attending meetings, the second Monday of every month at 5:30PM in the AFTAC conference room (note that we meet at the back of the building around 5:15 and are escorted to the conference room). The only meetings I missed were when I was out of town playing golf. Please feel free to contact me if the need arises. I will try to assist in every capacity the membership and live up to the high standards of a great organization.

PS I also work the beer wagon at the AFTAC picnic. Come by and say hello. Thank you again for giving me the privilege to serve you.

Jack



## BOARD MEETINGS

### Board Members

#### Elected

President-Jack Jackson	Vice-Carol Snyder
Secretary-Pat Snyder	Treasurer-Joe Goldian

#### Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Lloyd French	Heritage Hall Committee, TBD
Hospitality-Judy Milam	Internet-Mike Black - Clark Creery
Membership-Randy Vlassick	Newsletter-John and Christel Horsch
Publicity-Swede Swansen	Sage Shop Dispatch-Carol Snyder

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### A Few Minutes of the Minutes

2004.10.15, 11.17

**-Feasibility of emailing PoMo:** discussed, editors will develop, with Mike **Black**, options. See following article. Email surveys have been very positive.

**-Overdue dues:** some members have not paid FY 05 dues (due on 1 Oct 04). Overdue members will receive the December issue and a reminder will be included in that issue.

**-Fall Golf n'Getogether:** was a success.

**-AF Memorial Donation:** Certificates have been received and the chapters names should soon be posted on the memorial website.

**-Alumni of the Year/SnowBall:** These events were discussed and planned. Please see SnowBall article in this issue.

**-20 Year Wall:** This area, in the HQ's, is being upgraded and will be called, '20-Years of AFTAC Service' wall (located at lower rear entrance).

### Want Your PoMo Sooner ... In Color?

EDITORS

At the Nov 8th meeting, sending the newsletter via email/internet access was discussed. It was decided if a satisfactory (secure, not too much problem, etc) method could be developed, there would be readers who would rather receive their PoMo via email/online rather than 'hard-copies.'

Members would benefit: 1. receive the issue in a more timely manner and 2. the issue would be in color, when used, and printable if they desired

This would benefit the association in decreasing printing and mailing costs for members who choose to receive their issue via email/internet. Each hard-copy, including printing and mailing, currently costs the association well over \$1.00; an emailed/internet copy virtually nothing.

Challenges considered:

1. Security, i.e., making sure the email/link is only available to current paid members.
2. Members understanding the technology, i.e.,

having the capability to 'open' the document, and realizing a dial-up will take several minutes to fully open the document.

One solution to the security challenge is to email the newsletter, to those who choose this method, directly as a pdf (portable data file) document. A direct mailing minimizes the problem of ensuring the security issue noted above. Providing an internet link to paid members is another option, if we can work out the details.

If we go the PDF route, challenge two will be overcome by assisting members who do not have pdf download capability; the program is a free download at the Adobe company's website, <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>). Members can then test their pdf capability, and experience the download time, at the associations 'Complete Newsletters' webpage, <http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac/newsletter/>.

Download time is not excessive, with broadband virtually immediate; with dial-up, about 7-12 minutes, dependent on the size of the newsletter, i.e, the more graphics the longer it will take, text downloads very quickly. Following the download, the newsletter can be saved or printed.

If we go the internet link route, the PDF problems above will go away.

There are several advantages to receiving the newsletter electronically. Normally, it will be posted as the PoMo is taken to the printers, some 3 weeks before you would receive it via postal channels and graphics/pictures will be in color, when color is used.

And the eternal gratefulness of your association as dollars are saved for use elsewhere.

We have contacted those we could via email (671 alumni) for their thoughts on this choice of delivery. If we were unable to contact you, and you would like to comment, or would like to begin receiving the PoMo in this timely manner, please let us know ([chrisjohn@juno.com](mailto:chrisjohn@juno.com)). We will verify that you are a paid-up member and begin your email delivery if/when we institute this mode.



## OTHER CHAPTER'S NEWS

COLORADO CHAPTER, NEWSLETTER

### ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice President, Earl **Pierce**  
Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Bryce **Dunn**  
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**  
Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>

#### 2004 Events!

FROM THE WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER  
Fall Dinner, 11/13, was a success; pics on website.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

### DEPOT FALLOUT

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#### WorldWide Reunion 2005 Update

EDITORS NOTE: SEE PAGES 17 AND 18 FOR INFO AND FORMS

The West Coast AFTAC Alumni Association has moved their meeting place to a new, more interesting venue. Since the Air Museum we used to meet in has moved, and the new facility has yet to be built, we decided to have our meetings under the wing of the C119 at the new museum location.



The WCC Officers hard at work, Business Meeting on 1 June 2004 Under the wing of a C-119, at the new McClellan Aviation Museum location on McClellan Park

Present were bottom left, clockwise):

Dale **Klug**, Depot Fallout Editor, Marge **Iske**, Secretary, Rod **Hinkle**, President, Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Secretary, Ken **Denbleyker**, Chmn of the Board, Orv **Pritchard**, Director at Large, Dave **Tarquino**, Asst. Chmn of Board, Danny **Beach**, Membership Chmn, Joe **Johnson**, Vice President, Bart **Carter**, Treasurer, Charlie **Penn**, Asst. Treasurer (standing)

Articles below are from the CA newsletter and are, in some cases, reprinted/extracted. Names are intact for your remembrance.

### SPRING FLING — HUGE SUCCESS

BY DALE KLUG

Our May 15<sup>th</sup> Picnic was a huge success. ... about 75 people ... Some we hadn't seen in a long time, like **Rose Dunn**; people who came a long distance, like **Walt & Judy Siemiller** from Fallon NV; and those who show up when it's an outside event, the beer is cold and they can ride their Harleys, like **Bob Land & Neil Adler**. **Rod Hinckle** got us the best picnic spot ... and **Charlie Penn & Butch Kemna** rounded up some delicious hot dogs and burgers. We can't forget our guest chef **Ken Breitwieser**, who helped Charlie & Butch with the food preparation. Thanks so much for the fantastic potluck dishes ...

### WAY BACK WHEN — EUROPE IN THE 60S

BY JIM HALL

OK, you asked for it, but I'm not computer literate, so this is it!! You asked for some "WAY BACK WHENS", don't know if this will fall into the categories you want, but it goes back forty years.

To set the stage: I was the DO in the 1157<sup>th</sup>. We had a pretty wide area to cover in that part of the world but our responsibilities didn't stop there in emergencies. So, to preclude administrative delays when we had "emergencies" that needed expeditious attention, Headquarters had authorized orders as attached. Look at the coordinates and you will see how widespread our responsibilities were back in those days. There were only a few of these authorized and they came in handy in two cases for me. I shouldn't go any further with this discussion but I think the orders will speak to the subject and bring back a lot of memories to the "old timers," especially when noting the date.

The organization had a 1-4 priority for personnel and resources back in those days. That was the fourth highest priority in the Air Force and sure did come in handy in accomplishing our mission. Don't know what the AFTAC priority is now or whether the Air Force still grades organizations in that manner, but they are probably still very high. I had a great tour with 1009<sup>th</sup>, 1035<sup>th</sup>, AFTAC. Started in Headquarters in Virginia, then to 1157<sup>th</sup> and finally to 1155<sup>th</sup>, totalling over ten years.

Good luck to you guys and congratulations for keeping the old outfit going. I really miss the camaraderie we had throughout the whole organization – lots of good guys. The "Elite of the Elite". Good Luck & God Bless.

EDITORS NOTE: AN EXTRACT OF THE ORDERS FOLLOW:

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, APO 633, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SPECIAL ORDER TA - 2476                    17 June 1964  
 The following named individual, Hq Comd (USAF), attached this Hq, this stn, will proceed at such times as may be necessary during the period 1 Jul 64 to 30 Jun 65, both dates inclusive, from Wiesbaden, Germany to such places as may be necessary within the USAFE area of responsibility and to those areas bounded by 130 degrees Longitude West and 105 degrees Longitude East; 50 degrees Latitude South and 75 degrees Latitude North, on temporary duty for the purpose of coordinating technical matters as directed by Hq USAF, and upon

completion of each mission, will return to proper organization and duty station. Individual is cleared for access to classified material up to and including Top Secret while performing this duty. Authority is granted to use military air, commercial air, rail, bus or travel by privately owned conveyance (TPA). Travel by extra fare aircraft or train authorized when it is determined that travel by regular fare carriers cannot satisfy the requirements of the mission.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Chuck Passini** joined ... **Steve Fritts** changed his membership... **William Hutenberg**, **Michael Ransom**, and **Thomas Poole**. New and renewing members are **Dain Leadmon**, **Joe Amerena**, **Carl Gailey**, **George Barnes**, **Karl Dankof**, **John Lanigan** and **Willis Johnson**

### MAIL CALL

Don't forget our E-mail address: [FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org](mailto:FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org)

**Ken Smith** E-mail: I was at Lowry AFB most of 1965, Det 207 Eielson AFB Alaska Jan '66 to Mar '67 and then AFTAC in Alexandria from Apr '67 to Mar '71. Is there anyone in that fits in any of these windows? email @ddress, [solol@gte.net](mailto:solol@gte.net)

**Clay Lemire**: Phone Call: Really enjoyed the picnic on May 15<sup>th</sup>. After I mentioned it to several other old 1155<sup>th</sup> people they expressed an interest in more picnics where things are more informal and easier to get around talking to everyone versus inside sit-down dinners

**Julie Doll** E-mail: Just wanted to let my friends know I got married up here in Alaska--on Leap Day, no less! He's a retired E8 from the "real AF" (aircraft maintenance). I will continue to be known as JD though, I'm too old to change my name now. [rypps@acsalaska.net](mailto:rypps@acsalaska.net)

**Marian Chambers-Jordan** Letter Please change my name on your roster. It should read Marian Chambers-Jordan and be listed in the "Cs". People have tried to find me, but since I was married after leaving the organization they can't find me.

**Bob Fitzgerald** E-mail: I have just completed the update to our <http://www.AFTACwest.org> web site

**Dain Leadmon** Email. I was in AFTAC for all the 8 years I was in the Air Force. From 1964 to 1972 I was a 99125B and 99125L guy. Found your web site today and called Ken Breitwieser. Your Mystery picture was great and I can add a last name to your list as the man worked for me in the Lab. # 18 is Donald Parr who probably still lives in TN. Saw him and his family just a few years ago. I live in Orangevale at 8504 Cloudcroft Way. Have been here since 1968 and retired from Federal Service in Sep 1999, Dain [zzhawg@northvalley.com](mailto:zzhawg@northvalley.com)

**Bruce Deffler** E-mail: I'm part of the Colorado AFTAC alumni and have come across pictures of Phillip Sparman in one of the AFTAC anniversary books. I found a Phillip Sparman in Sacramento and the age appears correct, but I can't get any address or phone from the internet. Anybody in your group ever have contact? Bruce Deffler [bhdeffler@sudiweb.com](mailto:bhdeffler@sudiweb.com)

# MONITORing Active-Duty Doing's from around the AFTAC Command Section



Col. Guy D. Turner

**Commander**, 2004.07 previously Deputy PM, SIGINT Support to IO, NSA, Fort Meade, MD. He attended the AF Academy graduating in '80 (BS in Civil Engineering) and in '85 received an MBA. His professional education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a command senior navigator with over 1800 flight hours. He is married to the former Sara Ann Davis. They have three children: Adam, Rebecca, and Benjamin.



CMSGt Lloyd S. French

**Superintendent**, 2003.01 AF/AFTAC since '77, trained in Gamma Spectroscopy and Special Equipment Operations-has attended Leadership School and the NCO and Senior NCO Academies receiving the Levitow and Commandant's Awards. He has also earned a BS in Business Administration. The Chief has served Airborne in many capacities at all command levels. He is married to the former Michelle Rostosky of Satellite Beach, FL and has three children, Lindsey, Nicholas, and Christina.



## AFTAC volunteers key to recovery after two hurricanes

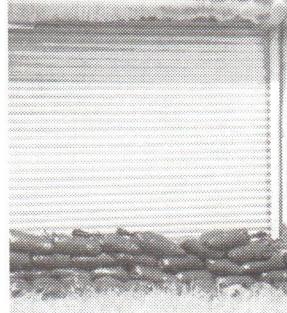
MSGT. BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, SHORTLY AFTER THE STORMS

Four hurricanes in a six-week period. Two evacuations. Roofs blown away. Trees down. No electricity. Houses destroyed. Personnel from Patrick Air Force Base and the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) experienced all of this recently as Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne struck Florida. Two of the storms, Frances and Jeanne, caused severe damage to the base and surrounding communities in Brevard County.

The real news was not about how strong the winds were, or how much it rained. The real story was how AFTAC personnel reached out to help those in need after the storms. "I am extremely impressed by how AFTAC people helped each other recover from Hurricane Frances," said Maj. Scott Sears, AFTAC Squadron Section Commander. "Active duty members, civilians and retirees all volunteered to help. They did whatever was needed, no matter how long it took."



AFTAC personnel covered electronic equipment to prevent water damage.



Patrick personnel placed thousands of sandbags around buildings to block rising water.

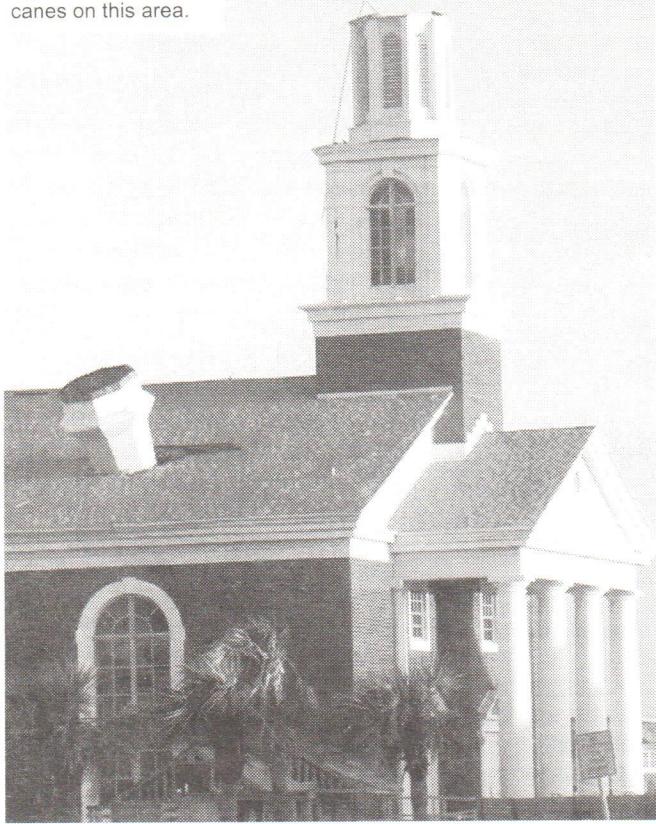
Immediately after the storm, AFTAC personnel were quick to go to the aid of those who needed assistance. "About 20 people contacted me after the storm and volunteered to help," said Major Sears. "We compiled a list of AFTAC people whose homes had been damaged and then formed the volunteers into teams. The teams went out and helped people with tasks like removing trees that had fallen on houses, placing tarps over holes in roofs, and pulling up soaked carpets."

AFTAC volunteers also contacted the dependents of deployed personnel and offered them assistance, and checked out the properties of people who were away from their homes when the storm hit. An example of this was when Col. Allan Beck helped board up the windows on the home of an AFTAC noncommissioned officer who was away from his family on an unaccompanied tour. The volunteers did not limit their aid to people from AFTAC. "Colonel Beck and Mr. Robert Effer spotted a daycare center off base that had been damaged," said Major Sears. "The two then spent several hours helping the staff pull out carpet that had been ruined."

Just as most people were getting their lives back to normal after Frances, Hurricane Jeanne roared towards the east coast of Florida and Patrick AFB. Jeanne struck with a similar strength compared to Frances and the opinion of many people in Brevard County is that it finished the

Frances blasted into the east coast of Florida Sept. 5 with wind gusts of over 120 miles per hour. The storm damaged many homes throughout Brevard County and left over 100,000 without electricity. For several days after the storm, many had to boil water to make it safe to drink after flooding affected water supplies. Traffic lights were torn from their cables and are still missing from many intersections.

Photographs of this damaged local church appeared in newspapers around the country and symbolized the devastating effect of two hurricanes on this area.



job started by Frances only three weeks before. Roofs that were already damaged were totally ripped from homes and trees that were weakened by the first storm fell over after the second assault. Once again, AFTAC personnel rushed to each other's aid.

Senior Airman Angela **Jones** evacuated with her family before Hurricane Jeanne struck, and her home suffered severe roof and water damage. Her supervisor checked on her home and stayed in close contact with Airman Jones while she was away. "My supervisor, Master Sgt. Larry **Park**, was waiting at my house when we got back," said Senior Airman Jones. "Then he spent several hours helping us to clean up and move items that had been damaged. Our commander, Colonel **Turner**, came to see me when I returned to work to find out if I needed any more help. Everyone has been really helpful."

Master Sgt. Mitch **Miller** spent several days helping neighbors and other AFTAC members. He used his chain saw to cut up 35 trees that had fallen; patched missing roofs; removed

soaked insulation from walls and ceilings; and let several families use his portable generator after electricity was restored to his own house. "It was just about helping neighbors," said Sergeant Miller. "You have just got to help each other when something like this happens."

There are many other stories of individuals from AFTAC who selflessly helped those who were affected by the hurricanes. These are just a few examples of the acts of kindness that took place and are still going on. It will probably be months before all the houses are repaired and the rest of the damage from the storms is cleared away, but regardless of how long it takes AFTAC personnel will continue to assist each other with whatever is necessary. "I am in awe of the team spirit shown in helping people recover in the aftermath of Hurricane Jeanne," said Major Sears.

#### **Patrick Airmen visit VA Hospital**

MSGT. BILL LINDNER-AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, JULY 28, 2004.

A group of Airmen from Patrick Air Force Base recently visited the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Palm Beach, FL, and spent the day with patients in the hospital's extended care facility. The trip meant a lot to both the patients and the active duty Airmen.

"I really enjoyed the exchange with the veterans," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Anthony **Manson**, Command Chief for the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing. "They couldn't say enough about our sharp, professional Airmen and NCOs. Coming from several generations of veterans these are the kinds of comments that make me proud of our enlisted force."

The group met veterans from conflicts ranging as far back as World War II up to the present day and they shared many stories about their experiences.

One patient, George **Andrews**, served as a medic during World War II. He was wounded twice and spent several months as a prisoner of war. Another veteran, Joseph **Lussier**, was wounded in the Korean War and has since undergone 30 operations. Some of the patients also talked about their lives outside the military.

"They really loved the opportunity to talk with our troops, said Chief Manson "I talked to several vets about a variety of subjects, from fishing in Massachusetts to combat operations in Vietnam. Seeing and talking with our young Airmen gave them a sense of pride for their service and unquestionably made their entire day."

During the visit, the Airmen also played board games with the veterans and helped one of them celebrate his birthday.

There were also some sobering moments, which, although difficult, made the Airmen especially glad they visited the patients and helped to brighten their day. Henry **Greenwood**, a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, said he lost his wife last February and admitted he "didn't have a home," and wasn't sure how long he would be staying at the hospital.

Fortunately, the patients receive quality medical care and also clothing and recreation services, said Mary **Phillips**, a recreation therapist at the hospital.

Phillips added that the extended care facility also has a six-week program for blind and visually impaired patients, which teaches them how to cope with the challenges of daily living.

In many cases, the Airman gained as much from the experience as the veterans. One patient, Air Force veteran Elmer **Smith**, offered the Airmen some advice on leadership. He also asked questions about uniforms and dormitory living.

At one point during the visit, the hospital staff asked the Airmen to help serve coffee and cake to the patients. It was a sincere show of respect by those serving now for those who sacrificed so much for the nation.

"It was a very good experience for everyone," said Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jessica **Garcia**, from the Air Force Technical Applications Center. "Right now the base is visiting the hospital twice a year. I hope we start to go more often because some of the patients don't get a lot of visitors and are really excited when we go there."



CMSgt. Anthony Manson, Command Chief Master Sgt. For the 45th Shape Wing, spends some time talking with a patient.



Senior Airman Mark Fredette, U.S. Air Force Veteran Elmer Smith, and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gloria Winings



Master Sgt. James Trull and Senior Airman Jessica DeJesus play a game with some of the patients at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Florida.



(from left to right) Airman Jessica Asmussen-Garcia, Airman Ashly Johnson, Senior Airman Jessica DeJesus, U.S. Army Veteran Doug Lewis, and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gloria Winings

### Booster Club Report

REBECCA L. LEHNERZ, TSGT, USAF

Need volunteers to assist with the Daytona 500 working security on the gates. We need 80 volunteers for 2/19 & 20. There is a good chance you can see A LOT of the race, better yet it's free. Please contact TSgt Lehnerz if you would like to volunteer at 494-9823. Spring Picnic and Air Show will be coming around this spring... additional information to follow, when available.

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**COMMANDER'S RECALL**

**Background:** In light of the ongoing process that is the command, and a desire to record the impressions of this process "from the top," we ask previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We have received these impressions from many commanders to include Gen's **Hall** (deceased, 1999) (reCall from 1970 speech provided by George Waters), **Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer** and Col's **Meisenheimer, Wigington and Beatty**. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

*We anxiously await inputs from the remaining commanders, continuing 'Distinguished Association' members all: **Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer, Horton and Bendorf.***

*We feel confident they will write as they find the time and opportunity—in the meantime, we will 'stand-by' and be at the ready.*

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**NOTE: Gen (Ret) Jaeger attended 'Reunion 2003' and agreed to file his recall**

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Gen **Jaeger**, in keeping us up to date, advises: "Unfortunately, I seem to have a crazy life. Rita and I got a very short-notice move to DC, so I am in the process of taking over a major contract, selling our home in San Antonio, finding a new home, and living out of a suitcase. I'm going to have to beg off for another issue."

Hope everyone has a very happy Thanksgiving! Hopefully we will be settled by the 1st of January and I can focus on an article then, Regards, Jim (11/19)"

**I REMEMBER ...****LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE**

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** memories of your career (events, people, etc.). Forward these to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

**HONOR ROLL:** Jack Binkerd, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone**, Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman**, George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (2) Jim **Lillethun** and this issue William **Koerschner**

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR  
'I REMEMBER' INPUTS**

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Thanks to Col Koerschner for taking the time, and making the effort, to send us his times and memories.

**William. F. Koerschner, Jr.  
Colonel, USAF (Ret)**

Reading the March Post-Monitor stimulated me to write about my 14 years in AFTAC beginning in 1950. As a 30-year old Captain fresh from a 3-year tour in Japan, flying fighter bombers, I wasn't too happy being assigned to 1712 G. Street, the 1009<sup>th</sup> Special Weapons Sq, in Washington D.C. I was further distressed to learn that I was to be a Duty Offi-

cer in an Operation Center not yet in existence! I wrote to my old C.O. at Wright Field, Ohio, where I had been a test pilot for the Aero-Med lab hoping for a reprieve. 'No Soap,' he said. 'Their priority is too high.'

So I accepted my fate and by 1951 the Operations Center (OPTCR) was in full swing and I, now Major Koerschner, was running it. In the fall of '51 along came 'Joe 2' (I guess you know why they were called Joes) (editor's note: if any reader doesn't know, ask an 'older-timer' than yourself). We were still novices in this detection and sampling business. Acoustic and seismic signals pinpointed the site as Semipalatinsk so now what remained was to get decent debris samples using Air Weather Service, WB-29s. 72 hours later it was mission accomplished and I and others had been awake the entire time (you get a second wind at about the 36 hour point!). Joe 3 came along about a month later. It was a Sunday and word came that Gen **Vandenberg** was coming over for a briefing. Col **Reed**, our deputy commander was in charge since our commander was out of town. He was understandably nervous and said, 'Koerschner, you are going to brief,' I said, 'yes sir.' About every 5 minutes he would interrupt my preparations to ask if I was ready. Finally, I said, 'Colonel, I'm as ready as I'll ever be.' Meaning, of course, leave me alone, which he did. Gen Vandenberg came, listened carefully to the briefing, asked a few intelligent questions, and left. I never again was privileged to brief a USAF Chief of Staff. Next came a 2 year hiatus during which we all worked hard at sharpening our detection, sampling and analysis skills.

Then, Joe 4, the 'biggie.' An enormous seismic signal and acoustic waves that circled the earth at least twice. It was about half a megaton and a droppable H bomb. They were well ahead of us. The head of the Los Alamos laboratory told our commander, Gen **Canterbury** that this piece of information was 'the greatest scientific intelligence coup of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.'

Everyone was shocked and unhappy with this turn of events, the president (**Eisenhower**), the Joint Chiefs and the Scientists. But thanks to AFTAC they knew where we stood and what had to be done to regain parity.

After a six months sojourn at Air Command and Staff school I was assigned to WFO, 1155 TOS, at McClellan AFB, CA. There I was the Operations Chief under Col **Belville** and then Col **Griffith**. We had the responsibility for monitoring the 1155<sup>th</sup> Ground Stations and for training and dispatching the B-199 operators – the airborne sample collections specialists. What a dedicated group both offi-

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cer and enlisted! At that time they were mostly aboard Air Weather Service WB-50s out of Sacramento, Alaska and Japan. To my knowledge this is the only case where an enlisted operator was authorized to direct pilots actions in order to obtain the best possible sample of radioactive debris. There were several USSR series during my 4 years at WFO and we successfully sampled them all.

After a 3 year tour with the Alaskan Command as a Plans Officer, Col **Griffith**, now AFTAC Deputy Commander, brought me back to headquarters where I was privileged to serve for 5 years (61-66) as Gen **Rodenhauser's** Chief, Operations Division. What a busy 5 years, series after series! The last one, just before the atmospheric test ban treaty was signed, consisted of (as I recall) 33 detonations in 45-50 days, sometimes 2 in one day. Our Air Crews were exhausted (by now we were also sampling with SAC B-36s and U-2s).

Of course, we also had the first Chinese tests as well as our uncooperative allies, the French, who continued testing in the south Pacific. We had to establish a number of ground stations to cover their test as well as constructing an airstrip in a remote location to support air sampling.

My last assignment before leaving AFTAC and the USAF was as Commander, 1157<sup>th</sup> TOS at Wiesbaden, Germany. Again, I was blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated people. When I retired in Jul, 1970, I said my goal was to be retired longer than the 30 years I served. I achieved that milestone in 2001! All my best to everyone who served, and are now serving, in this great organization. Next you will read a BS Story written by Maj Szachta. These two stories, his from the mid-sixties, and this one from the early fifties to the sixties, are what make your editors jobs so rewarding. That these gentlemen will take the time to record their times are what 'Feature Articles,' and a great deal of this newsletter, is all about. A place where our mission's history and tales, as told and felt by the people who were there, can be put down for all to see and learn from. It brings the past, and the mission, alive for those of us who come later, and would otherwise have no way of knowing. Thank you Major Szachta and Colonel Koerschner for being both 'men of old' and 'men so bold' to share your, and the missions, stories.

**BS (BARELY SUBSTANTIATED) TALES!**

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

**The 'BS' HONOR ROLL:** Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch** (4 articles), Ben **Vlassick**, deceased, Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (2), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank and Nedra **Szachta** (3), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (3), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal** (2) Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7)

NOTE: Frank has written before--a BS tale about a tape recorder placed on 'Silver Bullet' (center aircraft, C-118 [DC-6]) during a trip General **Hall** took to the Pacific theater in 1966/67. Here Frank is kind enough to share more memories from the early days of AFTAC.

**Frank Szachta****Maj USAF (Ret)**

In reading the great Sept 2004 issue I learned a lot about AFTAC history that was missed during my 'one mans observations' in serving in AFTAC from '65-70. A most interesting story in Sept was told by Gen Linscott A. **Hall**, Part II of II. His telling to 'the enlisted men' of their great part in making the military the super organization and unit that it is!!

As an 'up through the ranks' enlisted man, I can see what Gen Hall meant. His telling of how he was one of those who were mediocre and by persistence he kept climbing the ladder toward success, also impressed me, since I felt I was one of those also. Thus I was most impressed with AFTAC and didn't know how I (as a reserve officer) got selected for AFTAC. Also as Gen Hall said, one had to take care of his personnel for the unit to succeed. Here comes the BS part of this tale.

As a pilot (in a mostly non-flying AFTAC) I loved my secondary duty of flying self and staff to/from technical meetings, etc. As fate would dictate, my last duty in USAF/AFTAC before retirement saw me at McChord AFB, WA. As an instructor pilot, it was my duty (secondary) to give annual flight checks to fellow pilots. We flew the C-47 (Gooney Bird/DC-3) and Convair 220 twin engine planes in the late 60's. My direct superior/supervisor (who I also had to test once a year) was a LTCOL (name withheld to protect the innocent) in my primary duty as Systems Project Officer/Air Operations Officer (during alerts). I was due for promotion to Major soon and took a trip to Randolph AFB, TX, to review my personnel file to see if my chances for promotion were OK. As a Reserve Officer (one of few in AFTAC) this was critical, since we only had two chances for promotion before it 'up or out.'

I learned that my supervisor gave me an '8' rating in last OER, which in those days was a 'Passover' or 'kiss of death' rating. Then I was ecstatic when I saw that his superior, our SQ (1159<sup>th</sup> TOS) CC, Col Lyle McMichael, had raised the '8' to a '9' and I got promoted on time.

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What a relief. Col Mike, like me, was an 'up through the ranks' man, and as Gen Hall said, 'he was supporting his men.' What a blessing that AFTAC had such great leaders that made their personnel excel well beyond the expected.

**SAGE STARS**

Stories, submitted by our readers, of  
**'Sage Success Stories'**

... stories that exemplify the spirit of a striving sage giving above and beyond the norm.

In this issue, Judy **Milam**, makes us aware of an article about an alumni Sage, Tom **Blasco**. Tom, while not a member of the association, is a well-known alumni who, before he retired, helped many an AFTAC bowling team to perform as well as they did. If any other Sages see Tom once in awhile, tell him he made it into the PoMo pages.

**Professional works to restore lanes**

BY BILL KELLY FOR FLORIDA TODAY, OCT 2004



When Tom Blasco bowled a 171 in his first game in 1969 it was a good indication he had a feel for the game. Blasco of Satellite Beach is now a part-time touring professional and manages the pro shop at Satellite Bowling Center but most of his energies will, over the next months, be devoted to getting the center, heavily damaged by Hurricane Jeanne back up and running. Jeanne rearranged the roof, rained on the equipment, the lanes and the carpet, forcing the facility to close for repairs until the middle of November.

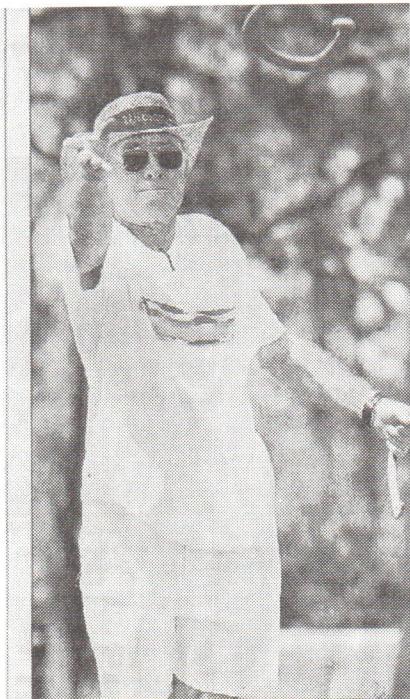
While in the military Blasco had always wanted to be a professional bowler and instructor after being discharged. He turned professional in 1988 after earning his discharge from Patrick Air Force Base and became a part-time Touring pro. His luck on the pro circuit was not good. "They told me to go home and practice and work on my game and it was good advice," he said.

Blasco gave lessons at Satellite Beach and then slowly began bowling in local, regional and national tournaments and was eventually ranked 31st on the pro circuit. I was with (Hall of Famer) Earl **Anthony** the day he retired at the PBA Senior Championship in Naples," (FL) said Blasco. It was one of the saddest bowling days of my life." Blasco, who is taking classes in sports psychology from the American Education Sports Program, splits his time between instructing international bowlers at the Kegel Training Facility in Lake Wales and giving bowling lessons in Satellite Beach.

The former Duryea, Pa., resident has bowled more than 50 sanctioned and non-sanctioned 300

games and an a 850 series. His best years on the tour were 1996, 1997, and 1998. He is planning on returning part-time in April 2005 when the PBA Senior Tour begins.

...and Tom's restoration challenges have been made even more difficult when teenagers broke into the bowling facility and did even more damage



...continuing with **Sage Stars**, or maybe wannabes, not too long ago we gloomed this picture from a local 'read.' It catches a well known Sage practicing for one of the centers' annual picnic events, the 'Super Sage Shoe Shootout.'

And it demonstrates how far some sages will go to excel, i.e., pretending to be 'enjoying a lazy Sunday.' Right.

We were just fortunate in this case that our ever present media again uncovers another

**Enjoying a lazy Sunday**

possible scandalous event. This may well come back to be recalled at the 2005 shootout and be an incentive for opponents. We will see ... in any case, being the good sports we are we say, 'Good luck at the next annual 'shoe shootout,' Bob (Wiley).



Clark **Creery** recently sent us an article that jogged his mission memories, and your editors thought we'd all enjoy being reminded of one of the more challenging assignments

AFTAC personnel 'looked forward to' over the years.

FROM THE SEATTLE TIMES (AUG 1, 1966) "WINGS OVER THE ALEUTIANS" SHEMYA, ALASKA, AUTHOR: STANTON H. PATTY Secrecy envelops this Air Force Station near the far end of the Aleutian chain like a tight cocoon. We are the only newsmen to visit here in recent times. Special permission of the Alaskan Air Command was required. This flat, treeless chunk of rock in the Semichi group of the Aleutian islands is a base for more than a dozen priority activities. Most of the Air Force, Navy and Army units supported here cannot even be identified. Shemya and its work are in a true twilight zone.

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One thing that can be said is that Shemya has an advanced radar installation of the Air Force's space tracking network. It's job is to detect, identify, track and catalog all objects in earth orbit. A glance at a map of this part of the world shows the value of Shemya's strategic position astride the great circle route between America and the far east.

Lt. Col. Bennet P. Browder (47) of San Antonio, the station commander, put it this way: "The mission represented by the various tenants on this 2 by 4 island are as important to our defense effort as anything going on anywhere. "Don't ask Browder to elaborate.... he cannot. Personnel assigned here serve a one year tour. Unlike the big naval station at Adak, some 400 mile to the east, there are no wives and children at Shemya. About 1,000 men are stationed here. There is no native village on this wind lashed island. Shemya is at 174 degrees East longitude, 1400 miles from either Tokyo or Anchorage. "We're so far West, we're East", said Browder with a laugh, "and this place probably has the worst combination of winds and precipitation you could find." There were 17 times last winter when the wind exceeded hurricane force. The worst blow on record was 139 mile an hour. In a year's time, 75 inches of snow will tumble onto Shemya. The mean temperature is somewhere between 36 and 41 degrees. Even in the summer months, landing conditions for aircraft are below the required minimum of a 200 foot ceiling and a half mile of visibility about 20% of the time. But, because of modern navigational aids, Shemya seldom is deprived of air service. Reeves Aleutian Airways delivers the mail twice a week. Huge C-124 Globemaster cargo planes from McChord AF base usually arrive each week with fresh food. Mona Lisa, the annual sea borne re-supply for remote military sites in Alaska, calls at Shemya with about 2,000 tons of subsistence items ranging from canned goods to vehicles. Browder praised Reeve Aleutian, with its record for dependability, as "one of the great morale factors out here." Bob Reeve, the famed early day Alaskan bush pilot, who owns the airline, personally dispatches generous stacks of free reading for the men of Shemya.

Duty on this rock is grim. The Air Force does what it can to make it as pleasant as possible. Facilities include a closed circuit TV station showing most of the popular programs from home on film, a 500 seat theatre, a large gymnasium and a four lane bowling alley. The television station is on the air 12 hours a day. I don't know what we would do without it, says Browder. Humor probably accounts for much of Shemya's happy frame of mind. And it is no accident. "If you have a sense of humor out here, you'd better hang on to it", advises Browder. "That's all you have." One of the safety valves is the "Shemya Plug." This circular slab of concrete with a length of chain resembling a king-sized bathtub stopper. "If a man is disgusted, he can walk up to the plug and try to pull it

and sink the island," Browder explains. Another attraction is the "Shemya to Seattle Bridge." The chopped off frame structure really is an old rock crusher but it looks like a bridge approach and it is pointed in the right direction. Shemya also has a MARS station for patching telephone calls to homes in the lower 48 through "Ham" operators. Another morale booster is the Alaska switch, the telephone service for calling home after duty hours. Shemya has three or four turns a month on the Alaska switch. But the man-made wonder of Shemya is the composite building, a 608 foot long concrete pavilion providing a self contained community for about 900 men. This building includes admin offices, a four bed hospital, living quarters, a 450 seat dining hall, a barber shop and other features.

Shemya is staffed with one physician, two dentists and 12 medical technicians. Shemya's bleak landscape is dominated by what they call the "Monster," an Air Defense Command station with giant antennae tower, 150 feet high and a radar bubble 100 feet in diameter. Ravens took a liking to the sealing compound in the joints of the radar dome not long ago. It required four months to reseal the bubble with something less tasty. Shemya's senior resident, a fixture since 1957 is a shaggy mascot named Boozer that belongs to everyone here. The privileged pooch even has his name painted on his own bright red fire plug.

The vicious weather of Shemya has been legendary since May, 1943, when hand-picked troops of the fourth infantry regiment occupied this island to keep it out of Japanese hands. This was during the battle of Attu. Despite furious winds, the troops whittled an airfield from the tundra. Soon bombers of the 11th Air Force and Fleet Air Wing 4 were paying regular visits to Japanese strongholds on Kiska island in the Aleutians and the Kuril islands near Japan. The daring Aleutian flyers were the first to strike regularly at the Japanese homeland. At one time, according to base records, there were 20,000 men stationed here.

Some day, what is happening here will be in the now it can be told category, but for now you will just have to accept this sincere comment of one AF Officer: "The people of the United States can sleep a little easier tonight because of Shemya." One thing you can count on, Shemya is not sleeping.

Editor's note: Included with this article was a picture we all recognize, in this case it was labeled as:

... a crazy AFTAC monitoring bird...lol



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### AFTAC-LRD Worldwide Reunions—History and Overview

Everybody loves a reunion – time to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent years. As most of you already know, for a number of years, we've tried to hold a reunion about every two years, alternating between California, Colorado, and Florida. In 1998, the reunion was held in California and coincided with the closing of Tech Ops Division (a great weekend with a somewhat sad ending). In 2001, the reunion was in Colorado (another great weekend). In 2003, the reunion was held in Florida (a super time was had by all and no hurricanes). **In 2005 the West Coast Chapter of the Alumni Association will host another reunion, and is ready to start taking reservations.** Included with this issue are the AGENDA and REGISTRATION (both Hotel & Reunion) FORMS. The agenda and registration forms will also be included in the Colorado and California alumni chapter newsletters and can be found on the West Coast Chapter home page ([www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)). Pass the word along to other LRD (AFTAC, AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, and 1035th FAG) alumni who might not be chapter members.

Now is the time to pull out your 2005 calendar and your checkbook. Next, write in "AFTAC REUNION" for the dates 12-15 May on your calendar. Then, you need to fill in the following registration forms, write a check for the appropriate amount, and return your hotel registration to the HOLIDAY INN and reunion/golf tourney registration package to the WEST COAST CHAPTER (addresses on top of forms). If everyone does that, it will make the committee's job a lot easier. Early registration will make the planning simple. Remember, you can assure your spot by getting your registration in early (while doing them a big favor).

They have a terrific Reunion Committee, headed by **AL PAVIK & JACK ALLISON**, but can always use more help. If you would like to help out, please include a note with your registration.

To summarize what we need from you:

- Reserve your hotel room early by calling the Holiday Inn or by completing the following hotel registration form, and returning it to the hotel with your check or credit card information.
- Register early for the 12 - 15 May 2005 Reunion by completing the enclosed registration forms, and returning it with your check

Volunteer to help - Pass the word along to others and encourage them to attend the reunion  
Attend the Reunion and have a great weekend.

### AFTAC 2005 Worldwide Reunion at Holiday Inn Northeast, Sacramento California

The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Northeast, and Sacramento. They have 50 rooms reserved each night; May 12, 13, & 14, 2005 with checkout on Sunday the 15th; all rooms are "Kings" with possible switch to or addition of doubles, triples and double/doubles. Rooms are \$89/night plus 12% tax. Check-in: 4PM; Checkout: 12 noon.

### 2005 Reunion Hospitality at the Holiday Inn Northeast in the McClellan Suite.

As has been the case with previous reunions, we plan to operate a memorable hospitality room. We have a 3-room suite with a bar, which allows plenty of room for lots of bull sessions. This is the same facility we had for the last reunion and attendees spent many enjoyable hours there. We hope to have your favorite beverages and light snacks available for all. Of course, no charge other than what you might want to put in the can at the bar. If you have photographs or other memorabilia that you would care to bring, please do so; there will be lots of rooms for their display. Be sure to identify your property so it gets back to you when you depart. The reunion committee is leaving no stone unturned in turning out all alumni in this area. We urge the Florida and Colorado chapters to bring everyone. More people always equal more fun for all. We look forward to seeing you.

### Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino – Saturday, 14 May 2005, 10AM-3PM.

For only \$14 you will get door-to-door service for a pleasant ½ hour ride from the reunion hotel to and from the casino on a luxury bus. On arrival, you will get a \$5 coupon for slot or tables play plus a \$5 food coupon. You will have four hours to play and enjoy this large Nevada style casino with over 2,700 slots and 98 gaming tables. Thunder Valley has many places to eat: A 24-hour All-You-Can-Eat Buffet with Latin, American, Asian, Italian and Seafood cooking stations; Five "Quick-Serve" outlets such as Starbucks, Villa Pizza, Fatburger, Gordito Burrito and Panda Express; plus Austin's Steakhouse and Shanghai Fat's restaurants. Join us for a fun day. Note: We must have you pre-registered and pre-paid for this trip in order to contract for the transportation. So please make sure you include this item on the reunion registration form. Depending on available bus seating, we may not be able to accept last minute requests for this trip at the reunion. Thunder Valley is on the web at <[http://www.thundervalleyresort.com/templates/tv\\_home.asp](http://www.thundervalleyresort.com/templates/tv_home.asp)>.

### 2005 Reunion Banquet Entertainment – Saturday, 14 May 2005, 7:45PM-8:30PM:

The "Country Club Aires" (CCA) Men's Chorus and Band will perform at our banquet following dinner. The CCA has been in existence for over 35 years. The CCA has a roster of 55 of whom a number are military veterans. They are known as a "sing-a-long" chorus who perform the "good old songs" and a lot of show tunes that we know so well.

**AFTAC ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION**  
**12-15 May 2005**  
**Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave, Sacramento, CA**

Watch our web site <[www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)> for updates to this information and these forms.

**Agenda/Events Schedule**

**Thursday, 12 May 2005**

- 5:00PM–11:00PM: **Welcome!** McClellan Hospitality Suite Open. **Bring Photo Albums if you have 'em.**  
 5:00PM – 9:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., in the McClellan Hospitality Suite

**Friday, 13 May 2005**

- (times tbd): Golf Tournament @ Diamond Oaks Golf Club  
 9:00AM – 5:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc. McClellan Hospitality Suite Open  
 6:00PM – 8:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., outside the Aviator Room  
 6:00PM – 8:00PM: Cocktail Party Reception in the Aviator Room  
 8:00PM–12:00AM: McClellan Hospitality Suite Open. **Bring Photo Albums if you have 'em.**

**Saturday, 14 May 2005**

- 9:00AM – 5:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc. McClellan Hospitality Suite Open  
 10:00AM – 3:00PM: Chartered Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino, Lincoln, CA  
 6:00PM – 7:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., outside the Grand Ballroom  
 6:00PM – 6:45PM: No-host cocktails in the Grand Ballroom  
 6:45PM – 7:00PM: Posting of the Colors  
 7:00PM – 7:45PM: Banquet Dinner  
 7:45PM – 8:30PM: Entertainment by the Country Club Aires Men's Chorus & Band  
 8:30PM – 9:00PM: AFTAC update by Col Hunter (AFTAC CC) *Turner*  
 9:00PM–11:00PM: BS time with old friends. Background music courtesy of the Hotel.

**Sunday, 15 May 2005**

- 9:00AM–12:00PM: Brunch Buffet (*no host*) at the Aces Restaurant in the hotel.  
 12:00PM: Hotel checkout time. Thank you for coming. Farewell until the next reunion.

*Reunion registration cutoff date is 08 April 2005. After that date Contact Al Pavik or Jack Allison.*

**HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841**

**1-800-338-2810 or (916) 338-5800 Local Sacramento**

*Send this form directly to the hotel or call them for reservations.*

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ (Children <16 stay free)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room** (check one): [ ] King or [ ] Double-Double or [ ] Double. **Type:** [ ] Handicap [ ] Non-smoking

**Reunion Rate is \$89/night if reservations are made before 21 April 2005. Use code "TOD".**

Check-in date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check-out date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR

**Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns**  
**Association Board/Membership Meetings**  
All Alumni are heartily invited to these events.  
**VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867**  
 patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil **BEFORE COMING**

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

WHEN: **1530 (3:30 PM)**

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building

HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd

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

WHEN: **1730 (5:30 PM)**

WHERE: **AFTAC HQ's Building**

HOW: come to rear entrance

### January

**3, 1530** WindDown at the Outback  
**10,** General Membership Meeting

### February

**7, 1530** - WindDown at the Outback  
**14, 1730** - Board/Membership Meeting

### March

**7, 1530** - WindDown at the Outback  
**14, 1730** - Board/Membership Meeting

### Scheduled Events

**EVENT CONTACT—PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867**  
 patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil

### February 4th, SnowBall VII

See details on page 1

12-15 May 2005

-**Alumni Worldwide Reunion in Sacramento, CA**  
 See pages 16, 17 and 18

### Traditional Annual Events

#### FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY

January—March

-Assoc SnowBall VIII, Feb time frame  
 -Center Annual Awards Banquet, Mar time frame

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic, April time frame  
 -Assoc Spring Golf n'Getogether, May time frame

July—September

Summer time and the livin' is easy

October—December

-Alumni Assoc Fall Golf n'Getogether, Oct time frame  
 -Center Winter Social, Dec time frame

## SAGE SHOP

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<b>JACKETS</b> , Unlined/Royal Blue, \$20	2	1	2	4

### GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket, \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	2	2	3	2
Jade (medium green)	2	6	3	2
Navy	2	2	3	1
Red	2	3	2	2
White	2	5	2	2
Royal Blue	3	4	2	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	2	3
Maroon	3	4	1	1
Black	2	2	2	2

### T-SHIRTS, without pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	2
Navy	2	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	2	2	2	1
Mint Green	2	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	5	2
Black	4	2	4	3

### SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

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### HATS - \$6.00 # MISCELLANEOUS #

Green	3	-50th Commemorative Coin, \$3	128
Gray	0	-Logo Pin, \$3.25	252
Red	7	-Logo Disk, \$5.50	7
Royal Blue	0	-Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue	1	\$10-nonmembers	4
Navy	0	-WorldWide Directory, \$25	2
Blue/ Gray	16		

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<b>JACKETS -</b>	
Unlined/Royal Blue - white logo, \$20	3
<b>GOLF SHIRTS-</b>	
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(complete and mail to ATTN: Membership Chair) (address/contact information on Page two, left panel)

**FLORIDA Chapter dues (check one, enclose sum):**  \$10 annual dues  \$75 lifetime

**SPECIAL OFFER,** For first time (new) members only, three years dues for **\$20**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(s): \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL/HOME PAGE (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: Membership information will be passed to other Alumni Chapters and members unless you state that this information is not to be released, and may be made available on the association website.

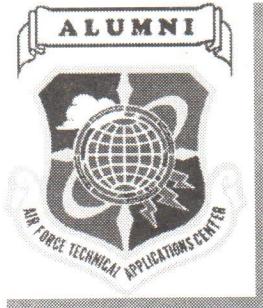
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