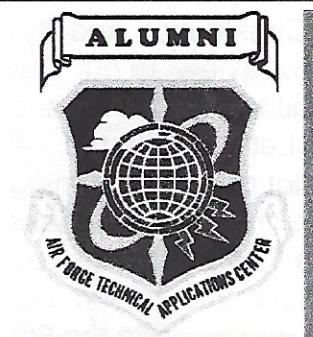


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The Alumni Anthem
Over the years and at
younger ages ...
GS, E and O were our
gauges

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



THE 'SAGE SALUTE' GOES TO AN ACTIVE-DUTY ENLISTED MEMBER

SUBMITTED BY THE EDITORS

This month a first, we Sages salute an active-duty military member. CMSgt Myers was the first active-duty military member to serve on our board (as 'Activities') so is rightfully saluted as a 'First.' Ken offered his services over a year ago and we eagerly accepted - while performing on the board he arranged our first (very successful) 'SnowBall' - an alumni sponsored winter social event in January; and is planning the next one. He is instrumental in the support we receive from the command and from the headquarters, assisting us at every turn as we maintain contact with active-duty personnel.

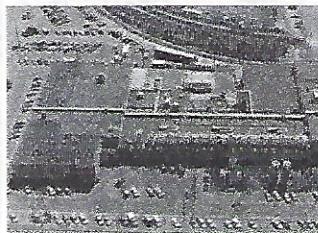
Chief Myers has always been an 'AFTACer' and a brief info paragraph about him appears in each issue of the Post-Monitor in the 'Active-Duty' section. He has served for over 20 years and we are proud and grateful that he chooses to also serve the association. Thanks Chief, and we appreciate all the help!!

SPECIAL TO THE POST-MONITOR...

TOD History Book

SUBMITTED BY KEN MYERS

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the **TOD personnel** before they deactivated, they assembled a magnificent, 112 page, glossy history of the Technical Operations Division.



It details, with numerous photos, the inception of the Western Field Office in the 1950s to the missions they performed in the 1990s.

TOD made initial distribution of this history during their closing ceremony on 9 Apr '99, but there is still a limited number of copies left.

The Alumni Association now offers these to **alumni who have been associated with the WFO and TOD over the past 40 plus years** and have not yet received a copy. Please contact CMSgt Ken Myers, 1030 S. Highway A1A, Patrick AFB FL 32925 or e-mail me at kenneth.myers@pafb.af.mil if you are interested in a copy. Please include the dates you were assigned to the unit. There is no charge for this history, but \$2.50 is required for shipping. I know you'll enjoy it. get em before they're gone...*****

Alumni Alerts-What's Comin' Up

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

Golf...Elections...Socials...(Continued on page 3)

ATTENTION DUES DUE? SUBMITTED BY CARL GAILEY, TREASURER If you wish to remain a member and continue receiving this newsletter **check your address NOW**. The first line on your address label indicates when your Dues are due. If it reads "00<FY Dues due in Oct" it means our records show you **have not paid** your dues for FY 2000, which begins 1 Oct 99. If the first two digits on line one of your address label are other than 00 it means your dues are current. Remember, the first two digits on the first line is the fiscal year your dues are due.

Association Honor Roll

Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Frank Hall 1998 - Judy Milam, 1997
 Carl Gailey, 1996 - Clark Creery, 1995

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

Florida chapter

Membership dues, \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), payable in Oct., or \$75 for a life. You're encouraged to attend scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC headquarters building (#989) at Patrick AFB., FL. For information, meetings or membership, contact Jim Payne, (407)777-4731/jbpayne@juno.com, Carl Gailey, (407)777-0569/gaileyc@juno.com, Judy Milam, (407)254-8878/jem2415@worldnet.att.net, or Pat Snyder, (407)494-6867/psnyder@aftac.gov. Dues, membership applications, and other queries/information should be mailed to:

AFTAC Alumni Association, PO Box 254892

Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

The chapter provides a quarterly (Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.) newsletter, "Post-Monitor" (staff data below), namesake of a previous AFTAC active-duty publication, "Monitor," & a Web-page, "<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>", with association/alumni information, a "Post-Monitor" Sampler, and photos - Webmeisters are Dave Johnson and Mike Black

"PERENNIALS"

Members who have served on the Florida Chapter board for five or more years

Frank Hall, President/Vice, '89-'98 Judy Milam, Secretary since '89

Mary Welch, Membership, '91-'99 Carl Gailey - Treasurer since '91

Swede Swansen, publicity, since '93

Colorado chapter

Membership dues are \$5 per year, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, "Echoes," and meets several times a year. For additional information contact Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, dues are \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for additional information contact Joe Johnson, (916)783-8676, email, 'TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com', mailing address: AFTAC/WFO-1155th-TOD, PO Box 888, North Highlands, CA 95660-0888 They plan to hold regular meetings and social activities, host a webpage and publish a periodic newsletter.

AFTAC and Alumni Honorarium

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

Newsletter Editors: John and Chris Horsch

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Printing/Mailing: Carl Gailey and Swede Swansen

"A TEAM" ...of Horsch's'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Wow - what a potpourri this issue is...from having the Association's Constitution and By-laws as an insert for you to review, to our first salute of an active-duty military member, and lots of action in-between. Let's get started.

You will note we have a lot of events coming up for you to participate in and to renew/update old acquaintances. Hope to see you at several of them...be sure you attend our 'gettogether' at the **golf tournament** on the 8th of October at Baytree Country Club, a beautiful time at a beautiful place - and we have elections that evening also.

Plan now to attend '**SnowBall II**' - such a good time was had by those who came to the last one and this 'throwing' will be even more popular. We are planning for the upstairs at the NCO club and hope we get enough participation to make that a reality.

We are going to list the '**WindDowns**' in the Calendar section from now on. Those who have attended have told us how much fun they are...they have to be when you get that great mix of the 'new' and the 'old.'

We'd like to end with a personal note - in June and July your editors went on a 6660 mile driving trip visiting family and friends and enjoying the wonderous sights of this great country of ours. Our northern most point was Pinedale, WY and western most, Las Vegas. Sages we saw along the way were; Ray and Marva Brust in Fort Smith, AR (where Ray practices his deaconship), we had lunch with Ben and Ginger Vlassick and Bill Schmied in Denver, CO, ate some delicious cajun food with Richard and Rita Summers in Shreveport, LA, and almost saw Mike Lager and Jim Cwikla as they managed their duties at the Pinedale golf course...however, we were there while the Rendezvous was occurring, and apparently there was a tournament going on because they were very busy.

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Golf-'n-Getogether

SUBMITTED BY JOE GOLDIAN



Did you enjoy the last golf tournament that we held in October? Well, if you did, we have another one that should be better than the last one. It keeps getting harder to top the previous one - but we try.

We will play on the 8th of October, 1999, at the Baytree Country Club Golf Course,

at 1230. We will be playing a scramble, or select shot as it is known to many golfers. Recommend that you sign up as a team, but if you cannot find enough players please call in and sign up as single golfers. We will certainly find a team for you to play with.

It will be **first come, first selected** to play for 144 players. The cost is \$40.00 for AFTAC Alumni members and \$45.00 for everyone else.

If you do not play golf come for the camaraderie, food and awarding of prizes (to take place immediately after golf and during dinner in the club house), and then for the General Membership meeting...and...if you are an association member, to vote in the election of officers (see following story). The cost for all that will only be \$8.00 per person Note: Association members do not need to play golf OR buy dinner to participate in the meeting and voting.

Sign up by 5 Oct. with **Dave Money** at 494-9887 or **Joe Goldian** at 259-5898

Elections

Election of Officers will be held after the Golf 'n Getogether (see story above) Frank Hall's arm-twisting has resulted in the following slate of members offering themselves up for your consideration and vote:

- **PRESIDENT:** Mike Shilkitus
- Larry Silhanek
- **VICE:** Sam Sorice
- **SECRETARY:** Judy Milam
- **TREASURER:** Frank Calenda

APPOINTEES (assuming newly elected staff will keep them around):

COMMUNICATIONS: Mike Black/Dave Johnson

HERITAGE: Frank Hall - **MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Payne

NEWSLETTER: John and Chris Horsch

PUBLICITY: Swede Swansen

ACTIVE DUTY ADVISORS: Col. Beatty, AFTAC CC, CMSgt Myers, AFTAC Superintendent and SMSgt Gilroy (AFTAC Hq's First Sergeant) (wow, it doesn't get any better than this, and it should be noted that Carl Gailey has not stopped being onboard and helping...he will be assisting the treasurer and the membership chair).

Aloha Alumni!

SUBMITTED BY KEN MYERS



It is quickly closing in on the winter season and we are planning "SnowBall II.". This year's theme for this annual event will be "Luau 2000" and it will once again be held at the Patrick NCO Club.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, 29 Jan '00. Mai Tai's, and other cocktails, will start at 1800 with the luau feast swinging off at 1900.

Heather and I have a few ideas in mind to make this a fun evening so please keep an eye on the Alumni Homepage and the Post-Monitor in the coming months for additional details on reservations, cost, and activities. ...see you all there.

Aloha



COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is AFTAC, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are nearing the end of a millenium, we asked previous AFTAC commanders (for whom we had an address) to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. In the process L/Gen (Ret) Jim Clapper suggested a questionnaire, and when asked, devised it - we sent that out also as an option. So far we have the following responses (or promises to respond): Retired Gen's. Silliman, Gordon and Clapper and Col. Meisenheimer - BGen. Shaffer and Col. Wigington have also agreed to participate. We thank these gentlemen so much for agreeing and hope that others will see this level of participation and also "recall" and "jump on-board."

We plan to feature their replies (one-an issue) in the chronological order of their time of command - we began this series in the last issue with Gen (Ret) Silliman and next month will feature Col Meisenheimer - for this issue we hear from...

Lawrence N. Gordon
B/Gen., USAF, Ret.
Commander, June 1973-June 1978

SUBMITTED DATE, 4/7/99

Since my retirement from AFTAC and the AF 21 years ago (where has the time gone?), I have often recalled the many achievements, some with great difficulty that I witnessed as a member of the very finest organization I ever served in.

My first assignment in Long Range Detection (LRD) was as a Plans & Programs Officer in 1958-1962 in AFOAT-1, in Washington, D.C. Luckily for me, when I was promoted to BG in 1973, AFTAC was in need of a new Commander and I was very pleased to receive the assignment. So, as anyone might expect, having served 9 of my 32 years in LRD, I have a very special memory and respect for the mission.

But, I mostly recall the many fine and truly outstanding people, officers, airmen and civilians I served with. I sometimes recall that in the 1976-1977 time period we got our first two computer systems for placement in the offices with the most need and what a contest that became. I understand that now a computer sits on almost every desk. What a change!!

The only and deeply disliked job I can remember as the Commander was during the period when the entire AF had to abide by a quota system for Officer OER's because of wide-spread inflation. I fought that directive and lost. No way could 50% of the officers in

AFTAC be rated in the bottom third of all AF officers. Thankfully, the system was terminated within several years.

My thanks to the many people serving the association and especially the publication of the "POST-MONITOR." Sir, thank you for your appreciation and kind words about PoMo-praise like this keeps us all goin'. We remember your tenure well and appreciate you taking the time to share your memories



I REMEMBER...

AFTAC HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit your unclassified remembrances of highlights in your AFTAC career (events, people, etc.). Forward these memories to us at "chrisjohn@juno.com" or ATTN: Remembrance column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks

..This issue, as promised, we relate some of the memories and adventures of CMSgt Jim Davis. He served many years in Long Range Detection and did many things. You will learn much about the organization as "Red" Davis (as he was respectfully called until he made Chief, and then of course it was Chief "Red" Davis) takes us through his career. December's issue will feature another trooper who was there 'at the beginning,' Carl Raines. He has given us some of his remembrances and we will share those in the next Post-Monitor.

CMSgt Jim Davis

SUBMITTED 5/99

My Career With the Long Range Detection Started Before It Began.

In 1950 I was assigned to the 373rd/53rd Weather Recon Sqdn as a Weather Equipment Operator with additional duties of being responsible for changing filter papers on weather recon flights for the 1009th SWS.

Upon being assigned to the 55th Weather Recon Sqdn at McClellan AFB CA in 1953, I was contacted by a Major Jack Diets(?) of the 1009th for training as a Special Equipment Operator (SEO). Upon completion of this training and a couple years experience, I was assigned to Team 407 (Det 407) in 1955 as

NCOIC of the Airborne Unit.

In 1957 I was assigned to the school at Lowry AFB CO to establish and teach a course for SEOs. With only 2 classes per year they felt I could be best used a shift supervisor. After 3 years and about 6 months before scheduled re-assignment, I decided to take a leave and upon returning from leave, I discovered I had been, unknown to me, entered into the "B" Systems training. Upon completion of training I was assigned to WFO/ 1155th TOS as Superintendent of the Graveyard Operations Section working for a Major Galing(?)

My nightmare had just begun. I had just signed in, not yet unpacked, when I was informed that I was scheduled to go down to Tehachapia, CA, Kingman, AZ, and Alamo, NV, to take a *look* at and see these mobile field units in operation and while at Kingman take a *look* at the new Long Period (LP) System they were installing there to see how it worked. This 2-week TDY turned into about 6 weeks and I came back with a head full of knowledge and as an expert on the LP system. Upon signing in, I was told to run up to Det 162 in Pinedale, WY, and meet Frank Winter there to install the LP equipment. Naturally, when we arrived Geotech had not sent the central panels, so Frank and I sat around and did a little fishing for a couple of weeks. Just before we completed the installation, we were informed that we were to run up to Flin Flon and install the LP equipment there. This 3 week TDY turned into about 2 months.

When I returned to WFO to get my laundry done, I was told to take these mobile field units up to Beale AFB, CA, to check them out and train (OJT) B system operators. This yo-yo operation of running back and forth up to Beale every 2 or 3 weeks lasted until early spring. Then I was informed that I was to run over to Mather AFB, CA, and watch the contractors install a new technique called the "H" system to see how it is installed.

After seeing this equipment installed, I was now an expert in the "H" systems, because

now I was instructed to run up to Larson AFB, CA, to *watch* and assist in the installation there. Returning to WFO, I was able to get my laundry done before being told to go down and install the "H" system at another Det.. Caught a military flight to Hickam AFB, then jumped aboard an airline flight first class hand carrying a control panel, EA recorder and case of EA recorder paper. When I arrived at the location, Carl Raines had already laid the spiral 4 cable on the ground for the CRS to the probe detector area. A month later I returned to WFO.

As I walked into my house, I noticed a suitcase sitting by the front door and when I asked Joyce (my wife) what it was she said "it's my suit case and I'm leaving if this TDY doesn't stop." And I said, well pack mine and I'll go with you. As I signed in from this TDY, I asked (??) Millegan and John (???) for a leave request form and while they were getting that I wanted to volunteer for the first assignment they could get for me. They said they would accommodate me.

When I took the leave request to the Major he said, "what's this?" I told him it was a leave request, he said "hell you just got here, I haven't seen much of you yet." I told him that was because I had been on TDY ever since I arrived a year ago. When he noticed that I had requested 45 days, he blew his top, said there was no way that he might approve 2 weeks, and why would I ask for 45 days? I said that we were in CA and I wanted to drive to my home in GA and up to Canada, that it would take a week to GA, a few days to Canada and a week to return. It would be nice to visit with my folks and my wife's folks after driving all that way. He finally compromised and let me go for 42 days. I guess he felt he won by not agreeing to 45 days.

When I returned to WFO, I stopped in at 3pm to sign in because I didn't want to face another TDY before I got a good night's sleep. As I signed in (??) Milligan informed me that an assignment had been approved to send me up to Det 204 as B/Q Systems Superintendent. I

was this place down in the South Pacific that was the best yellow tail fishing in the world and wondered what I thought about that. I said it sounded interesting, where was this place? He said he needed a Systems Superintendent to go to a remote island and he had noticed that I had never been on a remote assignment and wondered if I wanted to volunteer. I said I'd never heard of the island...and he said its the most remote inhabited place on the face of the earth. You'd love it. Good fishing, no TDYs, no one to bother you—just perfect peace and quiet. And on top of that you have the best system supervisor AFTAC has to offer, and as a bonus you'd have the best CO in all of the Air Force in Sol Brown. Well ole Art smooth talked me into that remote assignment pretty quick, but I says to Art, how about making sure I return to Hq when I rotate. I sure didn't want to go WFO, just like the ole Brer Rabbit who didn't want to be thrown into the briar patch. Art said he couldn't promise anything but would try.

After a year on the island, Art got me assigned to Hq in the Analysis Section replacing ole Wally Funk in the Zip Room. When I checked in I found out the job included the "O" systems analysis as well as the "B." I told them I know nothing about the "O" and was told not to worry, John Charet would check me out, so after seeing the "O" analysis section I was now an expert in the "A", "B", "C", "H", "O", "Q", "R", "T", "V" and "W." By now my ole head was really spinning like a top and if you have ever heard the old saying "a jack of all trades and master of none" that would describe me to a tee, if you added "and just knows enough to be dangerous." I envy those that spent an entire career in only one technique or system for they were the real experts and I truly respect and admire those people.

Even tho my career seemed filled with a lot of hardships, inconveniences and frustrations there were equally a great many glad and happy times filled with good memories. I shall never forget one such experience occurred when I had the good fortune to be a part of the

IG Inspection Team as a technical representative. On a visit to a detachment in Europe, upon our departure, the detachment staff arranged for Lt Col Whalen(?), Jim Salus, myself and one other I can't remember to play a round of golf on the Old Course at St Andrews. This was not only one of the highlights of my AF career but was also one of the highlights of my life. It is the dream of every person who has ever played the game of golf to one day be able to play the Old Course at St Andrews. I still have the ball and score card I used on this very special occasion and they will be a part of the shadow box which I am in the process of putting together.

There were many memories and hundreds of names I didn't include (and some I tried to use question marks) simply because there are so many that it is impossible to remember and to include all of them.

My final years in AFTAC were spent in the Zip Room, the Operations Evaluation Unit and finally at the VSC in Alexandria, where I retired in 1973. I would like to finish with these thoughts for all my friends and all those that I knew who have passed on...I honor their memory with the following:

'As I raise my hand in a last farewell
and recall days of the past
There are many treasured memories
That will forever last'

For those that the trumpets have sounded
And life on earth is o'er
They have reached the Parly Gates
And entered their house of gold
Where life is eternal
And they will never grow old'

Jim 'Red' Davis

thank you so much Jim, we know how hard this was for you to 'sit down and do'...we hope you agree it was worth doing and worth sharing. Now, if we could just get some of those other old timers you mentioned (and we even know) to kick in their stories we'd really have this column going. Some of them are great story tellers but just won't take the time to 'drop us a note.'



A BARELY SUBSTANTIATED (BS) TALE!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit unclassified humorous stories about AFTAC events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your stories to us at "chrisjohn@juno.com" or ATTN: BS column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish as soon as we can. Thanks



EMAIL, MIKE BLACK AND DAVE JOHNSON, 4/26/99

Our webmeisters passed the following on to us as they were receiving corrections for the webpage, and we asked the writer if he would mind if we used them in our BS column. And, there is a bonus, two stories, both are great, but the second one is especially meaningful to those of us who so fondly remember the late Mike Pennefather - I'm sure he would have endorsed this tale.

The Middle Initial Makes a Difference

SENT IN BY FREDERICK W (FOR WILLIAM) "RICK" HOLDERMAN, CAPT, USAF (RETIRED), FORMERLY, SSGT, ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF, CREW FOUR F-TROOP (THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A EX-F-TROOPER)

I first heard of Major Frederick Holderman when the First Sergeant called me into the Commanders office where I was read my rights. Despite having been assigned to F-Troop for a number of years, the orderly room had just received the paperwork on an inbound transfer, one Major Frederick Holderman coming in from Vietnam. As you well know, the whole unit was always on the lookout for security penetrations, not to mention outright spying. They weren't sure who I was, but I sure had an interesting afternoon trying to convince them that I was a mere NCO and neither a spy nor an OSI mole.

A couple of weeks later, Major Frederick K (for Kenneth) Holderman came in. The problem was that the computer could only print out 19 characters, therefore, "Holderman, Frederick K" became "Holderman, Frederick". The "K" for Kenneth and "W" for William got lost in the shuffle. It was funny for the first week. After that it became old.

As luck, fate or irony would have it, I worked for him for much of the next three years. Except for our pay records, everything else got intermixed. At one point we had dinner just to decide who got which charge accounts. My wife and I got Wards and Rhodes. Fred and his wife got Sears and Macy's. The dental records things still haunts me as even during my retirement physical dental check, they were asking me about missing crowns. Sacramento State got our transcripts confused.

Mike (Black) replied back on 4/27

Geesh Rick - I suppose (hope?) that you were at least mildly amused that this mixup continues even to this day...our data is from an older Alumni list that I believe was at least partly generated from personnel records when people left/retired. Glad to see you update it.

Are you an Alumni member? If so...the other Holderman's been getting your newsletter!! Glad to have you aboard.

Reply

Yes. this is Rick. I joined to attend the West Coast reunion. Now, we both are. And, yes, it is amusing - kind of a reminder of my youth.

Later on the 27th Rick sent this additional story: Overseas - April 1969 - F-Troop's, temporary, one and only land-based operational site.

MSgt Forney answers the phone. It is a Captain Pennefather, an AFTAC headquarters type, touring overseas.

Pennefather: "Can I speak to Holderman?"

Forney: "Sure. Which one?"

Pause, Pennefather, puzzled: "Frederick Holderman."

Forney: "Sure. Which one?"

Pennefather, clearly trying to control his patience, "The one I met last night!"

Forney, starting to enjoy himself, "Yes, Sir. Where did you meet him?"

Pennefather, losing it: "AT THE CLUB!!!!!"

Forney, remembering this was an AFTAC officer he was jerking around, but still enjoying himself "Sure. Which club, Sir?"

Pennefather, way over the top: "THE (series of expletives deleted) OFFICER'S CLUB, YOU MORON!!!!!"

Forney, knowing you can only prod those headquarters types so far, "Oh, you mean MAJOR Holderman. Here he is, sir." Turned around, got the Major's attention and said "It's for you Sir."

Sixteen years and AECP later, I was the Division Civil Engineer in the final days of Continental Communications Division and was supervised by now-COLONEL Pennefather who related his side of the conversation. He still burned. From the moment he realized I was one of "THOSE" Holdermans on our relationship deteriorated. But it was worth it. a couple of great stories...thanks for letting us run these...

WHERE ARE YA?!!!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. Where, through this newsletter or through more direct contact, we attempt to get you, the alumni reader, to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin" - contact info, page two

Bob Barnick Checks In

Once again I have been on the move. Mona

and I have left NC and crossed the U.S. to Marina CA. After 17 years in OH, life has been more nomadic for us. Two years in HI, three in NC and now CA. Almost like AFTAC moves. I haven't written before, for those of you who knew us. Kaye is in HI, Karen is in CA, Sharon is in WA, and Jason is in OH. Our family has increased by eleven grandkids, two sets of twins. I usually only have to keep up with two or three of them at a time, so the addition doesn't make me feel too much older. Address, Robert Barnick, 3101 Arnold Ct., Marina CA 93933, (831) 833-4533, rpbafatc@aol.com. thanks for takin' the time Bob, great to hear from you, wish you'd sent a pix...come on some of you others, let us know what you're up to since we last knew ya...

MONITORing Active-Duty Doins'

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

Command Section



Col. Harold J.
Beatty

AFTAC Commander, 7/98, previously at Shaw AFB where he was the Chief of Intelligence for the US Central Command Air Forces and commander of the 609th Air Intelligence Group, received commission upon graduation from Officers Training School (distinguished graduate) in 1980. He is a native of Bonny Blue, VA, his wife Diane is from Quebec, Canada - they have two children Matthew and Melanie.



CMSgt Kenneth Myers
AFTAC Superintendent, 11/98, a 20-year AFTACer, he enlisted 3/79, trained as a scientific measurements technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from all three AF NCO Leadership schools. He has been the AF Command Senior NCO of the Year twice, '91 and '93. He served at Dets 301, 415, 421, and in the HQs with DO, CC, TT, TA, LS. Chief Myers is from Doylestown, PA - he has two children, Douglas and Melissa and is engaged to Ms.

Heather Miller from Melbourne, Florida



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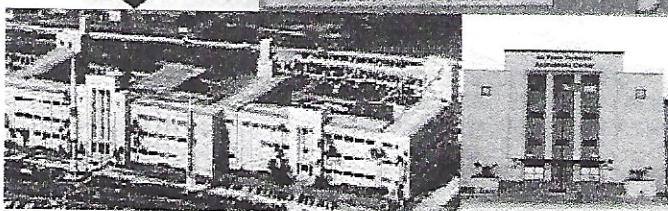


photo by Mike Brown, FL Today

Center Director Bids Farewell

EDITORS EXTRACT FROM FLORIDA TODAY ARTICLE BY JOHN MC CARTHY, 9/10/99

PAFB's top civilian retired Friday after 37 years with

AFTAC. Frank F. Pilotte, the director of nuclear treaty monitoring, joined AFTAC in 1962-the Center is responsible for detecting and identifying nuclear 'events' anywhere in the world.

'Everything we operate today...were established by Frank,' former AFTAC Commander, BGen. Shaffer told the several hundred who gathered at the base's Memorial Plaza for Pilotte's retirement ceremony.

After serving in the Army Air Corps during WW2 Pilotte completed his education, including getting a doctorate in geophysics from St. Louis University and worked in private business. In 1962, he joined AFTAC in Alexandria VA. When the center moved to PAFB in 1973, Pilotte came with it. He was named director of nuclear monitoring in 1987.

'There is no other single individual I have known in my 32 years of service that I have more respect for,' said Col. Beatty (also shown in the picture above), the center commander.

ABC News

SUBMITTED BY TSGT DAVE MONEY

The **AFTAC Boosters Club** is shifting into second gear putting together an exciting program for 'WINTER SOCIAL '99.' As usual, you can expect this year's gala to be the highlight of the season. December 11th is the date, so mark your calendars! Ticket sales will begin in November. The Social Organizer is Ms. Carol Warfield and Ticket Sales OPR is Ms. Pat Snyder who may be reached at 494-6867 (Pat also attends the alumni association meetings and helps us in many ways as only an 'insider' can)

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The following insert is your copy of the AFTAC Alumni Association constitution and by-laws.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization is AFTAC Alumni Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association. It shall be a private, non-profit organization, pursuant to the provisions of AFR 34-4 dated 15 November 1987. The Association as defined shall include all organizational titles since the inception.

The purposes of the Association are to foster continued awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force, in general, and of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, in particular; and to provide its membership a forum for desirable social, educational, and humanitarian services.

ARTICLE 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- I. AFTAC Alumni Association operates on Patrick Air Force Base only with the consent of the installation commander. Operation is contingent on compliance with the requirements and conditions of all applicable Air Force regulations.
- II. The principle location of the Association will be Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, and its environs. Other locations to serve as chapter focal points may be authorized at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The AFTAC Commander shall provide appropriate board meeting space, if required.
- III. The membership shall be liable under the laws of the State of Florida for organizational debts in the event the organization assets are insufficient to discharge liabilities.

ARTICLE 3

OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of the Association will be the Board of Directors. The board will be comprised of four elected executive officers and four appointed members. The four appointed members will also serve as committee chairpersons and will chair the following standing committees: Membership, Heritage, Communication and Newsletter.

ARTICLE 4

MEMBERSHIP OR PATRONAGE

- I. All members will be members of the DOD family. The regular membership of the Association will be open to all current and former military and civilian members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center and its associated subordinate units. Other membership categories may be established.
- II. Associate membership will include widows and widowers.
- III. Distinguished Members - Former Commanders of AFTAC will be identified as Distinguished Members.
- IV. Honorary Members - All other military or civilian personnel, not otherwise eligible for membership into the Association, but whose contribution to the USAF or to AFTAC is so significant as to warrant special consideration and recognition by the Association. The Board of Directors will identify honorary members and membership will be offered at the discretion of the board. Surviving spouses of AFTAC personnel will be eligible for Honorary Membership.

ARTICLE 5

METHOD OF FINANCING

The source of financing the Association will be entirely membership dues., fund raising, and voluntary contributions.

ARTICLE 6

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Association shall be such as to provide the membership a forum for desired social, educational, and humanitarian service.

ARTICLE 7

MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- I. The Association shall meet annually. A 'membership year' shall run from 1 October through 30 September. During the first meeting of the membership year, the election of the executive officers shall be conducted. Special meetings will be called as required by the Board of Directors.
- II. At any meeting, a quorum shall consist of the majority of the regular members in attendance. Dates, times, and places of meetings will be published in the newsletter and all Association members may attend.

ARTICLE 8

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

- I. This constitution and its attendant by-laws will be adopted by a simple majority of the regular members present and voting at the first meeting of the fiscal year and subject to the review of the installation commander.
- II. The constitution and its attendant by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at a scheduled general membership meeting, providing a notice of said amendment has been provided to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the said scheduled general membership meeting.

ARTICLE 9

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this Association, all funds and properties, in excess of liabilities and expenses of dissolution, will be distributed as recommended by a majority of the regular membership.

ARTICLE 10

INSURANCE

The Association will be an extremely low-exposure organization for liability. Insurance will not be required by virtue of waiver from the installation commander.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- I. The executive officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All shall be members of the Board of Directors, elected by the membership. Eligibility for election to the executive officer positions will be limited to current and former military or civilian personnel who are otherwise eligible for membership into the Association.

II. The President will preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the board. The President shall perform those duties as customarily pertain to the office of the President, or as may be directed to perform by resolution of the board. The President will vote on issues before the board only in event of a tie. The President is the Executive Officer of the Association and will attend to the day-to-day operation of the Association with the assistance of the board.

III. The Vice-President shall have and exercise all the powers, authority, and duties of the President during the absence of the latter.

IV. The Treasurer shall manage all association funds and control their disbursement subject to the controls, limitations, and delegations of the board.

V. The Secretary shall prepare and maintain full records of all meetings of the members of the board.

ARTICLE 2

ELECTION AND VOTING

I. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the outgoing President, a minimum of sixty (60) days before the first meeting of the membership year. The committee will:

- a. Be composed of no more than five members; a quorum shall consist of three members.
- b. Be chaired by the immediate past President who will serve as elections chairman.
- c. Review the total membership to identify candidates for the executive officer positions.
- d. Notify the general membership of the proposed slate of executive officers at least thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the year.

II. The elections will take place at the first meeting of the membership year. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. An open ballot will be used with a simple majority required for election.

III. The new executive officers will assume their responsibilities during the first board meeting after election. The first order of business will be appointing the three Directors.

IV. The term of service for all officers will be one (1) year or as decided by the General Membership.

V. Should one of the Executive Officers resign or become unable to perform their duties during the election year, the Board will appoint another to carry out the duties until elections are held.

ARTICLE 3

DUES OR FEES

Dues for regular and associate members of the Association will be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each membership year. Lifetime memberships shall be seventy-five Dollars (\$75). Distinguished and honorary members are exempt from paying dues. Adjustment of dues shall be by a majority vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE 4

STANDING COMMITTEES

The four standing committees shall be Membership, Heritage, Communications, and Newsletter. The executive officers and the board, as required, will establish additional committees.

ARTICLE 5

FINANCES AND TAXES

The Association is organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes, and no part of its earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members.

The Association will be financially self-sustaining. There will be no financial assistance from a non-appropriated fund instrumentality (NAFI) in the form of contributions, dividends, or donations of money or other assets.

ARTICLE 6

INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Association is envisioned to have extremely low liability exposure. The installation commander granted the AFTAC Association a waiver of the requirement for such insurance.

ARTICLE 7

AWARDS AND GIFTS

The Board of Directors may elect to purchase gifts or awards to recognize Association members. Special gifts for dignitaries will be determined by the Board of Directors and funds obtained from the Association treasury. (The board shall determine the dollar amount used for gifts and/or awards that will be distributed in the name of the Association.)

ARTICLE 8

ACTIVE DUTY LIAISON

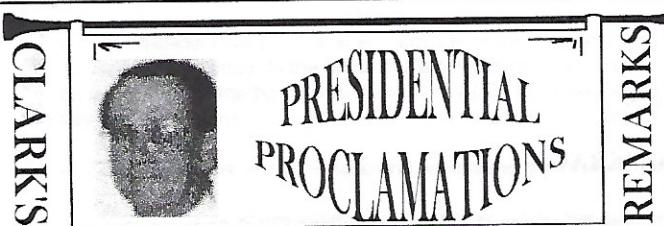
It is understood that AFTAC agrees to provide an active duty liaison representative to assist the Board of Directors in coordinating and supporting the Association activities.

ARTICLE 9

WEB PAGE

A web page is authorized to keep the membership informed; however, it will not be linked to the – AFTAC – site. The web page shall not include financial nor information sensitive to the association. The Board will monitor such data and decisions will be made during normal meetings to determine the validity of such information. The Communications chair shall report to the Board on a regular basis.

Clark E. Creery
President
AFTAC Alumni Association
8 August 1999



This is my last issue! How quickly the years flow by! As president of your Alumni Association I have seen us grow in a way I would never have thought possible.

This year, Colonel Beatty asked if we could assist with the cataloging of all items from the "Hall of Heritage." We took this with pride and have now become the proud owners of a real office in the building and we are well on our way to performing the task. The closure of TOD saw hundreds of historical items delivered to our doorstep. We welcome these with open arms and will do the best we can to preserve AFTAC's heritage.

Times do change and we must have a vision for the future! Mary Welch retired along with Judy Milam and Chief Silhanek and we have lost three of the most dedicated folks I have ever met. However, not to worry, Pat Snyder, Ken Myers and other active duty folks have risen to the challenge.

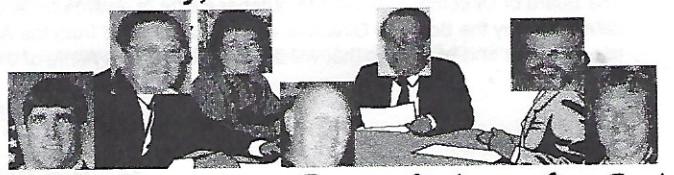
It has not been an easy year. We have to become completely automated or we cannot continue to provide the exceptional service that we have done in the past. John and Chris Horsch have done wonders with our newsletters (our product), Carl Gailey has worked membership, databases, the treasury and a myriad of other chores (not unnoticed) and he continues to be a solid backbone of the association. Judy retired, but continues to work countless hours on your behalf. Frank Hall, Swede Swansen, Curt & Eunice Harris, Tom Niquette, Joe Goldian, Jim Payne, Frank Calenda, and a host of others have stepped to the plate and worked to make your alumni first rate.

Our webmeisters, Dave Johnson, and Mike Black, are awesome and I appreciate their support.

Frank Hall and I had a discussion and we

believe we need "new blood" - folks with vision and a way to improve the service we provide to you. I will thus step down (with his advice) and roll into the background. Alumni presidents just fade into the distance. I beg of you all, do not forget me and support those who follow. The pleasure really has been mine – through thick and thin, I continue to worry about the support we give to each of you. I certainly hope I have made that mark?

Clark Creery, President 98-99



BOARD MEETINGS
Alumni Association Board Members
Elected

President-Clark Creery

Secretary-Judy Milam

Vice-Joe Goldian

Treasurer-Carl Gailey

Appointed

Membership-Jim Payne

Heritage Hall-Tom Niquette

Activities-Ken Myers

Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MILAM

June to August 1999

- The **Alumni Homepage** (<http://www.csihq/aftacalumni>) was discussed. The group decided to leave names and addresses on the web page unless members advise us they don't wish to have their name and address published.

- Jim Payne and Carl Gailey agreed to take over the membership chair duties. The Alumni membership application is being updated to include new contacts and email addresses.

- The **Hall of Heritage** Committee is gearing up to inventory the items throughout the building. Alumni members will assist AFTAC personnel with this project. A room has been established and equipment will soon be operational. Items received from the Technical Operations Division are being organized and will be added to the existing collection.

- Our **Constitution and By-laws** have been updated and will also be included in the POST-MONITOR and on-line.

- The **annual General Membership Meeting**

will be held in conjunction with a golf tournament at Baytree Golf Course on 8 October 1999. A nominating committee has been appointed to present a slate of officers for election at the October General Membership Meeting.

- The **20-year Wall project** (pictures of people who spent 20 years or more with AFTAC or its predecessor organizations) is alive and well. Active duty member, **Ken Myers**, has volunteered to work this issue. A picture, along with dates and places (headquarters division, squadron, or detachment number – not physical location) served with the organization are needed to have your picture included on the wall. Send inputs to HQ AFTAC/CCS, 1030 S. Highway A1A, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-3002.
- It was announced that Dr. **Pilotte**, Director of the Geophysics Division, will be retiring on 10 September 1999.
- Plans are underway for the annual "Alumni **Snowball Banquet**" to be held at the NCO Club in late January 2000. A Hawaiian theme is planned.

[NOTE: For those who might plan to attend future Alumni meetings, you will need to park inside the fenced area, since the pedestrian gate at the front of the AFTAC building is locked.]



A Few Seconds With the WebMeisters

SUBMITTED BY MIKE BLACK

How to update your info on the Alumni Webpage (www.csihq.com/aftacalumni):

From the Alumni main page click on "Member Locator" and search for your own name. After you click on "Submit Query" you will get one or more pages of matches. For each match there is a box at the bottom -- just find your entry and enter your password (all passwords are empty to start with) and click on "Edit Data". You can then change any of the fields you wish and 'password protect' your data when you edit it. Good Webbing...

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A Few Seconds With the "Hall of Heritage"

SUBMITTED BY CLARK CREEERY

A brief synopsis of the "Hall of Heritage" can be found in your Florida Chapter directory along with some photos. The "Hall" was the brainchild of one of our ex-commanders, LGen (Ret) Clapper, and the idea gained impetus when a Maj Townsley was appointed Action Officer and asked to get the "Hall" ready for the '87 reunion. Following that, the continuation of this task largely fell to the now retired Ms. Mary Welch (the associations former membership chair). Ms. Welch did a considerable and outstanding job in enlarging the "Hall" and obtaining additional artifacts.

When Mary retired, the current CC, Colonel Beatty, recognized that we needed to get a handle on all of the things that we had collected. The recent inactivation of TOD added to the many items that were shipped back to the headquarters for safekeeping. He, therefore, asked the Alumni to assist the Active Duty personnel to form a committee to catalog each and every item that has been collected.

We formed a committee (Tom Niquette offered to lead the action), drafted a charter, and have had two meetings - in a display of typical alumni/active-duty interaction, this committee includes six active-duty folks and five active-duty civilians.

AFTAC provided a room for the work, a computer for the addition of items, and our initial barcode tag program has been completed. Plans are to tag each item and log it in the formal listing. This will permit us to return items that were on loan, change displays in the various locations within the building, and permit us to have a very good look at our past.

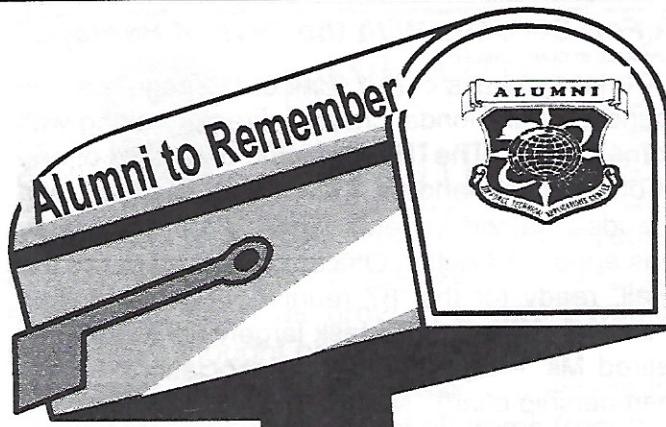
The good part of the task is that it is a continuing effort and does not have to be completed in a set period of time. Tom Niquette did a bang-up job getting this activity moving and off ground zero (pun intended) but he is now moving and we will not have his guidance - however, Frank Hall has offered to be the new Chair so our effort will go forth in good stead - should any of you be interested in helping contact Frank at (407)773-2430.

Thank you Tom, and we hope many of you will join us as continue the tradition of honoring AFTAC and its people in the "Hall of Heritage."



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PERSONALS...

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

Beginnings...

- ◆ Ashton Crawford Williams, Born: 23 Jun 99, Weight: 7 lb - 15 oz, Length: 21 inches - Proud parents: Maj (Ret) Al and Kathleen Williams

thank you Maj (Ret) Williams for giving us this idea...because of you wanting to 'share the pride' the PoMo has a brand new section, 'Personals'...hopefully everyone will enjoy it and contribute.

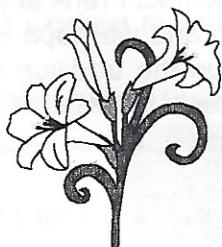
...Transitions

- ◆ Mike Hoy has been promoted to Director of Safety and Mission Assurance at Boeing, KSC.
- ◆ Doc Kniedler's retirement ceremony/luncheon was celebrated on the 13th of August (see pictures on page 17).
- ◆ Dr. Pillotte, Director of the Geophysics Division, retired on 10 September 1999 (see article on page 9).

HOPES OF HEALTH FOR...

Wherein Alumni share these hopes for themselves or others...

Ben Vlassick



IN MEMORY OF

Wherein Alumni share the names of those gone but not ever forgotten...

Correne Langston

died 24 July '99 in Hendersonville, NC...retired from AFTAC around 1970, CC Secretary, 87 years old

Felix B. Ward (see story below)

William Walker (see story below)

Pam Zehner (see story below)

BEST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Felix B. Ward

Felix Ward passed away on July 2, 1999. His funeral was July 7, in Robbinsville, N.C. where he lived. Felix was a member of the 1009th SWS in the Buster-Jangle series and was with Team B-405 in Korea. He served with the 1009th from 1951 to 1953 in such places as Nevada; Naval Ordnance Lab, Silver Springs MD; Ft. Myer, VA; and Ft. Sill, OK. While with the 1009SWS he was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

William Walker

The AFTAC Command Section received a call from Brig Gen (Ret) Gordon (former AFTAC CC, '73-'78) informing us that Col. (Ret) William (Bill) Walker (former AFTAC Vice Commander '75) died 16 August. He was cremated and there was a memorial service in Glendale KY. For those wanting to call or send cards: Mrs. Walker, 12920 MacKenzie Drive, Tustin CA 92782, (714) 731-9288

Pam Zehner

It is with sadness that we report the death of Mrs Pam Zehner, wife of former AFTACer Lt Col William J. (Bill) Zehner. Pam had worked for the 45th SW while Bill was with HQ AFTAC (June 1995 to February 1998). Bill worked in both the Directorate of Operations and Directorate of Plans and Programs. While they were stationed at Patrick AFB, Pam was diagnosed with Wilson's disease; however, with medical treatment, she overcame that. Sometime before the 18th of July Pam fell and hit her head but did not seek medical evaluation.. Evidently, this resulted in her death a few days later. Bill is currently stationed with the 55th Ops Gp/OGZ (Chief, Stan/Eval), Offutt AFB NE.

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In other news, the club sponsored a roller skating party Sunday evening August 29th. This was our first skating party and it was interesting to see grown-ups and kids out on the floor having a great time. For many of us, it brought back fond memories. During the two hours we found ourselves doing the Hokey Pokey, Bird dance, and other rink old time favorites besides the normal skating. We did however have one casualty. Before Col. **Beatty**, AFTAC CC, was able to gain his "air bearings" he had a spill and found out the next day that he had a slightly fractured arm. Well, you couldn't have known it the way he was skating around once he warmed up. All said and done, we had a great time.

We'll keep you posted with activity updates in future issues and you may contact any of the ABC officers during the normal duty day, they are: TSgt **Money**, (407)494-9887, Pres; MSgt **Hood**, VP; Capt **Hoybach**, Treas; MSgt **McCoy**, Sec; MSgt **Alexander**, PR; MSgt **Moy**, Sales; and TSgt **Wideman**, Hot Dog Sales.

ABC monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Wed of the month. All personnel assigned to AFTAC, Det 3/ASC, and members of the AF-TAC Alumni Assoc. are invited to attend. Scheduled meeting times and dates may be rescheduled due to mission requirements.

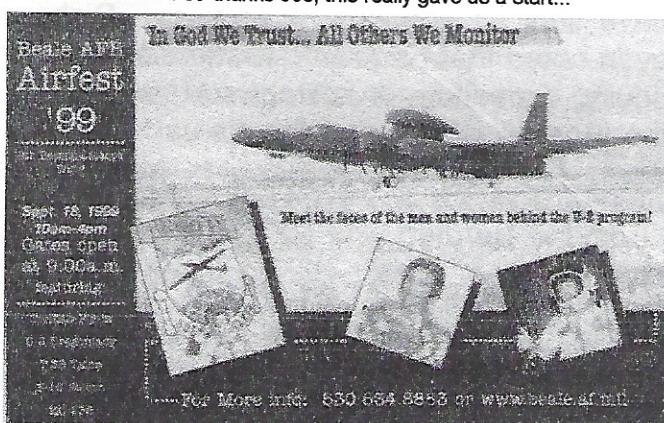
(Continued from page 18) (The Mail Room)

Roseville, CA

9/15/99

Thought you might find this of interest, looks like we have been plagiarized.

Joe Johnson thanks Joe, this really gave us a start...

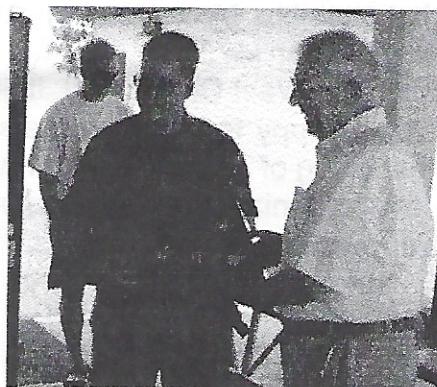
**Doc KNIEDLER'S RETIREMENT CEREMONY/LUNCHEON**

(continued from page 16, photos/text by Bob Wiley)

...here are some shots that I took at Doc Kneidler's retirement luncheon. This is Col **Beatty** presenting Doc a copy of a special VIP certificate reserved for the highest ranking people.



A 'Tradition' - LTC Merker presents a flag that has flown over AFTAC Headquarters



...the 'retiring couple bid a fond adieu. We wish them the best and hope they will stay in touch!!



photo by Judy Milam

The Mail Room

Any requests for action should be sent to AFTAC Alumni Association, PO Box 254892-Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

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

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

Ridgecrest, CA

8/99

I attended the deactivation ceremony and TOD reunion this April in Sacramento. It was the first I knew anything about (the association.) At that time, I believe it was Carl Gailey, who had a copy of 'A Fifty Year Commemorative -History of Long Range Detection; The Creation, Development, and Operation of the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System,' published by HQ AF Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB.

I very much want to get a copy, and Carl said it might be possible by becoming an East Coast Life Member (\$75). I was in from '54 until Nov. '57, all West Coast. But, if I can get a copy, I'll be happy to join. I am also interested in the listing of all people who have ever been in the organization. Any information would be appreciated. Thanks.

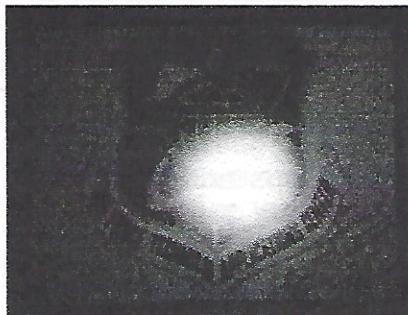
Wildon C. Blackburn we understand that our crack membership 'team' have taken care of you...welcome aboard...

Ridgeville, Ontario, Canada

3/99

Jim 'Red' Davis shares some of his memories with us in this issue's '...Remember...' column - he also sent a letter with some additional pictures of his shadowbox (an initial pix was in the last issue) and another memory, with picture, that we believe is especially timely considering we had BG Gen (Ret) Silliman's 'ReCall' last issue...

...I did want you to see the AFTAC Emblem (picture), signed by Gen. **Silliman**. I'm very proud to have been a part of helping design this AFTAC emblem. For the life of me I can't remember who the others were. I do believe the officer was Capt. Diebler (admin officer) and there was a civilian and, of course, the illustrator, Sgt. Balsinger I believe. thanks again Jim, maybe the General, or one of the others, will drop us a line and remember who was involved. You have every right to be proud... this emblem has stood the test of time - when we retired we had a plaque made with the emblem and an explanation of its meaning made up, and presented it for use in the 'Hall of Heritage' where, we hope, it still hangs



The Chief's signed picture of the emblem...it reads - 'Jim, Congratulations on your efforts in providing an emblem of which AFTAC can indeed be most proud' J. G. Silliman'

...and here we see the finished product, hanging beside the photos of the B29 and B50 Jim flew in while in AWS and the Airborne System...just out of the picture is the Airman's Prayer, 'High Flight.' thanks so much Jim...you had a '10' career, and we appreciate the memories and the pictures you sent . This helps give us a sense of AFTAC and its past...obviously it has always had the greatest people.



'Oh...By The Way'

BITS OF INFORMATION SENT WITH ORDERS FOR MERCHANDISE, CHANGES OF ADDRESS, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS, ETC

Cyberspace (Bill Schmied>Judy Milam) 3/2/99

Bobbie Futrell passes on that Philip R. & Carol Korzilius have joined the Colorado Asc. Phil was the last 'Detco' assigned to Det 57. When he pc当地 (sometime in '77, I think) the position was changed to a Det Chief and filled by Bud Horrell thanks Bobbie, names = memories

Cyberspace/Snail Mail

L. E. Orr, John Coffey and Richard E. Duval have sent us changes of address. Richard even noted that he moved to reduce the continuing expenditure of postage for sending him the 'Post-Monitor' - and thanks us for such a worthwhile mag. thanks Richard, and you can make it even easier if you will join us as we fold and put on mailing labels

Edmund Bennett and **R. L. Creamer** have dropped us a note ordering items from the association 'Shopping Center' - good luck and enjoy the clothing and directory.

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Important Dates

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

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

ALWAYS VERIFY (PAT SYNDER, (407)494-6867) BEFORE COMING

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

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: Lobby, AFTAC HQ building

HOW: come to lobby, you will be met and escorted

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

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the Outback)

HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

CALENDAR, 1999

October

1st, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

MAJOR EVENT

8th - Golf-'n-Getogether/General Membership meeting (elections) (see pg 3)

11th - Government Holiday - call for date of Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

November

5th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

8th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

December

3rd, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

MAJOR EVENT

11th - AFTAC Winter Social, Rialto Hilton, contact (see page 9)

13th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Post Monitor mailing

January 2000

3rd, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

10th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

MAJOR EVENT

29th - SnowBall II, NCO Club, Luau Theme, (see pg 3)

Shopping Center

Mail orders to: AFTAC Alumni Asc., ATTN: Sales Staff, PO Box 254892. Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892

Include additional \$3.00 for shipping and handling*

*no shipping and handling charged on logo pins

Thanks for your support!!

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 25 May 1999)

PURCHASED WITH ALUMNI FUNDS-Multi Color Logo

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JACKETS - Unlined/Royal Blue - \$20 2 2 0 1

GOLF SHIRTS - with pocket - \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	0	5	2	2
Jade (medium green)	1	3	2	2
Navy	2	1	2	5
Red	2	2	0	2
White	1	0	0	0
Royal Blue	2	1	1	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	0	0	2
Maroon	1	1	3	2

T-SHIRTS - without pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	1	0	2	1
Royal blue	1	2	2	4
Navy	3	3	3	0
Ash Gray	1	1	0	2
Purple	1	2	1	1
Red	2	2	2	2
Fuschia	2	2	2	2
Mint Green	2	2	2	2
Jade Green	1	2	3	2

HATS - \$6.00 - # MISCELLANEOUS

Green	10	Ceramic Mugs (\$7)	2
Gray	9	50th Commem. Coins (\$3)	~260
Red	10	Logo Pins (\$3.25)	~90
Royal Blue	4	Logo Disks (\$5.50)	~55
Light Blue	11	Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Navy	9	/\$10-nonmembers	12

PURCHASED BY THE BOOSTERS CLUB - most say ALUMNUS rather than ALUMNI

LG	XL
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JACKETS -

Unlined/Royal Blue - white logo, \$20 3

GOLF SHIRTS-

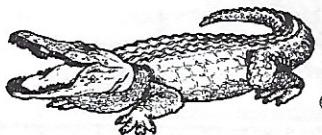
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HATS - Cotton - \$5.00 Medium Blue: 1

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"Holy Alligators Alex - they have a lot going on, hope we see you at some of these events

Sagey sez



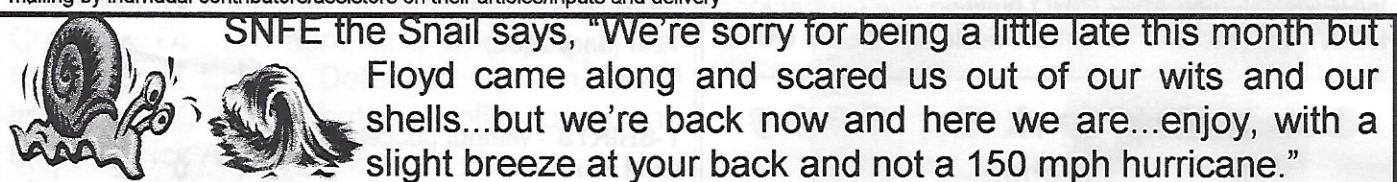
"yea, I'll be there to do my bite...uh...bit"

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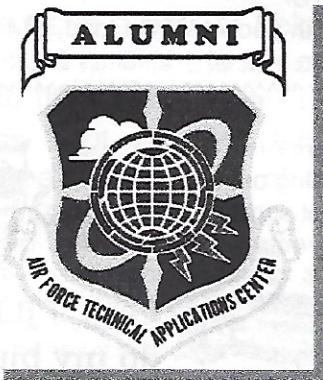
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