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

But now we've reached the
best of stages
Being one of the
Command's Sages

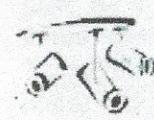
Long-Range Detection
denotes and represents
all who served the
mission throughout its
inception and history

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



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2001-02 BOARD
MEMBERS



Elected

Voting took place at the 2001.10.12 General Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the Fall 'Golf n'Getogether' (listing includes AF/AFTAC dates, last job (rank); Alumni Assn relationship)

President-Joe Marshall AFTAC, Contractor 69-76, Civilian 76 to present, Chief, Atmosphere and Space Div, Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Directorate (GS-15) Asc lifetime, first office
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Secretary-Pete Towell AF 73-98/AFTAC 95-98, Director of Intelligence (LtCol); Assn lifetime, Secretary, since 2001

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Appointed

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Dave Johnson AF/AFTAC 68-88, Software Integration Manager (MSgt); Assn lifetime, Internet since 97, VP 98

Clark Creery AF 60-80/AFTAC 66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Assn lifetime, original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95, Internet since 1997

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ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL" ALUMNI SNOW BALL IV

EDITORS

It has become a tradition for the Association to arrange a Ball at the beginning of each year. This is done for several reasons – in part in response to a request that we have some event that does not involve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to have a chance to introduce the October elected/appointed board members, recognize some notable alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a brand new year.

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ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

WHERE, AGAIN IN THE BEST MISSION TRADITION, WE REPORT EVENT DATA

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF N'GETOGETHER, 2001.10.12

MANATEE COVE (PATRICK AFB) GOLF COURSE

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MILAM

What a beautiful day for golf – the sun was shining, the temperature was pleasant, and the players were

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ATTENTION...DUES DUE? Here's how to know.

If you wish to remain a member and receive this newsletter check your address NOW! The first line on your address label (on the back cover) indicates when your dues are due. If it reads: "02<Dues due in Oct" it means you have not paid your dues for FY 2002 which began 1 Oct 01.

If the first two digits on line one of your label are other than 02 it means your dues are current. Remember that the first two digits on the first line are the fiscal year your dues are due.

ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

BEN VLASSICK 2000—JOHN HORSCH 1999

FRANK HALL 1998—JUDY MILAM 1997

CARL GAILEY 1996—CLARK CREEERY 1995

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

Florida chapter

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

Long-Range Detection Alumni Asc., PO Box 254892

Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

Chapter publishes a quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a Webpage, <http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>, with association & alumni information, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos - WebMasters are Dave Johnson and Mike Black

Florida Chapter Board "PERENNIALS"-Alumni serving for five+ years.
Frank Hall, President/Vice, 89-98/01, Judy Milam, Secretary 89-00, Eunice Harris, Hospitality, 89-00; Mary Welch, Membership, 91-99; Carl Gailey - Treasurer 91-99, Swede Swansen, publicity, since 93

Colorado chapter

Formed in 1989, dues, \$5 per year, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes,' supports a website, <http://www.aftacco.org>: Webmaster, Bill Harris. They meet several times a year-for information, Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625. There are 130 members.

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, dues, \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for information-Joe Johnson, (916) 783-8676, 'TOD.Alumni@bigfoot'-mailing address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc., West Coast Chapter, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510. They hold periodic meetings and socials, host a webpage and publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout.'

Long-Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

Several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring our people and it's history exist: Two of these, the 'Hall of Heritage' (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Biographies of Alumni who served the command for 20 plus years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

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"A TEAM"...of Horsches'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Mike Luckovich 3.12.2001

Welcome. From we who served to thee who served, we feel we must take a moment to reflect before we go forward. We are proud of our country's leadership and feel those who would teach us are instead learning.

'The harmers will be hammered, and the hurters will be hunted. They who attempt to make us weak only move us to strength. Our country will learn not what you meant us to learn, but rather be reminded of what makes this country great ... and you will be sorry that you reminded us.'

Now, moving on as we must, this issue has a set of great 'Feature Articles.' George Waters not only sent us memories but backed them up with pictures—wait till you see those to have your gray cells put into action. The BS Chuck Wallace forwards is a true AFTACism and Bob Mason's 'Where Are Ya!?' about his 'after-AFTAC' experiences is not only a catch-up but a tribute to the command and its people.

And, more good reading, a second-generation AFTACer has responded, the first of many we hope. Thank you Curt (Miller). Your story is very touching and, hopefully, we will hear from other proud AFTACers in a similar situation wanting to share their story.

In ending we wish you a most meaningful and the best holiday possible—our prayers are with those who suffered directly, and indirectly. We have all been reminded, very forcefully, of what we are and what we have, and the lengths to which we must and will go to preserve it.

The Best of the Season to You All

MAIL - CALL



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

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

NEW/RENEWING SAGES

Here we welcome initial and returning alumni, mention their names for your possible recall, and thank them for connecting. At the same time, we remind everyone to send us your unclassified memories, and barely substantiated (BS) tales of your 'AFTAC' adventures. Please email them to 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or send them to the alumni mailbox (address at left column, page 2)

Alice Springs, Australia 9.4

Twenty-two years in AFTAC and associated units, 1974-96. Dets 301, 421, HQ and PACAF/ES. Working for TRW Systems Overseas Inc. **Raymond Baney** have you put yourself on the '20-year' at the HQ's? If not see pg 2, left column, under '...Honorarium.'

Ellicott City, MD 9.6

Please (sign me up for) lifetime membership in the alumni association. **Craig L. Adams** you bet

Satellite Beach, FL 9.10

No information provided. **Don Emery** and thanks for jumpin' right in to help with the golf tournament

Huber Heights, OH 9.15

2002 annual dues enclosed. **Joe Florentine**

Oak Ridge, TN 9.25

I thought I would be a little early this year with my dues, however, the year has slipped by and it is almost October. I recently spent some time inside Cheyenne Mountain and it reminded me of AFTAC operations and how some of our personnel have impacted other national programs and technical areas. In reflecting back, former AFTAC personnel and technology provided significant assistance to other national missions and major projects without very much publicity. **Robert C. Mason** a special thanks for the very interesting 'update' to your life and time after 'AFTAC'-we have continued your letter in our 'Where Are Ya?!!' section and know our readers will really enjoy your tribute

Garland, TX 9.25

As I get older I guess my memory is improving. My dues will be on time, well almost. look forward to the Post-Monitor. **George Kraus** thanks for the compliment

Fremont, MI 9.28

For what reason I cannot tell but for once I am on time. Keep up the good work and in these trying times, pray for our nation and our President. Wish I could reenlist but at 67 they aren't that hard up yet.

Delbert Leiter good sentiments

Melbourne, FL 9.28

Dues. **Jerry Fuqua**

Warner Robins, GA 9.30

No news from here, just sending dues for another year. **George Antonio (Tony)**

Woodbridge, VA 10.1

Here are my dues for the next two fiscal years.

Charles A McGowan

Riverside, OH 10.1

Attached is \$10 for dues. **Dennis Stratton**

New Port Richey, FL 10.2

Enclosed find \$10 for dues. **Maurice J. Walsh**

Bethel Park, PA 10.3

(signed up for Lifetime) Assigned to 1035th FAG, June '68-Nov '70. SSgt assigned to the Air Police Squadron. **William T. Hardester** another heart-warmer, a relatively short time 'Monitoring' and after all these years, staying connected

Colorado Springs, CO 10.4

Please renew for another year. **V. Bone**

Gray, KY 10.6

My check is enclosed for 2002 dues. I really enjoy the work you are doing with the Post-Monitor. **Bert R. Miller** thank you, and your memoriam to Ross Stevens is at our 'ATR' section

Fairfax, VA 10.8

Enclosed are FY02 dues. I will be at FL address right after Thanksgiving.

I remarried on Sep 7, 2001 to a very fine lady from N. VA. Her name is Margaret (Laurie). Hopefully, she will get the opportunity to meet some old, but greater AFTACers'. **Alex Desanto**

Stuart, FL 10.10

FY02 dues enclosed. Just a note to let you know some of the 'old timers' (52-62) are still out there. Keep up the good work. **Don Clemens** 'old timers' re-committing warms our hearts because it shows how true it is that 'Monitoring' never stops

Keeseeville, NY 10.12

(accounting verification) **Charles L Wright**

Lincoln, CA 10.19

(address change) Here are my dues. Enjoying semi-retirement teaching chemistry at local community colleges. **Dave Paquette**

Jacksonville, AR 10.22

Enclosed are dues for the coming year. **Allen Carter**
Delray Beach, FL 10.31

Sorry I'm late, another 'Senior Moment.' Pleased to see Pete **Sherman's** name listed in the September new/renewing Sages. We traveled together to many detachments out of the 1156th TOS during the 1970-74 period. Hi Pete, Louise. **Al Spicci** Al, Jim (Payne) asks us to pass on this question, 'who carried the golf bags?'

Tampa, FL 10.31

Keep up the good work. I was at HQ's (VA) 1964-68, then Det 423 for one year. **John and Marilin Costello**

Denver, CO 11/4

(on-line signup) AFTAC '69-'73, Lowry, Det 205, HQ's

(DC and FL). Separated/Denver since '74.

William F. Harris thanks Bill

LaGrange, GA 11/15

(shopping only) **Hubbard Morris**

Abilene, KS 12/1

(phone/email changes only) **Clarke Carroll**

LETTERS

North Highlands, CA 8.29

My address as posted on the Post-Monitor is correct, it has not changed since 1964!! I imagine the original package was dropped off in the wrong box, and the Idiots put 'not at this address' without telling the PO people that it was not the address listed on the package.

Thanks for sending it to me, and I am sorry that it cost you an extra \$.55 for the postage.

I tried to arrange to be in Denver for the Reunion, but it did not work out. Maybe I can manage one in the near future, while I still have a driver's license. Until further reason for contacting you, I remain: **James S. Lucas** Jim, start driving now because we are planning the next reunion in Florida for mid-03

Iowa Park, TX 9.1

Just a short note to let you know all is well. Keep up the good work! Maybe I will get down that way next year. The company I retired from, WR Grace, has their HQ's there. **Vern Mikkelson** great, we look forward to you attending one of our meetings

Cyberspace 9.27

Thanks for nice coverage of my BS tale about my AFTAC life. At end of tale, our e-mail handle is flysew-good @earthlink.net . Article called it "earthling"...A Freudian slip??? Thanks again, Great Newsletter. One short question, we plan to go Life membership, but we were at West Coast units, and now reside in FL. Is there any way one could belong to both units at some combined price? Thanks again...Fly Safe...HUGS all around. **Frank & Nedra & our pal Pepper...XXX** we understand the intrepid membership chairs (FL/CA) are working on this

Cyberspace 9.30

(this exchange took place) Nice issue as usual. I read it cover to cover, Sagey. **Ron Cook** (we replied) Thank for the compliment, and yours saves Sagey/Alex. You and Judy (Milam) both caught this and sent compliments in - Sagey and Alex (the alligator) will have to continue their presence.

Cyberspace, A Challenge 10.5

I always read the newsletter from cover to cover. Rarely do I see a submission from a former MCL person. When I look back over the past many years certainly the years at MCL were amongst the most challenging, productive and satisfying of my life. We should ALL (all Systems including Lab) be proud of the service rendered at 1155TOS. Thinking back of the other people at MCL a lot of really first rate scientists/engineers come to mind who did things like: -developed special filter paper for use by our samplers

(which required visiting the paper manufacturers and suggesting to them how to modify their production techniques to remove contaminants (peculiar to AFTAC)

-developing extremely low background radiation detectors helped by use of pre-1938 Naval Gun Barrels for the detection chamber

-developing chemical separation/purification techniques for producing radio chemically pure samples in the presence of massive (greater than a million-to-one ratios) unique to the Radiochemistry field.

-developing unique mass spectrometry physics and chemistry techniques. The same for debris particle and gas analyses. These were some of the best IN THE WORLD.

Back in the 60's and 70's the MCL guys were always talking, in fact giving listeners a headache. Now it appears to me almost total silence has engulfed these former integral components of the AFTAC mission. I know they have lots to say. Hope to hear them say it in coming issues. **Frank Liberatori**, Former MCL guy thanks for the PoMo comp, but more than that, the challenge to MCLers ... and we still remember the great article you gave us several issues ago, now let's hope others will follow suit and take up the gauntlet

Cyberspace 10.11

I got the Post Monitor today and found my name, however it is misspelled. This is the most popular spelling of my name so you are one of many.

I was at Lowry in Q training June 1961 through June 1962. I was then sent to AFTAC on Telegraph Road in Alexandria. I was in the computer center, ran all those programs that did the analysis of the Q data. Ran many reels of paper tape, and worked with the telephone company to hook up 310, 205, 204, 116 and 418 I think directly into the computer. I was at AFTAC until my enlistment ran out in April 1965. I got married 2 days before I got out, and went to New Mexico where I attended NM State for EE degree.

I have been selling CAD/CAM/CAE software since, and semi retired 3 years ago.

My whole life in 2 paragraphs. **Charles Brack**

Fredericksburg, VA 10.12

(address change) My name while working for AFTAC (VA, Dec 64-72) WAS Eileen Vickers. I enjoy reading the Post-Monitor. Keep up the good work. I would love to visit Patrick one of these days. Thank you. **Eileen Rousseau** It's so great having someone who served so long ago continuing the connection

Pensacola, FL 10.19

(address change only) **Carey L. Dobbins**

Fonthill, Ontario Canada 10.22

(address change) I continue to enjoy the newsletter. Keep up the good work and Thank You for all the effort being made to keep us informed. **Jim Davis** Jim, thank you so much, your readership means a lot. That, and the compliments makes the job easier

Delray Beach, FL 10.29

(address change only) **Harry Bedsworth**

Sage Spotlight (continued from page 1)

Membership-Jim Payne AF 52-84/AFTAC 62-84, Senior Enlisted Advisor (CMSgt); Assn lifetime, Membership since 2000

Newsletter-John & Chris Horsch AF/AFTAC 58-87, Senior Enlisted Advisor (CMSgt); Assn lifetime, Publicity 87-90, Newsletter since 97

Publicity-Swede Swansen AF 73-93/AFTAC 77-93, Small Computer, Computer Security & Network System Administration (TSgt); Assn lifetime, Publicity since 93

Alumni Snow Ball IV (continued from page 1)

This will be our 4th year, the 1st year ~ 40 alumni showed up, ~ 50 for II and III - let's shoot for 70+ this year. It is also customary that the AFTAC Commander, Superintendent, Directorates, Dr. O'Brien and other interested active-duty personnel are invited, and to announce the selectee for the Command 'Alumni of the Year' honors.

Thus we have several alumni assn board members working on a date and other arrangements – since the NCO Club (our previous site) is closed at this time, and the 'Combined' (Patrick AFB Officers) club is booked up over the desired period, other sites (e.g., a local restaurant, a catered event, etc.) are being considered.

We are fairly positive SnowBall IV will occur on a weekend night between mid-January and mid-February. We had planned a 'German' theme for this year and will try to follow through. Whatever the theme, we encourage everyone to 'dress' with the theme in mind. Prices are estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$20-\$25. There will be a pay-as-you-go bar and camaraderie galore.

If you would like to help, and/or receive updates/reservations, George Mirda would like your name to advise/coordinate, publicize, and work together as a group to make Snowball IV a success. He can be reached at home after 5, 321-253-2668 or at work, 321-494-7066 or drop him an e-mail at gmirda@commtechinc.com.

All told, it will be a great evening and you can catch a preview. Go 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 IV.

**Golf n'getogether, 2001.10.12 (continued from page 1)**

on the course, rather than at work. What more could you ask? The shotgun start put 133 players on the course to have fun and compete for some terrific prizes. Volunteers roamed the course during the afternoon to deliver water and soft drinks, while Frank Calenda took to the course looking for the "best shot" with his trusty digital camera. Check out those pictures on the alumni homepage!

Some of you may have noticed a familiar face – that is, if you could see the face for the beard – among the players -- former AFTAC Commander, Col Bob Meisenheimer.

Non-golfer retirees who helped were Carl Gailey, Nancy Frey, Jan Lambert, and Judy Millam (who also was busy taking pictures). Of course we should also add the golfers who helped, Don Emery, Pat Murphy, Susan Glasgow, Sam Sorice and Frank Hall. Active Duty who assisted, Dr. O'Brien, Capt Shoemaker, Chief Armitage, SMSgt Gilroy, MSgt Hood, TSgt Osterloh, SRA VanHuss, Ms. Pat Snyder, Ms. Deborah Carson, and Ms. Carol Snyder.

-**Prizes** were outstanding, as usual. **Gift certificates** to 'placing' teams were awarded to the tournament winners:

First place, Nick Gritti, Norm Fennelly, Randy Hunter, Moukress;

Second place, Marty Dougherty, Jim Goodson, Chic Garcia, Chris Bearden;

Third place, Erwin Obermuller, Rick McCombs, Mary Crumpton, Arlene Rolfe.

-Other 'playing' prizes:

A dozen Titleist golf balls for Longest Drive prizes went to Erwin Obermuller and Dave Hamil; Closest to the Pin, Chic Garcia and Bob Churnell also won a dozen Titleist balls for closest to the pin.

-Other significant prizes:

The grand prize, a Tommy Armour 845 Golf Bag, went to Ron Couch; other top prizes: a Golf Travel Bag, Rudy Cross; a Titleist 60 degree wedge and Bull's Eye Putter, Walt Kiska; and a Titleist 58 degree wedge, Nick Gritti. Over 80 prizes were awarded thanks to donations by our sponsors: SAIC, CTI, Aerotek, QTSI, Multimax, ENSCO and Boeing

-Remaining Prizes:

Nomar Putter, Tony DeMarco, Tour Putter, Frank Gulcher, Acu Mark Driver, Sammy Sorice, Acu Mark "7" Medal Wood, Marty Dougherty, "11" Wood, Bob Blaue, Golf Umbrella, Andrew Mercer, Computer Bags (4), 1 ea: Don Bresnahan, Boyd Lease, Joe Marshall, and Jan Lambert, T-Shirts (4), 1 ea: B. J. Prosoncha, Susie Glasgow, Terry Hammond, and Terry Evans, Autographed Hat, Erwin Obermuller, Golf Shirts (6), 1 ea: Kris Burchfield, George Lowe, Steve Hall, Steve Davidson, Steve Townsend, & Darrell Sherrod, Golf Towels (3), 1 ea: Mark Westcott, Jeff Piotrowski, & Nancy Buschner, Mug of Tees (2), 1 ea: Bob

Feature Article

COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is the command, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are entering a new millenium, we asked previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We received positive responses from almost every commander to include Gen's Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer and Col's Meisenheimer, and Wigington. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

We have respectfully requested inputs from AFTAC's two most recent Commanders, Col's Beatty and Dettmer. We feel confident they will reply as they find the opportunity in their busy active-duty lives.

We look forward to being able to pass on their 'Commander's recall' ...

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) - we will publish them as in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

George Waters

While going through some old photographs the other day I came upon what might be of historical significance to AFTAC and for possible inclusion into the 'Hall of Heritage.' Note: George, the items you sent have been turned over to 'Hall of Heritage' personnel

For many years to my recollection, AFTAC did not subscribe to the policy of designating an "Outstanding Airman of the Year." AFTAC's philosophy was that all its airmen were outstanding and to select one over the other would be inappro-

priate if not sacrilegious.

None the less, around 1963, AFTAC implemented the program of selecting an 'Outstanding Airmen of the Year.' As the commander of Detachment 415 at the time I submitted the name of MSgt. Nargoski who was subsequently picked as the 'Group Outstanding Airmen of the Year.' Following is the picture taken when I presented him with the award. Time and distance precluded any more formal recognition. MSgt. Nargoski was the first of many selected for this award but in my opinion none were more deserving than he.

Also enclosed is a group picture of the Detachment 415 complement taken around 1963. Many of those pictured were part of the original contingent that opened Detachment 415.



This picture depicts the Det 415 personnel present during the award of the 'Most Improved Detachment in the 1156TOS.' Top L-R: George Waters, CC, ... Bailey, Power Prod ... Gustafson, B Ops Larry Landy, B Ops Don Rust, B Ops (Dave) Olsen, B Ops Bill Markle, Radio Maint Don Morris, B Ops Unidentified, Bill Klein, Ops Officer—Back L-R: Eugene Kohler, Chief Analyst Don Ritchey, Maint Tech Ralph Mergen, Crypto Willy Pertle, Admin Guy Long, Supply Larry Novresky, B Ops Unidentified Leon Nargoski, NCOIC This list represents the collective memory of George Waters and Leon Nargoski – errors or omissions are unintentional

Feature Article

A BS (Barely Substantiated) Tale!

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' 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.

Charles H.(Chuck) Wallace, AFTAC 55-69

A Long Time Ago - Lowery AFB.

This is being submitted in the true spirit of a BS tale. I was sent to begin electronics' training and Tech school in Dec 1955, and actually began school in early 1956. One of my classmates was a fellow by the name of William Michael **White** or William Fletcher White, he never seemed clear on which to use, as his military ID said W.M.W., while his driver's license said W.F.W. Whitey was looking for a car to buy, but could not find one that he could afford.

After several weeks, Whitey came to class (we were on swing shift) all excited, he had found a car that he could afford. However, he had to act quickly as the owner was leaving the country. The next night Whitey was a little late to class, but he was in high spirits. He had his car, it was a Crosley "Hotshot" (for you youngsters, the Hotshot was a very tiny car built in the early 50's). He had parked it in the nearest parking lot to the base, because it was too late to register the car and get a base sticker. We finished class that night, and went back to the barracks to hit the sack.

About 2 am, somebody flashed a flashlight in my eyes and told me to get up to help Whitey move his car. I told him in no uncertain terms that Whitey could move his own car, and rolled over to go back to sleep. He then rolled me back over and allowed me to see his white armband before asking me to help Whitey move his car again. Without further hesitation, some others and I got dressed and followed the AP's out to their truck and got in the back as ordered.

We arrived at the parking lot where Whitey had parked the Hotshot, however it was not to be seen. The AP-OD told us to get out of the truck and follow him. He lead us over to a building clearly marked BOQ, and opened the door. There sitting halfway down the hallway in all of its red glory was Whitey's Crosley Hotshot.

We cracked up until the AP-OD told us to knock it off. The guy just had no sense of humor. He had Whitey get in the car, and the rest of us care-

fully pushed it out and down the steps, we had so little clearance through that doorway, it was unbelievable.

The first question the AP-OD asked Whitey was if he knew how his car had gotten into the BOQ. Whitey sealed his fate when he responded that some officers must have gotten drunk and carried it in there. The AP-OD told us to get into the back of the truck and told Whitey to follow him back to APHQ. As we pulled out, another AP truck passed us going the other way and Whitey pulled out and followed the wrong truck. The AP-OD turned us around and we chased down Whitey, with the AP-OD screaming all the way. The AP's dropped us off at the barracks and we went back to bed. The AP's had Whitey all night, with problems like his middle name being Michael or Fletcher, and there was a problem with the paperwork in that the paperwork was completed by the sellers Swedish maid, who spoke almost no English. In the morning, Whitey came home with a parking ticket. It was a night to remember.

Where are ya?!!!

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

Bob Mason

A 'Catch-up' and a Tribute

When I retired from AFTAC in 1980, I went to Bechtel's Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant 2 Recovery Project. One of the first things I did was bring several former AFTAC personnel into responsible operational and technical positions in the project. As a result, there was a significant technical contribution to the first entries in the damaged reactor building, and later, the first decontamination and restoration activities of the Nuclear Unit 2 facilities. The former Air Force technical personnel contributions were invaluable in early stages of the project. This also provided the basis for important technology transfers from the development activities at the Three Mile Island Recovery Project, to most of the nation's commercial nuclear power plants. One new piece of equipment, which I feel, was based on Air Force technology, found its way into major cancer research and treatment.

Feature Article

After my tour with Bechtel National, Inc., I went to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as one of the major division directors. Again, I brought the advanced technology and knowledgeable personnel into some of the major national R&D activities. In addition, as with the Three Mile Island Project, these technically astute personnel played an important part in developing the strategy, criteria, procedures, and cost estimates for decontamination and decommissioning a large number of the highly contaminated old Manhattan Project nuclear facilities.

Looking back at the contributions by former AFTAC personnel on some of the important national technical projects, I see the outstanding results of the technical guidance and operating philosophy infused into our people by Doyle **Northrup**, Gerard **Leies**, Walt **Singlevich**, Gary **Baetz**, Tom **Ciambrone**, Phil **Crotwell**, Larry **Coe**, and Herb **Dettmer** - to name a few.

My fifteen years in AFTAC was extremely rewarding and it introduced me to some of the finest people in the USAF. It also provided the basis for another twenty years of related service to the government and the nuclear industry. My best wishes to all the current AFTAC members and those retired personnel with whom I had the privilege of working beside over the years. What a great 'catch-up' - and your tribute to those who 'led the way' is meaningful and informative

A Family Affair

LRD Families ... over the years

Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this column we ask those families to share that history.

Jack and Curtis Miller '62-'75 and '76-'96

SUBMITTED BY CURTIS MILLER

I received the Sept Post-Monitor yesterday and your entry titled "Oh...By the Way" prompted me to finally write. The fact that the Monitor came yesterday, on the second anniversary of my Father's passing was beyond coincidence. My Father, H. Jack **Miller**

passed away on 1 Oct 1999 after a 2 1/2-year battle with small cell cancer. In his true fashion, he fought it while at the same time making light of it. He went through numerous rounds of chemotherapy and even a round of radiation to the brain when the cancer worked its way there. Although he was retired the second time from National City Corporation, he continued to work the entire time at a local service station he ran. He even made my mom and sister take him to work the day before he passed so he could make payroll.

He was in AFTAC from 1962-1975. He started out at TOD, then to an overseas location, and then finished up at the HQ in FL, where he retired. He was a true AFTAC'er, in spirit and dedication. That's why I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of the AFTAC family. I was able to share in both his personal and professional passions.

So here we go, I profess that my Father and I are the FIRST second-generation set of AFTACers or siblings for that matter. He retired Oct 75, I started in AFTAC in 76. I know there are others (Ben and Randy **Vlassick**, Frank and Tony **Calenda**, Curt and Mark **Smith**) but I believe we were the first. I challenge and welcome anyone to step forward and prove me wrong. OK, I'm actually real interested in all the others that may have shared in this fortunate life opportunity. An article as John and Chris **Horsch** suggest would be interesting.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank a couple other fellow AFTACers. Sam **Sorice**, my boss at SAIC at the time, for allowing me the leeway to spend as much time with my Father as possible while he was sick. Also Tom **Ciambrone**, a man my Father had the utmost respect for, for his encouraging phone call during my Father's rough time. This meant a lot to my Father, AFTAC'ers once again doing what they can for fellow AFTACers.

-- Curtis Miller, 1976-1996 Satellite Technique

MONITORing Active-

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

Command Section



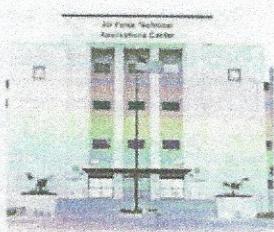
Col. Roy E.
Horton III

AFTAC Commander, 2001.02, previously AFTAC DO and before that, CC 91st Intelligence Sq and 694th Intelligence Group, Fort Meade, MD. He has a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, from the University of Southern California ('79) and a Master's from Defense Intelligence College, Wash. DC ('90). He is married to the former Dr. Lendra Persaud, assigned to Ft. Belvoir, VA. They have a daughter, Denise, and a son, Brian.



CMSgt Steven J.
Armitage

AFTAC Superintendent, 2001.06, 20+year AFTACer, enlisting 1980.02. Trained as a Scientific Measurements Technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from both the NCO and Senior NCO Academies and earned an MBA with honors. The Chief was selected the AFTAC Senior NCO of the Year in '92. He served at Dets 452, 423, 419 and in the HQs with the Subsurface Operations Branch and DO. His wife Sun Ah Yi is from Wonju, Korea. They have two children, Monica and Steven.



Women's History Month

SMSGT FRED HAGANS

The Air Force Technical Applications Center will host the 45th Space Wing's Women's History Month in March 2002. The theme for the event is "Women's History: So That Every Generation Will Know the Stories." A kick-off planning meeting will be held Oct. 4 in the Education Center Conference Room from 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. In order to make this a success, volunteers are needed for various committees and events. For more information or to volunteer call Gloria Jones, 494-4955, TSgt Sheila Daniels, 494-7775 or the 45th Space Wing's Military Equal Opportunity office, 494-6333.

AFTAC, In The News

YOUR EDITORS-COMMENTS ON, AND EXTRACTS FROM FLORIDA TODAY. THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIATED WITH ANY OFFICIALS

As anyone who has been to Patrick AFB, FL knows, a heavily used highway, A1A, runs through base property for several miles. This highway runs alongside the ocean and in front of

the AFTAC building. Following 9/11 a decision was made to close this road until further notice. We provide this information both to keep you up-to-date, and because we knew you would be interested in the way this is being covered.

As you might imagine this has caused controversy on both sides, those who oppose this closing and those who say the decision should be supported in this time of heightened vigilance.

The closing, and the controversy, have been well documented in our local newspaper, the 'Florida Today' even to the extent of an editorial being written on 10/7. This editorial noted '...road woes seem to get worse for the more than 20,000 commuters forced off A1A...' and encourages more information about the closure and the status of reopening. In the editorial they also recommend '...moving the AFTAC ... and (it) probably is the reason the road was closed....'

The newspaper also reports 'The AF is planning to build an alternate site at Goodfellow AFB in Texas, an AF contracting notice shows. The notice says the alternate site would be used in the event the Patrick facility had to be evacuated during a natural disaster. It did not indicate when work would begin, how long it would take or how much it would cost. The alternate would be a duplicate of the system in place at Patrick...' (page 14)

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FROM THE TOP

PRESIDENT—JOE MARSHALL VICE—GEORGE MIRDA

I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to be president of this Long-Range Detection Alumni Association. Following in the footsteps of Sam Sorice is an enormous task. As I reviewed a few of Sam's Post Monitor articles, I came close to panic. I assure you that what I write will not be "Kernels of Wisdom." My words will likely be pleas for support of the board and the membership that I will sorely need. The outgoing president and board left the association in great shape, solid, strong, and great plans for the future ... my goal is to keep it that way. I know that my fellow board members feel the same.

The last quarter of the year featured the Fall Golf Tournament. It was a great success, thanks to Don Emery and Pat Murphy. At the suggestion of Col Horton, the Boosters Club hosted the cookout following the tournament at the AFTAC Outback. The

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association gave support to the Booster Club while the Boosters Club gave us an excellent, economic meal. A big thanks goes to Col Horton, the organizers, the workers, the Boosters Club, and the corporate sponsors. We look forward to more great tournaments this coming year.

Looking to the immediate future, George Mirda has volunteered to organize Snowball IV. It will be an affair for the men to break out their *lederhosen* and the ladies their *dirndl*. By now you should know that this year's theme is German. I can already taste the sauerkraut, sauerbraten, and those great German cheeses. I think George already tasted the German beer. A firm date has not been set but it should be in late January or early February. As soon as George can locate and secure a date at a *rathskeller* (likely the Combined Club), we'll spread the word.

Looking more to the future, we need to do much for the preparation for the 2003 Worldwide Reunion. Volunteers are needed to ensure its success. If you would like to chair or be a member of the long-term planning committee for this event, please contact either George or me.

The year 2001 is rapidly approaching its end. With it comes a time of celebration and possibilities for sharing with others. As every year, gifts to the Chechon Children's Home provide an opportunity to share our good fortunes. MSgt Randy Vlassick is the center point for making contributions to this worthwhile charity. He can be reached at 321-494-4003 if you would like to participate.

As in the past, each of you is invited to the monthly board meeting. With the base restrictions following 11 September, meetings have been moved from the AFTAC building to the SAIC Offices on South Patrick Drive. Thanks to John Caban for his hospitality. We will continue to meet there at 5:30 on the second Monday of each month until further notice. Hope to see you there. Happy Holidays!

BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members

Elected President-Joe Marshall Vice-George Mirda
Secretary-Pete Towell Treasurer-Steve Cook

Appointed Heritage Hall Committee

Frank Hall, Clark Creery and Larry Silhanek
Activities-CMSgt Steve Armitage Hospitality-Judy Milam
Internet-Mike Black, Dave Johnson and Clark Creery
Membership-Jim Payne Newsletter-John and Chris Horsch
Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

SUBMITTED BY OUR SECRETARY PETE TOWELL

September 2001:

-Col **Horton** offered to provide the Association with 100 total books, our choice as to the 50th Anniversary, the TOD History, or a combination of the two.

-Col **Horton** proposed that active duty personnel participate in the 2003 Worldwide Reunion by providing briefings and conducting tours of the facility.

October 2001:

-The Fall Golf Tournament was a great success. Don **Emery** and Pat **Murphy** organized the event that drew 133 participants. The Booster Club hosted a cookout behind the HQ building following the tournament. Thanks to the organizers, the Booster Club, and the corporate sponsors.

-Sam **Sorice** reminded the membership of the upcoming 2003 Worldwide Reunion and emphasized the need for volunteers. (continued on page 14)

WebPages

YOUR ROVIN REPORTER, CLARK CREEERY

Yes, we have our own WebPages...CSI has been so very accommodating and you can access our page by going to the following: <http://www.csihq.com/aftac>.

On that page, you can see all sorts of interesting things. An alumni 'look-up' capability and things to purchase, photographs of events, past newsletters, bits and pieces and of course "What's Happening." I try to update the '...Happening' page at least once a week and I go for a new look to keep it interesting. Check us out! If the counter goes up it will stay, if it dribbles then it tells me that members may not want this service. A recent check indicated we are off to a slow start, but that may be due to a lack of advertising, i.e., not letting folks know 'it's there.' Only 138 people had accessed the Long Range Detection WebPages since mid summer.

Send information because I can have it on the page in about an hour, providing I am motivated. Hope you like what you see.

MEMBERSHIP

JIM PAYNE (PAYNEJB@JUNO.COM)

Upon payment of annual dues, we have discontinued mailing out the membership card, saving in excess of \$65 annually. If you have an email address (eddress) in the database, I will send you an email acknowledging receipt. Otherwise, your canceled check is your receipt. **Reminder:** If you have Internet access we recommend the alumni homepage, 'www.csihq.com/aftacalumni' to register your pertinent information. Also, if you have a change of address or phone number or eddress, enter your changed information in the homepage at the member locator/info area. That information will automatically be forwarded to the membership chair for entry into the alumni database.

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Florida Directory Updates

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Other Chapter's News

WEST COAST CHAPTER

DEPOT FALLOUT

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CHAPTER OFFICERS

Elected: Chairman of the Board, Rodney Hinkle
 President, Al Pavik-Vice, Joe Johnson
 Director At Large, Orv Pritchard
 Secretary, Marge Iske-Treasurer/Membership, Bart Carter
Appointed: Newsletter Editor, Dale Klug
 Assistant Treasurer, Frank Goodreau

Words From The 'Prez' September 11th and these subsequent days have been a very heart-rending time and re-emphasize the importance of the mission of AFTAC, Tech Ops, associated units and predecessors.

Ann and I say hello to each of you and that we are very happy to be back in California. We enjoyed our years in Phoenix, however, in our estimation, it does not compare with the Sacramento area. We have been able to see some of you and are looking forward to getting together with each of you in the near future.

In regards to the Alumni Association, we are planning the coming year's program. I have contacted some of you for inputs. From discussions with chapter officers and from the inputs received we will be working to have three to five functions this coming year and hopefully these will accommodate your schedules. Anyone who has ideas of activities they would like to have, please call Joe Johnson (783-8676) or myself (797-1472) with your comments and suggestions. We will be contacting prior and current AFTAC and Tech Ops personnel about becoming members or renewing their membership.

I would like to say thanks to the 1999/2001 chapter officers for the truly great job they have done. I know they will continue to support this year's program and help us to enjoy the camara-

derie and fellowship that has always been a part of this great organization.

Proposed Events for 2002 Dinner at Luau Gardens (February 2002). Last year's get together was a big success per comments received and was specifically requested to be done again. Details will be provided in the next newsletter.

-Garden Party (at Paviks, April/May 2002)-Golf Outing (TBD)-Dinner at Rudys, Sheepherder, Cattleman's, etc. etc. (TBD)

Quarterly Business Meetings (at McClellan Air Museum at 7:00PM), March 5, June 4, September 3 and December 3, 2002

Editor's Note: Any ideas for get-togethers, or newsletter articles are always welcome.

Mail Call-Jim Hall says: Keep up the good work guys and here's a \$50 donation to help out. THANKS JIM, We appreciate the donation. All the best to you and Minniemae.

COLORADO CHAPTER

ECHOES

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CHAPTER OFFICERS

President, Jack Smith-Vice President, Earl Pierce-Treasurer, Bill Schmied-Newsletter Editor, Bryce Dunn

EMAIL FROM BILL SCHMIED, 12/9

On 29 Nov several of us gathered at Ben and Ginger Vlassick's home. Earl Pierce, Vice-President, presented Ben a plaque in appreciation for his 10 years of service as alumni leader. (NOTE: pictures of this event may be available for the next issue.)

Ben announced he was stepping down from his alumni duties this past July. Since that time our "VP" Earl Pierce had been filling in until we got a new leader. At our annual fall social dinner on 17 Nov Earl announced that Jack Smith is now our new president. Jack "volunteered" for this duty

and was unanimously "accepted" by the rest of us. Jack and Helen (Smith) could not make the dinner, so I guess you could say that Jack officially took the gavel from Ben at this little plaque presentation. (And that's just a figure of speech cuz we don't really have a gavel.)

Hope ya'll have a wonderful Christmas and a great 2002.....more later.....

AFTAC In the News (continued from page 10)

The latest information, published in the Florida Today paper on 12/8, indicates "...the road (A1A) will reopen upon completion of the \$120,000 barrier being built on the west side of the median in front of the AFTAC, a building that houses equipment that monitors nuclear explosions around the world."

The paper goes on to say, 'When the road re-opens, four lanes will bottleneck to two lanes in front of the base on the north and south ends. Traffic will be monitored constantly and pickup trucks, vans and other large vehicles will be stopped and searched. Tractor-trailers will not be allowed.'

Also in the paper was information about the barrier that is being built. '...2,000 feet long, 7 feet high and about 8 feet wide. It runs from north of AFTAC to a concrete fence near a military housing area. The barrier resembles a wire fence with thick plastic sheet backing AF officials would not reveal all the materials ... but said there were other materials being placed inside the earthen berm to prevent an attack. The system, called a HESCO barrier, has been used by the military elsewhere (Kosovo).'

Minutes (continued from page 11)

November 2001

The meeting of the Florida Chapter of the Long Range Detection Alumni Association was held on 13 November 2001 at the SAIC building, South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach FL.

We currently have 684 members; 485 are lifetime members. Of the 199 members who pay dues annually, 97 have not paid their dues for the year beginning 1 October. A reminder will be included in the POST MONITOR.

Worldwide Reunion Plans – First tasks include finding an OPR and setting the date. Much work needs to be done on this project and committee volunteers are needed.

Our thanks are to John Caban and SAIC for providing space for our monthly meetings

The annual Snowball Banquet will be held in January/February timeframe.

The next scheduled meeting will be held at the Satellite Beach SAIC facility at 5:30 PM on 10 December 2001.

Event Pic's—Golf n'Getogether, 10/12

PICTURES BY JUDY MILAM



Carol Synder, Teresa Osterloh, Pat Synder, Carol Frye



Jim Payne, Ron Couch, Mike Hoy, Bob Meisenheimer



Tony Calenda, Joe Marshall, Bill Jones, Don Halvaka (Dress)



Alex (alligator) bait

CALENDAR

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

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

ALWAYS VERIFY (PAT SYNDER, (321) 494-6867, BEFORE COMING

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

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: Currently held at SAIC on South Patrick
HOW: come to lobby, you will be met and escorted

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

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the Outback)
HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

January

4, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

14 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

February

1, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

11 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

March

1, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

11, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

April

5, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

8, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Special Events

January or February

Alumni 4th Annual 'SnowBall' (article, Page 1)

Watch for date and additional info on the

Alumni Association Webpage

www.csihq.com/aftacalumni or call George Mirda at 321-253-2668, work, 321-494-7066

email, gmirda@commtechinc.com

2003

National Reunion,
AFTAC Hq's, Patrick AFB, FL
Planned for mid-year

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Maroon

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Royal blue 3 2 3 1

Navy 2 2 4 2

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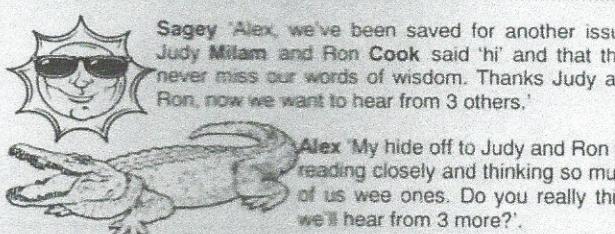
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Sagey 'Alex, we've been saved for another issue. Judy Milam and Ron Cook said 'hi' and that they never miss our words of wisdom. Thanks Judy and Ron, now we want to hear from 3 others.'

Alex 'My hide off to Judy and Ron for reading closely and thinking so much of us wee ones. Do you really think we'll hear from 3 more?'



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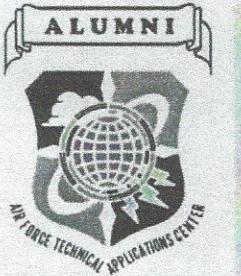
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