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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 all reached
the best of stages
Being one of the
Center's Sages

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

Recognized for 65 years
of service to our country
16 September 2012
1947 – 2012

A 65TH COIN WAS NOT MINTED



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

LRDAA PROUDLY PRESENT



AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 2015

"Standing on the Shoulders of Giants"

DEBORAH CARSON, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'



The next Air Force Technical Applications Center's World Wide Alumni Reunion is scheduled for 29, 30, and 31 May 2015 (WWR 2015). The Florida Alumni Chapter has a dedicated team of members making sure all the details are coming together and are currently negotiating several activities to keep our guests entertained while enjoying each other's company. So far, we selected and contracted with the DoubleTree by Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 2080 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931. The phone number is (321) 783-9222. When you contact the hotel to make your reservations please ask for AFTAC Alumni Reunion, Group Code AFT. This will ensure you are given the group rate of \$103.00 (plus applicable taxes) per night for a standard double room. You will also enjoy several of their amenities for free; such as parking, Wi-Fi, daily newspapers, famous chocolate cookies, etc. Direct web hotel reservations can be made at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MLBASDT-AFT-20150529/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. The Florida Chapter provides comprehensive updates on their web site, so please be sure to check regularly, <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtobeknow/Home>

So far on the agenda, early Friday morning we are planning a private tour of the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Your reunion committee has partnered with the 45th Space Wing, Patrick Air Force Base, to provide a hosted tour of several operational and historical locations. It will offer many sights not seen on any other >>>Pg 4

SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK SAGES AND ACTIVE-DUTY TO 'REPORT IN'

SEP 26, 1130-VII ANNUAL 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER'

Membership/Elections Meeting - Manatee Cove Golf Course, Putter Room

EDITORS

ELECTION The election meeting is held on a **Friday at lunch time** to encourage attendance by active-duty, assn members and alumni. >>>Page 3

FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER

The Fall Golf N'Getogether is normally held in the Oct time frame. Check the website often for information.

SAVE THE DATE - SNOWBALL 2015 BEING PLANNED

Plan to come and enjoy the dinner and visit with fellow alums. Location: Palm Café at the Kiwi Tennis Club, Indian Harbour Beach, **31 January 2015** Buffet >>>pg3

ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK ACTIVE-DUTY AND SAGES TO 'REPORT IN'

ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED



Center Winter Social, TBD. See 'Active-Duty' section for more, if any, additional information. Sage Contact for tickets, our 'Intrepid Insider,' Carol Snyder, carol.snyder@us.af.mil.

NOTE: All Alert updates are posted at our website: URL above in 'Banner' Area. Pg 5, 'Calendar,' has a complete listing of alumni and active-duty events. You can also 'Auto-Receive' 'eALLerts' (deaths, breaking news, etc)-contact your editors, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'.

SAGE/ACTIVE-DUTY EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

'Event' reports, if any, follow 'Alert' reports later in this issue.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Deceased. (D)

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (19)

Lonnie Gibbons/2013-Gene & Dee Melchoir/12
 Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10-Jack Jackson/09
 Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06
 Mike Black/05-Joe Goldian/04-Pat Snyder/03
 Joe Johnson/02-Jim Payne/01-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000
 John & Christel (D) Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97
 Carl Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring Center people and its history exist: Two, '**Hall of Heritage**' (data/artifacts) and the '**Wall of Honor**' of alumni who served the Center for 20+ years (and have mailed in their photos/bios), are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an **AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming**, Museum, and plans are ongoing to add LRD artifacts at HQ, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. (AFISRA).

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired & active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the association (chartered, 1986). Originally '**AFTAC Alumni Assn**' a name change was necessary in mid-2001 due to AF rules to continue operating 'on base.' The assn provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida (FL): (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Most monthly meetings are at 1700, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. Details, see 'Sage Calendar' at back of issue. Contacts: Clark **Creery**, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, '**Post-Monitor**' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & multi-page Website, '<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>', with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we term, 'eALLert,' for time sensitive data at '[http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd](https://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd)'.

FI Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-NNewsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas, since 2003; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09.

2. Colorado (CO): Formed 1991, **\$5/year**, the chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes', and has several meetings and social events a year. See website at 'www.aftacco.org' for additional information and email contacts.

3. West Coast (CA): Formed 1999, **\$10/year/\$75 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publish a newsletter, '**Depot Fallout**' and have a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org'

"FROM THE HORSCHES MOUTH"
 AFTAC, 58-87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



1985 BYLINE BY COL CIAMBRONE (D). LEFT PICTURE, SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC CC/PA, WINTER SOCIAL, 2011. RIGHT DET 301, 63-65, JOHN T AND SON, JOHN D WERE FEATURED LAST ISSUE, THIS TIME IT'S DAU CATHY'S TURN, BORN

I want to start this issue plugging our 'eALLert' website, <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/aftac-lrd>. There are over 700 Sages signed up for this service providing notices that are time sensitive, obituaries, event changes, etc. At the same time they are posted and published there they are also normally available at the Florida Chapter Alumni Assn website <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/Home>, on an appropriate 'Page,' 'Sages to Remember,' 'Breaking News,' etc. If you are not a subscriber have a look and let me know what you think.

Staying on this subject, recently, Frank **Calenda**, asked us to send an 'eALLert' about a short 18 minute video of the new AFTAC building dedication ceremony. In that request he noted, "It was a special day and a special function and really includes not only the heritage that we Alumni made, but a future goal for everyone involved in the mission. I hope you like it. Regards ..." You can see that video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeZlu26oOM&feature=em-upload_owner

--we received many positive comments about this video, far more than any other 'eALLert' we have posted/published, you should have a look ...

--and a well-done 'I Remember' from Lester **Miller** about being there - that in our 'Feature Articles' area

And WWR2015, I've got to say a few words about that major event of the year 2015 for this Alumni Assn Chapter. Many are doing much to ensure you have the best time ever ... add to that a chance to see, and be in, the new building you just saw in Frank's video mentioned above, what more does it take to get you to Florida in May? Go to the Florida Chapter Website 'Front Page,' URL to your left under Chapter Information.

--there's a tour of the Cape Friday morning most have not been on and which takes you to some extraordinary places, don't miss out on this

--there's a mission briefing planned in the new building's auditorium for Saturday

--and all the usual chances to get together at the ice-breaker, banquet and the hospitality room.

--finally, we are going to publish a Special Post-Monitor with reunion information and a registration form. >>>Back Page

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MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION MEETING <<Pg 1

 Attendance is always up for this important meeting so be there! **NOMINEES:** A Nominating Committee appointed by the President-Chair, Past President, Terry **Hammond**, attendees, Past President's Frank **Hall** and Bob **Wiley**, convened, solicited and received agreement for the following individuals to run for office for FY2015: President, Lou **Seiler** (continuing); Vice-President, Ed **Lindsay**; Secretary, Sean **Ryan** (continuing); and Treasurer, Joe **Goldian** (continuing). In addition, nomination of willing individuals will be taken from the floor during the elections. POC, Sean Ryan

SNOWBALL 2015 BEING PLANNED <<Pg 1

will include the following: Garden Salad, Chicken Dijonnaise, Cranberry Pork, vegetables, Beverages, and Cookies and Brownies for dessert. Price per person: \$17.00. Cash Bar will be available.

 We will follow the basic format of previous SnowBall to including the reading of our 'missing Sages' since we last met and the announcement of our 'Alumni of the Year, 2015.' More on all of this in the next issue.

EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF
APRIL 13TH,-SAGE PERSPECTIVE, CENTER PICNIC
CLARK CREERY, ROVIN' REPORTER/DIGICAM

The AFTAC Spring Picnic was "SPOT ON" – That is what came to mind so I looked up the term and found that it was often an overused British phrase meaning – Absolutely Correct. Well in my view, the PICNIC that I was privileged as an alumni to attend at Wickham Park was indeed: SPOT ON.

I often look back on the days I spent at various detachments around the world and we also enjoyed Spring Picnic's but nothing like this! You know the 'bounce rooms' that are often part of the festivities for children – well this picnic had three of them and the kids were having a blast. As the wife and I aimed our truck towards a blank spot in a field near Wickham Park in Brevard Country a young troop hailed us and told us where to park and they had done a bang-up military parking job. All vehicles properly situated and close to the festivities at the huge pavilion. They had set-up a sign-in table on the walk to the group location and there we were greeted by smiling faces and they were happy to take our money and give us wrist bands to show we were truly members and more than welcome.

A scan of the folks inside the pavilion my eye caught

the location of familiar faces – Alumni were in force. I cannot even name all of them because space does not permit; however, I can say thanks for their attendance. Most of all I can also say thanks to the Active Organization for allowing us to become a part of the celebration.

Sean **Ryan** had managed the manning of the drink wagon ensuring that the Alumni made certain that everyone who was authorized received a drink and that everyone drank responsibly.

We really enjoy these Picnics because it gives us an opportunity to network with Active Duty personnel as well as Alumni whom we have not seen in ages.

What surprised me most was the announcement that the little line was open for food. Holy Smokes they had every picnic food known to man and the line moved through effortlessly. What a spread and the guys and gals cooking did a great job. The Commander was present and he had his son in a stroller and they made their rounds. I had an opportunity to talk with Chief Brown and his wife and they were all having a wonderful time. Chief Revels (Retired) even shared his recent surgery pictures with us. He is on the mend and it was great to see him hobbling around.

As one knows, all good things come to a close and in closing all I can say is a hearty Thank You for the opportunity and knowing that I may be retired (Since 1980) but I am still a viable part of one great group of human beings.

FRIDAY, MAY 09, XXV ANNUAL ASSN SPRING FLING

Golf N'Getogether, Manatee Golf Course, Patrick
MAJOR ARRANGER, DAVE MELTON

 A beautiful spring day 85 degrees with a 10 knot breeze from the south greeted the 60 golfers in attendance for the Long Range Detection Alumni Association Spring Fling golf tournament at Manatee Cove GC on May 9th.

At the end of it all, the team of Ed **Lindsey**, Dennis **Kauffmann**, Davis **Kauffmann**, and Gary **Killian** won with a score of 54. Second place was the team of Bruce **Snellgrove**, Dan **Gilbert**, Dave **Money**, and Brad "Braditto" **Neihart** with a score of 56. Third place won by a scorecard playoff was the team of Dave **Melton**, Chevis **Stanley**, Howard **Buckley**, and Frank **Woodard** with a score of 58.

Closest to the pin winners were Chevis **Stanley**, Hole 4, Kurt **Malmstrom**, Hole 7, **Olson**, Hole 12, and **Hoyt**, Hole 14. The Men's long drive was won by **Burgess** and the Women's long drive was claimed by **"Braditto"**.

This was an odd turn of events as "Braddito" who is not a woman walked up to claim his, I mean her, prize. This was an uncomfortable moment with the room going silent. Braditto was asked if he knew this was the Women's long drive hole and he said response was "what?". The whole room had a good laugh with "Braddito" and the Women's long drive prize, a dozen golf balls, was split a sleeve a piece to the 4 women golfers in attendance.

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 Cape or NASA tour. Stops include Launch Complex 34 where the Apollo 1 was put into space and the historic 1848 Lighthouse which, for many years, protected ships from the rugged coast of the Cape. You will get to view the Morrell Operations Center, the control center for range activities. This tour is strictly offered to our reunion group and will be guided by two very experienced individuals with a long history in the Space Flight Industry.

In addition, those who want to can enjoy a round of golf on one of our beautiful area golf courses. Anyone interested in doing other activities may contact Mr. Andy Anderson, Air Land & Sea Travel, 1-800-799-1094, Cocoa Beach FL, for gambling cruises, off shore fishing, or discount theme park tickets. Later, we can all enjoy a spectacular ice breaker with lots of good food and drink. If that's not enough entertainment for you in one day, the Hospitality Room will be open for most of the afternoon and after the ice breaker for more camaraderie. Our Hospitality Room is located on the 2nd floor of the hotel in the Oceanview King Suite and adjoining room.

Because of the early Friday activities, we plan to have a reunion registration table set up on Thursday afternoon/evening from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. This table will be in the lobby adjacent to the Hotel Check-in desk. Considering the tour to Cape Canaveral will depart the hotel at 8:00am Friday morning, this will provide an opportunity to get your welcome packages with your badges and information. You WILL need your badge to take the Cape Canaveral Tour. There can be no exceptions. This sign-in table will also open early Friday morning at 6:00am and will close promptly at 7:30am for those people arriving late Thursday night or early Friday morning who signed up for the tour. Other sign-in opportunities will be published at a later date. Information on the Cape tour will also be forthcoming. Keep checking the Florida Alumni Chapter web site for updated information on the reunion.

Saturday starts you off with an AFTAC Briefing in the new building auditorium. In addition, one of our alumni members has graciously offered to provide aerial tours of Patrick AFB, the AFTAC buildings, and possibly the Cape if no launches. For those interested in seeing the AFTAC buildings (old and new) along with other surrounding Brevard county landmarks, AFTAC's former Superintendent, retired CMSgt Ken Myers, has offered to take those interested up for a 30-45 minute flight around the area. Cost will be in the neighborhood of \$75 p/person. As the reunion gets closer, we will put additional details out on Florida Chapter Alumni web site on how to sign-up. For questions or ideas, please contact Ken directly at myers_kenneth@yahoo.com. How exciting to be one of the few who can view the base and new building from above. Not to leave anyone out, we carved out some time for those beach go-

ers to enjoy our fabulous beaches and soak up some of this Florida sun.

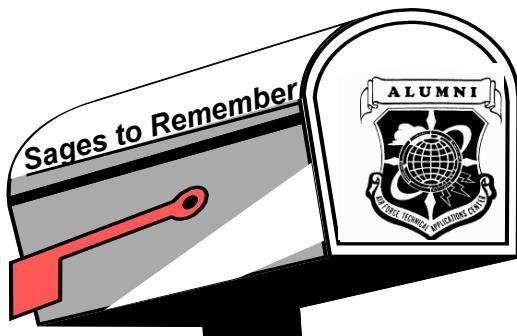
Saturday night is your time to dress up, enjoy more camaraderie, and appreciate a marvelous dinner at the DoubleTree Oceanfront. Our banquet will feature three Chef specials not available on the menu. Special entertainment is planned to end the evening. Again, the Hospitality room will be open before and after the banquet. The hotel catering staff has graciously offered discount coupons for their buffet breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Sunday morning we plan to set aside a small room off the dining room for our use. There is no set time to meet, at your leisure join whoever is there.

So SAVE THE DATEs and arrive on Thursday to take advantage of all the activities. Plan to join us to reunite with friends and family. See you there. For additional information contact: Deborah **Carson**, WWR 2015 Chairperson; deborah@aftac2015wwr.com, or Arlin **Massey**, WWR 2015 Co Chair; amassey1@cfl.rr.com.

NOSTALGIA

The Denver Reunion last year and a view of some attendees .





Personals ...

Wherein alumni report major events or turning points in their lives that are of interest to fellow Sages. Please send us information about awards, births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements, deaths and other events (military or otherwise).

Pete Wigington

CONTACTED BY FRANK CALENA

FRANK WRITES: "I JUST RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM PETE TO "SPREAD THE WORD." HOPEFULLY, HE'LL GET SOME RESPONSES. THIS MESSAGE (QUOTES) WAS RECEIVED FROM PETE MAY 14TH. PETE HAS INTERACTED WITH MANY OF US AFTAC RETIREES OVER HIS YEARS. A WORD OF TWO OF SUPPORT FROM THOSE WHO KNOW HIM OR FROM HIS PEERS WOULD PROBABLY BE APPRECIATED. HIS EMAIL ADDRESS IS: PETEWIGINGTON@BELLSOUTH.NET NOTE: PETE PASSED 8 JUNE.

QUOTE: Well, my Cancer is active again all over my body and things aren't to well at present. Lymph Nodes have swollen in left side of my throat making it very difficult to swallow food, hard breathing, causing pressure in my left Eye causing about 50% loss of vision, extremely weak, and difficult getting around with my Walker.

--Dr talked about a feeding tube & breathing tube. I thought it over for a week and declined any further surgery or treatment of any kind & let come what may. I just decided (with Dr's suggestion) to go on Home Hospice this past Thursday. My main decision for accepting Home Hospice was to take a heavy load off my loving wife Mat, it is her wish that my last day be at home.

--God has blessed me with a Great family, relatives and friends and I am forever grateful. Don't know how long before God calls, maybe days, months or years

--Who knows how fast acting the Cancer will be. As the saying goes, "I'm still kicking" and able and happy to accept visitors.

God bless you all & remember us in your Prayers. Pete Some of Pete's AFTAC history: I served with LRD FROM 1955 to 1968 & Retired Oct 1969.

--My first assignment was 1009th Special Weapons Sq, Hqs USAF, Wash DC located on 14th St & Constitution Ave in the old tempo T building, built by the CCC (I think) after or during World War 2.

--August 15, 1956: Assigned to 3428th Student Sq, Lowery AFB, Denver, CO. Class 03106, Course 30430-2. (Q System).

--June 11, 1957: Graduated from the Q Sch. and assigned to Team 155.

--Oct 24, 1958: Assignment 3420th Stu Sq, Lowery AFB, Denver, CO, for ABR 99125-B.

--May 10, 1959: Completed B Course and assigned as maintenance technician.

--July 18, 1960: Lowery AFB, Denver, CO, to attend advance B and Q Course.

--Jan 05, 1961: Assigned as Station Chief.

--Feb 01, 1962: Assigned duties as Q and B training Superintendent.

Additional duties AF contract coordinator between AF and DRI, plus setting up training for Q-4 and U systems.

--July 01, 1963: 1035th Field Activities Group, HQ USAF, Washington DC, as Tech advisor to 99125-U System, with additional duties of writing the operations and maintenance manual for the U-System.

--August 15, 1965: Assign Det 418 as Station Superintendent for Q-4 and U systems.

--June 20, 1968: Applied for Terminal Assignment for Retirement.

--October 10, 1969: Retired from the USAF
UNQUOTE

In Memoriam

James 'Jim' Short

Charles Siefismund

Robert L Morrison

Carl Romney

David W Summerfield

Pete Wigington

Steve Fritts

Gerald Agerstrand

Rest in Peace

James 'Jim' Short

CONTACTED BY JOE HAUSER

SHORT, James C, 66, of Melbourne, died Sunday, April 13, 2014. Arrangements by Island Cremations, Merritt Island. Published in Florida Today, 04.15, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=james-c-short&pid=170646599&fhid=14329>

UPDATE BY PAT SHORT (SPOUSE) FORWARDED BY JOE HAUSER

"I was astounded at how fast the news got around and people started calling to offer me sympathy and support. May I ask you to make the contacts for the appropriate notifications about Jim's memorial service, too, now that I have the details? It will be Sunday, April 27, at 1:00 pm, at the Island Cremations and Funeral Home, 405 S. Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island. The funeral home has contacted Patrick to do the flag presentation, Taps, and a gun salute. Jim had always said that he would prefer people donate to the Wounded Warriors (<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org> or Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256) rather than sending flowers."

Memorium

CONTACTED BY MARK SMITH

Very sad and shocking news. I called my father to let him know. Jim made my golf clubs for me before I came into the Air Force and was still active duty when I got to the HQs in 1988. It was the 4 wood he made for me that I aced the par 3, 165 yard, 16th hole at Patrick Golf Course on my dad's birthday February 25, 1990.

I always enjoyed being around him. He always seemed to have a smile on his face. He is certainly missed.

David William Summerfield

SEE NOTES FOLLOWING



RAWLINGS — David William Summerfield, 76, of Rawlings, died Feb. 22, 2008. Mr. Summerfield is survived by his wife, Jessie Marie (Sutton) Summerfield; son Richard D. Summerfield and wife Valentina, of Treviso, Italy, son James B. Summerfield and wife Linda, of Cresaptown, daughter Lori M. Harbison and husband Dan, of Kennett Square, Pa., and son Robin Summerfield and wife Paula, of Rawlings. Dave was greatly loved by his grandchildren, Rusty, Erik and wife Cristina, Andrew, Julie, Xheson, Xhulian, Max, and Moss, and great-granddaughter, Summer; as well as countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred S. and Lydia P. Summerfield; his brother, Richard O. Summerfield; his son Phillip

Kevin Summerfield, and daughter-in-law Rhonda (Robinette) Summerfield.

Dave was born in Rawlings, and graduated from Allegany High School, before beginning a career in the **United States Air Force in 1951**. During his distinguished military career, Mr. Summerfield was awarded the Bronze Star Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V for valor, Vietnam Service Medal with four campaign stars, and RVN Honor Medal First Class with Gold Palm. He returned to his childhood home in Rawlings after retiring from the Air Force in 1972. Dave was famous for his kind heart and friendly spirit. He always had time for a cup of coffee and a kind word. Many will remember his friendly hospitality to customers and employees as longtime manager of the downtown Cumberland Roy Rogers Restaurant. He treasured time with his family and doted on his grandchildren. He also loved to spend time playing golf and traveling with Marie. In the past few years, they traveled together across the country and to Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, Albania, and Switzerland; playing golf in nearly every country. Dave loved to spend time in his woodworking shop and on home improvement projects with his family. His constant encouragement and support will be greatly missed by his children and grandchildren. Obituary here, <http://www.times-news.com/archive/x1540416278>

NOTE 1: THIS INFORMATION CAME TO LIGHT WHEN JIM DAVIS INQUIRED ABOUT DAVE AND IN THE PROCESS CALLED AND SPOKE TO HIS WIFE AND LEARNED OF HIS DEATH. FOLLOWING THAT CLARK CREERY, FLORIDA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, RESEARCHED AND FOUND THE OBITUARY ABOVE. JIM THEN WROTE THIS ABOUT DAVE, "DAVE WAS THE TOP COP AT AFTAC (WHEN HQ'S WAS IN VA). THE LAST TIME I SAW DAVE HE WAS RUNNING THE RESTAURANT THERE IN CUMBERLAND MD. BUT HAD GOTTEN HIS "PRIVATE" PILOT LICENSE."

NOTE 2: THIS EDITOR REMEMBERS SEVERAL OF OUR DEDICATED 'SECURITY POLICE AFTACERS.' TWO THAT JUMP TO MIND ARE DAVE FROM OUR TIME IN VA AND JOHN COFFEY FROM OUR TIMES IN FL. WHEN WE LEARNED OF DAVE'S DEATH, I ASKED JOHN FOR HIS THOUGHTS, HE WROTE: 'I AM DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF DAVE SUMMERFIELD'S PASSING. DAVE WAS A TOP COP IN MANY, MANY WAYS. AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO THIS EFFORT. DAVE COMPLETED A TOUR IN VIET NAM AND RETURNED TO THE HEADQUARTERS BEFORE RETIRING IN VIRGINIA RATHER THAN MOVE TO FLORIDA. COINCIDENTALLY, THE TOP COP DURING DAVE'S ONE-YEAR TOUR IN VIET NAM WAS A GUY NAMED JIM DAVIS (YES, JIM DAVIS). JIM DAVIS (THE COP) WAS REASSIGNED SHORTLY AFTER DAVE'S RETURN FROM VN. I DO NOT KNOW WHERE JIM DAVIS THE COP WAS ASSIGNED. AND, JUST TO FINISH THIS THOUGHT, DAVE RETIRED AND STAYED IN VIRGINIA WHILE I TOOK OVER AS TOP COP IN FLORIDA.'

WE WERE AFTAC'ERS IN VIRGINIA AND REMAINED AFTAC'ERS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AFTER ARRIVING IN FLORIDA, AFTER WHICH WE WERE ASSIGNED TO THE BASE POLICE WITH DUTY IN THE AFTAC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. AND, JUST TO FURTHER CLARIFY, I ALONG WITH MANY AFTAC COPS ALWAYS CONSIDERED OURSELVES AS FULL-FLEDGED AFTAC'ERS. THANK YOU, JOHN, WE COULD THINK OF YOU NO OTHER WAY, AFTACER THRU AND THRU.

Charles "Chuck" R. Siegismund

SEE NOTE FOLLOWING

SIEGISMUND - Charles "Chuck" R. Siegismund, 84, of North Little Rock, passed away in Branson, Missouri, on Thursday, March 27, 2014. He was born in Rockville, Missouri, on January 1, 1930 to the late Walter Henry and Myrtle Ellen Russell Siegismund. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Dale Siegismund. Chuck had a Master's degree in Accounting



from ASU and UCA, and after retiring from the United States Air Force he worked for the State of Arkansas. He was also a former member of the Scimitar Shrine Center, No. 216 Jacinto Masonic Lodge and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, for many years where he was a member of the

Pairs and Spares Sunday school class. He was a life member of the American Legion VFW and Korean Veteran's Organization. He married the love of his life, Mona Eubanks, on May 23, 1991. His life centered around his beloved family. Chuck was an avid hunter, loved to travel, enjoyed being a gentleman farmer, and had a great sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Ramona "Mona" and their six children; Richard Siegismund (Carla) Siegismund, of Haymarket, Virginia, Karen Stiles of North Little Rock, Sharon Fisher of Overland Park, Kansas, Hope Ritchey Lefler (Steve) of Fort Smith, Amy Ritchey Howell (Jim) of Jonesboro, and Julie Ritchey Shanks (Dewey) of Searcy, Arkansas; a sister, Charlotte Hirni of Nevada, Missouri; grandchildren, Richie, Cydney, and Colby Siegismund, Cameron and Brody Fisher, Eric Anderson (Christy), Christian Lefler, Christopher Howell, Caroline Shanks, Meredith Shanks; great-grandchildren, Leighton and Katherine Anderson; and a host of other family and friends. Funeral service was at Roller-Owens Funeral Home Chapel, 5509 John F. Kennedy Blvd., North Little Rock, Arkansas (501-791-7400), April 1, 2014, with Masonic Rites. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., Monday at the funeral home. Interment was at Arkansas State Veterans' Cemetery. <http://www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/services.asp?page=odetail&id=34129&locid=>

NOTE: Passing was brought to light by Bill Schmied of the Colorado Chapter who had received notification from Joncee & Glen Feakes.

Pete Wigington (see earlier 'Personals')

CONTACTED BY FRANK CALENDAR, 06.09

I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE (FOLLOWS) FROM ROBERT KRIDDLE. PETE LOVED HIS TIME WITH AFTAC FROM THE EARLY YEARS. DETACHMENT 418 HAD A SPECIAL SILVER LIGHTNING BOLT PIN THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE DETACHMENT RECEIVED. BEFORE HE PASSED, HE INSTRUCTED HIS DAUGHTER TO HAVE IT PINED TO HIS LAPEL. A VERY TOUCHING STORY. ROBERT HAD WRITTEN:

I AM SORRY TO REPORT THAT SMSGT WILLIAM "PETE" WIGINGTON PASSED AWAY AT 10:15 AM SUNDAY THE 8TH OF JUNE AT HIS HOME IN BLUE SPRINGS, MS, AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH CANCER. I WAS ABLE TO SPEND LAST THURSDAY AFTERNOON WITH PETE AND WE HAD A GOOD TIME RECALLING OUR DAYS AT SEVERAL DETACHEMENTS. HQ AND DET 418. PETE WAS A GREAT NCO AND AFTAC AND THE WORLD WAS MADE BETTER BY HIS PRESENCE.....HE WILL BE MISSED.
OBITUARY FOLLOWS:

William Norris (Pete) Wigington, was born July 9th, 1929 in Ingomar, MS, to William Roy and Nellie Mae, (Hitt) Wigington and died on June 8th, 2014. He was married to Mattie Lou Monaghan Wigington on July 31, 1950. They spent almost 65 years together and had four children together each of them married. Terry is married to Ron Schlegel, Bill and his wife Karyl, David and his wife Amy, and Ronda who is married to Keith Windham. Pete and Mattie have six grandchildren. Nicole who is married to Stephen Janawsky, Beau Wigington, Courtney who is married to Greg McGinnis, Kelley Wigington, Sara who is married to Chris Ekiss, and Matt Windham. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Winnie Ruth Roseberry.

Pete graduated from Center High School in 1948. He served in the US Air Force from October 1948 until his

retirement in 1969. He was assigned to the **Air Force Technical Application Center**, Long Range Detections System. He achieved the rank of SMSgt prior to his retirement in 1969.

After retiring from the Air Force, Pete taught electrical technology at Northeast Mississippi Junior College and New Albany High School Vo-Tech Center, owned a grocery store in Elistown, and worked for Piper Impact and HMC Technologies in New Albany.

He was a Boy Scout Master, a softball coach, President of the Old Blue Hunting Club, and President of the East Union PTA. His favorite hobby was woodworking and he enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing, and watching basketball, softball and football. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Disabled American Veterans or to a charity of donor's choice.

In honor of Mr. Wigington's service to his country, United Funeral Service will fly the U.S. Air Force flag during his visitation and service. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of William Norris "Pete" Wigington please visit <http://www.unitedfuneralservice.com/obituaries/William-Wigington/#!/Obituary>

Robert L Morrison

CONTACTED BY DALE KLUG, DALE WROTE:

Robert L Morrison, MSgt USAF (Ret), Fair Oaks CA, passed away on June 21, 2014. A memorial service for Bob will be held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608, on Friday, July 11, 2014, at 1pm. Private interment ceremony, for family only, will be held at a later date.

OBITUARY FOLLOWS:

ROBERT LLOYD MORRISON, MSGT USAF (RET) was born in Boston, MA, on January 15, 1938. He passed away on June 21, 2014, in Fair Oaks, CA from complications of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol Faye; son Lloyd Scott Morrison and wife Amy, grandsons Sloan and Jake; son Michael Todd Morrison and wife Angie, grandson Michael Todd Jr and granddaughter Makailuh May; daughter Heather Edlund and grandson Ian Edlund; brother Kenneth Morrison and wife Sam, nephew Keith, nieces Bess and Dory; and Bob's best friend Joan McDermott. Robert (Bob) graduated in 1956 from Millis High School, Millis, MA. He served in the US Air Force 1958 – 1979; serving 19 years with the AFTAC organization. His tours in AFTAC included Thailand; HQ, 1035th Field Activities Group, Washington DC; 1156th TOS, Det 454, Hawaii; and 1155th Technical Operations Squadron, McClellan AFB, CA. His active duty tours were followed by 14 years as a civilian equipment specialist at McClellan AFB, CA. He is a member of the Carmichael Elks Lodge 2103; Harding San Juan Lodge 579, Scottish Rite, Valley of Sacramento; and Ben Ali Shriners, Sacramento. Contributions in Bob's memory may be made to Mercy Hospice, 912 Business Park Dr, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95827 or the American Cancer Society. A memorial service was held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA on July 11.

Steve Fritts

DONNA FRITTS, BUTCH KEMNA, BOB FITZGERALD

07.15 Bob writes, I'm sorry to break the bad news, but Butch asked me to pass this along to you: Butch asked me to tell you that he was contacted by Donna Fritts



this afternoon, 07.15, to tell us that Steve passed away today around 3:30pm while in the hospital. Steve was a good friend to all of us in the WCC, and in spite of being on the heart transplant list for some long time, he still stepped up last fall and agreed to stand for reelection as our WCC "Director At Large".

Obituary follows: GARY STEPHEN FRITTS (b. 8-Mar-1948; d. 15-Jul-2014 in Sacramento, CA) went to be with the Lord Jesus on 7-15-14 after a long & courageous battle with Congestive Heart Failure. He leaves behind the Love of his Life, Donna (Billups), who loved & adored him with all her Heart & Soul. Also his precious Black cat, Sasha. Stephen & Donna loved to travel. In their 37 yrs of marriage they had wonderful Adventures in 50+ Countries & most of the U.S.A. Some of the favorite countries being, Israel (where a Tree was planted in their Honor), Turkey, Africa, Egypt, Russia, Jordan (lost City of Petra), Eastern Europe & especially Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic. They sailed to Norway on the Queen Victoria & England to New York on the QE II. They also loved to Snow Ski at Heavenly Valley, Lake Tahoe & Banff Springs, Canada.

Stephen was born in Lenoir City, Tenn., to Ralph & Velma Fritts. Stephen attended the Univ. of Tenn. In **1968 he enlisted in the Air Force where he was trained in electronics & his first assignment was in the organization that was responsible for detecting & collecting nuclear detonations world wide.** His initial duties were to fly as an aircrew member collecting debris from these nuclear events. Stephen continued these airborne duties for 15 years until health issues grounded him & he transferred within AFTAC to become a laboratory analyst & retired after 24 years of active service.

Steve was a designated Chief Airman aircrew member with over 3000 flight hours & the recipient of numerous personal awards for Outstanding Performances, Achievements & Commendations to include three Meritorious Service Medals & two Air Medals for Meritorious Achievement while Participating in Aerial Flight. Steve loved the Air Force & had a passion for all things involving flight & space. During his career he was involved in numerous missions in support of NASA Space Shuttle launches.

His aircrew member assignments whetted his appetite for aviation & he devoted much of his retirement to Research & became deeply involved in the Aerospace Museum of California. Working voluntarily at the museum as crew chief for their F-104 Starfighter. He loaned many of his personal aviation memorabilia to enhance the static display of the F-104. Steve also served as Secretary of the Museum's Board of Directors. He served with Distinction.

After retiring from the Air Force he received a Masters Degree in Computer Science from National University - "Cum Laude" He was employed by the County of Sacto. for 10 years as an I.T. Manager with Health & Human Services.

Stephen also leaves, Son, Col. John A. Nicholson, USMC, Ret. (Madeline), Grand children, Ashley, Courtney & Logan. Sisters, Patricia Bennett (John), Sandra Fritts, Brother, Archie (Beverly) & Many Beloved Nieces & Nephews. (Nephew: Sgt. Grant Bennett USAF spent much time with Uncle Stephen).

Funeral Services, with "Military Honors" will be held at 11:00 AM

Friday, 01-Aug-2014, at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA. Reception to follow. A small intimate Service of Inurnment followed on Mon. Aug. 4th at the National Military Cemetery in Dixon at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers you may donate to "Heart Assoc." or "Wounded Warriors".

NOTE: Pictorial Tribute prepared by Clark **Creery** with pictures from Christopher **Carey**, Aerospace Museum of California, where Steve devoted many hours and a memorial bench is planned in his honor. See that tribute, <https://sites.google.com/site/sitesalumnifiles/cabinet/FRITTS.mp4?attredirects=0&d=1>

Carl F. Romney, Jr.

CONTACTED BY CLARK CREEERY WHO HAD BEEN ALERTED BY CHUCK SCHUSTER
CARL F. ROMNEY, JR On July 15, 2014, Carl F. Romney, Jr., died at home in Warrenton, VA.



He was 90. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Barbara Doughty Romney; daughters Carolyn Lock of Boston, MA, and Kim Paine of Fairfax, VA; five grandchildren: Barbara Lock Latkany, Jesse Lock, Michael Lock, Dorothy Paine, and Jennie Paine; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister Janet Romney Lees, of Seattle, WA. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Romney served in the Navy during WWII; earned a BS in Engineering from Cal Tech; and a PhD in Geophysics from UC Berkeley. He was a Scientific Advisor to the US delegation during negotiation of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1962. He later served as Director, VELA Seismological Center, AFTAC; Deputy Director for Research, DARPA; and Director, Center for Seismic Studies. Among many honors over his career, Dr. Romney received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service for development of the US's worldwide seismic system to monitor foreign nuclear weapons tests. Dr. Romney was the author of two recent books: Detecting the Bomb: the Role of Seismology in the Cold War, and Recollections, a personal memoir. Memorial celebration to be held at a later date (Editors Note-Memorial information below at NOTE 2). Published in The Washington Post on July 20, 2014.

NOTE 1: Guest Book and Obituary at this URL <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?pid=171788418>

NOTE 2: Clark also sent along a notice of the Memorial: Memorial Celebration and Reception to honor the life of Carl Romney (1924-2014), Saturday, August 2, 2014, 2:00 PM, Airlie Center, Jefferson Room, 6809 Airlie Road Warrenton, VA 20187. All welcome. Please share a story about Carl if you wish, and/or RSVP to: carolyn.lock@comcast.net, Sincerely, The Romney Family. (Families) Note: In recognition of the importance of education to Carl, a donation may be made in lieu of flowers to: American Association for the Advancement of Science (www.aaas.org/giving) Directions: www.airlie.com/map

Memorium

JUDY MILAM

Thanks for passing on the news about Dr. Carl Romney. It saddens me to know of his passing. He was such a nice person. My first position at AFTAC (in December 1965) was in TD-1B, and Dr. Romney was Director of both TD-1 and the VELA Seismological Center

(VSC). At that time, his primary location was at the VSC office in downtown Alexandria, but a year or two later he and his immediate staff moved to the AFTAC building on Telegraph Road. Dr. Romney was well respected and a pleasure to work for. Not long after he moved to the AFTAC building, Dr. Romney came to my desk and gave me a small tin box of BANTRON and told me I should take them to help me give up cigarettes (I think he had used them and kicked the habit) and he would buy me more BANTRON, if I needed them. At that time, I wasn't even thinking of giving up cigarettes, but taking his advice, I took the BANTRON, and in no time was free of the cigarette habit. Later, I thanked him.

JIM DAVIS

It is always sad to hear the news when one of your comrades pass on. I recall and have good memories of Dr. Romney and the good things he did for me personally. A year or so before AFTAC moved to Patrick, I had filed my intentions to retire and had only about nine(9) months left when AFTAC moved. I contacted the personnel section and asked if they would consider assigning me to VELA Seismological Center there in Alexandria...I discussed this with Art **Pridemore** in the assignment section if this could be done, and he said I would have to check with Dr Romney to see if he could use me there for this short period remaining before I retired. In discussing this with Dr.Romney he said yes, I am sure we can find something for you to do there. This is another example of how great an organization AFTAC really is and how considerate it is for its personnel.

Gerald (Jerry) Agerstrand

CONTACTED BY ROGER HORNSBY, WHO ADDED: "HE WAS A 99125 AND WAS STATIONED FOR SURE IN SONCEA MID-LATE 70S."

In Memory of GERALD D AGERSTRAND, November 11, 1943 - July 27, 2014, Obituary, Arrangements under the direction of Life Event Center at Florida Memorial, Rockledge, FL. Visitation was July 30, Funeral Service, Thursday, July 31, Florida Memorial Funeral Home.

Guest Book and more at this URL, <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=GERALD-AGERSTRAND&lc=4467&pid=171889768&mid=6063572>



MAIL - CALL



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

Thanks to all who contact us! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).



CLARK CREERY SENT THE EPOMO LINK TO ESUBSCRIBERS ON 04.14 AT 4:25PM EST, EARLY RESPONDER(S):

FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN' FIRST 24-HOURS

#1-Sean Ryan, email, 09:03PM

Awesome Po-Mo, once again Chief. Never fails with so many to put it together and send out to over 600+ folks world-wide. Right on! Sean, thank you, it does always seem to work out with a few wrinkles here and there. And your contributions to the alumni are many and recognized in this issue.

MAIL-CALL

Clark Creery, email, 04:14PM

By the way, I just finished a scan and reading some of the in-depth comments throughout the Newsletter. Folks are right, it just gets better and better. Thank you so much for all you are able to do with the smattering of information that is provided to you. Great issue and I know you will receive tons of comments and all of those well deserved. Thank you, Clark, that means a lot and you have so much to do with the success of this newsletter, which you started long ago and later entrusted to we who follow.

Jim Davis, email, 04.15

John, as usual receiving the Po/Mo is special, the last issue is no different. It is always especially interesting to see comments, letters etc from those that I knew many years ago and with each of these it triggers memories from the distant past and it seems to cause reason for "another" story...this issue is like that...and yes I have another story !!! Jim, we are glad to read you are so moved, with both your words and your memories. However, we missed hearing from you yesterday as one of our early responders!! **READERS:** Jim's report at 'Feature Article' area.

Frank Szachta, email, 05.04

NEDRA'S NOTICE WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN PM2013.08

My beloved wife of over 61 years of wedded bliss passed away peacefully in her sleep on 22 June 2013. I alerted my family of this event and they all quickly came to the Hollywood Hotel in St. Louis suburb to pay their last respects. Since there were no witnesses to her passing, except her husband (me) the local police visited and noted what her nightly medications were, and interviewed me about the circumstances. All these interviews went well, and the local mortuary/funeral Directors we had met last year came also. The Hotel staff and others were all gracious and allowed our family last visits to be completed over a full five hours.

The funeral was fully organized by our three daughters with help from their brothers and friends. The funeral preparations were very well done by the funeral directors and we selected a burial at the beautiful Jefferson Barracks military cemetery. The husbands of the daughters helped arrange some beautiful family photo's as well as many sewing articles Nedra had fashioned over her lifetime were transported from our Florida home by our decade long friend Bill Halls. I called Bill upon Nedra's death so he could fly north to help us celebrate Nedra's life during her funeral and burial.

My wife Nedra's consistent good counsel and support during our long military career with its many moves, many schools and difficult challenges were priceless. My life with her for over 61 years of support and her great child raising skills and long night support during their growing years were immeasurable. She was a super Mom and mother during these many years to me, to our six children, our 14 grand children and our latest four great-grand children. This great family and the many challenges we face over these years will be cheerfully told in a humorous and good way in our small book shortly.

If you want to read a good story about a young couple who met at a Korean wartime dance and proceeded to make a true "Love at first sight" dream come true, just call me at (941) 729-3010 or write me via computer at flysewgood@gmail.com (these two words spell our two avocations), or snail me at Frank Szachta at 187 Denmark Drive in Ellenton, FL. 34222 and I will be sure you get a copy. An early title of our family story is, "A True Story of Love At First sight" or a current tale of a family of six drives cross country from New Hampshire to California. A modern Griswold comedy tale. Sincerely sent

Dennis Back, email, 05.13

(I) should have done this sooner. Shirley and I are still here local in SUNTREE. I always look forward to the POMO. Good job. If I can be of any help let me know. Good to hear from you guys, and thanks for the offer. The best way to help is attend the meetings and choose what you'd like to do. Currently, help is needed with the reunion being planned for Florida in 2015.

Sage Report(s)

ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES. HYPERLINKS, IF ANY, WERE ACTIVE WHEN CHECKED. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE AND RECOMMEND A WEB 'SEARCH.'

Clark Creery, email, 04.08

Interesting photo's - Declassified finally. **Amazing de-classified pix Atomic Bombs** This is an unbelievable set of photos - the REAL thing - pix from Tinian Island as the B-29 "Enola Gay" was being loaded. Today it takes about 100 times the number of people and TONS of paperwork to accomplish the same end. Wasted manpower through make-work projects?

Notice the "Top Secret" stamp on some of the photos. In the last few pix notice the CRUDE sheet metal work on the casing and fins of "Little Boy" - the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. This gives a little look into the other side of the engineering on the first atomic bombs, the mechanical and logistical work that it took to handle, store, transport, and load them. Declassified, historical photographs. http://www.alternatewars.com/Bomb>Loading/Bomb_Guide.htm

Harry Joseph, email, 05.04, 'Sages Helping Sages'

In the Mail-Call section of the 2014.04 PoMo was an email letter from Deanna Matthews (02.09) discussing her father **Jack L. Matthews**, an AFTAC member from way back. He is living in the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans' home in Temple, TX. Temple is adjacent to Belton and the home is either on the grounds of or adjacent to the VA Hospital there.

I contacted Deanna shortly after reading the e-mail and she gave me instructions on how to reach her dad. I had a follow-up appointment with my hip surgeon at the Scott and White Hospital, just in front of the VA grounds, so I dropped in to visit him.

Quite a character. I spent about 1 1/2 hours reminiscing with him. We learned we were in the same squadron, 33rd Comm. Sq., at March AFB, and even worked on the same computer system, though different components, and never met each other. If you've seen "Doctor Strangelove" you saw "The Big Board" that displays all the locations of USAF aircraft in the air around the world. That/they were the displays for the computer we worked on.

Meanwhile, his daughter and husband are now retired and just bought some 14 acres east of IH 35 between Temple and Georgetown near Buckholz. Their current plan to set up a double-wide and live there.

Today, June 4, is Jack's birthday. I told him it was Pat and my 54th anniversary and that I would try to bring her to meet him. As it turned out, I had my "bowel search" today and was not allowed to drive. Pat was my driver the day.

Note: Bergstrom AFB, now Bergstrom IAP, was my final AF assignment (Hq Sq Commander) and I retired on April 1, 1984 (Pat's birthday). Sooooo, I've been retired longer than I served in USAF (26 years, 7 months and 11 days. Amazing how time flies. Harry, thank you. What heartening news to read!! Thanks for sharing.

Tom Niquette, email, 06.21

Tom sent an email about '**The Meaning of the Flag Draped Coffin.**' This 'You-Tube' clip is a good remind-

er, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTknjLoga9k>
Thank you, Tom, for this reminder of something very meaningful to all Sages.

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

UPDATES BY CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE & THE LAST PAGE OF POMO. NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATIONS IN FULL. WE GET SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

'Serial Sages'

(New Lifetime Members)

Bob McKenzie

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals)

Mike McKeon - 3 years, Lawrence Marola Jr - 1 Year

'Lost Sages'

(Awaiting Dues Payment)

Liberatori, Shearer, Yockey, Grew

'Help'

(Missing Sages)

Our Membership Chair, Clark Creery, asks for help to locate Keri L **Robinson**, his Herndon, VA, address failed. Keri is a lifetime members and we'd like to regain contact and recommend ePoMo for subscribing.

New/Renewal, Sage Shop and Notes of Interest

WE HAVE AN ONGOING REQUEST WITH CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR/MAJOR MAIL BOX' CHECKER, TO PASS ALONG NOTES HE RECEIVES DURING THE PROCESS.

TIME TO RENEW

It is that time of year once again. Early in September, those of you who are not Lifetime Members, will be getting notification that your dues are due. I normally post this information on the Website, and for those of you who have email addresses, I will send you a note. Each year we always end up with some who are forgetful or missed the notice. I try to remind and remind again to ensure that you are in the loop. If not, come the end of December, I remove you from our rolls and you will not receive the Post Monitor by mail or by electronic means.

The past several months, with the help of Frank Calenda, Bill Schmeid, and Bob Fitzgerald we have worked hard to correct our Master Database to ensure that you are listed and you will get notifications from our Post Monitor, via Email or even through your Google Account. In Google, we have over 1200 listings, quite a few questionable because they have been captured from many sources but we try our best. My thanks to those who often send us a note giving us a heads up about a new email address or a new street or state address. It helps because when someone is looking for you, they contact me and if the data is incorrect. Well?



◆ Long Range Detection Alumni Association, Patrick AFB FL

CHAPTER NEWS



After stepping outside recently to retrieve the daily newspaper, I was forced to accept that Summer is really here! And with that, the realization that our year is now half over. This prompted me to consider where we are as an organization and where we are headed.

The SNOWBALL of 2014 is well behind us and we are well into the near final planning stages for the AFTAC World Wide Reunion of 2015 (Officially named WWR 2015). Be sure to keep tabs on the evolving information about the reunion on our web site. The event is shaping up to be a truly memorable activity. We are also waiting for the final approval of our request to officially change the name of our organization to the AFTAC Alumni Association. We hope to receive that approval from the 45th Space Wing any time now. (Editor note: It has been approved.)

Also in the midst of planning is the SNOWBALL 2015. This will be a more casual event because of the proximity to the WWR 2015 event. And, once again we are rapidly approaching the annual association meeting and the election of officers for the 2015 year. You should find the Election Committee (chaired by past President Terry Hammond) with the recommended slate of nominees elsewhere in this issue of the Post Monitor, as well as information on the date, time and location of the meeting. So make sure you look for it and place the information on your calendar. Our Florida Chapter has several hundred members, but unfortunately we only see 2-3% of them at the meetings. It is a great time to reconnect with your old friends and co-workers, be reminded of the past (now you know that you think of them often!), and share those memories. There are even some active duty attendees that attend hoping to hear some new stories of the "Old AFTAC", and you get to hear of the current day AFTAC as well. Well, thanks for reading this column and be sure to read the rest of the PoMo for lots of interesting and informative content. See you at the General Membership Meeting in September?



Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve(d) and we have recorded. See at '<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/-Pg 07>'. Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members *Elected*

President-Lou Seiler Vice-David Melton

Secretary & Publicity-Sean Ryan Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Matthews/CCS, Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/cc HO
Hospitality-Judy Milam-Henderson, Web/Electronic Media-Mike Black, Clark Creery, John Horsch, Membership-Clark Creery Post-Monitor Editor/Alumni of the Year Coordinator-John Horsch

Sage Shop-Steve Revels/HQ IG

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A Minute with the Minutes

Alumni Assn Name Change: Discussed and voted on at an April 'Special Meeting,' the vote carried to revert to our previous designation, 'AFTAC Alumni Association.' AF Regs now permit using that title.

AFTAC Cares Program: This ongoing program supporting deployed active duty AFTAC members continues to receive good support from Sages. (see PoMo active-duty section and alumni assn website for more).

Golf: Chief Melton/TM, 'Major Arranger' reports, pg 1.

Hall of Heritage: Mike Young/CC HO, We are moving slowly ahead with creating an AFTAC display at HQ, AFISRA. Right now we are in the process of planning the mock-up of a foil (to highlight airborne sampling) and procuring an older seismometer (to highlight seismic). Next steps will then be to work with the AFISRA HO display expert to put all of this together. It will probably be completed sometime this summer.

The design of the new building is 100% complete. I am satisfied at this point that our new 'Hall of Heritage' will have adequate space to tell our (your!) remarkable story and to preserve our heritage.

Membership: Clark Creery, WorldWide-4621, SEO-170, Deceased-475, FL/LT-632/570, ePoMo/USPS, 312/320, eALLert Subscribers, 808.

Post-Monitor: John Horsch, our 300+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the Dec issue posting at 'Box.com' nearly 300 times, for 'Previews' and 'Downloads,' - meaning, try ePoMo, you'll like it., you 'see/do more' with ePoMo!!

***** **'Membership Musings'**

CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

07.09, Here we are well into summer and we see that the Headquarters personnel are now all moved into their new digs. What a great building for folks who are now at the helm of such a great organization. We had our first meeting in the Green Room which is located in the lobby area. What a pleasant surprise to be visited by the PA, the new Protocol Officer, the new Super, and the Commander.

It was invigorating to see that the fire still burns within those who serve and those who have served. As a membership chair I continue to dig deeper to try to tell those that the Alumni is not a group of over-the-hill old fogies but

a group of folks who continue to stay in-tune with the latest and greatest that they have served all these years.

The 'Worldwide Reunion 2015' phrase is "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants"! AFTAC'ers, those shoulders are yours! You have served your nation and you have gone that extra step to ensure that we continue to serve even if we do not wear the uniform of active-duty today.

As membership chair I attempt to ride herd on the email listings and I continue to see that a good percentage of the over 800 listed have not checked their status and you are not getting the information that we release from time to time. Those of you who are members of the Florida Chapter are in great shape and we thank you for that.

Over the next several months you may note changes because I am trying to weed out those who have out of date emails or who never review their emails from us. I wish we had more participation from the various groups who have sprung up on Facebook, but we continue to put important information out there for those who are not members. September is Membership Month and we look forward to another year whereby we would love to surpass those previous years with membership sign-up. At any rate I will drive you nuts with reminders and please check your addresses and your emails to ensure that you stay connected. Nuff of my begging....Happy Computing!

COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2014.07 EXTRACTS

ECHOES

President, Steve Clark-Vice, Darrel Kline-Treasurer, Bill Schmied-Newsletter Editor, Jerry Moxley/Publisher, Ken Behrens-Webmaster, Bill Harris-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>.

Membership: 87



FL Editor Note: Jerry Moxley (Moxi), ECHOES Editor, advises Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' issue via email, mox@wispertel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter.

Events Calendar

WEBSITE (URL @ OFFICER LISTING) HAS INFO/UPDATES-CONTACT IF ATTENDING
-General Membership Breakfast 13 Sep 2014, 09:00, Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House. 50 S Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80012. cost \$12.00 - Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please RSVP to Darrel Kline vicepres@aftacco.org or 720- or 720-439-9939 NLT 5 Sep 2014. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

--Winter Dinner 15 Nov 2014 same Location, 1700 Hours

February Alumni General Meeting Breakfast

Pictures and report follow >>>



Capt Dex Landreth and Maj Jason Miller giving detachment status updates to the alumni and receiving our gift certificates from Steve (standing left) on behalf of their Detachment 45 & 46 NCO and Airman of the Year 2013.



Lonnie Gibbons receiving his AFTAC/LRD Alumni of the Year 2013 placard and medal from Alumni Prez, Steve Clark. These artifacts of recognition were first presented, in absenteeism, to Lonnie at the 'Center Annual Award Banquet.' in February. Lonnie's selection was announced at the CO Chapter hosted WorldWide Reunion in June, 2013, and he was also recognized at the Florida Chapter SnowBall, again, in absenteeism, in February.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2014.07 EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

2014-15 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts** (D), Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>. **Florida Editor's Note:** The 1st Page of this 'Fallout' is available at the website, full issues preceding this are also available. This editor can personally attest to the value of reviewing CA's posted issues. There are articles of high interest for Sages not available elsewhere, better yet, become a member..



Events Calendar

Just a reminder business meetings are the 2nd Monday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome.

(Always check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

A Word from the President

DAVE TARQUINO

The WCC lost a good friend this month with the passing of Steve **Fritts**. Steve was a good friend to all of us in the WCC, and in spite of his being on the heart transplant list for a long time; he stepped up and agreed to stand for reelection as our Director At Large".

Our hearts and prayers go out to Donna and all the

Fritts family. The Aerospace Museum of California has authorized a memorial bench in Steve's honor in the flag courtyard fronting the main AMC entrance. The total cost required is \$2500. The WCC will donate \$500.00. Florida Editor Note: The \$2500 was quickly donated and plans move forward. Steve's obituary is on our 'Sages to Remember' pages as well as a link to a pictorial tribute to Steve.

Website Activity Report

BOB FITZGERALD, WEBMASTER, WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG

NOTE: Florida Editor's compilation of Bob's report: Apr-Jun, unique visits, almost 17,000; Avg per day, 184; Most visited page, Albums/Departed. **Check it out, see what those thousands are seeing.**

Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As of 9 June 2014, Total Active Members = 147 Life Members = 136, This is an increase of 1 active member, Ester McCoy.

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster" from our website "Forms" page. Life memberships are available for \$75.

You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of this newsletter or the one from our web site "Forms" page to send with your dues.

Don't let your membership lapse. Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists. (See our web site "Forms" page, "WCC Roster" link to check your status.)

And More ...

We had 34 in attendance at our Spring Picnic, which was arranged & coordinated by BUTCH KEMNA, WCC Treasurer. Photos were taken by: Ken **Breitwieser** and Denise **Dermenjian**. There are 29 picnic photos in full color available on the "Albums" page of our www.AFTACWCC.org web site. The photo page was prepared by Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster.

Florida Editors Note, check it out, see how many friends you have that attended the picnic!!



AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC. – WEST COAST CHAPTER OFFICERS for 2014-2015: L-R: George **Thompson**, Asst Chmn of the Bd; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chmn of the Board; Dave **Tarquino**, President; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst Secretary; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; John "Butch" **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dave **Price**, Membership Chmn; Joe **Johnson**, Vice President
Not pictured: Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large (D); and Don **King**, Depot Fallout Newsletter Editor

MONITORing Active

Duty Doing's from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Commander/CC/2012.05 The Col served the AF in many capacities before AFTAC. Recently chief, requirements & assessments, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance at the Pentagon. He was commissioned in '92 from the Officer Training Group and was a distinguished graduate.

Col. Christopher
A. Worley

Complete Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



Superintendent/CCS, 2014.05, AF/AFTAC1988 The Chief grew up in Raleigh, NC. He has served in various positions in AFTAC including S. Korea, Australia, Alaska, Thailand, Germany, Nebraska and the Center. Additionally, Chief Brown has deployed with the WC-135 and operated in a wide variety of mission techniques within AFTAC. Education: All NCO Academies. Complete Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



We are family...

CHIEF MASTER SGT. MATTHEW W. BROWN

EDITORS NOTE: WE INTRODUCED CHIEF BROWN TO YOU IN LAST ISSUE'S 'MAIL-CALL' SECTION. HE IS NOW AFTAC'S SUPERINTENDENT AND WE ASK HIM FOR A FEW WORDS ABOUT BEING IN THAT CHAIR.

"We are Family"..." Sister Sledge couldn't have said it any better. Although they probably had never heard of AFTAC, their words describe us perfectly. Those words are also captured beautifully by our alumni organization, currently the Long Range Detection Alumni Association, soon to proudly be called the AFTAC Alumni Association!

I have been a part of the AFTAC family for more than 26 years, young by some standards, but only recently a formal part of the alumni family. I'm grateful to be given this opportunity to serve as AFTAC's Superintendent, but more so to be a part of the longer lasting alumni association. Now, I'm hopeful I can share my enthusiasm about being part of the family with everyone who is serving or has ever served in AFTAC and encourage more participation with the alumni.

At the last alumni meeting, we shared some thoughts on what the group meant to everyone, and what reason any new Airman would have for joining. We grinned when some said they had heard, "I don't play golf, so what's in it for me?" We heard others exclaim, "It is nothing but meetings..." Well, I'm here to tell you it's a lot bigger than that.

The group has a deeper meaning in that it demonstrates the core concept AFTAC has built all of its past

success on; in essence, the fact that we are one big family!

I challenge anyone to tell me they didn't get something good out of their time with AFTAC. Our common (and highly specialized) mission inevitably brings us closer together than many other military organizations. Our unique challenges require us to work as a unit to get things accomplished. Most importantly, our camaraderie helps us forge superior teams who perform at a level not found elsewhere. Yes, I'm proud to be a part of the family, and hope you are too.

Bottom line, get out there and join me in becoming a formal member of the AFTAC Alumni Association. Together we can all help continue to make it a meaningful organization, and steer it in a direction that benefits everyone in AFTAC. Our actions will keep this organization strong, and recognize the spirit of teamwork through our common bond.

Thanks Sister Sledge, thanks AFTAC, and thanks AFTAC alumni for reminding me that, "We are Family!"

EDITOR'S NOTE. The Chief also wrote an article of interest to all of us, "I Am The Air Force," that is posted here, <http://www.patrick.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123420362>



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftac-cares-program-support-our-deployed>

'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@us.af.mil, Carol provides this update: We currently have 5 AFTAC deployed, some have written 'notes of appreciation,' see following.

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes and we post them at the association' website (URL above), and, as possible, in the PoMo. Often, these 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience. **Several of those 'Thanks You's' follow:**

I can't believe I received another care package. It is such a nice surprise to get a box full of goodies. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation for all the wonderful things they sent. Everyone here in my small office enjoyed it...since everyone always shares. Thanks again! **Pam Frost**

I was hoping you could pass on my thanks to the AFTAC Spouse's club (and the Alumni Assn). I received another package from them right before I left NKC. It was good timing because we had packed up all the other snacks. The entire box was a hugh hit with everyone. We have about 20 people in the USFOR-A J1 unit and they All enjoyed it...especially the whoppee cushion! Please tell them it was much appreciated and sorry it took to so long to say thanks...between the move and the systems being set up I am finally able to use my computer. **Pam Frost (XP)**

I just received a care package from the AFTAC

Spouse Club (and Alumni Assn, Florida Chapter) and was hoping you could pass on my thanks. I will send a note when I get a free moment...may be a while. Looks like they sent it on 21st of March but I just got it yesterday...the mail was delayed due to elections...don't want them to think it wasn't appreciated. Please tell them how much I appreciate the box and the thoughts behind it. They sure can pack a care box...it was full of a little bit of everything. Everyone here sure got a kick out of the sugar cookies with the Air Force symbol...all the bake goods were a big hit. Again I can't tell you how much I appreciate the care package and nice notes from CC/Vice CC/Superintendent/local children. Since I shared, it was really appreciated by All. Thanks so much, Pam Frost (XP)

The Boosters Club Reports

President - SSgt Angela Gray, **Vice President** - SSgt Ryan Doerr, **Secretary/Public Affairs** - A1C Anthony Pham, **Treasurer** - SrA Gregory Helms, **Clothing Sales** - SSgt Tyla Vanzandt, **Fundraising** Rep - SrA Luchia Warfield

Winter Social, usually in December, is in the planning stages. Check the Florida Chapter Alumni Assn Website, 'Calendar,' often for the latest information.

PoMo EDITORS NOTE: To follow events at the Center we pass on information via eALLert's to subscribed members (open to all, email 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' to enroll) and/or the alumni assn website (URL, Front Page Banner), 'Breaking News' and/or 'Calendar of Events,' Page 05. Check there often.

AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA, PROVIDES ITEMS OF INTEREST ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WE POST THEM AT THE ASSN WEBSITE, [HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/LRDALUMNIASSNNEEDTOKNOWNOW/](https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/) 'PAGE 1-BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW,' CHECK THERE OFTEN. AS SPACE PERMITS, ABSTRACTS FOLLOW WITH A LINK TO THE COMPLETE STORY, OFTEN WITH PICTURES. LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING. MANY OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE.

Vindication comes to scientist 60 yrs later

Although not that long ago, it's somewhat difficult to imagine a world without global positioning systems, Google Earth or the internet. It's harder still to visualize a 21st century scientific research laboratory without super computers, high definition microscopes or fully-digitized equipment. And yet, without all those significant technological advances and capabilities at his fin-

gertips, in 1953 one scientist was able to accurately pinpoint the location of a secretly detonated thermonuclear weapon by the Soviets within 10 kilometers. By modern-day standards, that kind of precision seems plausible and not all that astounding, especially when you consider that today's laser-guided munitions can be delivered with acute accuracy. But when you factor in that one man had pioneered a number of techniques to measure the arrival time of seismic and infrasound signals, analyze incoming waveform data, and then mathematically calculate the location of the explosion – all without the use of the aforementioned GPS, super-computers and world wide web – it makes for one amazing scientific feat.

Enter Dr. Carl Romney, a geophysicist whose professional career was dedicated to the field of seismic detection of nuclear explosions. Romney was the assistant technical director of geophysics at the then highly-classified Air Force Office of Atomic Energy-One or AFOAT-1. Their mission was to detect any foreign nuclear weapons tests and, to the best of their ability, determine the characteristics of the weapon. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123409482>

AFTAC's maritime radar becomes operational The Air Force Technical Applications Center has a welcome addition to its treaty monitoring capabilities – the Cobra King radar system aboard the USNS Howard O. Lorenzen. Cobra King is a new, state-of-the-art mobile radar system consisting of S- and X-band phased radars that AFTAC employs to provide worldwide, high quality, high resolution, multi-wavelength radar data to the Department of Defense's strategic community, the Missile Defense Agency and other government agencies. The radar and ship are the sea component of DoD's Cobra program that monitors missile and space launches. Other Cobra platforms include the Cobra Ball (airborne tracker) Cobra Dane (stationary array), Cobra Shoe (overseas antenna site) and AFTAC's recently decommissioned maritime vessel, Cobra Judy (USNS Observation Island). The vessel is operated by Military Sealift Command under a support agreement with AFTAC. The ship operates with a combined crew of civilian mariners who are responsible for operating and navigating the ship, as well as military ...

Editor's Note: Read the rest of this report, and much more, at <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123420526>

Headquarters' Active Duty Schedule: ***

PREPARED/PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY.

NOTE: Sages are invited to participate***

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outside HQ's Building	Various
LRDAA Monthly Meeting	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1600 or other designated time	1545 HQ's Lobby or other Venue	Alumni Website, https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/Home
Burger Burn	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	HQ	On hold until established in the new building.
Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops	Bi-Monthly/1830	Various, contact POC	aftacspouse@yahoo.com

Ed Note: this lists only recurring events ... for a complete list of all events, current and recurring, see the 'Schedule of Events' kept up to date, and complete, at the website, '<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule>'

FEATURE ARTICLES

1. "Commander's reCall"/(2007.09) (last report)
2. "I Remember ... "/This issue
3. "A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD (2007.09)
4. "Sage Stars"/Post Service Success (2013.08)
5. "BS Tales"/(2013.12)
6. "Where In The World Is"/(2012.08)
7. "Tom's Trivia"/(2014/04)

NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS.
We list them in the hope it will trigger you to sit down and share a tale or two. It is also a reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!
 Send inputs to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column).

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

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.).
HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd, John Horsch (3 reports), Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone (D), Robert Jones (D), Mary Miller, Jim Davis (7), Rick Holderman (2), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman (D), George Kraus (2), George Watters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad, Joe Johnson (2), John Bright(3), Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lillethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy (D), Tom Dunn, Bob Long, Vern Mikkelsen, Brian Swan (D), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, Tony Balentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield (D), Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, Dave Wingfield, Bill Moran, Ron Geleta, Harry Hodges, Mary Welch (2, D), Karl Starzinger, John Johnson and Buford Clendenen

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'I REMEMBER' REPORTS**Jim Davis Reports:**

JOHN, AS USUAL RECEIVING THE PO/MO IS SPECIAL, THE LAST ISSUE IS NO DIFFERENT. IT IS ALWAYS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING TO SEE COMMENTS, LETTERS ETC FROM THOSE THAT I KNEW MANY YEARS AGO AND WITH EACH OF THESE IT TRIGGERS MEMORIES FORM THE DISTANT PAST AND IT SEEMS TO CAUSE REASON FOR "ANOTHER" STORY...THIS ISSUE IS LIKE THAT...AND YES I HAVE ANOTHER STORY!!!

This one has to do with Col John R. Johnson, and his "I Remember" report and triggered this story. We, (he and I along with many others) were stationed at Team 407 back in the mid '50's (notice I used the term "TEAM" rather than the later term DETACHMENT) I never gave it much thought back then why it was called "Team and not "Det", but think I now know...we were a team like a family...we were very close and supportive of each...Rank...yes we all respected each others rank and position , but we did a lot of things together where rank was not a big issue...athletics and we had one heck of a good softball team where we competed with other base units.

I happened to manage the team and we had people like Col Johnson, Robert Ripley, Dan Cerelli, and a couple more officers that I can't remember at present, and then we had people like "Hank" Raymond, Jim Turk, Jim O'Nan; Harry Lineman; Tim Burns and others which I have difficulty remembering. Hank was our star...really, Hank was really our best player...he was a darn good pitcher as well...had a fast ball no one could

touch and he could play other positions as well-always used Hank as a pitcher in our most difficult games...but we had another pitcher as well...Col. Johnson.

In Hank's way of thinking, if he wasn't pitching he should be playing 3rd base because he was good or better than most others...but as manager, I felt that we should give each and every one a chance to be a part of the team and it was of course up-setting to Hank when he was not playing. Might mention here Col Johnson was NOT the pitcher Hank was, as mentioned, Hank had this great fastball and good control. Col Johnson just lobbed the ball to the batter....but...he put a lot of back spin on the ball and the batters simply couldn't hit the ball...if they did they would just pop it up...but he got the job done and we won and that was important...we were a TEAM and we got along like family...enjoyed doing what we were doing and enjoyed one another.

I sometimes thought my job as a manager of the softball team was far more difficult than my technical job. In addition, there were other off-duty activities that made us a TEAM. Yeah, it seems every issue brings back a lot of good memories.....Jim Davis And we appreciate that you share. I hope others will follow your lead.

Lester Miller Reports:

LES WROTE THIS IN RESPONSE TO FRANK CALENDAR'S 'BUILDING DEDICATION' VIDEO REPORTED ON IN MY EDITORIAL, PAGE 2.

Thank you very much for this video and all the work you do for the Alumni Assoc. Watching this video reminded me of what a difference this move to a new building in 2014 was from the 1959 move from Guam Hall in NE, Wash DC, to the new building at 2525 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA.

We moved from Guam Hall over the Labor Day weekend. No special ceremony etc. I and my crew had the Supply Section set-up for business as usual on Tuesday morning. It wasn't until almost 10 years later when I was on my terminal assignment at Wurtsmith AFB in Michigan when I received a call from someone at Hqs wanting to know what I knew about Gen'l Rodenhouser signing for the building instead of GSA. The unofficial story was that some other outfit from the Pentagon wanted the building and Gen'l Rodenhouser wasn't about to let that happen.

LESTER WENT ON TO SHARE ANOTHER MEMORY:

I don't know how many other people this happened to, but I was stationed at O'Hare In't Arp't when I was selected for what at that time was the 1009th SWS. It was sometime in January 1955 when I received a letter from General Hooks welcoming me to the 1009th. We were having our annual inspection by 10th AF and the Major inspecting the Supply section said he had never seen a letter from a General welcoming a S/Sgt to his organization! Unfortunately, I lost the letter. Then they forgot about me until April 1956, when I received a call from some Capt. wanting to know how much leave I wanted

and was I still single. When I asked why, he said that the MSGt I was replacing at EFO in the Meiji Bldg in downtown Tokyo had been back in the states for over 2 months and EFO wanted to know where his replacement was. So I agreed to a 15 day leave. While on leave I received orders telling me to report to some MSGT at Travis for the 1st flight they could get me on.

I have rambled on long enough and probably have bored you stiff, but old AFTAC'ers are known to do this!

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

What an honor to continue to present to you 'Rangers' who deserve special recognition because they served with the organization for 20 years or longer. We salute you. A little bird told us (Well to call Doctor Young a bird is not right.) He has attained his educational degree Congrats to him. Anyhow the wall may find a place of honor in the new HQ Building.

#22 and 23 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ.
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COLONEL CHARLES McBREARTY, JR.

(1974-1991, 1993-PRESENT)

JUL 74 JUL 78	**	1155 TCHOS (DLC)
JUL 79 JUN 80	**	HQ/TR
JUN 80 JUN 81	**	HQ/TN
JUN 81 MAY 83	**	DETACHMENT 063 COMMANDER
MAY 83 JUN 85	**	HQ/TNR
JUN 85 JUN 87	**	HQ/TN
JUN 87 JUN 89	**	HQ PACTOA COMMANDER
JUL 89 MAY 91	**	HQ/XP
JAN 93 PRESENT	**	HQ/TM



SMSGT JOHN W. McGETTIGAN
(Pictured with Col Robert Smith)

(1949 - 1970)

1949 1954	**	1009 SWS (VIRGINIA)
1954 1956	**	DETACHMENT 301
1956 1959	**	WESTERN FIELD OFFICE
1959 1962	**	1157 TCHOS
1962 1963	**	LOWRY AFB CO STUDENT
1963 1964	**	DETACHMENT 142
1964 1967	**	1155 TCHOS
1967 1969	**	DETACHMENT 301
1969 1970	**	1155 TCHOS

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

#24 and 25 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQs when relocated to new building.
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MSGT JERRY A. ACE

(1969 - 1992)

MAY 69	MAY 70	**	LOWRY AFB CO STUDENT
MAY 70	JUN 71	**	DETACHMENT 423
JUN 71	JUL 72	**	DETACHMENT 141
JUL 72	AUG 74	**	DETACHMENT 162
AUG 74	AUG 75	**	DETACHMENT 452
AUG 75	NOV 78	**	1155 TCHOS
NOV 78	MAR 80	**	TUSLOG DET 18
MAR 80	FEB 82	**	3454 TTS LOWRY AFB CO
FEB 82	JUN 84	**	DETACHMENT 18
JUN 84	OCT 88	**	DETACHMENT 377
OCT 88	JUL 92	**	HQ/LG



JOSEPH (JOE) D. AMERENA

(1967 1999)

1967 1999 ** TECH OPS DIV

*****SAGE SCHEDULE*****

NOTE: The following information is based on meeting at the 'old building.' Be aware there may be changes when the move to the 'new building' is complete.

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

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

a. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.

b. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted below.

NOTE: Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility) may be considered for any meeting

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.**BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE**

AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITOR

'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

September

05, 1530-WindDown TBD

26, 1145-Annual General Membership & Elections, **Page 1**

October

03, 1530-WindDown TBD

13, 1600- Board/Membership Meeting

November

07, 1530-WindDown TBD

10, 1600-Board/Membership Meeting

December

05, 1530-WindDown TBD

08, 'Off-Site' Board/Membership Meeting, time/site TBD

3. Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes

(**Bold Dates** are tentative-others for planning only)

A. January-April, four events (months may vary)

1. Feb SnowBall XVII

2. Feb, Center Annual Awards Banquet

3. Apr, Center Annual Picnic

4. May XXVI Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogether, pg 1

B. May-August, one event (months may vary)

Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication

C. September-December, 4 events (months may vary)

1. **Sep 26**, Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September VII**'-is held on a **Friday at lunchtime** to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty. See Pg 1 for details.

--AOY Selection Committee will meet following the meeting.

2. Oct/Nov, XXVI Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether

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

4. Dec, Center Winter Social

4. WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Lastly, CO-2013.13, before that, CA-2011.05, and FL-2009.06. The next WorldWide is scheduled to be hosted by the

Florida Chapter, 29-31 May, see page 1.

*****SAGE SHOP*****

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, Steven **Revels**/IG, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach Steve, by phone:321-494-6867 or Email: steven.revels.1@us.af.mil

SHIPPING: Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling of 1 item & \$1.50 for each additional. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)

The shop can also be perused on our website:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxzaXRlc2FsdW1uaWZpbGVzfGd4OjMwMjQ1NTI5MWRkOTZkNjI>

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

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

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

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

Windbreakers - \$24 Royal Blue, colored Alumni emblem Hats – \$8.00 Blue/White

COINS/PINS

50th LRD Commemorative Coin \$3

60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$4

(NOTE: 60th Coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th; vendor refused to change)

NuDet NDS 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin, supply very limited - \$10

99/9S Coin - \$8

AFTAC 'Traditional' Coin-HQ w/aircraft/motto/logo on reverse \$8

AFTAC Top 3 Coin - \$7

AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3.25

CLEARANCE ITEMS:

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

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

SAGE SHIP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS

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

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



"Tom Trivia," if any, Answer:

None this issue

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 Near the end of this PoMo prep cycle we have learned our request to change our Alumni Association name 'back to' 'AFTAC Alumni Association' is most likely to be approved. We changed to 'Long Range Detection Alumni Association' in mid-2001 to continue having our meetings 'on base,' ie, in the HQ's Building, to meet Air Force policy at the time. We believe the name change will relate better to those who served most of their time under that Organizational name, plus the current Active-Duty whom we hope to attract to our Alumni Assn at some point.

BREAKING NEWS As our editor so aptly explained, we have requested a name change to our LRD Alumni Association and requested formal approval to embrace a name change to the AFTAC Alumni Association.

Well, 29 July 2014, Colonel Glen E. Christensen, Commander, 45th Mission Support Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, provided a document that is in accordance with AFI 34-223. "It states that the charter is hereby granted to the AFTAC Alumni Association to operate as a private organization". Thus, the LRDA has been retired and we are back to the original identity as AFTAC Alumni. Thanks to our president, secretary, and all those involved who worked to get this approved. This is Great News.

ABOVE AND BEYOND MSgt Chad Taguba, an active duty alumni member has been working very hard to design and manufacture a special coin for the Alumni. Thoughts were to present this coin to an Alumni of The Year during a Snowball Celebration, but that has not been finalized. Chad serves well above and beyond.



Really Late News: SSgt Ryan reports that the Winter Social is scheduled for 12 December at the Rialto Hilton in Melbourne. He asked the Alumni to entertain sponsoring a basket again this year. He noted that the much discussed Top Banana competition will happen around the October Time Frame....no official word yet.

New Member: During the 11 August meeting at the HQ **Dr. Glen Sjoden** (Our new head of the Chief Science Division) got out his checkbook and became a Lifetime Member of the AFTAC Alumni—how about the rest of you folks thinking about joining. September is the dues month and we look forward to you all being involved. We even had a chance to meet LtColonel Dyball—he is our new Vice Commander. Welcome Aboard Sir!

Membership Application

(complete and mail to ATTN: Membership Chair) (address/contact information on Page two, left panel)

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

SPECIAL OFFER, for first time (new) members only, 3 year's dues for **\$20**

NAME _____ Spouse _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL/HOME PAGE (optional) _____

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

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