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Your Association - "Serving Sages Since March 1985"

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The Alumni Anthem

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

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

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

Recognized for 60 years of service to our country
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ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS MEETING, SEPT 8TH @ 1130-1300, TIDES CLUB

'Sociable September' Meeting/Elections will be held- come join us for a Getogether, enjoy a meal and or a malt (or not), a meeting, and vote for your FY2009 Leadership. (continued, top of next column)

18TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER, OCT 10TH, COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE, MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOLLOWS PLAY

Come enjoy this twice-a-year event!! Stay for the Oct membership meeting. (continued, lower section next column)

ATTENTION AIRBORNE PERSONNEL, NOV 6-8

AFTAC Airborne Reunion is on and the venue is the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. (see page 3).

WINTER SOCIAL, DEC 12, HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER @ I-95 & WICKHAM;

Check website for details as available. 'Sage Support' for attending-contact our 'Intrepid Insider', Pat **Snyder**, patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil or (321) 494-6867.

SNOWBALL XI, JAN 31, TIDES-THEME, KOREA

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! (cont, pg 3).

WORLDWIDE REUNION, MAY 1-2, 2009

BOB WILEY, COORDINATOR

The Florida Chapter will host this biannual event at 'Radisson Resort at the Port.' (continued on page 3)

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

DUE TO THE SHORT TURN-AROUND TIME OF THIS ISSUE THERE ARE NO 'EVENTS' TO REPORT ON.

See the editorial for additional information.

ALERT.SEP 8: ANNUAL MBERSHIP/ELECTIONS MEETING

(cont from left column) This mid-day meeting/elections, was moved from the fall (Oct) 'Golf N'Getogether' because of extremely low attendance. While **many assn members attended the golf tournament, very few stayed** for the meeting and elections. **We are hoping this will change if we make it a 'Sociable September' event** and at a time convenient for 'Siesta Sages' and those toiling within the HQ's building.

Particulars: Date: 8 September in the Ocean Lounge at The Tides from 1130-1300. The club's regular lunch buffet will be available if you so choose.

Board Nominees: The following assn members have agreed to stand/continue for the FY2009 offices (most have served several terms-tenure listed in parenthesis):

President: Lloyd French

Vice-President, Addison Mitchell (since FY06)

Secretary, Judy Milam (since FY06)

Treasurer, Joe Goldian (since FY03)

Nominees for the offices will be accepted from the floor at this meeting

Please come enjoy, enliven the event, and show your support for those who are critical to the continuance and success of your association.

ALERT.OCT 10: GOLF/MBERSHIP MEETING

(continued from left column) The Association's 18th Annual Spring Golf N' Getogether will get underway on 10 Oct at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. As always, our corporate sponsors have come through with excellent grand prizes as well as a great assortment of door prizes.

The price for this afternoon of fun will be \$40.00 for association members and \$45.00 for non-members, which includes a great BBQ dinner by 'Smokin' Joe's' BBQ. You may signup by calling:

Pat Snyder 494-6867 (continued on page 3)

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

William 'Bill' Schmied, 2007-Deborah Carson 2006

Mike Black 05-Joe Goldian 04-Pat Snyder 03-'Joe' Johnson 02

Jim Payne 01-Ben Vlassick 00 (deceased)-John Horsch 99

Frank Hall 98-Judy Milam 97-Carl Gailey 96-Clark Creery 95

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring center people and its history exist: Two of these, '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.

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired and active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985, and formed the association with a charter in 1986. It intends to provide a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to past/present 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.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, RVLASSICK@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftacalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, newsletters and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; the 'Need to Know Now' section contains current event and 'Sages to remember' information.

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, from start-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-00/since 06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Tres 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treasurer since 03.

2. Colorado-Formed in 1989, dues, **\$5 year**, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes' and supports a website, 'www.aftacco.org.' They meet several times a year-for information, Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625.

3. West Coast (California)-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org.'

Sage Communicators, Florida Chapter

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"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



What is this?! A Post-Monitor in August? I just got thru receiving and reading the June issue!!

You are correct. We have mentioned in several previous issues, and in the last issues minutes, that our assn funds annual income (and thus, balance) goes down on an annual basis. With very few 'annual-dues' paying members our cash flow from dues is negligible while the expenses of printing and mailing publications only goes in one direction, up.

Prudent management of association funds was high on our list for consideration at the July meeting. Several cost-saving measures were approved:

—The Florida Chapter Membership Directory will no longer be printed and mailed. This directory does not have an exact production schedule and the last one sent out is dated September, 2006-prior to that, there was a gap of several years. This directory will be available, electronically, when requested by a paid-up association member (see Sage Shop).

—The Florida Chapter Newsletter, Post-Monitor, will go from quarterly production to triannual (April, August and December). There will be printing and mailing savings just by going to this schedule. In this manner, we hope not to cut 'page count' and continue to publish every letter and 'Feature Article' you guys, our readers, **and Writers**, submit. This should end our mixed message of discussing rising costs and still encouraging Sage inputs ... so, sit down now and write 'your' letter or article!!!

We will continue to encourage use of our electronic mailing method and employ cost-saving 'editing' methods to include font size and judicious use of pictures.

Regarding the electronic capability, currently we have over 200 subscribers to the electronic version, however, we have over 300 'permitted' email addresses in the Florida Membership Listing. We are considering contacting each of these members. Some currently receive the electronic version, but others may consider this option if we send a copy to review and enjoy. So, don't be surprised if you receive a link to the current issue at some point in time.

Lastly, we value your membership and readership, and, especially, your authorship. We trust you will understand these changes and continue to make this newsletter what you guys have made it so far ... a very interesting read, a great place to share LRD adventures and something you look forward to receiving.

So, consider this a 'transitional' issue. It has many of the things you read in the June issue with some additions, changes and expansions. We did not want to 'short-issue' you without an explanation.

'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'



ALERT.OCT 10: GOLF/MBERSHIP MEETING (from page 1) **Carol Snyder 321-494-4402**

Deliver your payment to Pat or Carol in person, or mail to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, PO Box 254892 Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892. Checks should be received no later than 1 Oct 2008.

Check-in begins at 1130 and shotgun start at 1300. There will be plenty of water and soda on the course, and a beverage cart will be available.

The BBQ dinner will be served in the Clubhouse following the golf tournament. We will also award the prizes during/after dinner. This tournament fills up quickly, so sign up early to ensure a spot in the tourney. There will be a limit of 144 players.

If you are not interested in golfing, but would like to attend the meeting and/or the BBQ dinner, the cost for the meal is \$10.00 and reservations for dinner-only are requested. We look forward to seeing you on 10 October! **In any case, please stay for the meeting.**

ALERT.NOV 6-9: AIRBORNE REUNION (continued from pg 1)

The dates are November 6 - 9, 2008 and the events include an NTS tour, air show, reception, banquet and remember, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!

There are 152 green baggers and significant others that have stated they want to attend. We are asking folks to make reservations at their earliest convenience so that we can add or release blocked room commitments.

There is a push to have one of the "W"C-135s be flown in to the air show for a static display. You can get further general information and room reservation instructions at '<http://chaspenn.tripod.com>.' A, F, Lab flyboys, maintenance troops, and ops officers need to be there to protect their reputation! Hopefully, all fall-out will remain within the Las Vegas area.

ALERT.JAN 31, SNOWBALL XI-TIDES (continued from pg 1)

MAJOR ARRANGER, DEBORAH CARSON

The theme is Korea, Det 452. The Tides Chef promises delectable Korean cuisine. Details will be provided on the LRD website and in the Dec PoMo.

ALERT.MAY 1-2: WORLDWIDE REUNION (cont from pg 1)

Registration is currently scheduled to start on Friday, May 1st. Activities planned are a golf tournament Friday afternoon followed by an informal get-together with heavy hors d'oeuvres that evening. An Open House at AFTAC HQ's is planned for Saturday with a dinner that evening at the hotel.

Those of you who attended a previous reunion at this hotel know that you can make this a big vacation by scheduling visits to Orlando attractions, the Kennedy Space Center, the beaches, a gambling cruise out of

the port or even a 3 day cruise before or after the reunion.

By the time of the reunion all rooms will be remodeled to update accommodations as well as other upgrades. All rooms will have "Sleep Number" beds, for example. We have two blocks of rooms – standards at \$109 per night and suites at \$149. Taxes are 17% (tourist + sales). These rates are available for days before or after the reunion for those wanting to extend their stay.

The banquet committee has the menus and prices and is in the process of selecting a delicious meal for each evening. There will be a hospitality suite both days. Next we will identify the menus, guest speaker, golf course, and registration costs along with forms and information on contacting the Radisson for reservations. The facilities we have selected can accommodate 250+ so let's fill them up and have a great reunion.



UPDATE, 2008.08: With the selection of the Radisson at the Port as the reunion site, the golf tournament has been scheduled at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course. A guest speaker has been identified and a potential theme for the reunion was discussed at the last board meeting. There are a few details related to the theme and the Open House that need to be resolved with the new AFTAC Commander in August. Because of the August publication of this issue some of these details are not known. However, they should be available for the 'Annual Meeting' on 8 Sep. Come and get 'em!!

Additionally, as information is available, we will pass it on via emails (eALLerts) so please have your information at the LRDA website up-to-date as that will be used to contact you. We also intend to do registration via the website with a complete registration package included in the December POMO issue. Internet posted items will either be available at the 'Home Page' or at the 'Need To Know Now' link.



Personals ...

Wherein alumni let us know of events in their lives Sages should be aware of. Please send us deaths, births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements (military or otherwise), and other events.

Transitions

Important Events in our Sage's lives (marriages, children, etc..
None Provided

In Memoriam

Barbara Ann Ferrante
Ralph S. Riggs

Rest in Eternal Peace

Barbara Ann Ferrante

JUDY MILAM, WRITTEN NOTE, 06.16



LT COL JOE FERRANTE WORKED IN HQ'S DO. THE COMPLETE OBITUARY IS POSTED AT: [HTTP://WWW.LEGACY.COM/FLORIDATODAY/OBITUARIES.ASP?PAGE=SEARCHRESULTS](http://WWW.LEGACY.COM/FLORIDATODAY/OBITUARIES.ASP?PAGE=SEARCHRESULTS) AND READS: Barbara Ann Ferrante, 59, died on Monday, April 7, 2008 at the William Childs Hospice House in Palm Bay, FL.

Barbara was a lovely and happy person, dedicated to her family and friends. She enjoyed 17 years at

Eau Gallie High School as an Exceptional Education Teacher and Administrator.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Barbara married Joseph Jr., and spent 23 years as an Air Force wife. Her love for her children, Elizabeth, Joseph III, Suzanne and Patricia was very important in her life. Barbara also has three siblings; Susan, Eileen and Buddy and two adorable grandsons. A Mass was held on Friday, April 11th, at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Indian-
lantic, FL. Published in FLORIDA TODAY on 4/9/2008.

Ralph S. Riggs

DON MOSLEY, EMAIL-7/22, OBITUARY FOLLOWS

CONWAY | Ralph Smith Riggs, 70, of Conway, died Saturday, July 19, 2008 at Conway Medical Center following an illness.

Mr. Riggs was born in Morehead City, North Carolina, a son of the late Ralph Livingston and Ila Smith Riggs. He was a U.S. Air Force and Navy veteran with thirty years of service, and had served in the Cold War. Mr. Riggs attended Virginia Tech, and worked for the Horry County Emergency (911) Agency. He was past Master of Seaside Masonic Lodge No. 419 Ancient Free Masons for three terms, Charleston York Rite College. He was also past presiding officer of Myrtle Beach York Rite Bodies, Chicora York Rite College. Mr. Riggs was a 32nd degree Mason K.C.C.H. Myrtle Beach/Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies. He was a member of the Omar Shriners and Charleston Chapter No. 28 Heroes of 76. He was also a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

He is survived by his wife of forty years, Treva Riggs of Conway; three daughters, Robin Riggs of Myrtle Beach, Shelley Riggs of Conway, and Margaret Riggs of Harkers Island, N.C.; one son, John Riggs and his wife, Tammy, of Smyrna, N.C.; three grandchildren, Jason Riggs and his wife, Star, Dalton Riggs, and Rebecca Riggs; and one great-granddaughter, Savannah Riggs.

Graveside services, with military honors and Masonic Rites (were held July 23, 2008). A guestbook is available at www.goldfinch.com or at MyrtleBeachOnline.com. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is in charge of arrangements. Published in The Sun News on 7/21/2008.

Col Koerschner

DALE KLUG, EMAIL, 07.30

Sorry to hear of the passing of Col Koerschner (last issue). This is a picture of him while visiting an 1157th detachment with AFTAC commander Gen Hall in 1967.

Col K

Gen Hall (Deceased)



MAIL - CALL

Any requests for action should be sent to
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Missives requesting no action may be mailed/emailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@earthlink.net. They 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 write!! 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).

EPOMO EMAIL

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Correction Received, Al Davis email 2008.07.18

Local TW Cable provider sold to Comcast and forced E-mail address change to aldavis26@comcast.net. Old provider forwarded mail to new address for an extended period, and I failed to provide correction to all correspondents. Prefer to receive P-M via the net.

Want to add amen to C. Bailey's report of Col K's passing. I also served under him as 1157th Sq. B Sys Officer and believed him to be a fine Officer and Gentleman. I have with extreme sadness noted the passing of many fine AFTACers I served with between 1958 and 1972. My condolences to surviving families.

My first mate Dorothy, known to many AFTACers has passed. My second mate, Nancy, probably unknown to most contemporaries, also. My third mate Jeane and I are doing well in the Houston, TX area.

My sister, Mary Lou Harlow, known to some AFTACers in the CCB area, and a brother, Robert Davis, are in the CCB area.

Feel free to publish my E-Mail address in the alumni directory. I'll be pleased to hear from any and all, and any travelers thru the Houston area are welcome to share talk and refreshment. LtCol USAF Ret'd.

Al, thanks for getting in touch with us and all the 'catch up' news..

First Sage to 'Report In'

Buford Clendenen-email, 2008.06.16 @ 345PM

(sent out, 245-3PM) I just received my eMoPo. You guys do a great job putting this together. Thanks to everyone involved. I know its a lot of work. Thanks, and

congratulations on getting back to us so soon! We don't even mind that you 'renamed' the PoMo!! Buford replied, 'I guess my old timers just kicked in for a moment. (ha)'

Jack (Mac) McGettigan-email @ 411PM

What a great bunch of people to do what you do for us. Thanks Again. Why don't all members with computers get this great publication on line. Need to save our funds. Thanks, Jack ... Buford beat you out this time! And thanks for encouraging others to try the 'e way.'

Bob Fitzgerald-email @ 620PM

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying good weather in FL. It's been roasting here in Sacramento this past week, as usual, but at least there's no humidity to go with it. [Small consolation :-)] Right now we need the kind of humidity that falls from the sky!!

I received your link to the ePOMO today and wanted to thank you once again for the great effort you two put into this wonderful newsletter each month. I belong to a number of veteran's organizations and none of their publications, even the slick ones, come close to the quality of the content of ours. The PoMo is consistently the best there is around. You probably have a number of helpers (elves?) in getting the PoMo out each month that I should include in this accolade and sincere thanks, if so please consider it done. Thank you one and all. Wow, how do we handle this compliment!! Thanks so much, Bob, and you are always kind in your email. We do have elves that review our draft, Frank **Hall** and Judy **Milam**, and our 'security elf,' Deborah **Carson**. Our 'get it from the printers to the mailers to the HQ's' elf is Jack **Jackson** as the 'A-Team,' and Curt and Eunice **Harris**, and Terry **Hammond** on the 'B Team,' as needed. And, of course, you guys our readers are our really BIG ELVES ... you guys give us what we publish!!!

MAIL

Bob Fitzgerald-mail

05.30

Bob ordered several items from the 'Sage Shop' and wrote: Although you don't charge shipping and handling for these items, I'm enclosing a check for \$15 and donating the balance. I'm sure the LRD Alumni Assoc will make good use of the small 'thank you' from an appreciative Lifetime member. Bob does it again (see above). Thanks again, first, for your membership, and, secondly, for your donation and appreciation.

Cliff York-email

08.10

We are doing good in Idaho. Working on the landscaping of our new home. Just got the occupancy permit and moved in on April 20. Finally have enough garage and shop space for my car hobby. In addition, Buhl advertises itself as the trout capital of the world, so have good fishing to fill in the relaxing hours. Life is good. Thanks, Cliff ... good to get all this 'catch-up' new.

MBR APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE(S)

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR

'Serial Sages' (New Lifetime Member)

Donald M. King

'Sustaining Sages' (Annual Mbrs, new and renewals)

Gerald Johnson, Jack R. Tucker,

PREZ

FROM
THE TOP

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It has been my privilege to be your president for the past two terms. But now it is time to inject new ideas into leadership of the association. I encourage you to **attend the membership meeting on 8 Sept at The Tides** to vote for new officers.

The nomination committee proposes a slate of **Lloyd French** for president, while other officers have volunteered to serve another term. As always, nominations from the floor are welcome with the only restriction being that the nominee must be present to certify their willingness to serve. Remember that we need a quorum present to have a legal election so please attend and cast your vote.

There are continuing issues that the new officers will need to address during the year and your input and ideas will help them considerably.

-First is **control of expenses**, primarily the costs of printing and distributing the Post Monitor newsletter. That's why we are pushing so hard to have everyone receive their issues via email.

-Second, to offset higher costs, we need to consider **increasing income**.

-Third, we need to find an effective **recruiting** method for new members.

-And fourth, the organization functions due the efforts of a very few dedicated individuals. **Participation really needs to be expanded**. New ideas would help alleviate all four issues. Make the first step by attending the membership meeting on 8 Sep.

To support AFTAC Cares, some members have contributed phone cards for inclusion in the quarterly packages to the deployed troops so they can conveniently call back home. All donated cards had been used up so the most recent packages went out without phone cards. The email messages we have received regarding this effort indicate that the cards mean a lot to the troops. It's a worthwhile cause that directly benefits the active duty AFTAC family. I urge you to donate another batch of cards for future packages.

See you at The Tides on 8 Sep.



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-**Bob Wiley** Vice-**Addison Mitchell**
Secretary-**Judy Milam** Treasurer-**Joe Goldian**

Appointed

2009 WorldWide Alumni Reunion Coordinator-**Bob Wiley**
Activities-**CMSgt John Nederhoed** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black**
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**
'Off-Line' WorldWide Database-**Clark Creery**
Publicity-**Need a Volunteer** Sage Shop-**Pat/Carol Snyder**

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A Minute with the Minutes

May—Aug

WorldWide Reunion, 2009: Our current President, Bob Wiley, has volunteered to be the 'Major Arranger,' Pat **Snyder** to Co-Chair, see page one and the association website, www.aftacalumni.org, 'Need To Know Now' link for updates.

Golf: Golf dates have been set for the 18th Fall Tournament (Oct 10th, see page 1) and the 19th Spring Tournament in conjunction with the WorldWide Reunion (May 1st, see page 1).

Membership: Chair, Randy Vlassick reports membership is 656, 580 lifetime.

Post-Monitor: Printing/Mailing costs continue to deplete our reserves. Discussions determined a 3-issues per year schedule would start with this August issue.

LRD 50-Year Commemorative Coins: The coin that recently 'flew in space' will be presented to the AFTAC Commander during an appropriate ceremony and will subsequently be displayed in the 'Hall of Heritage' (at the HQ's building). The remaining 11 Coins will be presented to deserving alumni.

Hall of Heritage: Plans are underway to approve space for a 'Hall of Heritage' in the new building, if and when one is approved. The timeline of the mission will be reflected in the Hall of Heritage.

SnowBall: 2009.01.31 SnowBall XI, will be held at the Tides; theme 'Korea.'

Publicity Chair: We are in need of a Sage to fill this position. Please step forward if you'd like to help your association in an important area.

OTHER CHAPTERS

Sister chapters, California (newsletter, **Depot Fallout**) and Colorado (newsletter, **Echoes**), have not published since the last **Post-Monitor** in June.

We look forward to receiving their new issues soon (California has advised theirs is in draft) and will extract them in the December PoMo.

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Duty Doing' *from around the AFTAC world*

Command Section

Note: Last issue we noted the AFTAC Change of Command. AFTAC PA, MSgt **Murphy**, writes of this change, and of Col Westergren, in the following article.

Col. Lisa Ann **Onaga** assumed command of AFTAC on August 7th. We plan to publish a picture and bio in the next issue. Chief **Nederhoed** introduced Col Onaga at the August LRD Board meeting and reunion plans and presentation of our 'Space' coin was discussed.



CMSgt John
Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04 AF 1983/AFTAC: 1987. The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO at HQ. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Academy) and has earned several Associate of Science Degrees.



AFTAC commander relinquishes command

MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PATRICK AFB, Fla. -- The Air Force Technical Applications Center commander relinquished command in a ceremony here May 20.

Col. Mark Westergren, who had commanded AFTAC since August 2006, departed for a 365-day deployment in Iraq. His replacement, Col. Lisa Ann Onaga, is scheduled to assume command of AFTAC in August.

"He successfully articulated his vision to those under his command," said Maj. Gen. John **Koziol**, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency commander. "I cannot underestimate the importance of Colonel **Westergren's** leadership. He focused on leadership, individual development and mentoring. He is one of the very best leaders we have in our community and in the U.S. Air Force."

As commander of AFTAC, Colonel Westergren oversaw the expansion of the center to a unit consisting of more than 800 people with field elements in 50 nations on six continents and 15 manned locations. While under his command, the center's U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System performed flawlessly following the first foreign nuclear test in eight years by delivering verifiable scientific data to national authorities that confirmed North Korea's claim of a nuclear test. This critical information was briefed to the President of

the United States and was the linchpin data for the United Nations imposed sanctions against North Korea. Additionally, he developed important new partnerships in Mongolia, Jordan and Afghanistan.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to lead this storied team," Colonel Westergren said. "I'm proud of you all for working together as a team, for stepping up individually and collectively. It means we get to win together as a team."

Colonel Westergren received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Syracuse University. He began his career in 1985 as a solid state physicist at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., researching ways to build coherent semiconductor laser arrays and then overseeing multi-million dollar efforts fabricating laser array designs. As an Olmsted scholar from December 1991 to December 1993, he studied International Relations at Seoul National University in the Republic of Korea, then earned a Master's degree at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., in January 1995.

After SAIS, he was assigned to J-2, U.S. Forces Korea, leading a combined U.S./Republic of Korea team in all-source analysis of North Korea's political/economic situation from January 1995 to February 1996. He then served at the Pentagon as the senior authority on intelligence issues for worldwide strategic threats for the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force until July 1999. Selected to attend Air Command and Staff College, he graduated first in his class, earning the Commandant's Award for Excellence. He was then assigned to the Joint Analysis Center, United Kingdom, where he led U.S. European Command's Combating Terrorism Division from July 2000 to July 2002. He then returned to Korea in July 2002 as the commander of the 303rd Intelligence Squadron, leading a 400-person unit providing intelligence for 7th Air Force.

After his Senior Developmental Education as an Air Force Fellow to the Rand Corp., from July 2004 to June 2005, he was selected as the Director of Joint Operations for the 2,400-person National Security Agency/Central Security Service Hawaii in Kunia City from July 2005 to July 2006.



See program details, and needed items, at the alumni website, 'Need To Know Now' link.

Haywon **Kim**, and other AFTAC Active-Duty spouses, distribute items needed by deployed AFTACers. You can contact Haywon @ hey1k@yahoo.com.

NOTE: In Nov, 06, the following article was posted in the 'AFTAC Family' publication by the then historian, Mr Null. This publication is suspended, but, the information is pertinent and interesting. Start at '1' and read in numerical order.

Mr. Null also explains, "The rationale for the various objects are that blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, the yellow to the sun, the globe indicates the world-wide mission of the unit and the cloud ¹²and lightning bolts depict study of natural phenomena. **AFTAC** November 2006

The yellow contrails symbolize the study of the atmosphere and space."

Heraldic description of the AFTAC emblem

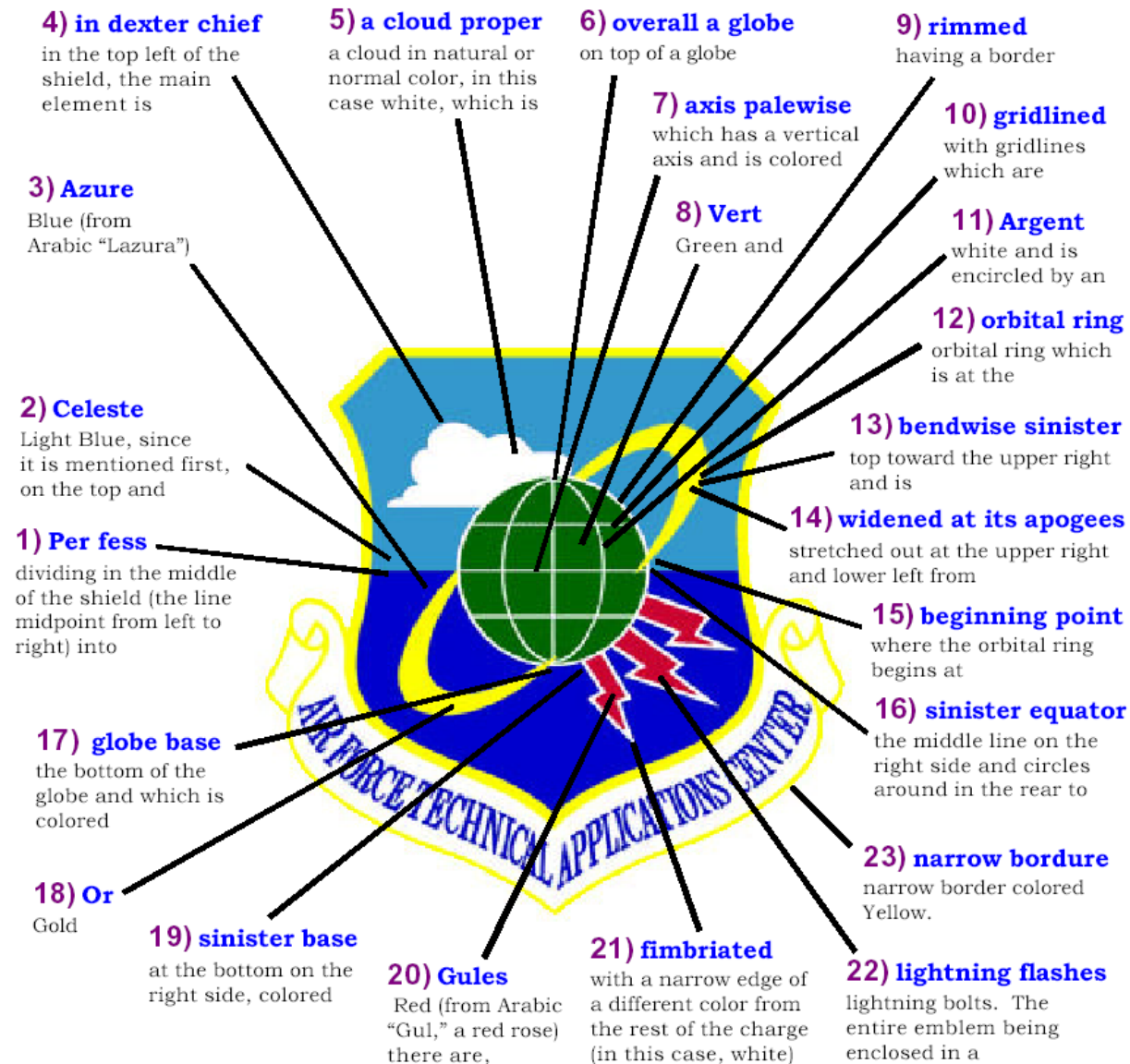
by Gary Null
AFTAC Historian

In heraldic language, the Air Force Technical Applications Center emblem is described by the following:

"Per fess Celeste and Azure, in dexter chief a cloud proper; overall a globe, axis palewise Vert, rimmed and gridlined Argent between and encircled by an orbital ring bendwise sinister and widened at its apogees, beginning point at the sinister equator and

terminating at globe base Or, emitting from its sinister base three radiating lightning flashes Gules fimbriated White; all within a narrow bordure Yellow."

The explanation of what the description says in modern standard English is fairly simple, once you get past the archaic language used in the formal description. For the purpose of this explanation, right and left are determined from the point of view of someone facing the shield. It's usually just the opposite in heraldry; the point of view is from the person carrying the shield.



NOTE: SOME AVAILABLE 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE **DO NOT** HAVE INPUTS.

We list them there anyway in the hope it will trigger a Sage or two to sit down and share a tale or two.

It is also a powerful reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!

Forward inputs to 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column).

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.).

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman** (deceased), George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad** Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy**, Tom **Dunn**, Bob **Long**, John **Bright**, Vern **Mikkelsen**, Brian **Swan**, Bruce **Deffler**, Les **Miller**, Clark **Wilberg**, Lloyd **French**, John **Bright**, Tony **Balentine**, Wayne **Myers**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'I REMEMBER ...' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT:

No Inputs Received ... We Need Yours!!!

BS TALES

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be '**Barely Substantiated**' and/or '**Boldly Stated (BS)**.' Forward your to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd** (1 story), John **Horsch** (6), Ben **Vlassick**, (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (3), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank and Nedra **Szachta** (4), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (2), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal**, Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7), Clark **Creery** (3), Richard (Alkie) **Summers**, Les **Miller**, Jon **Richardson** Mike **Higgins**, Kenneth **Stanford**. Dick **Grim**, Bob **Chadwick**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT: BOB CHADWICK

Tales From Down Under-Multi-Sheep Skin' Rugs

Bob Chadwick, E8, Ret, Det 421 Aug 77-Oct 78

Editor's Note: We warn our very sensitive Sages this article is slightly risqué. However, because it is so well written and organized, we felt it was acceptable for printing.

Shortly after I arrived at Det 421 (Alice Springs) in August 1977, we received notification that the Air Force Comm Service had scheduled a renovation and refurbishment of our data line system. This task was something that had been budgeted for a couple years and

was anxiously awaited, particularly after a round of bush fires a few months previous. The team, from the Far East Area Comm Depot was due to arrive in a month or so, and would be on site for about 6 weeks.

We made arrangements for the team's accommodation downtown, and prepared for their arrival. Seems like someone with some experience in this area, with teams of this nature, recalled that Outside Plant installation teams had a tendency to be a rough and ready crew of rather rowdy individuals, there were some misgivings as to how they'd fit in to the Alice Springs environment. We had cultivated a strong bond with the local folks, and we did not want a bunch of dorks giving us a black eye.

The day came and the crew arrived. About 10 guys, led by a short, rather meek looking SSGT named John **Gleason**. They were in fact a pretty rough looking bunch, but we talked with SSgt Gleason, and the crew, and came to an understanding. In fact, they were, while there, models of good deportment and integrated well with both the locals and the other det people. One of SSgt Gleason's first actions was to seek out the local Catholic church; he was a serious church goer wherever he was.

Anyways, shortly after they arrived we threw them a "Welcome to The Alice" party and barbecue at the det. All the det families and single troops were there, as well as the team members, about half the gang from the RSL Club across the street, and assorted folks from the Space Base and the town in general. Huge crowd, all having a great time. As the evening wore on, a group of us were listening to John Gleason telling about the trip to Alice. They'd come to Hawaii, then to Alice Springs with an overnight in Christchurch, New Zealand, and a refuel at RAAF Richmond outside Sydney.

John had never been to New Zealand before, and found his overnight stay interesting. He's right; Christchurch is a really neat place in a wonderful country. He wandered around, and was very taken with the souvenir shops, particularly those places where they were selling wool products. New Zealand is famous for this, of course

"Boy, they had some really great stuff there. I got a real nice sweater for my wife, not expensive at all, and a bunch of other things for the kids." A couple folks agreed with him, and told him about some of the things that were around here; opals, kangaroo hides, all that stuff. He went on, "And another thing they had there were whole sheepskins with the wool attached. They had single skins and two skins sewed together, and a couple places I went to even had four-skin rugs that you could buy".....

At that point..... complete silence in the immediate area. He immediately realized what he'd said. Simultaneously, the penny dropped and the rest of the group, about half of which were Detachment Wives, also figured it out. The Ladies were on that one like

ducks on a June bug. The guys shortly after. Poor SSgt Gleason stood there, face as red as a thermometer going "Ah...Blah.... Well I meant" and so forth and just wishing that the ground would open up and swallow him and deliver him from this situation.

I will not relate any of the resultant repartee; you can all use your own imaginations; You know most of the guys, and you probably know a few of the wives. Things eventually settled out, and we all went back to what we were drinking and finished the evening in fine style. John eventually regained his normal coloration and boyish aplomb.

But... Right up till the team got on the plane and left, every time any of about half a dozen wives (and a few of the guys) saw John, they'd ask him about the four-skin rugs and watch him turn red. He was an awfully good sport about it.

TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

'Trivia' was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom **Ciambrone**, who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send unclassified ideas for this series and to provide additional information, or corrections, when appropriate. We ask those who 'remember' to provide content to continue what Tom began. **Answers on the 'Sage Shop' page.**

HONOR ROLL: Tom **Ciambrone** (4 trivia), John **Horsch** (3); Dale **Klug** (5), Bob **Wiley**, Don **Moore**, Steve **Herrick**, Hank **Raymond**, Chuck **Shuster**, Clark **Creery** Bob **Long**
WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT TWO TRIVIA, FIRST, DALE KLUG CONTINUES HIS SUPPORT OF THE 'TRIVIA' CONCEPT BY SENDING US HIS 5TH TRIVIA. THEN A 'WHAT IS IT!'

Question: Where in AFTAC are/were these two buildings located and what was their purpose?



Bonus question: Does anybody know these cars? It looks like a 60's some Mercury ... that right headlight we see looks like the headlight of a 60's style Studebaker!!!

SECOND TRIVIA: SOME WHO SERVED DISPLAY THEIR AFTAC PRIDE IN UNIQUE WAYS-WHAT FOLLOWS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. WHAT IS THIS?



"WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ... "

This Alumni Website link provides Sages a method to attempt to locate each other. Realizing that some do not access the internet, we post those searches here also:

Ray **Thompson**? Asks mikks2@clearwire.net
Troy **Cobb**? Asks mike.johnston@analog.com



SAGE SCHEDULE

- Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns**
-Association Board/Membership Meetings
All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.
BEFORE COMING, VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER
(321) 494-6867 OR patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil
—WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'
WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)
WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building
HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd
—Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'
WHEN: 1700 (5:00PM)
WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building
HOW: come to rear entrance
- September**
5, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
8, 1130-Annual 'Sociable September' General Membership and Elections Meeting at the Tides Club
 (see details on pg 1)
- October**
3, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
10, -Board/Membership Meeting following golf play
- November**
7, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting
- December**
5, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
8, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Traditional Annual Event Timeframe(s)

(some tentatively scheduled [Bold]-others for planning only)

January—April

- SnowBall XI, 2009.01.31**, Tides Club. Theme, Korea
-Feb-Mar, Center Annual Awards Banquet
Mar-Apr, Center Annual Picnic

May—August

- May 1st**, pg 1. Assn 19th Annual Spring Golf n'Getogether-in conjunction with the reunion.

September-December

- 8 Sep**, pg 1. 'Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting' is designated, 'Sociable September' and held at the 'Tides' Club (vs. the HQ's Building) to encourage attendance by all members and alumni
-Oct 10, pg 1. Assn 18th Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether
-Dec 12, pg 1. AFTAC Winter Social, Holiday Convention Center @ I95 & Wickham

ANNUAL FY DUES ARE PAST DUE (DUE 1 OCT)

WorldWide Alumni Reunions

(normally scheduled on a biannual basis and hosting rotates between the three chapters)

The **Florida Chapter** is planning the next **WorldWide Reunion for May 1st-2nd, 2009**. See details on Page one. Plan to attend.

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Jade (medium green)	3	7	3	2
Navy	2	2	0	0
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White	1	1	1	2
Royal Blue	1	3	0	2
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	11	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	2	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	1

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Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	0
Stone Washed Green	0	0	2	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	1	1
Black	4	2	0	3

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

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-Florida Membership Directory:
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'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s)

'Trivia' question on preceding page(s)

- Bldg T-740 was located at Camp Kohler in Sacramento and was the original WFO Depot building in the 1950s
 -Bldg S-39 was located on McClellan AFB and was the WFO Laboratory in the 1950s
 -License Plate belonging to Sage Bob Long

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