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FOR THOSE STILL SERVING AND PRESERVING

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

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



A Sage Salute To

submitted by the editors

CARL GAILEY

Not only is Carl recognized by our 'Sage Salute' this quarter, but congratulations also for being selected as our 1996 Alumni of the Year - what an honor and so well deserved. Carl was on active-duty from 1954 to 1979, serving the organization in the Cs-Ds arena for 20 of his 24 years, and has been with the association since 1985, serving on its board since 1992. Since then, he has been our perennial treasurer, newsletter publisher (gets it printed/addressed/mailed), Golf Beer Runner and "always there person."

Importantly, Carl is the "money conscience" on your board (guarding "your dollars" as if they were his). In that capacity, he researched and submitted - the IRS package that received approval for non-profit status - and a package to Florida to be recognized as tax-exempt. The combination of these actions allows the association to be eligible for reduced postage rates.

Also importantly, Carl is one of the "always there" people - whether it be a meeting or an event, if Carl's around he's there helping ... first one in, last one out. His support has been critical both in the continuance of the alumni and the success of most of its events. Thank you Carl, we know with your continuing support we'll have a balanced budget and a successful association.

This Issue's Big Stories: *Time Again to "Ride the Range"*

Alumni Association hosts Golf at Baytree,

May 9th - Everyone invited

submitted by Frank Hall (with editor flourishes); also, see webpage

Here we go - led by our famous tournament maker, **Frank Hall**, and help from the Baytree insider, **Tom Niquette**, Baytree will open its doors once more to AFTACers old and new, and everyone else that can be talked into it. The tournaments at this location have been extremely well received and rightly so - it's a first class operation put on by a first class organization. So get your name in - we are limited to only 144 players...particulars:

DATE: May 9, 1997

TIME: 1230 hours (12:30PM)

FEE: \$35 (includes green fees, cart , practice balls, food, drink and prizes)

FORMAT: Four person select shot (scramble); minimum team handicap, 50

For reservations call (first come, first served):

Frank Hall, 773-2430

Judy Milam, 494-3871

Air Force and LRD near 50th Year -

plans to recognize these events move forward

submitted by the editors, information by Joe Goldian; also, see webpage

In order to keep you abreast of the planned activities for these events and to, hopefully, help you in your plans "to be there," **Joe Goldian**, the Alumni Association representative on the anniversary planning committee, will keep us as up to date as possible in this and forthcoming issues of the Post - Monitor. Joe has already spent a lot of time on this activity ensuring alumni interests are considered in all that is done and provides the following tentative schedule of events (these plans are very subject to change):

Sep 14 (Sunday), 1900 hours - Alumni mixer (informal), Radisson Resort at the Port (hosted by FL Chapter, Alumni Association)(see page 3)

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

Florida chapter

Membership dues are \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), payable in October, or \$75 for a lifetime membership. You're encouraged to attend the regularly scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 5:30PM on the second Monday of each month (always verify prior to coming) at the AFTAC headquarters building (#989) at Patrick AFB., FL. For verification and further information about the association, its meetings or membership, contact **Mary Welch** at 407/259-6867 (daytime) or 407/259-0629 (evenings) or **Judy Milam** at 407/494-3871 (daytime). Dues, membership applications, and other queries/information may be mailed to :

**AFTAC Alumni Association
PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

The association publishes a quarterly (Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.) newsletter, the "Post-Monitor," (taking its name from the AFTAC active-duty publication, the "Monitor") and has a **Webpage** with association and alumni information - point your web crawler to "csihq.com/aftacalumni"

Colorado chapter

→ Membership dues are \$5 per year, payable in February and this chapter also publishes a newsletter "Echoes." For additional information about the chapter and its meetings contact Bill Schmied, (303)367-0625

AFTAC and Alumni Honorarium

There are several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring AFTAC people and history. Two of these, the "Hall of Heritage" (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Bios of Alumni who served AFTAC for 20 or more years, are housed in the AFTAC Headquarters building; another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

April 26th - Annual AFTAC Picnic, Wickham Park - Sages and families encouraged to attend (see pg 11 & web)

May 9th - Golf Tournament at Baytree (see 'Big Stories' pg 1 & web)

September 14th - 16th "50 Years of Long Range Detection" AFTAC Anniversary Celebration (tentative schedule, see 'Big Stories,' pg 1 & web)

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Straight from the Horsches' Mouth '58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Our largest issue yet (20 pages)... and it's another great one. We have information on an upcoming golf tournament (cover), a picnic in April (page 11), the latest scoop on the upcoming anniversary (cover) (we want you to feel like "you are there" even if not in person), and a LARGE part three about the history of AFTAC (pg 4) (feedback on the series starts on pg 3).

An exciting addition to this issue is some information extracted from the most recent copy of "Echoes," the newsletter of our partner association in Colorado (page 11). We thought you might enjoy these "Tidbits From the Mountains" as they are of interest to alumni everywhere - why not also belong to this chapter and receive their news as it is published, and the interesting letters from their membership?

A topic of conversation at several board meetings has been an association webpage (with the intent that some information would be available to all alumni, whether association members or not). This could be a helpful and far-reaching information source for alumni with computers and internet access. While the conversation continues about content two alumni, **Dave Johnson** and **Mike Black**, in cooperation with these editors, have designed a webpage containing search modes for alumni listed in the *AFTAC Alumni Association Worldwide Directory*, an e-mail address listing, and other features changing and improving on a daily basis (please also see **Clark Creery's** letter [pg 18] concerning the webpage and how it came about). Your comments and ideas on the webpage are encouraged.

Dave Johnson joins our PM staff this issue. He is our official "text scanner" (except hand-written) and saves us hours of typing and checking time...THANKS DAVE!!!

(fm page 1) active-duty invited; limited to 650 attendees.

Sep 15, 0900 hours - Opening Ceremony, guest speaker, Dr. Gerry Leies/Fly-over/Band

1000 to 1600 hours - Open house/Tours of Headquarters offices>Show and tell

1730 hours - Formal Banquet, Radisson Resort at the Port/Jazz combo/Guest speaker (unknown at this time, high AF official not likely because of AF 50th Anniversary at the same time; probably a high official in Treaty Monitoring); limited to 600 attendees.

Sep 16, 0700 hours - golf tournament, Baytree Country Club

during the day - possibly additional tours of the headquarters or Space Coast

1300 hours - picnic, Wickham Park, Brevard Community College Pavilion

1900 hours - Farewell Reception (BCC Pav.)

Other tentative plans call for registration packages to be mailed around May 1, '97; money and reservations to be turned in by July 30th - however, we do expect rooms and events to fill up fast, and it is very important to note that all events, as they have to be, are on a **first come - first served basis**, so when you get your registration, get it right back in!!!

The Radisson has set aside 175 rooms for \$80; no reservations will be taken prior to April 1, '97. Their address [Tel. (407) 784-0000]:

Radisson Resort & Conference Center,
8701 Astronaut Blvd.

Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Other event prices will be listed when known and on the reservation flyer. Also, please see page 12 for a poster depicting a cruise that is being arranged if enough alumni show interest.. This information was provided late in preparation and is provided as it was presented to us (we thought it important it have it in this issue). This cruise will allow sages to extend their stay and "continue the good times" a bit longer, but the cruise line would like your names ASAP.

feedback ... to our LRDM series

CyberSage 12/27/96

What a fantastic job Mary Welch is doing on the AFTAC history ... part 3 should be terrific.

Harry Master, Taxman55@aol.com
editors note - Harry, so true, so true

VAN ALSTYNE, TX

Dear Mary,

I'll address this to Mary Welch as research expert...Us ole ole timers are enthralled with the history, believe me. As we were under wraps for so many years, it's payoff time to realize we were in the fight. Thanks .. Re. Vol. 4, Issue 4, Dec '96...Team 139 was established somewhere along 1952 at Laramie, Wyo.. Maybe we had such a bad reputation they want to forget that part of the history...Most vivid memory...As a Captain one doesn't go around dumping four full Colonels in a snow bank, at Pole Mountain.

G. EDGAR BEABOUT, LT. COL. USAF/Ret

San Antonio, TX

1/20/97

Dear Mary,

Please excuse this hand written letter as I do not have a word processor and wouldn't know how to use it if I had one. And please excuse my being so late in acknowledging your note on our address change. As you can imagine moving to San Antonio after so many years in the Sacramento area was a bit taxing and we are still "getting settled."

I have enjoyed your historical articles in the two last issues of the "Post-Monitor" and thought I might be able to provide a bit of additional information and could possibly fill in some blanks, if you feel there are any blanks that need filling.

When I first joined the organization in May, 1948, we were on the 5th floor of the Pentagon. I believe the organizational chart you showed for that period is correct but some of the personnel data was not quite accurate. In late 1947 there was a sudden scramble to get the headquarters established and functioning. A series of tests (nuclear) were scheduled to occur in the spring of 1948 in the Pacific area. As they could not foresee any additional tests before the 1952 target date for an operational LRD some of the Technical Working Groups felt as many as possible of the possible detection techniques should be tested during these tests. Two of the officers initially brought in were Col. Nelson P. (Pete) Jackson and Lt. Col. Sam Triffy. All of the technique testing activities were to be conducted by other governmental agencies or by contractors and Col. Jackson and Lt. Col. Triffy were sent to the Pacific to oversee and insure support of

these agencies/contractors. Shortly after the tests were completed Lt. Col. Triffy left the organization. Col. "Pete" Jackson became Chief of Operations and ultimately also the unofficial Deputy Chief after General Nelson succeeded General Hegenberger.

Major Frank Fisher was not really a replacement for Sam Triffy. Frank Fisher was one of the first officers assigned to the headquarters and until he left in late 1950 he was one of the most respected and influential "people" in the headquarters. He, probably more than any one else, was responsible for getting an interim operational LRD system functioning as early as we did. After he left us he became an F-86 Fighter Pilot in Korea and shot down 3 MIGs. In addition to the people you listed in your March '48 roster, those I remember being there when I arrived in May '48 were:

TD - Two additional secretaries, one name not remembered and Vivian Courier, she was one of the original people and may have been that 7th civilian on your list

Intelligence - Major Harold F. (Doc.) Watson, TSgt Hobson and a secretary. Anecdote: "Hobby" and President Truman became casual friends.

Operations - (previously mentioned Jackson and Fisher), a secretary, Penny Pine (Fisher's secretary), Capt. Hugh Rohr, Communications Officer and Sgt. McGinnis.

P & A - unknown personnel officer, Lt. Thomas McMullen, Administrative Officer, an unknown secretary. I believe MSgt Wally Crocker was there too. He would later become W. O. Crocker and one of AFTAC's most devoted fans.

Material - Major John Matthews, Chief of Mat., an unknown Capt., a secretary, "Norma" unknown last name, but may have been Vesdt.

Consultants - (can't remember all) Dr. Ed Gilfilan, he was a very versatile scientist, knowledgeable in many areas; helped primarily in the geophysical area. Col. Hafstoad and wife, Kay. They were both meteorologists who were assigned to "Operations" in the Pentagon but were placed on TDY to us on an "as often as needed basis," and that was very often. Major Steve Pournarous, he wasn't really a consultant but was the Air Weather Service Project Officer. He worked with us daily and had so much to do with the success of our early operational days with AWS. Dr. Waite didn't really replace Mr. Gish. These were two wonderful gentlemen who had worked together for many years (I believe since college days). They were still working together when I left the headquarters in 1952. One or the other may have signed a contract but they always functioned as a team.

In your December '96 article is a letter from George Brown and indirectly from Bob Blau correcting your information about the Watson assigned to the headquarters in those "early days." You are both

correct. Major Gwen Watson did replace Bob Whitmore as Chief of the P & A branch and at that time was the first and only WAC or WAF assigned to the organization. She was replaced by Lt. Col. Bill Fitzgerald in the '50's. As I have noted earlier Major Harold F. (Doc.) Watson was assigned to Intelligence then to Operations and was in the headquarters from early '48 until '51 or '52.

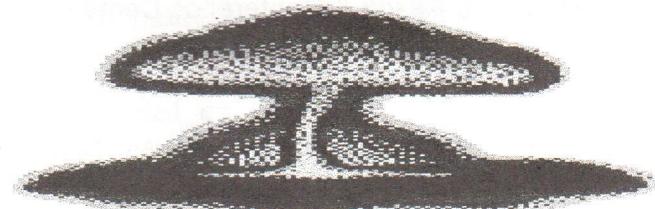
The list of past commanders did not show Col. Frank Griffith. He was in command from the time Gen. Rodenhauser retired in March, '66 until Gen. Hall arrived in late summer of that year. "Griff" had a long history in AFOAT-1/AFTAC and was a real "mover and shaker." He played a major role in developing and directing the expansion of the organization and its capabilities in the late 50's/early '60's. He also spent time in Geneva as a part of the U.S. Delegation to the early Test Ban Treaty talks and had a significant role in developing AFTAC's inputs into the treaty agreements.

Mary, I apologize for this long diatribe but these memories came flooding back about the "beginning" and Alert 3112 (Joe #1) and the major impact that operation had on the entire country. If you are interested in more details, I can bore you with them when I see you at the reunion this fall; in the meantime, if I can be of any help let me know.

Best regards,

Robert "Bob" E. Smith

editors note - thanks Bob, you filled in some blanks and your input brings the history alive in a very real way...see you in September.



And now..."From the Beginning" continues A history of the LRD

Submitted by Mary Welch - scanned by Dave Johnson. This article is the third in a series that will run quarterly until the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Long Range Detection (LRD) Mission (9/14-16 '97). The information has been extracted and sanitized from historical and archive records. While individuals may have first-hand knowledge of the specifics of an event or activity which contradicts this narrative, the official record is the basis for this series. The sheer volume of information, and the continued classified nature of the documentation, eliminate reference to much of the organization's accomplishments. The absence of unit activation/inactivation orders within the official records was the most significant problem. In some cases, we just don't know when a field unit became operational or ceased to exist. This series was not intended to provide an "official unclassified history" of the organization — that task is underway by a professional contractor. The information has been assembled for general reading only.

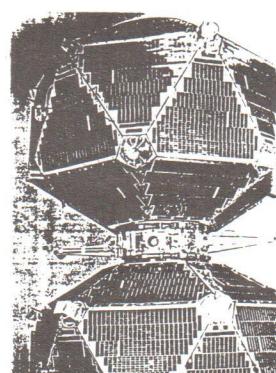
The '60s' decade was one of the busiest and most exciting for AFTAC. The assumption of the Long Range Detection (LRD) mission by AFTAC (after AFOAT-1 was discontinued in 1959), projected the new organization on a path for exceptional accomplishments in the scientific, technical, and even political arenas. To accommodate the demands of the new mission area (LRD), the total AFTAC manpower authorization was 831 spaces, with projected increases to 1930 spaces by FY 1964. The final authorization was subsequently reduced to 1891 spaces by the Secretary of the Air Force. Additional innovative projects were initiated (during the latter part of 1959) to enhance and expand the capabilities of the Atomic Energy Detection System (AEDS), including the acquisition and installation (in 1960) of the IBM 7070 digital computer at the HQ in Alexandria, VA. This computer was designed to enable AFTAC to analyze electromagnetic data that previously could not be analyzed by human means.

Additional modifications to the aircraft primarily used to support the Long Range Detection mission (WB-50, B-52, and RB-57) enhanced debris and gas sampling efforts. And, improvements in the seismic technique included equipment over-haul (transducers), installation of the three-channel helicorder, installation of automatic processing cameras, and experimental Sprengnether seismometers at selected detachments.

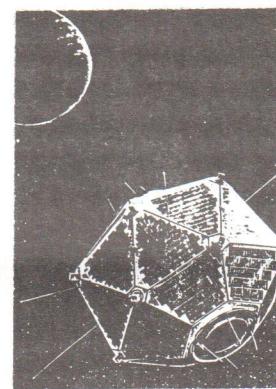
During the early part of 1960, as AFTAC projected future endeavors for the newly acquired and expanding AEDS mission, some of the previously tasked efforts came to an end. The requirement for the Air Training Command (ATC) to train aerial sampling equipment operators was discontinued. This action was taken to provide cross-training at the 1155th Tech Ops Squadron (McClellan AFB CA) on airborne equipment of personnel who graduated from the basic electronics course at ATC. The wartime mission of providing the Strategic Air Command (SAC) with post-strike information of explosions in enemy territory was discontinued. This action was taken because the accuracy and requirement of SAC were beyond the capabilities of the AEDS.

These actions, however, did not detract from the overall capability and value of the Long Range Detection mission. The elimination of the support provided to SAC had little to no impact on AFTAC. New and significant tasking for AFTAC was already in progress, and at a higher level.

One major effort inherited by AFTAC, when the LRD mission was acquired, involved a research program identified only as Project VELA. The project was intended to improve US detection of nuclear explosions underground and at high altitudes. The initial research program was divided into three areas:



TWO VELA SATELLITES MATED TOGETHER IN A PRE-LAUNCH CONFIGURATION.



VELA SATELLITE

Some form of the original VELA project still exists today within AFTAC's mission taskings. The number one priority across the board during the early 1960s, however, turned out to be the political 'hot potato' - the limited test ban treaty.

Looming deep behind the closed doors of the national and international political arenas was the proposed discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests for countries with nuclear capability. On this front, AFTAC became an integral participant. As the talks proceeded (during 1960) amongst the power players, AFTAC provided much of the technical advice to the US delegates who were attending the famous Geneva Conference at Geneva, Switzerland. This specialized technical advise, provided on-site in Geneva by AFTAC's Mr. Robert O. Blau, Dr. Donald H. Rock, Dr. Carl F. Romney, and Colonel Lester L. Woodward, ultimately became the basis for extensive political negotiations.

AFTAC was requested to revise Annex I (International Control System) of the proposed treaty on nuclear test ban. The revised Annex was then submitted to Major General Herbert B. Loper (Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy). US Ambassador James J. Wadsworth presented the AFTAC revised draft

John F. Kennedy, and additional compliments from the Honorable **Robert S. McNamara** (Secretary of Defense), General **L. L. Lemnitzer** (Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), and General **Curtis E. LeMay** (Air Force Chief of Staff).

After the Operation SPEEDLIGHT data and recommendations were analyzed and discussed, and a few more test operations were initiated and completed, AFTAC established a separate office at the HQ specifically dedicated to managing and operating the new technique. Manning for the office consisted of seven (7) officers, eight (8) technical airmen, one (1) administrative airman, and one (1) civilian secretary. The personnel were specifically selected for assignment to this new office and the original cadre consisted of the following:

Major Frank E. Dungan

Major Earle A. Beasley

Captain Albert M. Salvi

Captain James L. Quinn

Captain Douglas M. Schwartz

Captain Robert C. Webb

Captain George D. Martin, Jr.

SSgt Frank H. Phelps

SSgt Arthur K. Hall

AIC Donald E. Bartram

A1C Richard C. Gorby

A1C LeRoy J. Yarnell

A1C Harold J. Martin

A1C Robert A. Fickling

SSgt Bert Miller

Mrs. Isabel Fagan

During the operational period of the 'F' Technique, and even today, personnel assigned to the technique were known as members of 'F Troop.' At reunion activities throughout the CONUS, attendees will see tables of these uniquely talented alumni proudly displaying the 'F Troop' banner as the table centerpiece. "The 'F' technique was an operational segment of the AEDS during the period 1961-1975.

A number of other techniques were incorporated into the AEDS during the 1960's, including:

C --- Cosmic Noise Absorption Technique (1962 - 1965)

E --- Surface-Based Resonance Scatter Technique (1963 - 1971)

H --- Magnetotelluric (Earth Current) Technique (1961 - 1967; 1971 - 1973)

K --- Ionosphere Technique (1967 - 1971)

N --- High Frequency Narrowband Phase Anomaly Technique (June - October 1966)

O --- Hydroacoustic Technique (1966 - Present)

R --- Backscatter Radar Technique (1961 - 1967)

U --- Very Low Frequency Phase Anomaly Technique (1961 - 1967; 1971 - 1973)

V --- Vertical Incidence Technique (1962 - 1967)

W --- High Frequency Propagation Anomaly Technique (1968 - 1972)

Z --- Atmospheric Fluorescence Detection Technique (1961 - 1967; March - September 1971)

A number of unlettered techniques also were brought on-line to the AEDS, during the '60s, for specific, short-term operations. These techniques included:

rocket sampling (1961-1970)

ocean water collection (1962-1966)

optical detection (1959-1962)

And, the earth current technique was added to the AEDS during 1961, with four (4) original net stations:

Detachment 155 (Larson AFB WA)

Detachment 301 (Ankara, Turkey)

Detachment 313 (Sonseca, Spain)

Operating Location 106 (Mather AFB CA)

To support the Backscatter Radar Technique,

Detachment 332 (classified location) became the first operational net station in 1961. Detachment 206 (Point Barrow, AK) became operational shortly thereafter, and a temporary facility was established at Roswell, NM (Detachment 117).

The net stations established to support the Atmospheric Fluorescence Technique (Z) included a prototype unit at Detachment 301 (Ankara, Turkey) and Detachment 327 (classified location). The prototype units had been constructed by EG&G (Edgerton, Germestausen, and Grier). The net expanded to Detachment 407 (classified location), Detachment 424 (Hickam AFB HI), and Detachment 117 (Roswell, NM) before the end of 1961.

While the 1962 period was relatively routine for the AEDS operation, the 'headline' items were, of course, the on-going negotiations for disarmament, and the proposed nuclear test ban treaty, which started in 1960. Consulting efforts toward that end continued throughout the year and into 1963. Because of the monitoring capability of the AEDS, AFTAC was a primary player on both fronts. Major General **Rodenhauser**, Mr. **Northrup**, and Dr. **Romney** testified before the **Stennis** Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, on the evaluation of the AFTAC mission, AEDS capabilities and limitations, and overall past performance. AFTAC conducted and documented numerous specialized studies during the early part of 1963, all covering issues directly related to the test ban treaty negotiations. The results of these studies were dispatched to myriad senior levels of the Washington DC Corp, including:

Mr. Arthur W. Barber (Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Arms Control)

The US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA)

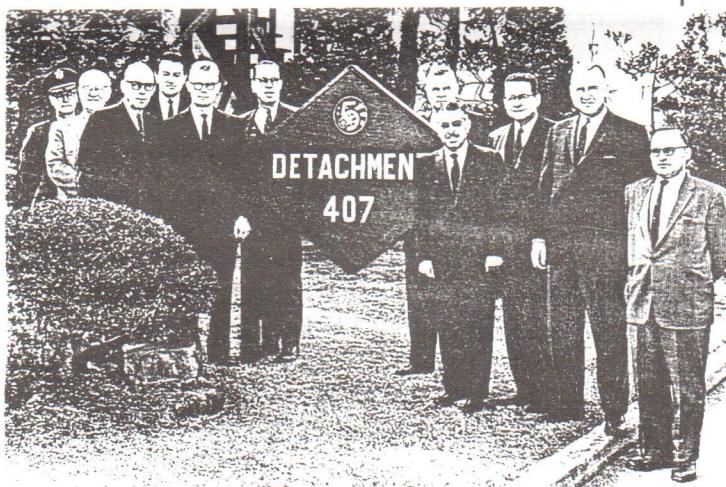
The Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology

The Joint Chief of Staff

Mr. James Gehrig (Legislative Assistant to Senator Stuart Symington)

After months of tedious negotiations, the treaty banning all nuclear tests, except underground, was signed at Moscow on 5 August 1963, on behalf of the United States, United Kingdom, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. One of the four safeguards incorporated in the treaty, to protect US security, became the primary responsibility of AFTAC, and that tasking remains the responsibility of AFTAC today.

As part of the US treaty negotiation tasking requirements, Major General Rodenhauser accompanied an Ad Hoc Committee, of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, on a visit to AEIS facilities around the world. The Committee consisted of: Senator John O. Pastore (RI), Chairman; Representative Chet Holifield (CA), Vice Chairman; Senator Wallace F. Bennett (UT); Representative William H. Bates



(L to R) MAJ GEN BETTS, REP HOLIFIELD, SEN BENNETT, MR. CONWAY, MR. ANDERSON, MR. MURPHY, MR. TAPE, SEN. PASTORE, REP. HOSMER, REP. BATES, MAJ ROSEN.

(MA); Representative Craig Hosmer (CA); Representative John B. Anderson (IL); Mr. John T. Conway, Executive Director; Mr. George F. Murphy, Jr., Professional Staff Member; Major Jack Rosen, Staff Consultant (US Army); Major General Austin W. Betts (US Army), Atomic Energy Commission; Colonel Grover K. Coe, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Carmine Bellino, White House Aide; Mr. Gerald Tape, Atomic En-

ergy Commission; and Mr. Dwight Ink, Atomic Energy Commission.

During the 1963 trip, the Ad Hoc Committee visited eight AFTAC field operations: Detachments 202 and 207 (Eielson AFB AK); Detachment 205 (Shemya AFS AK); Detachment 407 (classified location); Detachment 412 (Bangkok, Thailand); Detachment 332 (classified location); Detachment 301 (Ankara, Turkey); and Detachment 313 (Sonseca, Spain).

While the provisions of the Limited Test Ban Treaty were lauded by many, there was serious opposition to the overall treaty contents. Media editorials nationwide attacked the treaty framers, Congressional members, advisor groups, the White House administration, etc., on what was considered "... an imprecise document..." The Washington, DC, bureau of a Cincinnati, OH, based newspaper, THE ENQUIRER, ran a two-column editorial on the Test Ban Treaty, in the 10 September 1963, edition, which included the following comments:

"The treaty was hurriedly and badly written. Though the United States had discussed a nuclear treaty at Geneva for years, we evidently were unprepared for the sudden Soviet Union acceptance of a limited ban which provides no means of control or inspection regarding secret developments and preparations."

"The degree of differences in the military and scientific evaluations of its effect on our security have shaken Congress. No military enthusiasm for the treaty has been expressed; only reluctant acceptance in some cases and outspoken opposition in others."

The editorial, although too lengthy for this publication, continues with six more key points of opposition to the structure of the treaty. The tear-page from the Editorial section of the newspaper is on display in the HALL OF HERITAGE at the AFTAC headquarters on Patrick AFB FL.

There were a number of other significant events that occurred during the mid to late '60's including:

Several of AFTAC's field stations were discontinued during the early part of 1963. Detachment 117 (Roswell, NM); Detachment 206 (Point Barrow, AK); and Detachment 416 (Hilo, Hawaii) ceased operation in February and April.

New field stations, with different tasking missions, were organized and designated. Detachment 208 (Adak, AK) was officially designated on 1 February 1963; Detachment 430 (Woodbourne AS, New

Zealand) came on-line effective 1 April 1963; and Detachment 207 (Eielson AFB AK) was organized on 1 June 1963.

— On 27 May 1963, the 1157th Technical Operations Squadron was moved from Lindsay AS Germany to Wiesbaden AS Germany. The relocation was accomplished at the request of HQ USAFE.

— The VELA Seismological Center was established on 29 July 1963, at a facility in Alexandria, VA, and aligned under the Office of the AFTAC Technical Director. Dr. Carl F. Romney, Assistant Technical Director, was placed in charge of the new facility.

— On 18 August 1964, Major General Rodenhauser and Mr. Northrup briefed the status of the AEDS to the Arms Control & Disarmament Agency. Shortly thereafter, Major General Rodenhauser briefed Mr. Ralph A. Dungan (Special Assistant to the President) at the White House on proposed expansion of the AEDS facilities.

— On 11 June 1965, Major General Rodenhauser approved plans for a new squadron, the 1158th Technical Operations Squadron, at Albrook AFB Canal Zone. The squadron became operational during 1966. Similarly, plans to activate a new squadron on the West coast of the US were finalized, and the 1159th Technical Operations Squadron, at McChord AFB WA, became functional on 1 July 1966.

— During July 1965, the HQ USAF Military Personnel Center was activated at Randolph AFB TX. AFTAC's manning point consequently moved from the Pentagon to San Antonio.

— In October 1965, the Air Training Command (ATC) traveling instructor teams were established to teach the operation and maintenance of magnetic tape equipment at all seismic locations, and to conduct 10 days instructions on new equipment at all VLF phase anomaly operation locations. The use of traveling instructor teams permitted an orderly and effective equipment change-over and provided sufficient lead-time for changes in resident ATC courses.

During 1965, AFTAC continued to apply its major resources to the established and proven techniques. The nuclear debris collection, electromagnetic pulse, and subsurface techniques represented well over half of the AEDS costs. Of these, the most costly was the seismic. Program costs for this system accounted for one-fifth of all AEDS costs. Seismic operating costs were \$4.1 million dollars, and construction and equipment costs were \$11.3 million dollars.

AFTAC's worldwide mission and deployment requirements continually placed organizational personnel in potentially hazardous situations. Two significant events occurred during the '60s decade; one turned out relatively satisfactorily, the other ended tragically. On the first event,

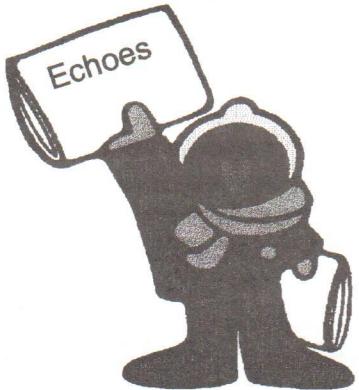
a Middle-East crisis, during mid-1967, resulted in the evacuation of nine families (32 dependents) from Detachment 311 (classified location) to a "Safe Haven." Due to the instability of the political regimes, the families were subsequently moved to the CONUS. Unfortunately, on the second event, a military aircraft accident on 4 August 1969, claimed the lives of three Detachment 509 (classified location) members and their wives. The group was on ordinary leave, in route for a Rest and Relaxation (R&R) break at a popular location.

As with many Air Force organizations, AFTAC's personnel and units are closely connected to the civilian communities near the detachment's physical location. During the latter half of 1967, all personnel assigned to Detachment 429 (classified location) were instrumental in assisting island personnel in clean-up operations after Typhoon SARAH virtually destroyed the island. The detachment personnel were responsible for restoring communications to assist others, and aiding island authorities in locating and rescuing island citizens from ravaged areas. Another noteworthy contribution to improve community relations occurred at Detachment 433 (American Samoa). With the approval of the island Governor (Honorable John M. Haydon), detachment personnel established a broadcast station on the island. In addition to providing entertainment to the island residents, the station would function as an information source during hurricane alerts and other natural disasters. Operating hours were scheduled for 1730 to 0600 each day, when the local station was off the air. Detachment 433 personnel donated their off-duty time to operate the station.

At the end of the '60s, and during the first part of the '70s, AFTAC's mission taskings expanded into the NASA Space arena and Shuttle operations. During the latter part of 1969, at the specific request of the Atomic Energy Commission, the 1155th Tech Ops Sq. deployed an Ops Officer, Special Equipment Operators (SEOs), and aircraft resources to the Kennedy Space Center; McCoy AFB FL; and Ramey AFB PR, to support prelaunch/launch phase of APOLLO 12/SNAP 27. The request was based on a contingency requirement for aerial sampling in the event of an air abort of the APOLLO 12 mission within a few minutes of launch. Similar deployments were to continue on all future APOLLO/SNAP 27 launches and other space probes. And, two Ops officers and six SEOs were deployed from the

1155th Tech Ops Sq. to the same three locations to support APOLLO XIII/SNAP 27 launch on 11 April 1970. SEOs from the 1155th were also deployed to Pago Pago, American Samoa, and Nadi, Fiji, for the recovery phase of APOLLO XIII.

(Part Four of this series will appear in the next Post-Monitor.)



Mountain Do's & Notes

submitted by the editors - excerpted from "Echoes," the newsletter of the Colorado Alumni Association Chapter; permission from President/Editor, Ben/Ginger Vlassick

Australia Reunion '97. A reminder to those who went to the Alice Springs High School, '70, '71, '72. There is a reunion planned for '97; contact Mrs. Marty Pens Carr, World Way Center, PO Box 90555, Los Angeles, CA 90009-0555.

Reunion '96 Souvenir Blue Baseball Caps (one size fits all) available until 4/15. Each cap has the AFTAC Colorado emblem. Order with \$6 (includes \$1 s/h) from Bryce Dunn, 3562 S. Jasper Way, Aurora CO 80014-2429. Show 'em you "were there."

Summer picnic May 31 or June 7

New ID Cards Bill Braukman advises that new military ID cards will be required in 1998. This includes retired people that presently have an "indefinite" card. So beat the rush; get yours today.

Get Well Wishes For Monique Miller

The following surfaced during Reunion '96. There is more to learn, e.g., when was it written? over a glass of wine? thoughtful introspection? a group effort? Perhaps the donor(s)/author(s) can fill us in?!

ODE TO AFTAC

Let us delve into our memories of times long past
And ponder the times that sped by too fast.
When each of us had a large part to play
In the service of country and AFTAC each day.

There were good times and bad as I recall
Medals were given for the good work of all.
Though promotions were slow there was no lack
Of giving our best for good ol' AFTAC.

Remember when each of us had a large share
In preparing for missions...a large load to bear.
The motto simple, though...at times, hard to fill
"Give it our best ...and then on to the next hill."
Sure this motto was never been written in pen,
But AFTACer's hearts would agree with a grin
For each of us involved never held back
Of giving our best for good ol' AFTAC

There were times when things did not go well
And times when we felt we were in unholy hell
Yet, I'm sure that all will agree
That most times were great and we got to see
Momentous events that affected the world.
Our work did a lot to keep our great flag unfurled
There's much said about how much to stack,
But still, we've given our best for good ol' AFTAC

The Systems were many; B, F, I, R, A, and Q.
Many other there were, this names but a few.
The missions were varied from ocean to sky
And even some that were way above high.
With regret this poem must really stop now
To greet one and all and to give all a bow.
SO much to recall when we stop & look back
And remember so fondly our times with
good ol' AFTAC

By David A. Jones, B, F, O, and D
Post Monitor editors note - good work David, hope you write a sequel at
Reunion '97

By the Way...

submitted by the editors - last minute information provided at the March meeting, check this out on the alumni association webpage

AFTAC's annual picnic will be at Wickham Park on April 26th. Sages and families are welcomed, and a good time is almost guaranteed...there might be events alumni are even better at than active-duty...come and find out!! **Mary Welch** (494-6867 has promised to take care of us (again), so if you are interested, please let her know as soon as possible. 5 bucks covers food, drink, ?, starts at 8, food from 12-5...come on out!!!!



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Alumni of the Year, Carl Gailey, Honored

submitted by the editors

Carl was honored at the AFTAC Annual Award Banquet on 27 February. Former AFTAC Commander, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Richard O'Lear was the guest speaker. Carl (see "Sage Salute", page one), was honored for his major accomplishments supporting the alumni and the association.

Sports News

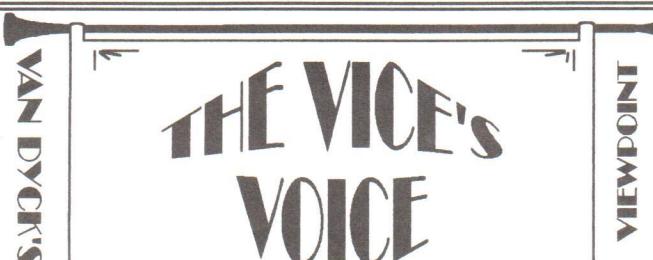
The "Awesome Alumni" score for us on a weekly basis

submitted by Terry Hammond, editors note: As with other great organizations, the alumni has its sports franchise; in our case, as might be expected, it would be a sport of conviviality with an openness toward all. Part One (previous issue) introduced the team and traced them from the early days to the point where this article begins..

When Tony left for greener pastures (a paying job), Howard stepped in to lead the team to its second league championship in three years. Joining the team for the second league winning effort were Dale (no handicap) Trent and Jeff (what, another lucky bucks frame?) Bartow. However, like Tony before him, Howard has been forced to take several leaves of absence over the past couple of years for extended overseas TDYs, so Terry (acting captain) Hammond and Bob (acting acting captain) Wiley have filled in this year.

Joining the team this year as our newest alumni is John (wrong side) Caban. Howard has been quick to note during his brief return stateside in Oct that the "temporary captain(s)" have not been displaying the proper leadership, thus resulting in the team's current poor standing (somewhere other than first place), but that he will correct the situation when he returns in January; check back in the summer issue to see how the "oddballs" - alias "Awesome Alumni" finish this year's league. We're not really worried about who's in first place now anyway, because its who is in first after the last week that counts. Remember the old saying that the young bulls who run down the hill and get a few pins, but then the old bulls walk down the hill and get all the pins in the long run.

Going in to last night (3/12/97) we were 6 games behind the leaders in sixth place with a record of 46-42. However we beat the #1 team 3-1 so we are 49-43 now with 7 weeks to go. The first place team was 52-36 going in and is now 53-39. The second place team was 50.5-37.5 going in and there were a bunch between first and sixth. We figure that we're in the right place to make our move - remember the story of the old bulls and the young bulls - well we're just now beginning our walk down the hill to "get them all."



Tom Niquette is out of town for a few weeks and asked your Vice President to provide the input for this edition of the Newsletter. I'm delighted for this opportunity to share my perspective on what a truly extraordinary organization the Florida Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni has become since its inception. All of us need to continuously acknowledge the "Founding Core" volunteers who have made the Association what it is today. Oddly enough, our volunteers prefer to continue to work "behind the scenes" in supporting the various activities that have been essential to our successful expansion. Those of you who have been able to join us in local organized activities know who is always there to support and sustain the Alumnus.

Our thanks also go to the AFTAC Commanders, former and present, who have contributed and been instrumental to the continuing success of the Association by lending their support and encouragement. We recently received Command support in forwarding the official invitation packages to all former AFTACers for the upcoming Florida Alumni Reunion in September, a major mailing undertaking. The details of the Reunion will be contained in the formal invitations, however, for your advance calendar planning purposes, here are some summary highlights.

Our "behind the scenes" volunteers have arranged for and set aside 175 guest rooms at \$80 per night available on a first come first serve basis at the Radisson in Cape Canaveral. Reservations will have to be made prior to 30 July 1997 to lock in these rates. (However, don't make reservations until you get the "official" invitation/registration package.) Anniversary Registration and Hospitality Rooms will be set-up also. Our Alumni get together night is planned for the 14th of

September as a stand-up type social gathering with heavy hors d' oeuvres. We are still working out how much food to order per attendee to determine what we need to charge. As was the case in the 1992 Reunion, the AFTAC headquarters building will be "Open House" for unclassified tours and briefings.

Our Reunion efforts require close coordination with the Active Duty functions planned in conjunction with the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Air Force and LRD. As previously reported, **Joe Goldian** has taken on the responsibility as your Alumni/Active Duty Team Leader coordinator for the various events being planned.

By the time you read this Newsletter, I am happy to announce that **Carl Gailey**, your Treasurer and Steward of the continuing successful financial stability of the Alumni Association, was nominated by the Board Members as the "AFTAC Alumnus of the Year." He was also appropriately recognized at the annual AFTAC awards banquet.

Please remember that this is YOUR organization. The dedicated "founding core-behind the scenes" volunteers are focused on keeping YOU, the Alumnus, informed on things that YOU want to know about. That is why significant emphasis is placed on appropriate Newsletter topics. We look for topics that you can enjoy and which bring back memories or re-establish friendships and social connections resulting over the years from our service and support to the AFTAC mission. Each member of the Alumni has, I'm sure, some interesting story to share with us all. You can help add to the "sparkle" John and Chris, our editors, put in the Newsletter by sending your thoughts and remembrances via E-Mail to chrisjohn@juno.com or sending a letter to our Post Box.

We look forward to hearing from you and solicit your suggestions on how the Board can better serve you. Make plans to join us at the Reunion in September. You will be hearing more about the Reunion via a separate invitation. Your "Vice," Fred Van Dyck.



BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members

President-Tom Niquette

Vice-Fred Van Dyck Secretary-Judy Milam
Treasurer-Carl Gailey Membership-Mary Welch
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A Few Minutes from the Minutes

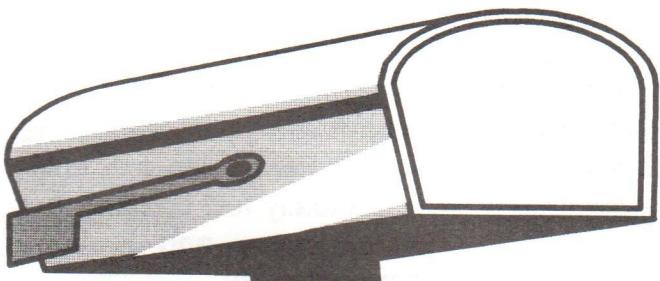
submitted by Judy Milam

DEC MEETING: Col. Eric Larson, AFTAC/CV, presented information on the activities planned for the 50th Anniversary. The Alumni Association will assemble a team chaired by **Joe Goldian** to work on the Anniversary; Joe will develop a milestone chart for accomplishing significant events leading to the Anniversary. Col. Larson also mentioned the 20 years + picture project; some of the pictures have now been mounted and are on display in the AFTAC building. Col. Larson mentioned the Alumni of the Year nominations due soon and the parent organization's Hall of Honor; he suggested that we consider nominating a former AFTACer for the Hall of Honor.

JAN MEETING: Joe Goldian distributed a list of important dates for 50th Anniversary planning; he's working out details about handling the money for both the AFTAC and Alumni functions. The Committee is looking at alternatives to the Patrick golf course, since the greens may be under renovation in September. Plans include sending reservation information to about 3700 people listed in our Worldwide Directory; since space is limited for the banquet and golf tournament, it will be imperative to get reservations in early. **Dave Johnson** presented a proposal to develop an Alumni Internet Homepage through his company, CSI. There was much favorable discussion on this, and we will work to be sure all

posted information is coordinated through the Association. Many favorable comments have been received on the history series in the last two newsletters.

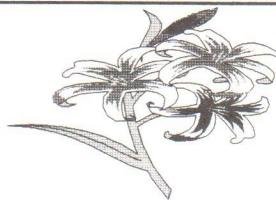
FEB MEETING: The 1997 Alumni of the Year is **Carl Gailey**, treasurer of the Florida Chapter; Carl will be honored at an AFTAC awards ceremony on 27 February. The golf tournament in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary will probably be held at the Baytree golf course. Discussions are ongoing about the 50th Anniversary activities; Alumni volunteers will be needed to man both the registration table and hospitality room on 13 & 14 September. Plans are underway to mail the Anniversary registration package on 1 May. Florida Chapter membership is now at 698. A new Alumni member, **Bob Fitzgerald**, is working to get a California Chapter organized; copies of our Constitution and bylaws have been mailed to him to help him get started. We're planning to issue our 3rd quarter POST-MONITOR in August rather than September to ensure receipt by members prior to the 50th Anniversary. The next Alumni golf tournament will be held on 9 May at Baytree; cost will be \$35. The Alumni Internet Homepage is now operational. A flyer was distributed to advertise a golf tournament to be held at Patrick AFB on 7 March to benefit homeless veterans at the Stand Down '97 Brevard County.



Members to Remember

Hopes of Health for

Jerry Fuqua
Morris Otto



In Memory Of

James B. Webster, December 6, 1996

Walter D. Allen, January 30, 1997

Don Flagg, March 4, 1997

Jeanie Bowden, March 6, 1997

May They

Rest in Eternal Peace

YOU WRITE

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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

Sacramento CA

2/2/97

Dear Mary,

After talking to Col. Franz (Herb) Dettmer, he convinced me to not only join the AFTAC Alumni association but also to plan to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration and reunion there at Patrick this coming September 15th & 16th. You'll find my check for \$10 enclosed for membership. Please put me on your mailing list and send me anything you have on the upcoming events.

I was on the reunion committee for the last WFO/1155th/TOD reunion here in Sacramento, so I know you have a lot of work ahead of you to put this one on. I'm hoping to start the wheels moving for another reunion here in 1999.

Col. Horne has suggested that I head up a WFO/1155th/TOD Alumni Association. I don't mind doing that but I could use some help and advice from you on what is involved and how to get it started.

I've seen the dedication and care that has gone into your efforts and want to thank

you for all your hard work. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bob Fitzgerald, MSgt. Ret

AFTAC HQ, Alexandria, VA, Jan '60 - Jul '63 (2049th AFCS, Det 1 Crypto Operator), Lab School Lowry AFB, Jul '63 - Apr '64, 1155th MCL: April '64- April '67, Det 202: April '67 - Oct '69, 1155th MCL: Oct '69 - Feb '77

editors note - Thank you, we'll see you there...please note the alumni mixer is on September 14, and the other events on 15th and 16th.

Overland Park, KS 1/20/97

I am inquiring about your organization because I think I was a member when it was under another name in the 1950's. I have recently made contact with a couple of buddies I served with and they told me of the Alumni Assoc.

I served with the 1009TH Special Weapons Squadron from August 1952 until February 1956. The 1009th was first located on "G" Street NW (I think) in Washington DC when I arrived there. A short time later we moved to 14TH and Constitution streets. A number of my friends and I lived at a rooming house called Wesley Hall until some of us got married. I also played on our softball team that was part of the Alexandria "fast pitch" league.

Two of the officers that I worked for were Capt. Clyde P. Evely and Col. F. R. Fee in the Logistics Section.

I also understand that there is an Alumni Assoc. located somewhere in Colorado. Are the two of these associations joined together in any way and maybe share membership lists? I know of another 1009TH member who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. His name is David Schneider.

Please write me with information about the Association and whether or not I am correct about the 1009th SWS.

Robert L. West

editors note - Thank you Robert, you do go back aways don't you? We understand Mary has provided the requested information

Columbia, MO 1/9/97

Dear Sirs:

Since being included in your directory I

have received a couple of very welcome calls and one e-mail, so when the next directory is printed I would appreciate it if you would change the area code for my phone number to 573. This same change would also be for **John L. Poe and Phillip Reynolds**.

Thank you and I enjoy getting your newsletter.

Very Truly Yours,

Don Rowland,

e-mail:drowland@mail.coin.missouri.edu

editors note - Thanks Don, and we like to think of it as "your" newsletter... we appreciate the information on the area code change

CyberSage

1/21/97

Hello Judy! (editors note - Judy Milam, our Asc. Sec. e-forwarded this to us) This is John Kaiser (old retired L/C). I was pleased to see an AFTAC name I recognized on the AFTAC Alumni Association flyer that crossed my desk. I thought I would drop you a quick E-Mail and inquire how you are doing and if any of the old time AFTACer's like **David O'Brien, John Fegus, Jay Sherman, Sam Sorice**, etc. are still around or if you know their E-mail addresses so I might contact them. I haven't seen an AFTACer in years! Not many in this corner of the US.

Lots has happened since I retired from AFTAC back in '88. Moved to San Diego and joined an environmental sciences firm doing environmental impact studies. First job was an environmental impact study for closing an Air Force base - Pease AFB in New Hampshire. Learned a lot about environmental issues. Also had the advantage of seeing the issues from both the Air Force side and environmentalist's side. Actually few conflicts but much misunderstanding and misrepresentations from both sides. Did environmental studies for about five years, then decided to go back to graduate school. Got a second masters degree in Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Now work as a part time consultant to San Diego State University developing GIS and remote sensing data bases for environmental and research projects. Great fun. Especially like remote sensing - reminds me of AFTAC.

How are you and what's happening at AFTAC? Know you can't say much but would be interested in what's public info. Is Helen still around. What happened to Dr. Leies and Bonnie? Noticed a number of job ads for seismic and programmer types to work on regional seismic detection projects. Is Dr. Pilotte still around? Guess I could ask lots more questions, but it might be better just to get some E-mail addresses and correspond directly rather than burden you with numerous questions. My E-mail address is kaiser@mail.sdsu.edu. Please drop me a line and say hi. Your Friend

John Kaiser

editors note - John, good to hear from you and we're sure some you mentioned will reply ... Judy also advises she has responded

Lawrence, KS

12/12/96

Dear Staff

Please rush a copy of pages 8 and 9 of my Dec 1996 Post-Monitor. They are missing.

Nostalgia. I miss the two pages of my Post-Monitor almost as much as I missed my fellow worker in Tempo "T" Bldg (DC). He said he had to have the day off because his household goods were arriving from Europe. It was a couple of days before he brought me some prime bottled goods, and I found out why he had to help unpack his household goods. P.S. I will even include SASE.

Sincerely, "Old Sarge"

Jack D. Wagley

P.S. Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years.

editors note - Jack, thanks for your continuing stories and support.

Round Rock, TX

1/6/97

Alumni Staff

Here's FY '97 dues to help you spread the word. Time sure flies. Would like to hear from any alumni who have knowledge of Florida law applicable to real property title transfer. We can be reached at NDAVIS8723@aol.com or "Davis, 2613 Hunlac Trail, Round Rock, TX 78681/(512)388-4494." Do like to hear about folks and places memorable from my years ('58-'72) with a people oriented group.

Sincerely,

AI Davis

editors note - AI, thanks for helping us get the word out, and hope you hear from someone about your request.

Vienna, VA

Christmas Card

Dear Alumni Association,

Appreciate all you efforts in '96, and looking forward to '97. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. **Mouse (James), Martha, Jeff, Jaclyn, & Shadow Neumeister**
editors note - thanks for your appreciation, hopes and support; that's, as you know, what makes it all worth while.

Roseville, CA

11/4/96

Dear Staff,

Enclosed please find my 97 dues. Thanks for the reminder on the address label of the Post-Monitor.

I really enjoy the newsletter and look forward to it. My experience with AFTAC was rather short in comparison to some of the old timers, but I have to say it was one of the highlights of my 25 years in the Air Force. After serving in both SAC and TAC, I came to appreciate the extremely high quality of the personnel in AFTAC, especially the enlisted people. They were absolutely "top notch."

I started with AFTAC in 1967 as an Air Ops officer at our Hq. in Alexandria, working up to Chief, Air Ops. Some of the outstanding people I worked with and for were Jim Esping, Rod Boaz, Don Coakley, Ed Martin, Bill Taylor, Pete Tompkins, Jerry LaBarre, Johnny Page and many more. From there I went to the 1156th at Wheeler from '71 to '75 ending my tour as Sq. Commander. Without a doubt, they were the best years of my Air Force career. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Fran Papineau

editors note - We'll sure try, and letters like yours help a lot, thanks.

Orangevale, CA

11/25/96

Here's my check for the dues. Thanks for keeping us so well-informed. Irene and I are looking forward to the 50th. Sorry we missed the Colorado reunion. Too many things were happening at that time. We chose to celebrate Irene's 50th High School reunion.

Frank Goodreau

editors note - Frank, Irene, thanks for the helpful comments about keeping you informed and we also will enjoy seeing you at the reunion.

Aurora, CO

Please accept my dues for 2 years worth of membership. I am currently a member of the Colorado chapter and enjoyed the reunion we had this year in Denver. I was in AFTAC (B & T) from 2/74 to 2/94 and enjoyed all of my tours - Det. 423, Det. 421, OLAO & Det 45.

Thanks for keeping the alumni association going.

Bryce Dunn

editors note - Bryce, thanks for the words, and we remember seeing you in some of those assignments.

Chesapeake Bay, MD

1/2/97

Dear Alumni Assn.

This letter is to inform you of the death of my husband James B. Webster. He died Dec. 6, 1996 of cancer. He was very proud to have been a part of the AFTAC group.

Sincerely,

Peggy Webster

editors note - Peggy, thank you for sharing with us.

CyberSage

1/15/97

Alumni Staff

This roving reporter has a few things to report for this News Period (NP).

While I was sloshing around on the Internet, I think I reported that when you query 'AFTAC' you come up with all sorts of places to look. Well, **Dave Johnson** has topped them all. His company, Computer Science Innovations, Inc., has agreed to let us have some space on their 'server'. **Mike Black** took matters in hand and has given us an address listing. You can go to that page (www.csihq.com/aftacalumni) and find those long lost friends, or even update your listing so we know how to contact you. This happened in a strange way - One night while I was checking my mail, I received a joke from **John and Chris Horsch**. One of the other addresses on that e-mail listed a name I had not forgotten, but had not seen in ages. That was: gchronin@juno.com! Yep, it ended up being **George Cronin** out in Ames, Iowa. Well, I was elated! Another TAC'ER on the

net. Two days later, I got a phone call from **Dave Johnson** who told me about the CSI offer. Well within the space of two days we had the technical stuff worked out and **Mike** had put it on the web. Now if that ain't smacker of the days gone past in AFTAC, nothing is. What we need the readers to do is tell us if they have some foregone affinity to not being listed in our database. We will, of course, remove them if they so desire. This is just the start of something that will grow and make us a more solid organization. We envision putting some articles from the newsletter on this, putting our price lists on the page, and doing all sorts of innovative things that are now possible in cyberspace.

Of other news, we want to let you know that the Ex-Q Troop, **Larry Anderson** is now working for **Frank Hall** at McDonnell Douglas as a Quality Engineer on the new Space Station work. Larry has his hands full. I know, I live in the cube next to his!

Ken Oyer has retired and is now doing things that he has wanted to do for years. Loaf.....And **Jim Payne** also retired and is doing very well following his bout with a major heart restructure.

Plans are hot and heavy for the celebration that will take place here in Florida in September. We of the Alumni are elated and excited, and are working very hard to plan in advance to make our share of this event memorable. Well, I have rambled enough for one session. Let us know what you need, what you want, and be sure to check out the webpage.

Clark Creery Roving Reporter

P.S. Dave Johnson just loves it when you do a spell check on the name 'Creery'.....check it out! Clark312@metrolink.net

editors note - content details concerning the webpage and the association are being considered; see "Editorially Speaking" (pg 2) for additional information. Clark, thanks for all the updates.



Important Dates

Association Board/Membership Meetings

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

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ building

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

CALENDAR

April 1997

14th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

26th - Annual AFTAC Picnic, Wickham

Park (see page 11 and webpage).

May 1997

9th - Golf Tournament at Baytree (see "Big Stories" page one and the webpage)

12th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

June 1997

9th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Newsletter mailing

July 1997

14th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

August 1997

11th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Newsletter mailing: note this is one month early to allow delivery (with latest news/events) prior to the AFTAC Anniversary Celebration (see dates below)

September 1997

8th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

14th - 16th "50 Years of Long Range Detection" AFTAC Anniversary Celebration
(tentative schedule, see 'Big Story', page one and the webpage)

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*no shipping and handling charged on wooden nickels logo pins, and beer mugs. Thanks for your support!! prepared by the editors from association minutes - also on webpage

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of publication)

ALUMNI PURCHASED

Logos are multi-colored, except for jackets (white)
Med Lg XL XXL

JACKETS (windbreakers), \$20

- Unlined/Royal Blue/White Logo	1
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GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket, \$14

- Teal, dark	1	1	
- Teal, medium	4	4	
- Royal Blue	3	3	1
- Navy	1		
- Red	1	3	2
- Maroon	1	1	

T-Shirts, without pocket, \$7

- Mint Green	2	1	3	1
- Medium Green	2	2	3	
- Light Blue	1	2	4	
- Royal Blue				1
- Navy				1
- Ash Gray		1	1	2
- Purple		1	2	
- Red		3	2	
- Fuchsia		1	2	

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

HATS - \$6	#	Ceramic Mugs - \$6	10
- Green	10	Bronze Coins - \$4	98
- Gray	7	Logo Pins - \$3.25	~50
- Red	7	Logo Discs - \$5.50	~90
- Navy			
- Royal Blue	7	Worldwide Directory (choice of cover photo) - \$25	
- Light Blue	6		

The following items were purchased by the Boosters Club and are also available-most say ALUMNUS (vs ALUMNI)

JACKETS, unlined/medium blue - \$20	Sm	Lg	XL
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GOLF SHIRTS, Med. Blue/no pocket/	
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white logo - \$14

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

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T-SHIRT, Med. Blue/no pocket/ white	
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logo - \$6

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Hats, cotton - \$5	Med. blue	3
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White	1
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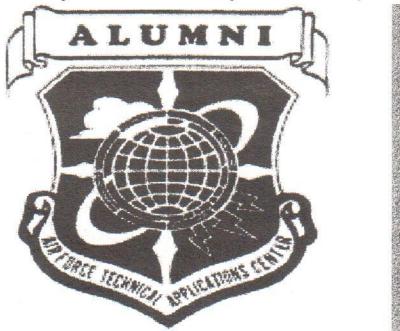
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The AFTAC Emblem symbolizes the unit and, when in color, contains the AF (blue and gold) as well as the national colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of AF operations; yellow, the sun and excellence of personnel. The globe indicates worldwide mission, locations and geophysical studies; the lightning and cloud depict study on natural phenomena and the compass points reflect the assigned tasks around the world. The rings around the globe symbolize electronic instrument readings and unity of purpose and display electronic measurements accomplished. The elliptical belt symbolizes the study of the atmosphere.



October! Dues Due: FY: [LT]-----
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