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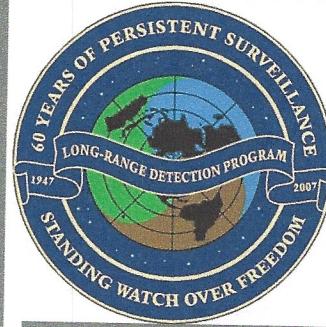


The Alumni Anthem  
Over the years and  
at younger ages ...  
'GS,' 'E' and 'O'  
were our gauges

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  
16 September 2007  
1947 – 2007



## SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



GENE AND DEANNA  
MECLCHIOR

(Photo on page 3)



We spotlight a 'couple' this issue ... in our memory, this is only the second time this has been done-your editors were so honored in the 2000.03 issue.

Gene and Dee enjoy alumni meetings & activities and are 'always there' to help, most recently with the 2009 WorldWide Reunion hospitality room and the 2010 SnowBall decoration committee.

Gene was born in Cleveland, OH (yes he's a worthless nut, buckeye) and Dee in West Palm Beach, FL (sand still in her shoes). They married 51 years ago after meeting on a blind date in Jacksonville, FL. They have 2 sons, 4 grandsons and a great grandson.

Gene joined the Air Force Jan, '57 at Concord, CA, served AFTAC, '63 to '70 (Commendation Medal, '70), and retired Aug, '77. During his service he attended several tech schools: Ground Radio Equip Repairman, Scott AFB -"C" System, Stanford University; 99125 B, Lowry, AFB; Weather Equip Tech (3 & 7 level), Chanute AFB; E & I Team Chief, Griffiss AFB; Weather Satellite Tracking (DMSP), Keesler AFB and HQ Command NCO Academy, Bolling AFB.

Assignments include, Lackland AFB TX; French Morocco; Jacksonville Naval Air Station, FL; Crystal Springs, MS; Misawa AB, Japan; (go to Page Three)

### LAST ISSUE? DUES DUE? Here's how to know:

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### ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

#### SEPT 10TH, 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER III'

#### General Membership & Elections Meeting

EDITORS

This meeting will be held on Friday, 1130, at the Tides Club Ocean Lounge to encourage attendance by all AFTAC active-duty, assn members and alumni. This was very successful last year and resulted in attendees from out of town and others who had not been at a meeting for some time. A buffet will be available for \$7.95 (non club-members) and its 'Fish Friday!' (continued on page three).

#### OCT 29, 20TH ANNUAL ASSN FALL GOLF N'GETO- GETHER, MANATEE GOLF COURSE PAFB, 1230

CHIEF MELTON-AFTAC/LSM

FALL 2010 LRD Alumni Association Golf N'Getogether-Check-in starts at 1030 with a 1230 Shotgun Start. \$40 for Alumni Assn members/\$45 for non-members. Fee includes golf, cart, and BBQ buffet.

**Format:** 4-person scramble, also known as better-ball--Mulligan's on sale 3 for \$5. Each one is an entry into the drawing for door prizes. (continued on page three).

#### DEC 17, AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL, CROWNE PLAZA

PAT SNYDER-AFTAC IG

This very popular event always attracts several Sages ... plan on joining them, contact Pat Snyder, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil if you are interested.

### ALUMNI EVENTS-WE REPORT DATA

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

'Event' articles, when published, follows 'Alert' articles.

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**ASSOCIATION INFORMATION****Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients**

Jack Jackson, 2009

Robert 'Bob' Wiley 08-Bill Schmied 07-Deborah Carson 06  
 Mike Black 05-Joe Goldian 04-Pat Snyder 03-'Joe' Johnson 02  
 Jim Payne 01-Ben Vlassick 00 (deceased)-John Horsch 99  
 Frank Hall 98-Judy Milam 97-Carl Gailey 96-Clark Creery 95

**Long Range Detection (LRD) 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 & 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 which was chartered in 1986. Originally 'AFTAC Alumni Assn' a name change was necessary in mid-2001, by AF rules to continue operating 'on base.'

The assn provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to 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: Clark Creery, ccreery@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**; a 'Need to Know Now' link contains current event & 'Sages to remember' data-for link update notification, '<http://twitter.com/Irdntkn>'.

**Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-NNewsletter, 85/89-95, 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, Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09.

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

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

**Sage Communicators, Florida Chapter:** Newsletter: John/Christel Horsch; Information/Proofing: Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson; Executive Review: Frank Hall; Rovin' Cameras/Reporters: Judy Milam/Bob Wiley/Clark Creery; Printing/Mailing: Editors/Jack Jackson/Terry Hammond/Curt & Eunice Harris-Web: Master, Mike Black, 'NTKN' Link, Editors

**"A TEAM" ...OF HORSCHE'S'**

'58-'87

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

Boo's and Boo Boo's: None reported.

We've got a lot to say this issue but we start with our 'watch' of the nomination of The Honorable James R. **Clapper** for 'Director of National Intelligence.' From a personal, and a professional, point of view we took great interest in these developments-personally. In 1985, then Col Clapper selected 'us' to be AFTAC's Fourth 'Senior Enlisted Advisor'-professionally, he was instrumental in many changes to the Center, and in the initiation of the alumni association. We were in touch with him throughout the process wishing him well ... he, being the gentlemen he is, always took the time to reply. Good Luck, Sir!! we wish you the best outcome at this time. [Update on page 24!!](#)

In a personal vein, we recently traveled this great land of ours. Along the way we stopped, as in the past, to visit 'Sage Friends.' In the past, we have not elaborated on these stops-this time, we'd like to take a minute of your time to show you a picture or two and a word or two about those friends. We get used to mentioning those Sages geographically 'near' us, this time we mention those 'away' from us, and are sure some of them 'made memories' with some of you!!

-first 'Sage Stop/Stay'-Don and Martha Marcus, Slidell, LA. The Col insisted if we were to 'picture him' we had to include the one with the AFTAC hat and his Saint's, 'Who Dat' tie!!!



-second, Richard and Rita Summers, Shreveport, LA.



Right-side, John presents first (only?) 'failure under pressure' (FUP) to Richard, he being the first recipient (ask and you shall learn!).



Guess, before turning to page 3.

### SAGE SPOTLIGHT FROM PAGE ONE

Ellsworth AFB, SD; Kuma Station, Chitose, Japan; Far East Network (FEN) Tokyo, Japan; Griffiss AFB, NY; HQ AFTAC Zip Room, Alexandria, VA; Howard AFB, Panama Canal Zone and McClellan AFB, CA, for retirement.

After the USAF, Gene and Dee came to FL. Gene earned a BS degree at Rollins College and worked as a Field Engineer in Uganda with Harris Satellite; Engineering Specialist, Harris Controls; Process Engineer /Production Supervisor, Applied Mfg Concepts; "S" Band Radar Technician aboard USNS Observation Island, Lockheed Martin; and, finally, Census 2000.

Dee retired in 2002 from Harris Corp/Intersil after 24 yrs as a Credit Analyst.

### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWO

Pictures, prior page, TX, Joshua/Burleson, Ron Cook, asked to be pictured with another famous 'outlaw' and Jerry and Billy Brown,



Phil Lindstedt & Fender Allison

hmh hmh hmh, that dessert and coffee alone was worth the drive.

Next up, 'along the way,' were these Sages, and where do you think we found them? 'Remembering Readers' recall Fender from our detachment (489) in Pinedale, WY!! Phil was there, from HQ, doing research and testing.

**NOTE:** From this visit came several interesting items found later in this issue-Fender made us aware of an article in the local paper about the detachment-this will be found at the 'Active-Duty' section. We also learned of a Sage not listed in our databases, 'Ski Irwin.' You will read about him in our 'Mail-Call' and 'Alumni to Remember' sections.



'Drivin' On' - we find Ray and Marva Brust in Bella Vista, AR. Ray and Marva have 'retired' from "Deacon Duties" and here we see that they have 'accidentally' designed the same hat!! Actually, we were enjoying the products of Branson, MO, and we probably browbeat them into trying these on, promising we would not put them in the PoMo!! Sorry guys, just too good to pass up.

And so it goes. What a great pride and pleasure to travel this land of ours ... we also visited other friends and family, and, in general, it was one of our better and more memorable trips.

This drive was very connecting for us in many ways and we share in hopes that you, our readers, will share your memories with others thru this newsletter-sit right down and drop us a 'Sage' memory or two.

So, now, enjoy the rest of the issue ... it's loaded with the very interesting stuff we mentioned above, and more. The 'Mail-Call' section is jammed as well and we have several 'must read' Feature Articles.'

### ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP FROM PAGE ONE

#### SEPT 10TH, III ANNUAL 'SOCIAL SEPTEMBER'

**NOMINEES:** "The Nomination Committee has completed its discussion and recommends the following slate of officers be nominated at the Sep meeting. All have indicated a willingness to serve in the position listed-**President:** Lloyd French, **VP:** CMSgt Dave Melton; **Treasurer:** Joe Goldian; **Secretary:** Sean Ryan Respectfully submitted, Bob Wiley Chairman, Nomination Committee"

#### GOLF OCT 29, MANATEE GOLF COURSE PAFB, 1230

Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors are welcome to participate. Enter by calling:

CMSgt Dave Melton, [david.melton@patrick.af.mil](mailto:david.melton@patrick.af.mil) or [damelto@aol.com](mailto:damelto@aol.com)

or call 321-494-3242 before 7 Sep  
or 321-494-4956 7 Sep and after

Or MSgt Kevin Alig, [kevin.alig@patrick.af.mil](mailto:kevin.alig@patrick.af.mil)  
or call 321-494-4333

If you want to come just to eat and socialize,  
cost is \$10, but, you need to 'sign up!'

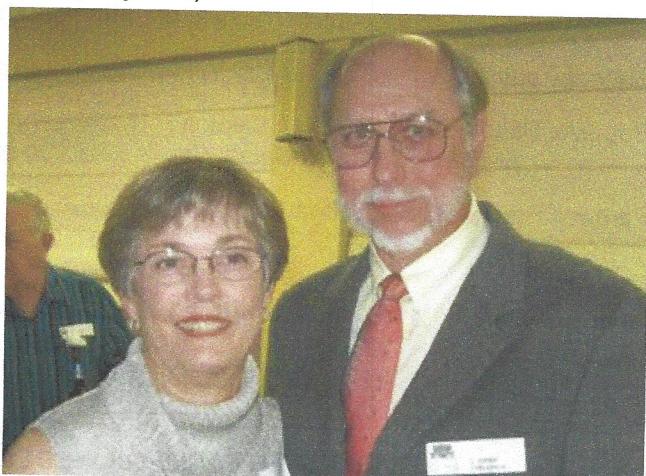
**Prizes**-There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, Men's long drive, Women's long drive and 2 closest to the pin contests and door prize drawings.

**Beverages**-There will be at least one beverage cart running for those desiring something stronger than soft drinks.

**NOTE:** Air Force Services has appropriated a new irrigation system, unfortunately MCGC leadership has no idea when the work may start. If the work starts prior to the tournament the practice area will be set-up as a hole and one hole will have a temporary green installed in the fairway. This is usually not a problem and the course will be playable. In fact, this turns out in our favor because the course said they will cut us a discounted price, making more money available for prizes.

#### DEE & GENE MELCHIOR-'SAGE SPOTLIGHT' COUPLE

(Photo, Judy Milam)



**ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF FROM PAGE ONE****CENTER ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC, PAFB 'BLOCKHOUSE'**

CLARK CREERY, ONE OF OUR 'ROVIN' WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, IN ADDITION TO BEING THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, SENT US A PICTURE AND A NOTE.

MAY 1st-Clark noted: "Tom Dunn and I sat in the Blockhouse and watched the beer. AOY, Jack Jackson, leaned on the stage and watched CC, Col Onaga, get a pie in the face. Good showing of folks, well executed, and a pleasure to attend.

**20TH ANNUAL ASSN SPRING GOLF 'N' GETTOGETHER**

CMSGT DAVID MELTON, PAT SNYDER VOLUNTEERS/PLACE/WINNER'S LISTING

MAY 14-We had a beautiful day enjoyed by 88 golfers. The 220pm shuttle launch of STS-132 was a real highlight. Smokin' Joe's BBQ was terrific. Golf and dinner went smoothly, all participants were headed home by 1830.

**Donors**

**BCC** Planetarium and Observatory - 4 tickets  
**Brevard** County Parks and Recreation - 2 rounds of golf at any Brevard County Golf Course  
**BAE** Systems Technology Solutions and Services - \$500 hole sponsor  
**Turtle Creek** Golf Course - 4 rounds of golf  
**Riverside** Research Institute - \$250 hole sponsor  
**BRPH** donation of \$375 closest to the pin sponsor  
**Hensel Phelps** Construction \$500 long drive sponsor and 100 ball markers  
**BAE** Systems Technology Solutions and Services - \$250 closest to the pin  
**MC DEAN** - \$500 donation hole sponsor  
**AIS** Engineering - \$375 donation hole sponsor

**Volunteers**

TSgt Troy Main, SSgt Jack Cornelis, TSgt Danielle Frederick, SSgt Rahmin Wright, SrA Meghan Williams SSgt Jeremy Hollingsworth, A1C Nicholas Grigaliunas A1C Joseph Mendoza, Pat Snyder

**Place/Winner's Listing**

**First Place** - \$50 Cocoa Beach Country Club gift certificates-Jason Miller, Darrell Bryant, Matthew Soderlund, Brett Mundie

**Second Place** - \$40 Cocoa Beach Country Club gift certificates-Pat Murphy, Jerry Eller, Ben Norris, Joe McConnell

**Third Place** - \$25 Cocoa Beach Country Club gift certificates-Lee Cote, Judy Ellingwood, Jeff Pearson, Mark Clayman

**Closest to Pin:** (Charlie & Jake's gift certificates \$ 40 )-Chris Clark, Dave Money

**Lady's longest drive:** (1 doz Precept golf balls & towel)-Lisa Matsubara

**Men's longest drive:** (1 doz Nike golf balls)-Dave Melton

**The Mulligan Drawings** were very successful ... we had tons of great prizes and many, many winners.

And ... Great food provided by **Smokin' Joe's**



Our decked out attendee's, Bob (photographer), Jack and Sean

**AFTAC DINING OUT AND ... A CHALLENGE**

BOB WILEY

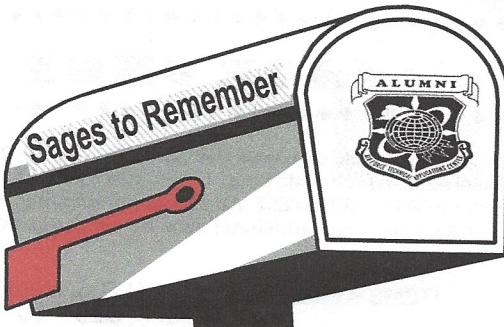
JULY 16-Sean Ryan, Jack Jackson, and myself represented the Alumni at the AFTAC Dining Out, 16 July, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It was impressive to see all the wonderfully dressed participants. Sean and I even managed to fit into tuxes.

There were the traditional activities – honor guard, MIA table, toasts to the chain of command, etc, but there were a few differences that were interesting to watch. Rather than the junior people being 'in charge', senior captains were installed as the President of the Mess and Mr. Vice with a Chief Master Sergeant as co-Mr. Vice. Responsibilities for stocking the 'Grog Bowl' were divided among the Directorates, with each contributing one ingredient supposedly indicative of their expertise. It was pretty tame until the liquid nitrogen was poured in. Fortunately, none of the alumni were found guilty of violating 'Rules of the Mess' so we can't report first hand knowledge of the tastiness of the grog. Afterward I overheard some say it was pretty good.

We had a very good buffet dinner which was followed by a visual history of Long Range Detection, narrated by the co-Mr. Vices. It was a pretty thorough presentation which ended with the current rendition of the new Headquarters building.

There was one claim made during the evening, that this was the 1st Dining Out in AFTAC's history, that really rubbed me the wrong way. Having been part of the organization since 1971, I just didn't believe that was true. When I got home, I rummaged through my souvenir collection and found programs from Dining Outs in 1984, 1985, and 1990. I have provided this documentation to the AFTAC Director of Staff as a rebuttal. But I would like to challenge all of you to join in correcting the active duty's misconception of AFTAC's heritage in the Dining In/Out activities. I'm positive that there must have been more and would like to know your recollections. If 1990 was the last one, that means an entire 20 year career has passed without one. Thanks, Bob, we'd like to know the dates of 'Dining Out's' Sages recall also; we'd add that to our 'History.'





## 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.

## In Memoriam

John Abbott  
Griffen Bruner  
Francis Funa  
Woody Ivandick  
Jesus Camarillo  
Robert Maxon  
Wilbur McAllister  
George Antonio  
Bama Gail Bingham  
Ken Weatherington

Orville Pritchard  
Edward Slover  
Glenn Kennedy  
Angela Medley  
Robert Delaney  
Lois McAllister  
Richard Davis  
Paul Pawlikowski  
Owen Irwin

## Rest In Eternal Peace

### John Abbott

SPOUSE, CAROLYN>BOB AND MARGO MILLER>ALUMNI ASSN MAIL, 04.14, BOB SENT ALONG A CLIPPING OF THE OBITUARY AND A NOTE FROM CAROLYN-UNFORTUNATELY THE NOTE HAD BEEN FOLDED AND WAS FADED, AND WE CANNOT REPRODUCE SAME HERE ... WE CHECKED THE INTERENT TO NO AVAILA AS THE NOTICE WAS NO LONGER FULLY AVAILABLE. WHAT FOLLOWS IS CAROLYN'S NOTE INCLUDED WITH THE CLIPPING (LATER, THE OBITUARY WAS FOUND AND FOLLOWS THE NOTES BELOW):



"Dear Bob and Margo,  
Thought you might pass this on to AFTAC-he belonged to such a great group of Air Force members and was always so proud.  
Carolyn"

BOB ALSO WROTE:

"John Abbott was among the finest NCO's I encountered in 28 years of service, and 333 was where we first met. If you can get a notice in the Alumni News I'd be appreciative."

**Obituary-Abbott, John Milton 72** 7/5/1937 3/3/2010  
Wednesday, March 3, our family was devastated by the unexpected loss of John Abbott, a great husband, father and grandfather. John grew up in the Northwest

with his parents, Al and Helen. He graduated from Seattle's Garfield High School in 1955. On his 18th birthday, he committed to four years with the U.S. Marine Corps, then served 18 more with the U.S. Air Force. In addition to five states, John's family accompanied him to overseas duty assignments which included Iran, Pakistan and Turkey.

After over two decades of military relocation, John retired from the Air Force in 1978, returning to his native home, the Pacific Northwest. He earned a Bachelor of Arts at Portland State University and was employed by Konica. John stood upon a strong foundation of values and was the honest man that many aspire to be. With integrity, he was proof that a man does not require great wealth or title to be admired by many. John wasn't a griever, rather a man of principle. He was a dedicated father who taught us fairness and discipline and a loving husband whose devotion to Carolyn grew steadily with the years.

A proud patriot and man of peace, he loved America with unwavering loyalty. John belonged to many organizations which included: TREA; First Marine Division - Columbia Chapter; American Legion Post #1; Air Force Sergeants Association; AFTAC Alumni Association; Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter; St. Therese parish; and Meals-On-Wheels.

John's memories will be shared by his survivors - his wife of 50 years, Carolyn; his children and their spouses, Markham and Dorothy, Margaret and Eric and Pam. He is survived by eight grandchildren, Karmen and Denise, Mary Margaret, Helen Marie and Brandon, Jordan, Devon and Bryham.

Military burial was in Willamette National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, John and Carolyn would appreciate donations directed to the Amberside Meals-On-Wheels program.

### Orville Pritchard

BOB FITZGERALD, NOTIFICATION/CURRENT PHOTO-DALE KLUG, OBITUARY

2009.11, CA Fall Social



Born on September 3, 1928, and entered into rest on April 24, 2010. Orville was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years Carol Ann Pritchard. He is survived by his sons Michael and Mark Pritchard (USCG), daughter-in-law Stacy Richardson, and grandsons Scott (USMC), Elliott, Benjamin (USAF), Matthew and Christopher. Born in Dallas, Texas, lived his teenage years in the State of Washington and served 24 years in the United States Air Force. He was involved in 1155 Tech Operations, AFTAC Team 202 and DET 407, where he met many lifelong friends. Orville spent his retirement years volunteering countless hours for the Retiree Activities office at McClellan & McClellan Aviation Museum.

A Memorial Service was held at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, 8201 Greenback Ln, Fair Oaks on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

**Griffen L. Bruner, 2 Sep 1938 – 1 May 2010**

SMSGT (RET) MARVIN R. GIBSON, SEO #24, EMAIL 05.10. PLEASE PUBLISH THIS OBITUARY TO AFTAC ALUMNI AND INCLUDE IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE POST MONITOR. GRIFF SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME IN AFTAC AT THE 1155TOS AND DET 407 AS AN SEO/

Griffen, 71, died quietly in his home on 1 May 2010, from congestive heart failure. He was born 2 Sep 1938 in Cloverport, KY, to the late Leander and Mamie Bruner. Griffen served in the U.S. Air Force from May 1955 until July 1977; U.S. Post Office from 1977 to 1978; and held Civil Service positions in SAC, STRATCOM, and Global Weather from 1978 to 2000. He was a member of Tangier Shrine, Loop Lodge #895 F & AM, Mobile, Alabama; VFW Bellevue, Nebraska; Eastern Nebraska Gun Club; Life Member of the NRA; and Papillion Gun Club.

He was preceded in death by parents Leander & Mamie Bruner, and grandson, Mark Tazin.

Griffen is survived by his wife: Karen. Son & Daughter in Law: Griffen II "Jody" & Marlene Bruner, Waterloo, Ne. Daughters & Sons in Law: Pamela & Mark Tazin, Riverside, Ca., Alicia & David Gelecki, LaVista, Ne. Grandchildren: Tim, Sara, Anthony, Karen, Stephanie, Zachary, Nicole. Great Grandchildren: Noah, Raleigh. Sisters & Brothers in law: Amelia & Francis Carpenter, Versailles, Ky., Mary Jane & Albert Chancellor, Clay, Ky. Services were held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Papillion Ne., Friday, May 7, at 10:30 am. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Omaha.

**Owen 'Ski' Lee Irwin**

REFERENCE OUR EDITORIAL: AS WE VISITED PINEDALE, WY, CHRIS'S HOMETOWN, WE MET SKI'S DAUGHTER, CONNIE, IN THE 'STOCKMEN'S CAFE.' BY CHANCE WE MENTIONED WE HAD BEEN STATIONED HERE '59-'63 ... CONNIE NOTED THAT HER FATHER HAD ALSO SERVED AT THE PINEDALE LOCATION, AND THAT HE HAD PASSED AWAY. AS WE PERSUDED THIS MATTER, WE FOUND SKI'S OBITUARY (BELOW). WE ALSO FOUND SKI'S NAME POSTED ON THE 'VETERAN'S MEMORIAL' IN PINEDALE, SEE PICTURE FOLLOWING.

From the Sublette Examiner, Volume 5, Number 26 - September 22, 2005, brought to you online by **Pinedale Online** Obituaries.

**Owen Lee Irwin**

Owen Lee Irwin, 72, of Pinedale passed away Sept. 13, 2005, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born on April 8, 1933, in Clearfield County, Penn. He was the son of the late Owen Irwin and Althea Irwin. He was one of 13 children.

Ski, as he was known by his friends, spent 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. While stationed in Pinedale, he met and married Virginia (Judy) Peterson on Feb. 11, 1967. After retiring from the Air Force in 1974, he was known in the community as a mechanic, but also a lumberjack and owner of a sawmill. He was a very active member of the VFW as well as being a past commander. He was an avid NRA member. His passions-Nascar, the Denver Broncos and his grandkids. In 1989 he was diagnosed with colon cancer (but) passed away from a sudden illness that was unrelated.

Owen Lee is survived by his wife Virginia Irwin (Judy) of Pinedale; eight children: Lee Irwin, Brad Irwin, Kevin Irwin, Jeff Irwin, Greg



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JAMES, IVAN M. Jr. ★
JAMES, ORVAL C. ★

Irwin (all of Massachusetts), Connie Bernard of Green River, Willy Irwin of Chico, Calif., and Gail Anderson of Pinedale; 11 brothers and sisters: Jay Irwin, Dick Irwin, Barb Records, Jack Irwin, Janet Baker, Bob Irwin, Bill Irwin, Joe Irwin, Mickey Hoyt, Marta Green, Roger Irwin (all of Pennsylvania); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Owen and Althea Irwin, and one brother. Services were held Sept. 17, at Hudson's Funeral Home.

**Memoriam**

MIKE LAUGER

When I got to Pinedale in '77 'Ski' had already retired and was working contracts for AFTAC like most guys did. He retired from the contracting about that time and did whatever he could to make a living. He was good at whatever he attempted.

Very nice and humble person and Barb and I would visit them occasionally and always had a good time. My son married their daughter Gail and they had 2 boys. They are great kids and we love them.

**Edward Slover**

DAVE RIDDLE>DALE KLUG, 05.24



I WAS INFORMED THIS MORNING BY FELLOW AFTAC ALUMNUS, DAVE RIDDLE, THAT ED SLOVER PASSED AWAY ON ARMED FORCES DAY, MAY 15, 2010. ED RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1979. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1155TH TECHNICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON, SUPPLY LOGISTICS SECTION IN THE 1960S AND 70S. HE WAS ALSO VERY ACTIVE ON THE SQUADRON'S SPORTS TEAMS WHO WON MANY MCCLELLAN AFB CHAMPIONSHIPS DURING HIS TENURE. OBITUARY FOLLOWS:

SLOVER, Mr. Edward Slover - a native of New Jersey, died Saturday, May 15, 2010, at the William F. Green State Veterans Home in Bay Minette, AL. Mr. Slover was a longtime resident of Sacramento, CA and moved to Mobile County in 2003 after retirement.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force and Government Services after 40 years of service. Mr. Slover was very active in the Northern California Officials Association for 25 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Jerome Slover and Lillian Frances Tiernan Slover. Mr. Slover is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Katherine Slover; three sons, Edward T. (Jackie) Slover, Donald W. (Sherry) Slover, and Brian (Robin) Slover; two sisters, Pegeen (Richard) D'Agostino and Mary (Michael) Lyman; one brother, Francis (Patricia) Slover; four grandchildren, Tyler, Soleil, Ayden, and Robert; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends, Clay and Pennie Lemire and family, and Hank and Lois Zima and family, Stuart Kohler and family, Steve And Gabi Wildanger, Jeff and Cathy Hight and family, Jeff and Amanda Johnson and family and Mike and Julia Schaecher. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Interment was in Mobile Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Catholic Charities or your favorite children's organization. Condolences may be offered at <http://www.legacy.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Edward-Slover&lc=4959&mid=4254901>—Arrangements, Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Mobile, AL. Published in the Mobile AL Press-Register on May 20, 2010

**Francis 'Frank' Funa**

HARVEY AND CAROL SHAW, 06.11

FUNA, FRANK Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on May 27, 1940, passed on May 28, 2010, in Poway after a long



bout with cancer. Frank is survived by his wife Maxine of Poway, daughter Debra Kirsten, son and daughter-in-law John and Debby Funa and daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Steve Catbagan, all of the Denver, CO, area and stepdaughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Omer Evans of Aromas, CA, and his many beloved grandchildren. Frank was a retired Air Force Captain receiving his engineering degree from Colorado State and his Master's in Business Science from the University of Northern Colorado. After the Air Force, he worked in the aerospace industry. He was Honorary Life Member of the Poway Elks and was active at the Local, District and National Elk levels. He was an avid golfer and dart thrower. It was his honor to serve on the Board of Directors of the Identity Theft Resource Center. He also belonged to the Poway American Legion, the Ramona Masons and the San Diego Al Bahr Shrine and Scottish Rite. Memorial Service was at the Poway Elks Lodge. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in Frank's memory be sent to the Elks National Foundation, PO Box 310, Poway, CA 92074-0310. Published in San Diego Union-Tribune on June 2 NOTE: We are aware Frank served at the 1157th in the mid-70's.

#### Glenn Kennedy

ALLAN PENTECOST-EMAIL 06.14, WROTE WITH INFORMATION, AND A MEMORIUM. ALLAN'S COMPLETE EMAIL IS POSTED AT THE 'MAIL-CALL' SECTION.'

'... and I came across an article written in your Post-Monitor newsletter dated March 2005. The article was written by Glenn Kennedy, "Z2 Forever – Stories from a 99125er". It was actually a series of articles about Glenn's experiences in AFTAC, mostly about his time and episodes spent in Alaska. I was stationed with Glenn there at Det 207 in Alaska in 1968 and 1969. Wow! Those stories he wrote really brought back the memories! Glenn really did a great job of writing those articles! The notes to the article indicated how to contact Glenn at his company, Verotek Systems, so I sent him an email. When I did not receive a reply after 2 emails, I called the company and found out the Glenn had passed away a year ago. You would not believe how disappointed I was not to be able to talk to him, rehash old times, and catch us up to the present.

EDITOR'S NOTE: WE ASKED ALLAN TO DO US THE FAVOR OF USING HIS VERO-TEK CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION. HE LATER WROTE-I CALLED VEROOTEK THIS MORNING, AND I WAS ABLE TO TALK TO BRIAN KENNEDY, GLENN'S BROTHER, WHO IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY. HE WAS VERY HAPPY TO TALK TO ME. HE SAID THERE NEVER WAS AN OBITUARY WRITTEN FOR GLENN, BUT THAT HE KNOWS GLENN WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE ONE WRITTEN FOR THE AFTAC ALUMNI NEWSLETTER. SO HE IS GOING TO WRITE ONE. ALLAN HAD ALSO FOUND THIS NOTICE: FROM THE SAN DIEGO UNION - TRIBUNE - SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(Author Unknown), May 13, 2009, KENNEDY, GLENN E-Mar 20, 1948-Apr 29, 2009 Mr. Kennedy, 61, of San Diego, died April 29. California Cremation & Burial Chapel, (619) 229-2747. Glen Abbey Mortuary, (619) 498-4600.

WE SEARCHED GLENN'S NAME AT OUR 'ON-LINE' LOCATOR AND FOUND:

1035th FAG, 99125KZ2, DET 207 Alaska, 1968-1970, Did the Burnt Mountain site survey, "borrowed" the Det SnoCat to fish greyling in the China River. Fortunately never succeeded in using the Det safety rope to lasso the resident Moose. Fed the Det dog "BlackDog" and frequently kept him from eating visitors. Loved everything about my time in 1035th - Glenn :)

#### Memorium

JOHN HORSCH

We never met Glenn but recall his writing, and correspondence well ... he even offered us space on the Verotek website!!

#### LTCOL Woody Ivandick

JOHN CABAN 06.16

LTCOL Ivandick died on June 2nd. Jane and Woody were in AFTAC from 1989-1994. Woody was Det. 421 Commander from 1992-94. A memorial service was held at the South Capehart Chapel on July 3, 2010, 1000 AM.

#### Memorium

RICK LARSON

My sympathy and my admiration for a great officer and an AFTACer who expanded the mission. God speed and God bless

MICHAEL CLARK

Very sad news to hear of the passing of Lt Col Ivandick. I was stationed at Det 421 twice, but both were prior to Woody's tenure. The Det CC always had great rapport with the townsfolk, and I'm sure there will be people in the Alice that remember him, if the notice could be sent there as well. Chuck Conrad handled this, thank you, Chuck

BILL REDMAN

Lt Col Ivandick was a good boss as well as a friend.

KEN AND NANCY FREY

Our condolences on Woody's passing. Both Woody and his courage were admired by all who knew him.

BRADLEY SCHULTZ, JAMES ATKINSON AND BOB FOSTER

We worked with Woody for a number of years and he was a great person.

WILLIAM MCKENDREE

Woody also supported TM for many years as a contractor with SAIC until he retired after the TMSP program shutdown in 2007. He was a contemporary and friend of Gen Stanley McChrystal, and might be in his shoes today were he not stricken with cancer mid-career. I remember Woody as a clever strategist, athlete (two workouts per day every day), loyal friend, and patriot.

RANDY HAWKINS

I worked with Woody here at AFTAC. He was a kind man and our hearts and prayers go out to Jane. I spoke with Joe Brauch at JSOC, Fort Bragg, NC, and passed on the news about Woody's passing. Joe also worked closely with Woody and is a friend with both Woody and Jane.

JAMES 'MOUSE' NEUMEISTER

This is a shock. I know Woody as he and I were selected for promotion to Lt Col together in 1992 while at the HQ.

#### Angela Medley

NON DELIVERABLE 2010.04 POMO PROMPTED INTERNET SEARCH

MEDLEY, ANGELA R. Oct 16, 1934 Apr 24, 2007

Last residence: 80005 (Arvada, Jefferson, CO). 'Ernie' died 2003.06.13.

**Jesus 'Jessie' Camarillo**

RUSTY RIDENS RECEIVED NOTIFICATION AND PASSED THIS ALONG 06.17



"JESSIE" passed last night. The viewing (and funeral were at) Folsom, CA-Miller's (Funeral Home), Link: <http://www.millerfuneralhome-folsom.net/index.cfm>.

DALE KLUG EMAILED PICTURE AND OBITUARY

**Camarillo, Jesus D "Jessie" TSgt USAF, Retired.** Born May 27, 1935 in Seguin, Texas and passed away on June 16, 2010 at the age of 75 in Fair Oaks, CA. He proudly served

his country for 20 years and retired honorably as a Technical Sergeant - USAF. He is survived by his loving wife Amy of 49 years, sons Jesse, Jimmy, Jerry, John and their families including five grandsons and three granddaughters. He was a very strong, cheerful, and loving husband and father. Family and friends (were) invited to the viewing & Rosary on (06.21). Funeral Services (were on) 06.22 at 10:00 am, St. John the Baptist Church will proceed to Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 7101 Verner Ave., Sacramento, for Military Honors.

**Robert 'Bob' Delaney**

JUDY MILAM, 06.24. IN TODAY'S FL TODAY, THERE'S AN OBITUARY FOR ROBERT E. DELANEY. BOB DELANEY WORKED AT AFTAC IN VA AND MOVED WITH US TO FL. BOB WAS AN ADMIN SERGEANT IN TD-1A (IN 1965) AND WORKED WITH DELBE SOLARI, BILL ALEXANDER, GALEN POUND, AND MANY OTHERS IN THE SEISMIC AREA. IN FL, HE WORKED IN D.O., I BELIEVE. BOB ALWAYS SAID HE "TAUGHT ME EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO KNOW" ABOUT WORKING FOR THE AIR FORCE, AND I THINK HE WAS ABOUT RIGHT. HE ALSO TALKED ME INTO DOING A LOT OF HIS TYPING!

**Obituary: Robert E. Delaney - Melbourne - Robert Eugene Delaney, 76, passed away on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Holmes Regional Medical Center.** Robert was born in Memphis, TN on April 4, 1934 to Earl Franklin Delaney and Mae Trimm Delaney. Robert retired from the Air Force and also from Opto Mechanics, Inc. where he served as Chief of Contracts. He enjoyed fishing and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Marilyn, daughters Donna Delaney Hart and Darlene Delaney Wilkes, his brother James Frank Delaney and grandchildren Christopher Robert Hart and Jordan Kaitlynn Wilkes. There was a visitation at with a funeral service followed by interment at Florida Memorial Gardens. Memorials and tributes may be viewed at [www.floridamemorialfh-gardens.com](http://www.floridamemorialfh-gardens.com). Published in FLORIDA TODAY on June 24, 2010

**Robert L Maxon**

DAN FOSTER



**Capt. Robert Maxon (Ret.)**  
1942 - 2010 BENNINGTON, VT  
Capt. Robert L. Maxon (Ret.), 67, of Grand Forks, N.D., passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010, in Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. Robert Leo Maxon was born July 19, 1942, in Bennington, son of Leo and Beatrice Brenenstuhl Maxon. He attended school in North Bennington and graduated

from high school in 1960. He enlisted in the Air Force on Oct. 3, 1960. He served in Viet Nam and during his tour of duty survived a helicopter crash. Later, he was recruited by AFTAC and served in many countries. He transferred to the Grand Forks Air Force base and

served as a Missile Operations Staff Officer. He was honorably discharged from military service in 1986 with the rank of Captain.

Robert married Marlene Syverson on Dec. 28, 1987, in Grand Forks. Following their marriage, they resided in Grand Forks and Robert was employed with Coldwell Banker as a realtor. Robert, along with his wife, Marlene, owned rental properties and he served on the boards of several condo associations. He was a member of several car clubs, including: The Northern Lights Corvette Club of Fargo, Prime Steel Car Club and Northern Cruz Car Club of Grand Forks, The North Dakota Street Rod Association and The Minnesota Street Rod Association. He was very proud of the 2008 Corvette that he modified and enjoyed showing it off at car shows. He was a longtime member of the East Grand Forks Rod and Gun Club and served on its board. Robert was a man who could look at a situation and be counted on to make a decision that was usually correct. He will be missed by many people. He leaves his wife, Marlene; a sister, Marie Hadwen of Charlotte; a brother-in-law, Larry (Patricia) Syverson, Mayville, N.D.; several nieces and nephews and his Shelties, Kacy and Ginger. He was predeceased by his parents and sisters, Catherine Morin and Lillian Robinson. Funeral was June 28, 2010, in the GREGORY J. NORMAN FUNERAL CHAPEL, Grand Forks, ND. Interment will be at a later date. Military Honors: Grand Forks Air Force Base Honor Guard. The online memorial registry may be signed at [www.normanfuneral.com](http://www.normanfuneral.com). Published in Bennington Banner on June 25, 2010

**McAllister, Lois/Davis, Richard/Antonio, George** are reported in the 2010.07 Newsletter, 'Depot Fall-out.' This great newsletter is available in its entirety at the CA website, <http://www.aftacwcc.org>. The 'Departed' link reports on **Richard** (TSgt, USAF, Retired, February 27, 1935 - April 21, 2010) and **George** ("Tony", Major, USAF, Retired, 90, passed away Monday, June 2, 2008, at his residence).

—Information on **Lois** follows: Lois Kathryn McAllister was born June 8, 1924 to L. B. and Mary Privett in Palisade, Nebraska. She passed away on April 26, 2010. She married **Wilber McAllister in 1956** at Lowry AFB, Colorado. She lived a full and happy life enjoying her family. She liked to bowl and fish and was known to dance the jitterbug. She worked in administration in the civil service for 27 years. Lois and Wilber were lucky enough to travel to Japan, Alaska and Hawaii during his time serving his country in the Air Force. Lois is survived by her husband, Wilber and sister, Cleora Hodgeson; son, Michael (Terry) Moynihan; daughter-in-law, Angela Corber; grandchildren, Michelle (Rob) Copeland; Danielle (Evan) Echols; Nicole (Drew) Waggoner; Jon (Krystal) Corber; Rikki Marie (Shane) Celentano, and Brandon Corber. She had the joy of having 15 great grandchildren; nephew, Gary Hodgson and niece, Pam Trost. The family would like to give special thanks to the wonderful nurses with San Angelo Hospice and Myrtlewood Estates for their caring attention. In lieu of flowers, she had requested people donate to San Angelo Hospice In., P.O. Box 441, San Angelo, TX 76902. Internment at Abilene Veterans Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Johnson's Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign an online register book at [www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com).

*On Tue, 27 Apr 2010, Charles Penn writes: Wilber C. McAllister was an airborne type in the era of Bobby Jones and Orv Pritchard. His wife, Lois, was a secretary at the 1155th when I first got to McClellan in February, 1962. . Charlie*



### **Wilbur McAllister**

EDITOR'S NOTE: WHILE SEARCHING FOR AN OBITUARY FOR LOIS, WE LEARNED OF WILBUR'S DEATH. EUNICE HARRIS RECOMMENDED A CONTACT AND WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM GRANDDAUGHTER, MICHELLE COPELAND.

Wilbur McAllister - 81, died Thursday, May 27, 2010, in a local care center. Born in Coalmont, Colorado, to Charles and Julia McAllister. He was raised with two sisters, Louise and Betty and two Brothers, Charles and Lloyd. He was raised in a mining community in Colorado and stayed there until he graduated from High School in Walden, Colorado. He then joined the Air Force and was a **Senior Master Sergeant Special Equipment Operator** until he retired in 1974. He met and married Lois Privett in 1956, and they were married 53 years.

He is preceded in death by brothers, Charles and Lloyd; Wife, Lois; Stepson Rick Corber. Survivors include Sister Betty Spencer; Sister Louise Hinman; Stepson Mike Moynihan and wife Terry; He had many Grandchildren and Great grandchildren. There was a private ceremony June 3, 2010, at The Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene. He was given a full military honors ceremony. The family would like to give thanks to the wonderful nurses with Hospice of San Angelo and Myrtlewood Estates for their caring attention.

### **Paul A. Pawlikowski**

07.13, LLOYD FRENCH PASSED ALONG EMAIL CHAIN ORIGINATING WITH MGREN ELLEN PAWLICKOWSKI

Paul A. Pawlikowski, formerly of Secaucus, died Friday (07.09) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. He was 56. Born in Jersey City, he lived in Secaucus for 20 years before entering active duty in the United States Air Force. He served in the US Air Force for 15 years before his honorable discharge as a Major and was serving as "The General's Spouse" up to his passing.

He also worked as a Math Teacher, in lieu of stand-up comedy, for various school systems around the country. He was an active volunteer at numerous parishes, most recently the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Catholic Chapel as well as with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Community. He was a former parishioner and student of Immaculate Conception Church and School in Secaucus.

He is predeceased by his parents, John & Rita Pawlikowski. Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Major General Ellen Pawlikowski; daughters, Jennifer Pawlikowski of San Pedro, California and Laura Pawlikowski of Albuquerque, New Mexico; brothers, Joseph Pawlikowski of Whitehouse Station, James Pawlikowski of Moorestown, David Pawlikowski of Lyndhurst, and Fr. Matthew Pawlikowski of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; sisters, Elizabeth Lutomski of Colonia and Marianne Mason of Chantilly, Virginia.

Visitation was at the GOSSELIN FUNERAL HOME, 660 New Dover Road, Edison, New Jersey. Funeral Mass was at Immaculate Conception Church, Secaucus. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia on October 21st at 9 AM.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to a charity of choice in his loving memory. Condolences can be sent to the family at [Gosselinfuneralhome@hotmail.com](mailto:gosselinfuneralhome@hotmail.com), <<http://www.gosselinfuneralhome.com/obituaries>> Signed Ellen Pawlikowski

**Follow-up**, Lloyd passed this along on 07.28:

Thanks so much for your thoughts and prayers. This is indeed a difficult time for us but the outpouring of support, particularly from our old AFTAC friends, has really helped. Warm Regards, **Ellen Pawlikowski**

### **Bama Bingham**

ALERTED BY PAT SNYDER, 2010.07.26

On July 22, 2010, Bama Gail Bingham Loving wife of

**Billy J. Bingham**. Mother of Lt. Col. Gregory A. Bingham and wife Dee Dee and Kevin Bingham and wife Lynn. Sister of Joyce Brady, Gary Coleman, Nelwyn Coleman, Gloria Ferrell, Bayward Coleman and Larry Coleman. Grandmother of Ashley, Allison, Hannah, Molly and Cole Bingham. Family received friends at Witzke Funeral Homes, Inc., 5555, Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045, on Thursday 5 to 8 P.M. Services were held at Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church, 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland 21042, on Friday. A reception followed.

Interment Arlington National Cemetery on September 20, 2010, at 1pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Gynecological & Obstetrical Society or American Cancer Society.

Guest Book-<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Bama-Bingham&lc=4325&mid=4325748>

### **Memoriam**

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

We worked with, at the time, Col/CC Billy Bingham, '86 and '87 (he presided at our retirement) and we came to know Bama as a warm and caring person. She cared for the AFTAC people and we are saddened by her passing.

### **Ken Weatherington**

DALE KLUG, 07.30



TSgt Ken Weatherington, USAF, Retired, was a member of the 1155th/Tech Ops Div and retired on Mar 31, 1997. The article about his death can be found in the Sacramento Bee, July 30-31st, and follows:

Ken was tragically taken from his family and friends at the age of 51 on July 27. Ken is survived by his wife Debra, sons, Greg and Jason, nephew James Jones, parents Jim and Shirley, brother and sister, Kevin and Dawn, along with many family and friends. Ken was a retired USAF veteran and worked for the Postal Service. A celebration of life was held at his mother-in-law's residence on August 1, 2010.

Read more: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=144362123#xzz0vFWD1B9Y>

08.05 LLOYD FRENCH PROVIDED A LINK FOR FURTHER DETAILS:  
<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/07/29/2922061/friends-family-puzzle-over-mystery.html>, Sacramento Bee, July 29th issue.



# MAIL - CALL



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

Missives requesting no action may be emailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@gmail.com. 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).

## MAIL

MOST 'MAIL' IS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL ... IF NOT, WE WILL IDENTIFY WITH 'USPS'

### HELP ... SAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDED ... HELP

#### 1. Electronic (ePoMo) failures (Hard-Copies mailed):

Harry Adams, John Allred, Wayne Brasure, William Hardester, Charles Hosier, and Tim Mecham

2. USPS delivery failures: Craig Adams, Harry Bedsworth, Charles Copeland, Robert Friday, Arthur Whitten ... each failure costs your assn \$.50; please help us keep the data up-to-date!!

Please send corrections to our Membership Chair,  
Clark Creery-ccreery@cfl.rr.com,  
or to the Assn address on Page Two.

FIRST eSAGE TO 'REPORT IN'  
(ePoMo 'send' starts around 1000 on 2010.04.13)

**Jim (Red) Davis                    10.13 @ 1010**

Have just received and printed the latest PoMo... Thank you again ... you continue to do good work !!!!!! Jim, you did it again, #1 ... thanks for verifying the 'send' and the compliments. Jim wrote again at 1054:  
Hey ... I just finished reading the PoMo.  
Way to go, Jim ... thank first and read later!! That way you get to be the 'First Responder.'

**Frank Calenda                    @ 1337**

... just finished going through the latest "paper", opps, I mean issue. Great as usual. Thanks as always for your hard and dedicated work. Clark, thanks for your efforts too. Thanks, Frank ... you are one of our 'Sage Stars' for being a reader and a consistent contributor.

I guess nobody will ever believe I maintained the Alumni rooster long before Carl and Jim did it. I guess I'll just have to be one of those "unsung heros". We believe, and remember when Mary Welch was doing the same thru

most of the '90's ... Mary was one of our first 'Intrepid Insider's'

I used a TI95 and even went out and specifically bought (there was no such thing as reimbursement in those days) that big 20"x40" device that housed disc readers and I forgot what else. I still have the old floppies somewhere in the garage but I'm not going searching to "prove" it. One day I might. We look forward to your findings. Good issue, Thanks again

Thanks ... you, as one of our 'Prime Writers' are automatically one of our 'Prime Readers'. Your praise is never faint in our minds.

PS And, we have always appreciated the fact you took such good care of the 'Alumni Rooster,' crow and all; and passed it on to Carl and Jim ... reckon that was the fowl we saw at Clark's (current membership chair) house on his BDay.

#### Basil 'Mitch' Mitchell

SMSGT, USAF, RETIRED, 99125Q FOR 13-YEARS

@ 1849

Just finished absorbing the April 2010 Newsletter. Had to stop on page 15 (the Echoes extract) and show the photos on the bottom left corner of the page to my wife. I believe the "Q" technique only had one detachment on a golf course. Those photos sure look like the "Q" detachment at John Hay Air Base near Baguio in the Philippines....Det 418 to be exact. I was TDY there in August/September 1966 on a Q4 retrofit trip...met Cory Kent there (a Voice of America employee), we eventually got married and the rest is history. Totally enjoy the newsletter every time it arrives. Keep up the great work...Thank you so much for taking the time to email us. It is so fantastic when someone reacts to our PoMo stuff and replies!!!! It makes everyone involved 'feel good.' Also, see feature article area for a ton more on this subject

#### Clark Creery (Membership Chair)

@ 1909

CLARK EMAILS THE EPOMO LINK TO ESUBSCRIBERS. FOLLOWING THAT, HE WROTE, 'STU LABOWITZ AND BASIL MITCHELL (SEE ABOVE) GOT EPOMO AND THANKED US ALONG WITH OTHERS.'

Thanks to you folks for such an exciting issue. My wife, Ruth, who I call my membership assistant, sat down this afternoon and read the newsletter cover to cover. She laughed out loud on your comments (actually, Deborah Carson's) about the beef at the snowball being so fresh it was almost on the hoof and on the last page she commented that she did not understand how you and Chris could get all that data into 20 pages. Talent folks, talent. Thanks, Clark ... it sure would not happen without you guys!!!

#### Bob Fitzgerald

@ 2007

... amazing job once again. The Pomo looks great as always! Thanks. (Bob wrote more later) Congratulations again on the latest Pomo. I have read it cover-to-cover now and find it every bit the enjoyable reading as it always has been. You do a fantastic job in putting it all together and in getting interesting content & photos from everyone. Please keep on keeping on! Bob, Thanks, you are one of our ardent supporters and make our job enjoyable and easy to do.

#### Mike Lauger

04.26

AS YOU READ IN OUR EDITORIAL, OUR TRIP WEST INCLUDED PINEDALE, WY, AND, AS YOU READ IN THE 'MEMBERS TO REMEMBER' SECTION, WE LEARNED OF 'SKI' IRWIN'S SERVICE. AS WE UNRAVELED 'SKI'S' PINEDALE TIME WE CONTACTED TWO SAGES WHO CALL PINEDALE THEIR HOME, MIKE LAUGER AND JIM CWIKLA ... WE HAVE A HUNCH JIM WAS ELSEWHERE ... MIKE REPLIED WITH THE MEMORIUM YOU READ EARLIER AND THIS UPDATE:

"We are happily retired and just celebrated our 49th

on the 15th of April. Jim **Cwikla** is still working at the golf course and has had a few close calls with his heart problems. He goes to the VA in Salt Lake and he really likes the service he gets there. Say hi to everyone and if you come thru again look us up. Sorry we could not hook up while we were there . maybe next time. Thanks for the 'Lauger' update, and we have included your info on Ski in the 'Sages to Remember' section.

**Dave Wingfield****04.26**

I enjoyed another great news letter, as always. I particularly enjoyed the article on Ben and his son Randy and was curious to know if there are other family connections within the AFTAC community. I got to know Ben at Lowry AFB. Have you asked Randy about any "War stories" from his dad and how he remembers his Dad's time from his perspective as an AFTAC brat? We have been beating on Randy for an article for a long time; maybe your email will help us motivate him!!! We have a 'Feature Article' series for 2nd Gener's ... 'A Family Affair.' These brave souls have stepped forth, Curt Miller (father deceased), Tony Calenda (with a 'father's response' by Frank Calenda), and Mark Smith (with a response from dad, Curtis [Smythy] Smith). We hope to hear from the others we are aware of, Randy Vlassick (father deceased), Curt Stephens, Nick Kappel, Mark Sepeleyak (father deceased), Karl Miner and John Vaught. If there are others, please let us know. —Dave wrote much more of his center memories ... you will find those in the 'Feature Article' area, 'I Remember ...' section.

**Tom Dunn****05.18**

Tom sent this link, '<http://www.stevebridges.com/video/flashVideo/WHCA.html>.' It is a detailed account of an active-duty article published in the 2009.Aug PoMo concerning work on the seventh continent, Antarctica. It also has a picture of the team. Thanks, Tom ... our readers will enjoy more on this event.

**Warren Stern****06.01**

Got the April issue, (just got around to really look at it) and saw the "guess who." Ben (Vlassick, deceased) and Ginger and Beth and I were part of the team to set up 3XX and I do remember Bill **Wettstein** (deceased) and Bill **McCormack**. Don't remember **Gildner** but that was about 44 years ago.

In a page from small world, Bill McCormack went on to become a recruiter in the upstate New York area and recruited our son into the AF in the mid 70's.

Always enjoy the paper, you all do a great job for the association. Thanks and Take care. Great to hear from you guys and 'thanks for the thanks!'

LAST ISSUE FRED WILKENLOC ASKED FOR THOSE WHO REMEMBERED HIM TO RESPOND. WARREN DID SO (CC US) WITH A MEMORY:

Fred, Just saw your msg in the Post-Monitor. Beth and I were there with you in Encampment, Beth still remembers the piano duets at Marv's Cowboy bar. How are you and where are you living now. Beth and I live in Brunswick, Ga. (provided e/address TEL).

**Jack Jernigan****06.01**

I just found the Post-Monitor 2006 JUNE issue on line. It was only by a search of my dad's name and the squadron that I found a story published within that issue which only mentioned him most briefly.

My dad was Col. Bill Jernigan, commander of the

1155th from 1962 through 1967. He passed in 1983 and my mother passed in 2000; my brother passed within months of our mother. I'm the last of the clan and I want to dig up what I can for my son as he was born in 1990 never knowing his grandfather. My dad, like any old vet, never really spoke of his service to me in any detail and my son now has an interest in the family history that I can't completely address.

If you can help me connect with people who knew my dad and can share some stories I'd be grateful. Any help or direction is appreciated.

**B.F. "Jack" Jernigan**, Principal, The Jernigan Group / VMG, E-mail: [Jack@TheJerniganGroup.com](mailto:Jack@TheJerniganGroup.com), 6255 Arthur Court, Magalia, CA 95954-9518; 530-873-8083 voice / 530-873-8084 fax / 916-296-8787 cell. What a great request and we are honored you contacted our newsletter as a starting point. Hopefully, some of our readers will recall your dad and take the time and trouble to respond to your request. We have also updated what data we had for your dad and mom and contacted the other chapter's for assistance.

**Clark Wilberg****06.03**

CLARK SENT US AN UPDATE ON ONE WHO SERVED AFTAC IN PRIOR YEARS, ELLEN M. PAWLICKOWSKI ...



I was reviewing the May 2010 issue of "Air Force Magazine" (2010 Almanac issue) and noticed a former AFTACer listed. Under Air Force Material Command, the Commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright Patterson AFB is Maj. Gen. **Ellen M. Pawlikowski**.

Ellen was a Lab Officer at Tech Ops Div (TOD) during the mid-to-late 1980s. The last I had seen or heard about her was in connection with the Airborne Laser project several years ago. Appears she has continued to move onward and upward. Complete info, URL:

<http://www.af.mil/information/bios/bio.asp?bioID=7880>  
We remember 'Capt Pawlikowski' well during our last years with AFTAC ... she would often drop by my office to talk and she was willing to take on any task ... its great to hear she is doing so well. Sadly, later, we learn of her husband's death.

**Allan Pentecost/99125Q****06.14**

ALLAN EMAILED OUR INTREPID INSIDER, PAT SNYDER-PAT PASSED IT ALONG: I just came across your '[www.aftacalumni.org](http://www.aftacalumni.org)' website a couple of weeks ago. I was doing a Google search for my old AFSC 99125, and I came across an article written in your Post-Monitor newsletter dated March 2005. The article was written by Glenn **Kennedy**, "Z2 Forever – Stories from a 99125er". It was actually a series of articles about Glenn's experiences in AFTAC, mostly about his time and episodes spent in Alaska. I was stationed with Glenn there at Det 207 in Alaska in 1968 and 1969.

Wow! Those stories he wrote really brought back the memories! Glenn really did a great job of writing those articles! The notes to the article indicated how to contact Glenn at his company, Verotek Systems, so I sent him an email. When I did not receive a reply after 2 emails, I called the company and found out the Glenn

had passed away a year ago.

EDITORS NOTE: THIS WAS OUR FIRST NOTICE OF GLENN'S DEATH. WE HAVE USED A PORTION OF ALLAN'S EMAIL AT 'MEMBERS TO REMEMBER.'

You would not believe how disappointed I was not to be able to talk to him, rehash old times, and catch us up to the present. I then discovered your AFTAC Alumni Association West, and through its newsletters I found out that Jack Allison also passed away last year. Talk about disappointed! He was the one that selected me into the 99125 Special Electronics Technician group back in 1967. He was the president of the West Coast chapter in Citrus Heights, Ca. Can you believe it? I LIVE in Citrus Heights, Ca!! I would loved to have been able to talk to him also.

EDITOR'S NOTE: AT THIS POINT ALLAN WROTE ABOUT SEVERAL POMO ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS; WE EXCHANGED EMAIL ADDRESSING HIS CONCERNs.

I will say that I am still really glad I found your website. Even though I was too late for these two connections, I had a great time of remembering the old times for a couple of weeks. I added my name to your AFTAC Alumni Contact Info. I will be sending in the dues in order to become a member. I can see that if there is any hope of contacting someone else I was stationed with, it will probably be thru your website. I hope that when I become a member, I can obtain the full copies of the newsletter between March 2007 and the latest one. Allan, thanks so much for writing us with this information and we look forward to your membership and readership.

#### **Mike Hodges ... Request for Help ... 08.09**

Hello my name is Michael Hodges. My father worked at aftac in the late 70's early 80's. I am working on a shadow box of his 20 year career and I'm looking for a old school aftac patch. any idea on where i might find one? any help would be appreciated thank you.  
Please contact me at 'mgh1176@gmail.com'

#### **MBRSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR  
NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATIONS IN FULL. WE GET SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

#### **'Serial Sages'**

(New Lifetime Members):

**Michael Landon, Dave Hursey,**

#### **'Sustaining Sages'**

(Annual Members, new and renewals):

**Dave Melton, Karl Starzinger, Allan Pentecost,  
William Bedzyk, James Wright, Barry Lipschutz**

#### **NEWS TO USE**

#### **Jim Payne**

CHUCK TONER>JIM PAYNE>POMO

Starting in 2011—next year—the W-2 tax form sent by your employer will be increased to show the value of whatever health insurance you are provided. It doesn't matter if you're retired. Your gross income WILL go up by the amount of insurance your employer paid ...

... verify this, @ <http://www.thomas.gov>, enter "HR 3590" in the search box and look for "CRS Summaries," go to, 'Title IX Revenue Provisions—Subtitle A' to check this applicability to your situation.

#### **Ray Brust**

**07.05**

America's veterans face a new tax on prosthetic limbs and other vital medical devices. See [http://news.yahoo.com/s/usnw/20100702/pl\\_usnw/DC30408](http://news.yahoo.com/s/usnw/20100702/pl_usnw/DC30408)

#### **Mike Black (WebMaster)**

**07.09**

If you are a Vietnam vet and served in Southeast Asia (ground, air, or surrounding sea) and have Type 2 diabetes you are eligible for disability no matter when your diabetes was diagnosed. Some other diseases are also covered...see below. Disability begins with at least a 20% rating and can go higher.

The following is from [http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book/benefits\\_chap02.asp](http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/benefits_chap02.asp)  
"Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange and Other Herbicides: A veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, is presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange and other herbicides used in support of military operations. ... Twelve illnesses are presumed ..."

#### **'Sages Should See'**

THIS AND MORE AT OUR WEBSITE, 'WWW.AFTACALUMNI.ORG' NEED TO KNOW NOW LINK, 'INFORMATION' PAGE.

**2010.03.15-Air Force Sergeants Association News Service** (Dale Klug): The recently released 2010 Military Handbooks are now available: <http://www.militaryhandbooks.com/>

#### **MAIL OF GENERAL INTEREST**

EDITORS NOTE: WE DON'T NORMALLY PUBLISH 'JOKES,' PER SE, BUT IN THIS CASE LES ASKED US ABOUT DOING SO ... SINCE HE HAS TAKEN THE TIME AND TROUBLE IN THE PAST TO PROVIDE ARTICLES, AND WE HAD ROOM, WE CAVED.

#### **My New Golf Book!**

LES MILLER

Many of you may not realize it, but I've been very busy over the last few years of retirement putting my thoughts and ideas together into a book.

I believe my new book on GOLF gives the reader valuable playing tips and insider information I've gained through my years of lessons, struggle and experiment. I am very proud of the results, and to assist with marketing, I am asking friends and family to help me out. I hope you find this a useful tool to help you enjoy your game much more while you enjoy the great outdoors. The cost is only \$9.95-Don't wait until they're all gone !!!!

Table of Contents:

- Chapter 1 - How to Properly Line Up Your Fourth Putt.
- Ch 2 - Hit a Nike from the Rough, Hit a Titleist from the Tee.
- Chapter 3 - How to Avoid the Water When You Lie 8 in a Bunker.
- Chapter 4 - How to Get More Distance off the Shank.
- Chapter 5 - When to Give the Ranger the Finger.
- Ch 6 - Using Your Shadow on the Greens to Maximize Earnings.
- Chapter 7 - When to Implement Handicap "Management".
- Chapter 8 - Proper Excuses for Drinking Beer Before 9:00 AM.
- Chapter 9 - How to Rationalize a 6-Hour Round.
- Chapter 10 - When Does a Divot Become Classified as Sod..
- Ch 11 - Find That Ball That Everyone Else Saw Go in The Water.
- Ch 12 - Why Spouse Doesn't Care that You Birdied the 5th Hole.
- Chapter 13 - Using Curse Words Creatively to Control Ball Flight.
- Chapter 14 - When to Let a Foursome Play through Your Twosome.
- Chapter 15 - How to Relax When You Are Hitting Five Off the Tee.
- Ch 16 - When to Suggest Major Corrections to Your Opponents..
- Ch 17 - God and the Meaning of the Birdie-to-Bogey- Three-Putt..
- Chapter 18 - When to Regrip Your Ball Retriever.
- Ch 19 - Throw Your Clubs: Effective Stress-Reduction Technique.
- Chapter 20 - Can You Purchase a Better Golf Game?
- Ch 21 - Why Male Golfers Will Pay \$6 a Beer From the Cart Girl and then Give her a \$4 Tip, but will balk at \$3 a Beer at the 19th Hole and then Stiff the Bartender. Thanks in advance for your order

**PRESZ**

Lloyd	<b>FROM</b>	French
<b>THE TOP</b>		SEZ

The sudden passing of well-known, sometimes-beloved AFTAC Alumni is a sad and sobering event. More than likely, those of you who subscribe to our "Alumni-All" e-announcements (eALLerts) have seen more than your share and are starting to—like me—acknowledge and deal with our mortality. The loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult times in our lives. Hopefully, we turn to our families and friends during this time for support and sympathy. If you want to offer your sympathy, don't be afraid to do so. Even if you don't know the person very well, a few words can mean a lot. Things like "I'm sorry for your loss" is one of the most commonly used phrases. It conveys feelings without being overly sentimental. Many people find this is the easiest thing to say to someone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one. Simply put, you are offering your sympathy while acknowledging the grief that must be present.

It is said that just before you die, highlights of your life flash before your eyes. I'm of the opinion that—the more you accomplish—you can lengthen that "flash" to a full-length movie...better yet, a mini-series! So what are accomplishments? Are a career, a big bank account, and a posh home going to flash before your eyes? I think that's doubtful. More than likely it will be the faces of the people you loved, the people who love you, and the defining events that created that love. Maybe it was service at a church, a youth organization, a professional group—regardless of the what or where, it was likely something nearing altruism. Serving you—each AFTAC Alumnus—is such an event. Each of our members serves in their own right and in that service lies what defines us.

While we can serve—in whatever capacity that may be—we will do so. It's not just something to do, it's the RIGHT thing to do. While we serve we will engage others to join. It's not a selfish thing, it's an opportunity to hand a defining moment to others. I look around at the faces in the Alumni Association and I see the same passion and positive influence of the people I knew in uniform. It's a little older, a little wiser, and a little deeper—and it makes me want to do more than ever to keep our organization vibrant. Given the opportunity, let us do our part—it is what defines us over the organizations that came...and went...who are now lost to the history books.



**NOTICE: Florida Membership/WorldWide (WW) Directories**  
WW is an expanded listing of all who serve/served and we have record of it is 'searchable' at the website, [www.aftacalumni.org](http://www.aftacalumni.org), 'Locator' link & is also maintained 'Off-Line'-Directories available, via email, to paid-up members-Clark Creery, [ccreery@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ccreery@cfl.rr.com).

## BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members  
**Elected**

President-Lloyd French Vice-Addison Mitchell  
Secretary-Sean Ryan Treasurer-Joe Goldian

**Appointed**

Activities-CMSgt John Nederhoed Hall of Heritage-Vacant  
Hospitality-Judy Milam Internet-Mike Black  
Membership/Off-Line Database-Clark Creery  
Newsletter-John and Christel Horsch  
Publicity-Need a Volunteer Sage Shop-Pat Snyder

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### A Minute with the Minutes

**AFTAC Cares Program:** This ongoing program supporting deployed active duty AFTAC members continues to receive good support from Sages. (see active duty section and alumni assn website for details) Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

**Membership:** Clark Creery reports **FL Membership:** 633/570LT; **ePoMo/USPS**, 262/371; **WorldWide**, 4583; **Deceased Listing**, 388.

**Post-Monitor:** On Schedule

**Hall of Heritage:** Per previous reports, plans are being worked to have the AFTAC Hall of Heritage approved by the AF Museum. Alumni members may be asked to help with identification of items and provide stories of their experience using the items

**Golf:** The 20th Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether will be on Oct 29th at the Patrick AFB Golf Course (see page 1). Chief Melton, LGM, stepped up to be the 'Major Arranger' for this event.



**Publicity Chair:**  
**'Super Sage'**  
needed to fill this position. If you can have some time, please consider helping us out.

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### The Joys of Post Monitor E-mail

DA MEMBERSHIP GUY, CLARK CREERY  
As I get deeper into this task of ensuring that our membership receives their Post-Monitor on-time and with little trouble I find that I often have to understand that our retirees often forget about us. Finding Sages who have forgotten us has been a chore that I love. Here are just a few of the fun items that have kept me hopping during the E-mailing of our latest issue.

—Too often my E-mail server tries to out-think me because I send batches of email addresses that often look like spam. To ensure that the email is sent properly I repeat the process using my G-mail account (I only use this account for PoMo because I forgot to check more than one.)

—Once the email is on its way (we use a service that

permits us to send a link and then everyone can enter the world of electronics and either review the document or download it for later printing or saving).

—When e-mails are processed and sent I sit directly in front of my monitor and watch the rejects arrive. This gives me a hint as to how the electronic wires process our lovingly prepared newsletter. —One member who shall remain ‘nameless in Texas’ has his service set-up to respond back to the sender telling us that it will take time to download. The first two days I received over 30 notices that this recipient would sign on and read their email sometime in the next century. I received another receipt today which is over 10 days since this was processed. Thus, I called the number that was provided in the listing and when it rang through a fax machine or another computer answered and I just did not understand all those ones and zeros in that high-pitched whine. I sent a 44 cent snail mail requesting that these various problems be fixed.

—One member wrote: “I received this message 3 times. I have not received the monitor and the last one I have on file is from last fall.” I resent the link and highlighted the link that must be checked to enable opening the PoMo!

—Another member could not get the link to work (reason unknown) but when I resent the link, then silence. I sent an email asking if he received my email and did it work? It did.

—In my last briefing to the executive committee I made comment that one of our members seemed to be lost. His address was located overseas and we kept getting returns on the copies that we sent via snail mail. This back-and-forth effort was starting to cost the association extra funds.

—I went on to tell everyone that I had removed him from our listing and as I checked back over the years he was on the Deceased listing. Several days later I received an e-mail from the HQ saying that the individual was alive and well and they gave me a telephone number. I called the number and left a message. 10PM that evening I received a call telling me that he was alive and well. We had a wonderful chat, he explained that he had returned to the States and had a real snail mail address. In the latter part of the conversation he noted: “I will call you and let you know when I have passed!”

—welcome back kind sir and we hope you now enjoy your PoMo’s – now get an e-mail address so we can save more funds!

So folks, you can rest assured that the Membership Chair is trying to stay on top of things. Clark Creery Da membership guy.

AND YOUR EDITORS WOULD LIKE TO REINFORCE HOW HARD CLARK WORKS KEEPING THE OFF-LINE DATABASE (OLD) UP TO DATE AND CORRECT. WE, AS EDITORS, FIND OURSELVES CONSTANTLY LOOKING AT SEVERAL OF THE MANY PRODUCTS CLARK HAS MADE AVAILABLE ON HIS DATABASES.

—THANK YOU, CLARK ... WE'D SINK WITHOUT YOU!! AND, WE KNOW YOU ENJOY EVERY MINUTE, ER, OK, THERE WAS THOSE SEVERAL MINUTES BACK A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO!!

## #CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2010.07

# DEPOT FALLOUT

Charlie Penn, President; Dave Tarquino, Vice; Ken Denbleyker, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George Thompson, Asst. COB; Steve Fritts, Director At Large; John ‘Butch’ Kemna, Treasurer; Dennis Nolan, Asst. Treasurer; Bob Baker, Secretary; Ken Breitwieser, Asst. Secretary, Dave Price, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Dale Klug; Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob Fitzgerald-Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>. Membership: 147/132 are Lifetime

**#FL Ed NOTE:** Complete Fallout's are posted at the CA website (URL above). Visit to view current and past issues, pictures, mail, and more. Herein, we extract portions of 'Fallout' recognizing that not all Sages are regular internet users: (1) Events ...Great News for all Sages here, a World-Wide reunion date has been announced, see below (2) 'Prez Sez' (3) 'Way Back When'

## (1) Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING Meetings, 1st Tuesday quarterly (09.07, 12.07) at the Lions Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park.

**13 Nov 2010 Fall Social ....** Time and location to be announced.

**12-15 May 2011 AFTAC WorldWide Reunion,** Lions Gate Hotel, McClellan Park, CA

Confirm events before coming-call ahead to our Vice President or check 'Events' page at <[www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org)>

## (2) Words From The Prez

by Charlie Penn, President

I want to thank everyone that attended the picnic we hosted at Tempo Park. Over 50 of you weathered the new location and actually found the park. The venue worked well, thanks to Dennis and Dave for burning the meat and Butch, once again, did his usual great job of coordinating this annual event. A little reminder, next year's picnic will be in September due to our hosting of the reunion in May. What a perfect segue!

The reunion committee to select the venue for our 2011 reunion urged the Board to select the Lions Gate facilities to host our event. Many factors entered in to this selection; price, facilities, location, and availability. As it stands right now you can rent a room there for \$89, two bedroom suite for \$129 and even go for the 4 bedroom suite (Commanding General's home) for \$349 per night. The dates for this event are May 12<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup>, 2011; Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> would be for early registration/hospitality suite activities, Friday would be a no host reception with hors d'oeuvres at either the "O" club or the General's Home. Saturday would be the banquet at the old NCO club, Air Museum, or "O" Club. The reason for not being able to pin down the actual location for these events is we need to have a good feel for attendance. There will be ancillary activities planned but these haven't been formalized as yet.

Please get the word out that the AFTAC World-wide Reunion will be in mid May and to put those dates on your calendar. Keep

checking our website, [www.aftacwcc.org](http://www.aftacwcc.org), for this gala event's latest news which will include phone numbers to make your room reservations and the reunion registration form.

Sadly, the passing of Orville Pritchard left a vacancy on our Board of Directors. Orv adroitly served as our Assistant Chairman of the Board and we will sorely miss him. On a brighter note the Board elected George Thompson to fill the vacant position. George will be bringing his vast knowledge of AFTAC and has been instrumental in planning past reunions; his expertise is hospitality suites. Thanks for "volunteering" George!

### (3) Way Back When

Dale Klug, Editor, patterned after FL Chapter, BS Tales.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS SENT IN BY LOYD (YES, THAT'S ONE "L") DAVIS, A FORMER "F TROOPER".

Some time in 1969 when I was assigned to F Engineering, the ops guys complained that their "camera on" pilot lights were too small and too dim to be seen well during a mission. To address this problem, I had a couple of the guys draw up a new camera motor panel that used the (new in those days) computer back lighted switches.

We made up a test panel and installed it on the aircraft and stood by while the ops guys checked it out on a training mission. When they returned from the training mission, they complained that the lights were "too bright!" I think we went back to the old camera motor panel and the complaints ceased. That's what I call an early example of the old saying "watch out what you wish for, you may get your wish!"

Clark Creery submitted this photo, and labeled it:  
"Very Early AFTAC detection equipment"



**FL Editors Note:** Clark did not identify the technique. We are guessing early 'Audible' (A) system. The way it looks, the operator is mostly hearing 'sounds' coming from front and back; amplification is enhanced by cotton swabbing the operators ears! (see swab packet hanging from left pocket).

Spring Picnic, 15 May 2010, Tempo Park, Fair Oaks, CA



Ann Pavik, Rod Hinkle, Al Pavik, Betty Jo Hinkle,  
Alice & Cal Brown



Chef's: Dave Tarquino & Dennis Nolan with  
Picnic Organizer: Butch Kemna



Bob & Tommie Baker, Daisuke Nakajima (Tommie's Brother),  
Carol & Bob Morrison, Louise Wingfield, (I missed Dave ☹),  
Suki Tarquino, Chum Nolan



Cal Brown, Rod Hinkle, Alice Brown, Peggy Amintrot,

# **MONITOR**ing Active Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC world

## Command Section



Col. Aaron M.  
Prupas

**Commander (CC), 2010.06. AF1990/AFTAC2010.** The Col served the AF in many capacities before coming to AFTAC. Most recently as deputy chief, Commander's Initiatives Group, US Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla. Col Prupas has several Master's with latest in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI. Complete Bio, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/>



CMSgt John  
Nederhoed

**Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987.** 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. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Acad) and has earned several AS of Science Degrees. Complete Bio, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/>



### AFTAC commander relinquishes command

MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ARTICLE AND PHOTO



Col. Onaga passes the AFTAC guidon to MGen. Heithold, AFISR Agency commander. CMSgt John Nederhoed, AFTAC Superintendent, stands ready.

PATRICK AFB, Fla. -- The AFTAC commander relinquished command in a ceremony here May 17.

Col. Lisa Ann Onaga, who had commanded AFTAC since August 2008, departed for a new assignment in Hawaii as the Pacific Air Forces Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. Her replacement, Col. Aaron M. Prupas, assumed command of AFTAC in June. (Editor's Note: see following article)

"AFTAC's Airmen are not just scientists, engineers, technicians, program managers, financial analysts, security specialists, logistics experts, space operators and communications operators. They are international ambassadors for the Air Force and the nation as well," said Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Heithold, Air Force ISR Agency commander. "Leadership in such an organization is key, and for the past 21 months Colonel Onaga's leadership has enabled AFTAC to enjoy huge successes that have strengthened our nation's security. Colonel Onaga has forged this diverse group into a highly effective team that has carried out responsibility for 24/7 nuclear treaty monitoring operations during a time in

the world when this mission is critical."

The general described Colonel Onaga's "passion for her Airmen" and praised her skillful leadership in creating an environment where people can thrive. AFTAC members have won 30 Air Force- and Air Force ISR Agency-level awards in 2009. "Colonel Onaga takes care of her people," he said.

As commander of AFTAC, Colonel Onaga masterfully expanded and organized a group-equivalent unit, consisting of more than 850 people with field elements in 50 nations on seven continents and 14 manned locations. In this demanding, global-reaching assignment, the leadership, exemplary foresight and ceaseless efforts consistently demonstrated by Colonel Onaga resulted in substantial contributions to the effectiveness and success of the Center's nuclear treaty monitoring mission. While under her command, the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System performed flawlessly during the detection and reporting of the May 2009 North Korean-declared nuclear test. Results obtained from this test were subsequently briefed to the President of the United States, shaping new U.S. government policy. Additionally, Colonel Onaga led the Center in a first-ever interagency end-to-end domestic nuclear event exercise leading to the establishment of framework for a top-level U.S. government response to a domestic attack. Furthermore, Colonel Onaga secured a \$210-million-dollar military construction site approval for the engineering and construction of a new headquarters building and radionuclide laboratory.

"You've racked up so many accomplishments .. while executing missions in all domains," Colonel Onaga said. "It's overwhelming when I think of it all. I'm proud to be a part of this community, and it was my privilege and honor being part of the AFTAC team."

### AFTAC's new commander arrives

MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS



MGen. Heithold, passes the AFTAC guidon to Col Prupas, as he assumes command of the center. Chief Master Sgt. John Nederhoed, AFTAC superintendent, assisted with the ceremony.

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Col. Aaron M. Prupas assumed command of AFTAC June 16.

Colonel Prupas succeeds Col. Lisa Ann Onaga, who commanded the center from August 2008 until May 2010. The newest AFTAC commander previously served as deputy director for

the Commander's Initiatives Group at U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"We had choices, and we made the right one. This man has sand in his boots—and lots of it. Colonel Prupas has a fabulous record of leading Airmen in combat," said Maj. Gen. Bradley A. Heithold, Air Force ISR Agency commander. "He has the leadership traits, and it's easy to see them in him. I'm proud we're putting this man in charge of this organization."

As AFTAC commander, Colonel Prupas oversees the center's worldwide mission to operate and maintain the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System, which monitors foreign compliance with the treaties limiting nuclear testing. The

USAEDS is a global network of nuclear event detection sensors that record disturbances underground, underwater, in the atmosphere and in space.

The colonel is a career ISR officer and weapons instructor and has served in a variety of positions at the squadron, wing and combatant command levels.

His previous assignments include Offutt AFB, Neb; Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, CO; Peterson AFB, CO.; Holloman AFB, NM; Al Jaber AB, Kuwait; Aviano AB, Italy; Nellis AFB, NV; Spangdahlem AB, Germany; Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia; and Maxwell AFB, AL.

"I'm humbled and honored to stand before you and join this team," Colonel Prupas said. "I look forward to being your commander."

#### AFTAC/Pinedale, WY

JACIE ROSE, OFFICE MANAGER, SUBLLETTE 'EXAMINER'

FL POMO EDITORS NOTE: DURING OUR RECENT VISIT TO CHRIS'S 'GROW-UP' TOWN WE 'DROPPED IN' ON THE DETACHMENT. FENDER ALLISON, AFTER SERVING SEVERAL YEARS WITH AFTAC AT PINEDALE, STAYED ON AS A CONTRACTOR WHEN HE SEPERATED FROM THE AIR FORCE.

DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS HE MENTIONED THE DETACHMENT HAD BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN THE LOCAL PAPER. WITH FENDER'S HELP, WE CONTACTED JACIE AND ASKED IF WE COULD PRINT THAT HIGHLIGHT IN OUR NEWSLETTER ... SHE WAS MOST HELPFUL AND HEREWITH YOU WILL READ THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVE OF OUR PINEDALE SITE.

#### Headline: Sublette's own atomic connection

BY DEREK FARR, DFARR@SUBLLETTEEXAMINER.COM

Ever wonder why the Air Force has a facility in Sublette County? The modest structures, located six miles east of Boulder, boast no planes, control towers or runways. There are no sounds of supersonic jets, afterburners or long-range bombers. Instead, the buildings sit peacefully in the enduring quiet of the East Fork River Valley-and that's the way the Air Force likes it.

"The Pinedale site is the quietest location in the United States for seismic activity," Master Sgt. Patrick Murphy wrote in an email explaining the research site's purpose. "The site conducts research and development on hardware in support of the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System (AEDS)."

That global system is operated and maintained by the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) stationed at Patrick Air Force Base (where NASA launches its space shuttles), according to its Web site. Activated in 1973, the AEDS listens for nuclear events to enforce a variety of nuclear test ban treaties. It also

monitors rogue nations. In 2006, AFTAC AEDS detected a nuclear event in North Korea.

Five thousand miles away, two people work at the "Pinedale site," which is subcontracted out to the company Chugash McKinley, Inc., based out of Anchorage, Alaska. In his email, Sgt. Murphy described the pair's work as "support(ing) our efforts to develop advanced nuclear treaty monitoring technologies to preserve our nation's security."



**Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. POC: Gay Ann Bedard, 'birdiebedard@gmail.com.'**

#### Updates

SUBMITTED BY CAROL SNYDER-EMAIL 07.14

We currently have 18 deployed members that we will be mailing care packages to this month. In particular, phone cards are appreciated and make a difference.

#### Thank You's

SUBMITTED BY GAY ANN BEDARD

None submitted this issue.



#### Booster Club Officers (Nov Elections)

President: MSgt Rice , Vice: MSgt Sutton, Trea: MSgt Littleman, Sec: SrA Dale, Public Affairs Rep: SSgt Ferestad, Hot Dog Sales: TSgt Estes, Top Banana Rep: SMSgt McFadden, Clothing Sales: TSgt Christman

#### Headquarter's Active Duty Schedule: \*\*\*NOTE: Sages are invited to participate\*\*\*

PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, MAINTAINED BY JENNINE KEPLER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outback	Various
LRDAA Monthly Meeting	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1700	HQ's, meet at OutbackAlumni at 1645	
Burger Burn	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	Outback	Various
Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops	Bi-Monthly/3rd Thurs/1830	Various, contact POC	aftacspouse@yahoo.com

**Added, 2010.07.15:** The Chiefs' Group golf tournament is 2 September at the Manatee Golf Course. Contact CMSgt David Melton, David.Melton@patrick.af.mil, if interested.

## FEATURE ARTICLES

**NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE, AND BELOW, DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS.** We list them 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!! Send inputs to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column)-Categories/Last Input follow:

1. "Commander's reCall"/2007.09
2. "I Remember ...:"/This Issue
3. "A Family Affair"/2007.09, 2nd generation article
4. "Sage Stars"/This Issue, 'Post-Service' Success
5. "BS Tales"/This Issue
6. "Where In The World Is"/From Website-2008.12
7. "Tom's Trivia"/This Issue

### **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 Lilethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy, Tom Dunn, Bob Long, John Bright, Vern Mikkelson, Brian Swan (deceased), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, John Bright, Tony Valentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield, Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, and this issue, Dave Wingfield

#### **WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR MEMORY INPUTS**

#### **Dave Wingfield checks in**

YOU READ DAVE'S LETTER AT 'MAIL-CALL,' HERE WE PUBLISH THE MEMORIES HE WROTE OF IN THAT EMAIL.

"Ben (Vlassick) was at Denver when I went through 99 school. Our class was one of the last to go through as 125s. Three of us were cross trainees. Three were retraining from I Systems to B Systems, two of whom Ben knew. During our field training at the arsenal Ben would show up a couple of times a week to "check things out" and visit with the guys he knew. I was lucky enough to be paired up with one of them. Four of us went on to maintenance assignments and two went on as operators. We all went our ways after the class-I to Det 423, one to Det 3XX (he and his family were evacuated during his tour), one to Det 452, two to HQ and one to the 1157th.

Four of us spent some time in Ben's office, officially, something about some honor guard boots being super-glued to the floor in the maintenance office. Ben had a hard time keeping the grin off his face while he reprimanded the senior members of the class. He told us all to quit picking on the poor guy. The guy had enough trouble with his coworkers pulling practical jokes on him, he did not need it from the students

also. Ben helped one of the other students and I get our assignments swapped around so that he could be an operator and I could work maintenance.

Joe Goldian was our instructor. We kinda gave him a rough time of it. One of our class mates was cross training out of a supply field and had no electronics training except the "new" self paced course he got when he was there. We rallied around him and helped him make it through. Joe had a rough time of it. Ben came into class about the end of the 1st module and handed out stripes to the two of us who got promoted to SSgt in our old career fields and one 99 to MSGT.

During our field training at the arsenal Ben would show up around 3:30 to 4:00 to "check things out" and visit with the guys he knew. I had to stay on after the rest of the class left because I was on my way to a Det with an MCF. Being in a one man class Ben would check in on me about once a week and talk a little.

Memories such as these are all gratefully recalled and is what makes us all look forward to the next issue. The current events in the LRD and keeping up with the latest in AFTAC are a bonus. Thanks again for an excellent publication."

### **"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 yours' to us at 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (page 2, left column) - 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 (6), 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 (4), Richard (Alkie) Summers (2), Les Miller, Jon Richardson, Mike Higgins, Kenneth Stanford, Dick Grim, James Gindleperger, Bob Chadwick, Harry Joseph,

#### **WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.**

#### **Harry Joseph and Frank Calenda check in this issue**

THE FOLLOWING FLOWS FROM SOMETHING THAT DID NOT EVEN START WITH THE POMO. THE APRIL GLOMED AN ARTICLE FROM THE FINE COLORADO CHAPTER MISSIVE, 'ECHOES.' THEREIN SEVERAL PICTURES WERE FEATURED AND A QUERY AS TO 'WHERE IS THIS?' HARRY JOSEPH STARTED THIS CAULDRON ROILING WITH THIS RESPONSE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING HIS EPOMO ON 04.13. HAVE THAT PICTURE HANDY AS YOU READ THESE TALES. IT STARTED WHEN CLARK CREERY PASSED HARRY'S EMAIL TO US (FOLLOWS), AND ADDED A NOTE THAT HARRY HAD SUMMITED THE PICS AND THOUGHT THE PICTURED LOCATION WAS DET 418, 'JOHN HAY.' THE FOLLOWING DIATRIBES ARE LENGTHY BUT WE THOUGHT THERE

WAS ENOUGH HUMOR WITHIN THAT OUR READERS WOULD ENJOY THEIR WRITINGS. MITCH **MITCHELL**, 'MAIL-CALL,' ALSO WROTE ABOUT THIS SUBJECT BUT WAS STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. WHAT FOLLOWS ARE HARRY AND FRANK'S BACK AND FORTH, WITH A BONUS 'BILL' (SCHMIED) AT THE END:

**Harry:** "Good (sic) issue. That little building down the driveway was the generator shed and emergency tools (Got ripped off at least once). The site was built up with land fill, then grassed over. It stood about fifteen feet above that green. During one particularly wet season much of the grass and soil slid down the bank and almost to the green."

KNOWING FRANK **CALENDRA** HAD SERVED AT JH WITH HARRY WE CCED HIM, ALSO KNOWING FRANK NEVER FAILS TO ENJOY A CHANCE TO SHARE HIS THOUGHTS; SURE ENOUGH, FOR HIM, UNCHARACTERISTICALLY, HE WROTE A SHORT NOTE BACK:

**Frank:** "Thanks, I remember that."

**Harry:** "Slight correction: I didn't send the pictures. I hadn't seen them before this issue. I believe they were taken after my tour there, possibly from helicopter vantage point. Now I'm not so sure I'm correct. I'll have to review the pictures again."

I just checked. That is the Q site. I erred on the green. That was the sixth green. Leaving that green, the seventh hole is a short par three, then the long eight fairway parallels the sixth fairway and closes in our site from the other side. In the dry weather, the maintenance folks used tractors with mowers. In the wet season, the tractors would get bogged down so they had to use push mowers around any low-lying fairways and rough. (That reminds me of another story about the ninth hole, but that can wait.)

In any case, I remember when we installed a large antenna for WWV. The mast was about 70-90 feet high, probably erected by engineers from Clark. We used a Pedro rescue helicopter from Clark to raise the antenna to the top of the mast. It first landed in the center of the grassy area in front of the trailers to discuss the method of raising it. One of the engineers climbed to the top of the mast and strapped in. The helicopter took off and hovered over the antenna and then lifted it and hovered over the top of the mast while the person up there made the connections.

Having first landed in the center of the lawn, the heat from the exhaust burned a circle ~10 feet in diameter. It took a while for that mess to recover"

WE INTERJECTED: GUESS MOXIE (ECHOES EDITOR) IS GOING TO HAVE TO COME IN HERE AND CLEAR UP WHO TOOK THE PICS??!! AND VERIFY THE 'WHERE!' GOOD STORY, HARRY ... MOX WROTE: "The photographs were provided by Bill **Schmeid** of the Colorado Alumni Association. He said they were 418. Now -- I'm not so sure Joe **Clein** (see following) or Harry had the correct answer. Maybe we need more input from others? HELP!! Mox." (Joe Clein had written): "I believe the pictures of the sight on the Golf course is or was Det 418." Am I right? Joe Clein Det 310 1964, Det 418 1965-1967"

AT THIS POINT, FRANK REVERTED TO FORM AND REPLIED IN A VERBOSE MANNER:

**Frank:** "Do I know where those pictures are taken, let me see.....Would it possibly be Alaska? Hmmmm,

how about Alexandria Headquarters?? Nope, Oh, I know, it's JHAB in the Philippines. Ahhh, yes, I remember it well.

Looking at the top photo on the right wasn't it the #9 fairway coming up to the half-way house (not shown)? And to the left was #10 and #11 if I remember right. On the other hand, even though I played them 8 or 9 times a week (but NEVER during duty hours), I did not pay attention to the numbers. I never broke 100 anyway, so who cares which fairway you were on? We lived on base and I remember my dog Smoky coming to the trailers to walk me home. We would play from #10 back to my house. He would always beat me like everyone else so I considered giving up golf.

Spent a good amount of time in those cold-freezing trailers. I found that if I had the operators keep the temperature below freezing, it would tend to keep them awake. I always wondered why our supply guy was ordering parkas. Actually, the toilets were freezing cold too which would limit their time on the pot. I thought that was an efficient time management tool.

In the upper picture you can also see the parking lot and the generator hut. The hut was where we'd get our golf balls from a bushel basket sitting in there. Since our site was surrounded with fence and signs threatening death on entry, any balls that landed inside were picked up daily by our yard boy and put in the basket. I'd only take the Titleist brand.

The domes look olive drab and I don't recall any of them being that color so the photo's had to be pre-me (1968-1970). However, since almost every night was party night at John Hay, they could have been pink elephants for all I remember.

Many of the parties were held in the mile high club which I think is pictured in the distance in the first photo. This is the place I took our car with our brand new tires from the states that took us 4 months to get and, in my liquor induced state of mind, I drove them into the curb outside the building, slicing neatly through the two front ones. This occurrence of course, followed one of the nightly parties (but never on duty). The worst thing about that was when I was trying to change the tires, the wheel nuts somehow flew off into the surrounding countryside and everyone was on their knees crawling around looking for them. That was until the security police stopped by and then they got on their knees and helped look. All turned out well, but Edna will never let me live this down.

Now, in the background of the second photo, I think we see the main clubhouse, where some of the parties were held (but not during duty hours). This is where I met the then president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos. I think I remember him asking if he could help with my tires the next time it happened. He was really a nice guy, though.

Finally, in the second photo, you can see two small black/brown shapes at the bottom right corner of the site. I think those were the burning barrels for burning

our hundreds of thousands of feet of 35mm film that the system used. There was always one of the single guys that would volunteer to burn that stinky, smoky, vile stuff, even when he was off duty. I thought he was a dedicated worker and heaped praises on him. Years later, I remember that, in those days, all that film was silver based. I wondered why a single guy could have 8000 lbs of household baggage. Bless him where ever he is, probably on some tropical island.

I won't talk about the guys that worked for me there. Well, maybe one...Bill Schmied. No, I guess I won't talk about him either. I will say that this det was one of the best we were stationed at.

No, I can't identify the date...hopefully some person that didn't party there can remember?

PS Harry, I think you're mistaken on the fairway. It had to be #9 because the half way house was there."

FINALLY, THE 'PICTURE PROVIDER, BILL SCHMIED, WROTE: This has been fun, and a little confusing, trying to keep up with these emails, but I think it's time to set the record straight. I confess !! I sent the pictures to Mox for publication, but I did not take the pictures. I have duplicate 35mm slides of the originals and I scanned them into the computer. One of our young airmen stationed at the detachment, possibly Greg Andrews, but that was forty years ago and my memory is a little fuzzy on that point, got a ride on a Jolly Green that happened to be visiting the base one day.

I can't remember why it was there, it probably transported some VIP up for a golf outing or something. I'm really surprised that Frank cannot remember this because other pictures I have you can look real close and see Frank playing golf with a couple of other guys, probably more detachment day workers.

Actually, Frank didn't spend a lot of time in the trailers. The commander, chief operator, admin, and supply guys were in another building a mile away and it seemed like he was always on his way there to that building or on his way back to the trailers. I remember that quite well because we used to get lots of phone calls for him at the trailers and that's what we had to tell the person.

**Frank Retorted:** (extract) ... I was (not there) & back and forth quite a bit for several reasons-one, capable people, secondly, I spent a lot time getting those people out of trouble and lastly, it was too darn cold. I won't mention who spilled coffee (causing a short)-another trip to the office to keep someone out of trouble...see what I mean? ... yes, that is definitely me golfing in the photos. I can tell because I always had to wear my uniform in case the commander called me in to get another operator out of trouble. And so it goes ... we are left with a few questions but have enjoyed the tales.

### "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 'Tom's Trivia.'

#### **Answers at bottom of the 'Sage Shop.' (next page)**

**HONOR ROLL:** Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (8); Dale Klug (5), Bob Wiley, Don Moore, Steve Herrick, Hank Raymond, Chuck Schuster, Clark Creery, Bob Long-Joe Johnson and Les Miller this issue

#### **WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.**

#### **Joe Johnson and Les Miller check in this issue**

Last issue we asked you to tell us the 'question' instead of providing an 'answer.' Joe and Les did that and more, they provided additional information about the 'answer,' Kenny Frigen.'

#### **Joe Johnson, in an email on 04.13, immediately on the heals of receiving his ePoMo, wrote:**

"I noted the bit about Ken Frigen (spelling here is correct) on page 17 of the current PoMo. Yes, Ken was the Zip room maintenance guy for Geo-Tech corp. for years. He originally came to the Hqs in 1956 when we installed the Zip room equipment. I was the NCOIC from the installation date till in 1960.

Ken worked with me during that time period. When Ken got out of the service after his first term, he went to work for Geo-Tech and worked for them for many years. He retired in Jamestown, ND, and I visited him many times when I returned to Jamestown to visit my hometown relatives. To the best of my knowledge, Ken and his former wife Betty still live in Jamestown."

Great stuff, Joe ... this is more than we ever knew about Ken! And, I never knew the exact date of the 'Ziproom' birth or realized you installed/served there. We became a 'B' 'Zipper' in '65, and except for a de-tour to 452, '70-'71, 'Zipped' until Jimmy 'Red' Davis 'saved' us in '72, just before we moved to Patrick.

#### **Les Miller, May 4, 2010**

Re the Trivia Question about the Geotech Technician in the Hqs ZIP Room. I think the spelling is Frigen.

Some background info that might be of interest. Did you know that Kenny was an A/2C. B-System Technician, at Team 405 in 1956.? I met him on my first visit to Team 405 in the latter part of 1956. When his tour was up in Korea he was assigned to Hqs in DC. When his Air Force enlistment was up, Geotech hired him as their Tech Rep, one day he was an airman, and the next day he was the Geotech Rep. As NCO of the Hqs Supply Section I had many, many dealings with Kenny. Also, Kenny and his wife Betty used to be invited to all the parties us single men held in our apartments in the Alexandria area.

I realize this is more info than you possibly wanted to know, but just thought I would pass it along in case anyone was interested. A retired AFTACer and proud of it. Thanks, Les ... great info and certainly not more than we want to know!! You are a great Sage Reader, and Writer.

◆ SHOWCASE: LRD ALUMNI HONORARIUM ◆

Long Range Detection Alumni Association, Patrick AFB FL

**"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"** (page 2 for information) #5 and 6 of our presentation of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ's. Formatting/standardization-CMSgt (Ret) T Highsmith, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt S Revels



COLONEL THOMAS W. CIAMBRONE

(1961-1971; 1974-1978; 1981-1987)

1961 1965	**	1155 TCHOS
1965 1968	**	HQ (VIRGINIA)
1968 1971	**	DETACHMENT 407
1974 1978	**	HQ/TD (FLORIDA)
1981 1987	**	HQ/CV (FLORIDA)

Editor's: Col Ciambrone deceased, 2005.09.08.—To our memory, Col Ciambrone is the only Center Officer to be appointed 'Honorable Chief Master Sergeant' by the Center's Chief's. The Chiefs were at the HQ's for a Command Review and, during that period on March 6th, appointed the Col "Honorary CMSgt" for his contributions to the enlisted force of that Center. Theresa, 'Terry' as she prefers, was presented the title 'Chief's Mate.' Following the ceremony at the NCO Club, the 'Chief' and his 'Mate' were honored at an enlisted reception for the members of his command. (the AFTAC active-duty publication, 'Monitor,' 1st Qtr 87, and the PAFB newspaper, 'The Missileer,' April 3, 1987, reported the event). —Col/CMSgt (Honorary) also instituted the Post-Monitor's Feature Article series, 'Tom Trivia.'



CMSGT JOHN T. HORSCH

(With wife, Chris, who served AFTAC for 27 of the 29+ years)

(1958 - 1987)

1958 1959	**	SPINSTRA LOWRY AFB CO
1959 1963	**	TEAM 157
1963 1965	**	DETACHMENT 18
1965 1970	**	HQ (VIRGINIA)
1970 1971	**	DETACHMENT 452
1971 1977	**	HQ (VIRGINIA & FLORIDA)
1977 1980	**	1157 TCHOS
1980 1984	**	HQ/LG/IG/DO
1984 1985	**	1157 TCHOS
1985 1987	**	AFTAC SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR

Editor's: We post ourselves this issue as we shared many years and challenges with the Col/Honorary Chief and even retired together! At the end of our career's we shared a parade/retirement farewell from the active-duty (brochure cover below).

Retirement  
Ceremony



Vice Commander  
Colonel Thomas W. Ciambrone  
and  
Senior Enlisted Advisor  
Chief Master Sergeant John T. Horsch  
29 May 1987  
Patrick AFB, Florida

## 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**
  - 3, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
  - 10, 1130-'Sociable September III'-Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, Tides Club (pg 1)
- October**
  - 1, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
  - 11, -Board/Membership Meeting
- 29th, Assn 20th Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether (pg 1)
- November**
  - 5, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
  - 8, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting
- December**
  - 3, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
  - 13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting
  - 17, AFTAC Winter Social, Crowne Plaza

## **Traditional Annual Event Timeframes**

**(Bold Dates may be tentative-others for planning only)**

**January—April**

**2011.01.29, SnowBall XIII, PAFB Golf Clubhouse, Them  
Det 45/46 (Colorado Locations)**

**-2011.01/02 Center Annual Awards Banquet**

**May—August**

**-Center Annual Picnic**

**-Assn Annual Spring Golf n'Getogether**

**September—December**

**-Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, design-  
ated, ‘**Sociable September**’ and held at the ‘Tides’ Club  
(vs. the HQ’s Building) to encourage attendance by all  
members, alumni and active-duty**

**-Assn Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether**

**ANNUAL FY DUES DUE (DUE 1 OCT)**

**-AFTAC Winter Social**

#### **WorldWide Alumni Reunions**

Normally scheduled on a biannual basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters:  
Last hosted by FL-2009.05, before that, CO-2007  
And CA-2005; **CA currently planning WW 2011**

**JUST ANNOUNCED BY CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER  
POSTED WITHIN: 2011.05.12-15 WorldWide Reunion,  
LionsGate Hotel, McClellan Park, CA  
MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW**

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**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (2010-04)**

		MED	LG	XL	XXL
<b>GOLF SHIRTS</b> , with pocket and collar, \$14					
Sea Teal (aqua blue)		1	0	3	1
Jade (medium green)		2	5	2	2
Navy		1	1	0	0
Red		2	1	0	2
White		1	0	0	2
Royal Blue		1	2	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'		0	8	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)		2	1	0	3
Maroon		2	2	0	0
Black		1	1	0	1
<b>T-SHIRTS</b> , no pocket - \$7.00					
Light Blue		1	2	3	3
Royal blue		2	2	2	1
Navy		2	1	2	1
Ash Gray		2	0	2	2
Purple		1	1	2	2
Red		2	2	3	2
Fuchsia		1	2	2	0
Stone Washed Green		1	0	1	0
Mint Green		1	2	1	2
Jade Green		2	1	1	1
Black		4	0	0	3
<b>SWEATSHIRTS</b> , Ash Gray, \$15		1	0	0	0
<b>NYLON JACKET</b> , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'		0	0	0	3
White emblem with 'Alumni'		0	0	1	0
White emblem with 'Alumnus'		0	0	1	0
<b>*HATS - \$8.00</b>	#				
Blue/White	20				
Blue/Grey	5				
Red/White	2				
Blue	0				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					<b>Cost/#</b>
					-50th Commemorative
					Coin: \$3.00/59
					*60th AF/LRD Commemorative
					Coin \$4.00/131
<i>*Note: Pictures Below</i>					<i>*Flaw: AF Date, Sept 12th vs. 18th.</i>

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**Alumni License Plate:** Assn Members, \$7, Others \$10/1  
**SPECIAL #1-AFTAC Top-3 Coin** made available by the  
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SUGGESTED BY DON COOK

### 'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s) (page 21)

'Trivia' page has follow-up information on previous issue's subject.—We have a great input from Eugene **McKay** for the next issue.

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(<<<) This emblem used by the alumni assn was in active service from 1971 to 2000. The association continues with this version because so many alumni served while it was 'on duty.'

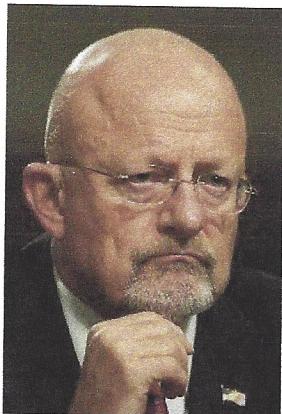
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### LAST ISSUE? DUES DUE?

**Hard-Copy:** Check address on the envelope-'Name Line' shows when dues are due. If reading "FY Dues Due in Oct 11" your dues have not been paid for FY 2011 (begins 1 Oct 10). If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or digits are greater than 10, your dues are current.

**eSubscribers:** notified at the time of sending the ePoMo.



### LATE NEWS: Senate Approves Clapper Nomination as Intel Chief

PLEASE SEE OUR EDITORIAL FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GEN (RET) CLAPPER'S ASSOCIATION WITH AFTAC; FRANK CALENDA AND BOB WILEY WERE FIRST INFORMANTS. EXTRACTS FROM SEVERAL WEBSITE SEARCHES FOLLOW:

The Senate late Thursday (08.05) confirmed retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper as the next director of national intelligence, voting him oversight of America's 16 spy agencies. President Barack Obama nominated Clapper, who has served as the Pentagon's chief intelligence official, to succeed retired Adm. Dennis Blair. Blair stepped down under pressure after clashing with other intelligence officials.

In this July 20, 2010 file photo, Director of National Intelligence nominee James Clapper listens to opening statements during Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on his nomination on Capitol Hill in Washington. On Thursday, Clapper was unanimously approved by the Senate Intelligence Committee

*Editor's Note: We followup our page 2 editorial with this hearty 'Association Congratulations!' Sir, you are truly a 'Sage Star' and we are honored to feature you in this issue.*

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