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THE 'LONG RANGER'S' NEWSLETTER FOR OVER 18 YEARS

2010 DECEMBER



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 SALUTE

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR 2010

JACK SMITH
COLORADO CHAPTER



Col **Prupas**, AFTAC/CC, made the announcement at the Colorado Chapter's Dinner/Social on Nov, 13th. The Col surprised Jack with this honor and noted his many accomplishments. His tenure as president has not only served the Colorado Chapter but Sages in general as that Chapter hosted WorldWide Reunions and involved the active-duty in the area in the chapter's events.

Here we see Jack surprised and smiling as he receives the 'Space Coin Certificate' from Col Prupas and, next page, shows off that and his 'Traditional

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

JAN 29TH, 'SNOWBALL XIII'

DEBORAH CARSON, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL"

Since 1999, it has been customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at the beginning of each year. As you all may have heard before, this is for several reasons to (pg 3)



MAY 12-15, WORLDWIDE REUNION-2011

HOST, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

'WorldWide' is a biannual event hosted by one of the three chapters on a rotating basis. 'WorldWides' welcome all who served the LRD/AFTAC Mission over the years. Please find information and a registration form at page 15.



ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED

1. DEC 17, AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL, CROWNE PLAZA

2. FEB 10TH, ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, TIDES CLUB

3. APRIL 23RD, ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC, WICKHAM PARK
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IF ANY, IS POSTED AT THE 'ACTIVE DUTY' PAGE(S).

1. **Center Winter Social**-a chance to learn the latest and catch up with old friends. **SOLD OUT**

1. **Center Banquet**-honors active-duty members, military and civilian, and a Sage 'Alumni Of the Year.'

2. **Center Picnic**-mingle with the 'old' & the 'new!!

Additional details, if any, are available at the 'Active-Duty' page and updates/changes at the assn website, 'https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/' 'Breaking News' (pg 01) and/or the 'Active-Duty-Schedule of Events' (pg

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

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

Updates-see assn websites, [URL info](#) on next page
Auto-Receive eALLerts (deaths, breaking news, etc) by signing up for this service @ <http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>

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

Hard-Copy: Check address on the envelope-'Name Line' shows when dues are due. If reading "FY Dues Due in Oct 10" your dues have not been paid for FY 2011 (begins 1 Oct 2010). If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or digits are greater than 10, your dues are current.

eSubscribers: notified at the time of sending the ePoMo

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients****Jack Smith, 2010**-Jack Jackson, 09Robert '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 (chartered in 1986). **Originally 'AFTAC Alumni Assn'** a name change was necessary in mid-2001 due to AF rules to continue operating 'on base.'

The assn provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to 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, mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, '**Post-Monitor**' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, '<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>', full of assn/alumni news and photos-we also provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification at '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>.'

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 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, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09.

2. Colorado: Formed-1989, **\$5 year**, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, '**Echoes**' and a website, '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-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.'

Sage Communicators: Newsletter Editors: 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/Electronic Media:** Mike Black, Clark Creery, Editors

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES'

'58-'87

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

The 'A Team' wishes you the best Holiday's possible!!

Where to begin this issue. Let's start with 'people.'

First, congratulations to Jack **Smith** as the association's selectee for '**Alumni of the Year, 2010**.' He has long served as the CO Chapter President and presided over many positive changes (see 'Salute' on page 1). Jack's selection was announced at the CO Chapter's Nov 13th Dinner/Social-he will also be recognized at the 'Florida Chapter SnowBall,' Jan 29th, and the 'Center Annual Awards Banquet,' Feb 10th.

Next, a heart-felt '**Thank You**' to **Pat Snyder**, often referred to in these pages as our 'Intrepid Insider,' as she transitions from being an 'Insider' to joining us 'Sages who Serve.' Pat has supported us so long we can't remember when she started assisting with all kinds of challenges, she made each of these a whole lot easier by her 'insidedness' and her cheerful willingness to help. Thank you, Pat, and we are pleased that you will still be onboard to help us out.

New faces: The FL Chapter Board elections were in September and 'new blood' stepped up. CMSgt David **Melton/TM**, FY2011 Vice and Sage, Dave **Money**, 'Publicity Chair.' The Chief has regularly attended meetings and has lately been 'Major Arranger' for our 'Golf N'Gettogethers.' Dave Money served AFTAC for years and joined the association long ago ... he too has a history of helping us and also organized several tournaments in the past-we will 'Spotlight' both in future issues and a bit of board info is on the next page. —Dave (Money) hits the ground running with an article at the active-duty section about the Booster's club.

Thirdly, Websites. We want to recognize the effort and time our 'Webmaster' Mike **Black**, and Membership Chair Clark **Creery** spent developing our old 'Need To Know Now' site as a replacement for our 'www.aftaclumni.org' entity. We have been directing visitor's to the new site for some time now. URL's and additional details are in the 'Chapter News' area.

And, this issue announces the '**WorldWide Reunion**' hosted by the **California Chapter**. These folks have a lot of experience with these major events being one of the first groups to embrace the concept of getting everybody together to catch up on old friends, learn about the new from a major speaker and just have a plain 'ole good time.' See our Chapter Section, page 14 and 15, for all the 'good times' California has planned ... these times can only be made better with your participation. This reunion in California is made all the more important, and poignant, as this chapter, with an ever smaller member base, is concerned this may be the last they can fling. Be there for them.

SAGE ALUTE FROM PAGE ONE

T' (below) with the Col ... the inset picture shows Bill **Schmied** presenting the Florida Chapter President's, Lloyd **French**, congratulatory letter. Jack will also be recognized at the Florida Chapter's 'SnowBall' on January 29th and the 'Center Annual Awards Banquet' on February 10th.



Ed Note: Jack was selected by previous 'Alumni of the Year' recipients for this honor; pictures of this committee are at the FL website.



THE FY2011 BOARD Elected at 3rd Annual *Sociable September*



Office (Tenure) Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last active-duty position (rank); Assn position(s)

ELECTED: President (09-11) Lloyd French, AF/AFTAC77-07, AFTAC Superintendent, CCS (CMS); Activities, 04-07
Vice (11) CMSgt David Melton, AF84/AFTAC88-00, 07; Superintendent, Materials Technology Directorate/TM
Secretary (10-11) Sean Ryan, AF82-08/AFTAC98-08; NCOIC, Information Management, DO (MSgt)
Treasurer (03-11) Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty Monitoring Operations Prog; Vice, 99
APPOINTED: Activities (09-11) CMSgt John Nederhoed, AF-83/AFTAC 87, Center Superintendent (CCS)
Hall of Heritage-Await AFTAC Historian being assigned.
Hospitality (01-11) Judy Milam, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11); Sec 90-2000 and 06-09, Pres 04
Internet (97-11) Mike Black, AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analysis Branch (MSgt)
Membership (10-11) Clark Creery, AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95; Internet Current News, 04-07
Newsletter (96-10) John (and Christel) Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMS); Publicity, 87-90
Publicity (11) Dave Money, AF/AFTAC83-07, Station Superintendent, Detachment 452 (MSgt); Activities, 99-00
Sage Shop (96-11) CMSgt Steve Revels/IG, who stepped in due to Pat Snyder's retirement (see editorial).

ALUMNI ALERTS-,WHAT'S COMING UP FROM PAGE ONE

JAN 29TH, 'SNOWBALL XIII'



include an event that does not involve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the October elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year.

In keeping with past years, a highlight will be the recognition of our '**Alumni of The Year (AOY)**,' Jack **Smith**, Colorado Chapter President. He will also be honored at the 'Center's Annual Award Banquet' on February 10th. Adding to the interest this year is the fact Jack plans travel here for both events!! It is also tradition that the **AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, Directors** and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

This is **SnowBall's 13th year**, and, each year we like to see attendance grow. We have had a better time each year and this year will be the best yet! Don't be left out, make your reservations now.

SnowBall always has a Theme-to date they have been Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea and Det 1-honoring locations where AFTAC had, or has a presence. This year we will honor **Detachment 45 and 46 and OLG, Colorado Locations** (what a coincidence that these are the very locations Jack Smith, our AOY this year, was so inclusive of as president of the CO Chapter).

The Dets and operating location trace their roots to the early 1970's. So in keeping with the theme, we plan to hold a sock hop with music from that era presented by the 'Gak Music Productions.' Leather jackets and poodle skirts are appropriate! Anyone who would like to contribute stories, memorabilia, photos, or speak, please contact the individuals below.

The Center's Chief, Knowledge Operations Branch, Deborah **Carson**, has made arrangements with the Patrick AFB Manatee Cove Golf Course Café to host us this year and Deborah, with help from other members (like Judy **Milam**, Sage, and Pat **Snyder**, AF-TAC/IG), will have the place lookin' good.

Pertinent info: Theme, Dets 45 and 46 and OLG
29 Jan (Sat), \$25 per person, tax/gratuity included
Cash Bar, 5:30-7:00PM in the Lounge with Hors D'oeuvres, 7:00PM Dinner served in the dining room 'Buffet Style' Menu: Salads, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Rosemary Pork Loin, Prime Rib, Rice, Potatoes, Green Beans, Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrot Medley, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Iced Team, Coffee, Water

For reservations:
Call Deborah Carson at 494-6537/ email deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil or Pat Snyder at 494-7688/email, Patricia.Snyder@patrick.af.mil.

Once again we plan to have a great evening with a lot of camaraderie and catching up, and sock 'hopping.' Go to the Alumni website to look at pictures of previous SnowBalls. We are sure you'll recognize many of the faces; make sure you are one of them this year!!



ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF FROM PAGE ONE

20TH ANNUAL LRD ALUMNI ASSN FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER

CMSGT MELTON/TM, ORGANIZER, UPDATE, PAT SNYDER/IG

OCT 29-We had a beautiful day enjoyed by 99 golfers (27 teams) at the Turtle Creek Golf Club in Rockledge. Golf and dinner, provided by Jimmie's Restaurant, went smoothly. All participants were headed home by 1830.



Donors

ANECO - \$500 (2 holes)
BCC Planetarium and Observatory - 4 tickets
Brevard County Parks & Recreation - 2 rounds of golf at any BC GC
BAE Systems Technology Solutions and Services - \$500 (2 holes)/\$250 (closest to pin)
Riverside Research Institute - \$250 (closest to pin)
Hensel Phelps Construction \$500 (2 holes)
BRPH - \$375 (longest drive)
MC DEAN - \$625 AIS Engineering - \$500
Duran Golf Club - 4 Green Fee Tickets; one Gold Crown membership

Volunteers

SrA Meghan **Williams**, SSgt Jose **Rodriguez**, SSgt Richard **Jordan**, Pat **Snyder**, Judy **Milam**, Eileen **Best**

Place/Winner's Listing

First Place - \$25 gift certificates to Charlie & Jake's and Uno's Chicago plus an AF golf towel - Winners were Brad Winans, Joe Giunta & Scott Shelby of Hensel Phelps; however, they graciously offered up the prizes to be randomly drawn and those winners were John Mitchell, Don Paul, Jeff Stanley & Bob Scabarozi.

Second Place - \$25 gift certificate to Fiesta Azteca and an AF golf towel - Winners were Roberto Herrera & Duke Snyder.

Third Place - \$25 gift certificate to Charlie & Jake's - Winners were Joe Walker, Sam Page, Gary Killian & Larry Silhanek.

Closest to Pin: Jack Smith, Larry Silhanek, Chuck Leathers & Sam Page
 Lady's longest drive: Judy Ellingwood

Men's longest drive: Troy Lawson

"**Senior**" players were entered into a special drawing of their own - for **women** it was a Callaway watch and for the **men**, 2 senior hybrids. Winners were Alice **Emerson**, Don **Emery** & Bob **Callahan**.

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

(event reporting continues on page 10)

SCENE SAGES AT THE GOLF N'GETOGETHER

JUDY MILAM



Pat **Snyder**, one of our 'Intrepid Insiders,' makes sure all goes well at the beginning ...

Some 'Sage Supporters,' (top inset) Bruce **Snelgrove**, Ed **Lindsay**, Don **Gilbert**, Dave **Money** (left) Jo & Pat **Murphy**, Eric **Morris** (below) 'carts' away as the players are off and running



Active-Duty Section, 'AFTAC Cares'

LATE ARRIVING 'THANK YOU' CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17

I got another CARE package from the AFTAC Spouses Group. This one had a few Christmas decorations, so we decorated our office door (below).

Please pass on my thanks for their thoughtful gifts, and thank you for adding me to their list.

All is well here. We stay very busy, and the time goes by quickly. It's getting cold at night (20s) and there's snow on the mountains around Kabul. Merry Christmas to you and yours and a happy New Year. Jay **Crow** (in civvies, others, SFC Justin Brand and LCDR Trung Nguyen).





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

'Pete' Graham
Earnest Long
James Esping
Arnie Celick
Bob Turman

Michael Miller
James A. Mulligan
Phillip W. Elliot
Don Glore



Rest in Peace

Vernon Graham

FROM FL TODAY, NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY

Vernon "Pete" Graham, 76, of Melbourne died Friday, August 20, 2010, at home surrounded by his family. Vernon was retired from the Air Force and as a Brevard County School bus driver. Pete was born in Belmont, NC. Pete came to Brevard County to work at Patrick AFB in 1974. Pete is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eleanor H. Graham of the home; brother, David H. Graham of Belmont, NC; daughters, Lisa Manchester of the home and Lynn Ell of Thomasville, NC; son-in-law also from Thomasville, NC; 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Services were held at National Cremation and Burial Society.

Memoriam

JOHN HORSCH

We worked with 'Pete' at AFTAC/LG for years, and around him for many more. It was always a pleasure.

FRED HOUSTON

I worked with Pete several years ago while we were both on active duty at Patrick AFB. Pete was quiet and very dedicated to his work. I thoroughly enjoyed working with him and laughing at his sometimes dry humor. Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss.

RAY BRUST AUGUST 26, 2010

I worked with and occupied a desk directly behind Pete's in the mid 70's at AFTAC/LG. Pete was a great friend and a good listener to many of the challenges of the time. Though I haven't seen him in a long time, I feel the loss of a great friend and companion. My prayers go out to his family for this loss.

Michael Miller Sr. (1951 - 2010)

FROM FL TODAY, NOTIFIED BY JOE GOLDIAN/CLARK CREERY



Michael John Miller, Sr. "Mike", 58, of Melbourne passed away suddenly on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. Michael was born in Anchorage, Alaska, on November 23, 1951. He was in the United States Air Force and the son of military parents and had the privilege of seeing many parts of the world. Mike and his family moved to Melbourne in 1984 and aside from serving in the armed forces

he worked for United Space Alliance, L-3 in Kentucky and Force Protection in Charleston, SC. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who loved to fish, watch sports and play golf. Mike was preceded in death by his father, John Miller; and brothers, John Miller, Jr. and James Miller. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Kathe; 3 children with their significant others, Michael John Miller, Jr. with spouse Christine Miller, Brian Miller and fiancé Stephanie Lownes, Kelley Koors with spouse Jeffrey Koors; and 9 grandchildren, Tyler Miller, Shelby Doyle, Bailey Miller, Gavin Koors, Emily Miller, Ryan Miller, Zach Miller, Laci Koors and Michael John Miller III; his mother, Ruth Miller; sisters, Patty Fuller and Susie Miller; brother, Mark Miller as well as his many friends throughout his life and career. A viewing was held at Beckman-Williamson in Viera and the funeral (there also) with procession to Brevard Memorial Gardens. For a time, a webcast will be available online at www.beckmanwilliamson.com/?page=livevideo for those who cannot make it. You may sign the guest book at www.beckmanwilliamson.com.

Earnest "Ernie" Long

FROM DENVER POST, NOTIFIED BY BILL SCHMIED/KEN BEHRENS

This obituary (extracted) appeared in the 09.05 Denver Post

LONG, Earnest "Ernie" 77, of Denver. Survived by wife Joyce, children Stephen and Sharla, 2 grandchildren 3 great grandchildren. Funeral Service was at Aspen Lakewood Chapel and Interment, Fort Logan National Cemetery. **Additional** information provided by Joyce is that Earnie succumbed to a massive heart attack and lung failure on Thursday, Sep 2, 2010. Earnie has been a member of our Colorado Alumni Chapter since our formation in 1991. From information we pieced together, he served two tours in AFTAC. The first as an enlisted Q Technique technician at McClellan and the second as a commissioned officer

in the Q Technique at the Headquarters in Alexandria, VA. He retired in the 1970s as a Lt Col. The home address is 8692 E. Layton Ave., Denver, CO 80237-2927.

James A. Mulligan

NOTIFIED BY KAREN MULLIGAN>CLARK CREERY

It is with enormous sorrow that I tell you that James A. Mulligan, MSgt [Retired] & lifetime member of the alumni association, passed away 15 August, 2010.

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

We served with Jim and visited 'Jim's' locations many times. He was a dedicated and humorous '99,' who was proud of his cars and his service.

James Eugene Esping

FROM SACRAMENTO BEE, -09.18, NOTIFIED BY JIM DAVIS/JERRY LABARRE



May 2007

ESPING, James Eugene Lt. Col. Ret. USAF. Born in Lindsborg, Kansas, December 3, 1923. Passed peacefully at home September 12, 2010, in Sacramento, CA, at the age of 86. Jim was a World War II veteran and received his pilot wings in December 1944. On November 25, 1945, he married Mary Jane Lambertson. He

was recalled to active duty in 1952 during the Korean Conflict and remained on active duty until his retirement in 1973. Survived by wife Mary; son Charles; daughter Linda Brock and husband Tim; beloved grandchildren, Alison, Joshua, Erik and Stephanie and husband Nick; sisters, Lillian Nelson and Marji Sartori of Lindsborg, Kansas. Preceded in death by parents, Julius and Myrtle Esping and brother Robert Esping. He will be forever loved and missed by his family and friends. Memorial service was at the Arcade Wesleyan Church, Sacramento. Viewing at **Lind Brothers**, Carmichael. Burial at VA Cemetery, Dixon. Memorials may be made to church or charity of your choice. Published in The Sacramento Bee on September 18, 2010 Read more: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=james-eugene-espig&pid=145427405#ixzz0zswZxoG3>

MARY (ESPING) WROTE (EXTRACT):

Time is slipping by and I have neglected to let you know that Jim passed away Sunday, September the 12th, at 6:50 pm at the age of 86. The prostate cancer he was being treated for had spread to his bones over the last couple of years. He was on Hospice the last three weeks of his life so was able to be at home, surrounded by all of the family when he passed.

He was a man of many talents and will be missed by many. We had been married 64 years so he leaves a very big void in my life but I am blessed with the loving support of family and friends. Love to all, Mary

Memoriam

BOB FITZGERALD

Jim was a member of a past AFTAC reunion planning committee with committee meetings held at his and Mary's home. I remember the delicious cookies Mary

would make for us. ...

Phillip W. Elliot

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY-WEBSTE/GUESTBOOK: HTTP://WWW.INGRAMFH.COM/SITEMAKER/SITES/INGRAM2/OBIT.CGI?USER=202211ELLIOTT

Biography: Phillip William Elliott, 74, of Bridgeport, OH, died, April 25, 2010, at his residence. He was born, April 19, 1936, in Bridgeport, OH, a son of the late George William and Eleanor Doris Wright Elliott. He was a member of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church, was a U. S. Air Force Veteran of the Vietnam War, was a member of the VFW Post 15036, was a member of the American Legion Post 227, was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, was a 45 year member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was a member of the AARP. He is survived by a sister, Doris Cornell of Salem, WV, two nephews, Macon Cornell and Floyd Cornell. He was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services were held at Weeks Cemetery, Bridgeport, OH. The Ingram Funeral Home in St. Mary's, WV is in charge of arrangements.

Arnie Celick, Col USAF Ret, d.23 Nov, 2010

FROM AN EMAIL SENT BY THE CA CHAPTER'S WEBMASTER, BOB FITZGERALD, AND 'CUT AND PASTE' FROM THAT CHAPTER'S WEBSITE, HTTP://WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG/DEPARTED.HTM. BOB HAD BEEN NOTIFIED THRU THIS EMAIL FORWARDED FROM DENISE (POTHIER) DERMENJIAN, WHO GOLFS WITH ARNIE'S WIFE, PAULA.

Subject: Sad News Hello everyone, I wanted to let you know that Paula's husband passed away unexpectedly this morning. He was somewhat older than Paula and had not been in the best of health. No arrangements have been made as yet, so as soon as I have more info I will pass it along. Arnie wanted a simple Irish Wake with family and close friends but a Full Honor at the cemetery as he was a Colonel in the service and served for 32 years. Paula's daughter and step-daughter are with her so she isn't alone.

Don Glore

TOM CAMERON-EMAIL, 11.29

DON GLORE LOST HIS BATTLE WITH CANCER AND PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY (11/28) AT 2:10 P.M. HE RETIRED AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE. DON WORKED IN THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE HQ'S AFTAC ORDERLY ROOM. AND WAS STATIONED WITH AFTAC FROM THE EARLY 90S UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT (~92-98/99). THE FOLLOWING WAS PUBLISHED IN FLORIDA TODAY ON 12.01.



Donald Glore, 55, of Melbourne, Florida, passed away surrounded by close friends and family on November 28, 2010. Donald was born in Macon, Georgia, the youngest child of Edgar and the late Selma Glore. He graduated from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, GA with

a degree in Forestry and Wildlife and enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1977 and served for 20 years. After his retirement from the Air Force, Donald worked as the Receiving Department Manager for Lowes Home Improvement Stores in Melbourne, Rockledge and Indian Harbor Beach for 10 years. Known as "Georgia Boy" to his fishing buddies, Donald was an avid fisherman and active member of the Patrick Bass Anglers Bass Club. He received Bass Angler of the Year in 1996 and 2005 and to Donald there was no such thing as a bad day of fishing. He was also an enthusiastic

NASCAR fan. One of his favorite memories was a trip to the Charlotte Motor Speedway to support his favorite driver, Jimmie Johnson. He was married to Sheryl Glore and they celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in Hawaii this year. Donald is survived by his sister, Peggy Mathews and brother-in-law, Frank from GA; son, Jason Glore, his wife, Misty; and grandchildren, Austin and Kinsley from NC; and daughter, Christina Glore from Melbourne. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to The Vitas Hospice Charitable Foundation, 4450 W. Eau Gallie, Ste 250, Melbourne, FL 32934. A memorial service was held on Friday, December 3 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Melbourne. A graveside service was held in Macon on December 9 Glenhaven Gardens on Houston Rd.

Memoriam

CLAY WILCOXEN

Sorry to hear about Don. He was a hard worker and always willing to help dummies like me with their training programs. I remember his easy-going demeanor. Don was a good person and I know he'll be missed. Thanks for the notice.

(Ed: 'notice' refers to our eALLert service)

Bobby Neal Turman

February 6, 1944-November 29, 2010, Albuquerque, NM.

NOTIFIED BY JOE MARSHALL WHO WAS CONTACTED BY NORM BLOCKER, 12.03.

THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE OBITUARIES OF THE ON-LINE ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL. FOR THOSE WHO KNEW BOB, THEY MAY WANT TO LOOK ON THE JOURNAL'S SITE FOR MORE AND A BRANCH TO THE FRENCH FUNERAL HOME, [HTTP://REMEMBERTHEIRSTORY.COM/OBITUARIES.HTM](http://REMEMBERTHEIRSTORY.COM/OBITUARIES.HTM).



Bob's story begins much as any farm boy's does, picking cotton, milking cows, building a laboratory in the garage... Yes, he grew up on the farm and he was proud of it and that is where

his dreams began as well as his love of science. His dreams led to a PhD in Physics from the University of Texas at Austin, research at the University of Oslo Norway, Air Force career, lightning research, work with NASA, Physics instructor at the Air Force Academy, nuclear powered rocket engines and pulsed power and laser research for Sandia Labs. This man, this scientist, this farm boy from Texas did a lot for his country but was also devoted to his family and friends. He was active in his Church, in his community and he loved his family very much. A few that have the honor and privilege to be a part of his life are his wife Carol, Brent and Dawna, Brandi and Gary, Christopher and Ashley, Savannah, Micah, Denali, Marissa, Sherrie and Chuck, Stan, Rita and Ron. To say that he had a positive effect on our lives would be an understatement. We will miss him. Memorial service was December 5, Central United Methodist. Interment was on December 20 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Central United Methodist Church TV Ministry.

Memoriam

JOE MARSHALL:

Bob was in the satellite program as a Captain in the early 70's. From AFTAC he taught at the USAF Academy. From there he left the AF and went to work at Sandia National Lab at Albuquerque. Bob was born on 6 Feb 1944 and died on 29 Nov 2010. Bob and I always referred to each other as "cousins-in-law" because his uncle was married to my aunt. We met when we were both in grade school and our families



TAPS

**In Memory of Those We
Knew Well Now Gone
But Never Forgotten**

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862



Day is done; gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh,

Fading light dims the sight,
And a star lights the sky, gleaming bright;
From afar, drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
As we go, this we know:
God is' nigh.



MAIL - CALL

Any requests for action should be sent to
Long Range Detection Alumni Association
PO Box 254892

Patrick AFB, FI 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: ... William W. **Merkel**, Robert A. **Finley**, Leo **Deville**, Craig L. **Adams**, Arthur H. **Whitten**, John T. **Lepere**, Keri L. **Robinson**
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(S) TO 'REPORT IN'
(ePoMo 'send' starts around 1740 on 08.12)

Jim (Red) Davis **08.12 @ 1745**

... received the PoMo just fine at 5:45...thanks
Way to go, Jim ... thank first and read later!! That way you get to be the 'First Responder.' And, in this case, you had the 'link' vs 'pdf!'

Rick Larson **08.13**

Karla and I have revisited Pinedale this summer where our daughter and her husband now live. We were there during Rendezvous Days, a three day event celebrating the lives of Mountain Men, Native Americans, and the merchants that were the early residents of the West.

Our daughter's friends were quite surprised when they asked, "Have you ever been to Pinedale before?" Karla and I both said, "Yes, in 1996 before I left Peterson AFB, CO, to return to Patrick for my 5th AFTAC assignment."

If any other AFTAC'ers pass that way please stop in and say "Hi" at the Wind River Brewing Company (<http://windriverbrewingco.com/>) where Eric, our son-in-law, is Assistant Brewmaster or see Alexis, Director, Sublette Economic Resources Council. (<http://sercwyo.com/Home.html>) Rick Larson, SEO 42, Det 407/DO, Det 460/CC, 1155th/DO, AFTAC/DO, AF-TAC/CV Rick, thanks for a whole bunch of stuff here starting with your SEO # and your assignments ... we encourage all our writers to do this because this information helps, and adds to, the enjoyment of what you have written. Beyond that, we note, and thank your for, your eSubscriber status and we are sure your brain cells were jiggled by our writing of our trip in the issue you received yesterday, to include Pinedale. Doggone it, we wished we'd a known of your connections there at the time of our visit ... we ate more than one meal there and was it ever a pleasure. Thanks again for your astute readership and your taking the time to write.

Frank/Edna Calenda **08.13**

I'm beginning to sound like a broken record. The newest PoMo is a fine example of a lot of dedicated work on the part of you two very special individuals. I don't think I've found an issue that didn't display, not only the news and views of the members of a fine organization, but also shows the loyalty of both of you in getting that information to us members.

I am a firm believer that the Alumni Association would suffer greatly if this literary glue wasn't there to bind together the seams of the LRDS Alumni. There are probably thousands of stories, pictures, news events, final departures, parties, golf tournaments and personal comments out there in our AFTAC retired world. None of them would be worth anything without your efforts to pass them on in a concise, understandable manner.

You always do a fine job and make it look so easy. I know it's not. Here's a hearty "THANKS" from me and Edna. Wow, each time you show your appreciation you just get better and better at it. Your statements well illustrate why we take our obligations as the editors of this treasure so seriously; thank you for saying it so well!! And, the many times you have not only been a 'reader' and a 'thanker,' but also a 'writer.'

Jeannine & Gene Ross **09.01**

I was going thru the "Sages to Remember" list (online), (not a fun thing to do at my age but one way of keeping up re a lot of people I knew in AFTAC) and have a partial date to give for Bill **Deems** death.....it was Feb/Mar?, 1991. Thanks, we have added that info to the database

Bill was CC of Det. 418 in the early/mid 1960s (two tours) and for two years of that time I was his OPS officer. Interestingly enough, prior to my assignment to 418, I was the "Q" instructor for the Officer course at SPINSTRa at Lowry AFB and Bill was one of my students. We also served together in DCS Operations at AFTAC HQ on Telegraph Rd. in the late 1960s.

I'm in the process of trying to put together some thoughts re 418 and John Hay to send in for the Post Monitor and will get it to you as soon as I can convince myself to spend less time on the golf course and more time thinking. We look forward to your memories

By-the-way, re the Harry **Joseph**/Frank **Calenda**

discourse on pages 20/21/22 in the Vol 18, Issue 2, August 2010 POMO. The pictures were taken at Det 418. Hole number nine (a par 5 in the 1960s) ran along the road with the putting green being right next to the "Halfway House". The tenth fairway then went right back, paralleling the ninth fairway (with a line of trees separating the two fairways), with the tenth green not too far from the ninth tee. The "Q" trailers sat near the tenth tee and far enough out that a VERY wickedly, pulled, hooked, short tee shot off the tenth tee could hit a trailer...and on occasion did.....so you might say that the "Q" operators were, on occasion, UNDER FIRE !! Keep up the great job on the "POMO" !!!! Thanks, Gene ... readers/writers such as yourself 'keep us going!' Knowing Frank and Harry would enjoy your response we forwarded same to them-Frank replies:

I totally agree with the positions of the greens and fairways. Number 9 green was always a welcome one because I could take a quick walk and make sure the operators were not sleeping on duty. Hmmmmmm, did I ever catch them? It was an assignment of fond memories and many friends. Thanks for your input.

Marv Gibson

09.09

Colorado Airborne Luncheon 28 August 2010

A group of past Airborne personnel who reside in Colorado get together for luncheon every six months. This luncheon was attended by William "Bill" & Linda Scott, Wayne & Cathy Zahm, Roger Krautkramer, Marvin & Sue Gibson, Darr Pace & Marsha Haeflien. Those absent were Dave & Joann Goss (Ops Officer Det 407) due to a family engagement and Bob Hae-



Above, Bill, Marvin, Darr, Roger and Wayne
Linda, Sue, Marsha & Cathy



flien due to illness.

We get together and swap war stories and just have a good time talking about the good old days. Darr was a class mate of Bill's and flew in from New York just to attend the luncheon. Darr had a lot of catching up to do since this was his first SEO reunion in nearly 40 years. Marv, this is a great report and especially appreciate the photos and how about that NY 'drop in!!'

Phillip J. Lindstedt/AFTAC TTR

08.31

This post card was found in a flea market in San Jose, CA, by a friend of Oscar Lessard (TM) who sent me a copy below. I already sent one to Delbi Solari.....it pre dates even him! What a great picture, Phil ... thanks for thinking of us. You kicked off a thought about this building's history ... we called the base historian and he proved to be very helpful and provided information readers will enjoy in the 'Feature Articles' area.

Circa, 1950/60's



AFMTC'S TECHNICAL LABORATORY
The Air Force Missile Test Center's Technical Laboratory, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Data from all missile and satellite launchings are evaluated by highly trained personnel working in this building.

PLACE
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Enlargement below

POST CARD

AFMTC'S TECHNICAL LABORATORY
The Air Force Missile Test Center's Technical Laboratory, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Data from all missile and satellite launchings are evaluated by highly trained personnel working in this building.

Basil "Mitch" Mitchell

10.12

(Clark Creery, thanks for passing this along)

John and Christel's note at the bottom of the 'Front Page' of the 'new' website referring to "...looking like a TI" brought back good memories of Gerry Sanchez, you and me "slaving" away on the new Q4 TI's when we were at the 1155th. Those 13 years of AFTAC days were the most memorable during the 28 1/2 years of my Air Force career. Tell John that "TI's were a good thing". Congratulations. The new web site is the best. Wow, Mitch, thanks for taking the time and effort to read/review the new website and contacting us concerning same.

We agree, it ain't necessarily bad to emulate our old TI's ... I wonder if they are still called TI's? And, appreciate your positive review.

Jim Payne

11.01

I looked at the notification for the 2011 Reunion in Sacramento..... first time I have gone into the notification link.... it is great; y'll have done a SUPER job of cleaning up and "perhaps" modernizing the electronic notification media via Google Group....Thanks for your dedication and for a super job.....cheers You betcha, Jim, and thank you for sharing your appreciation of our eALLert system. Clark Creery, Mike Black and your editors have spent 'days of hours' making, what we hope, are improvements to our communication capabilities. Now, have a look at our 'new' website!!

Allan Pentecost

11.18

I was reading some old emails last Saturday and I found one from the AFTAC Alumni West Coast Chapter. At the very time I was reading the email, they were having their Fall Social at China Buffet in Citrus Heights. So I hightailed it down there and was able to meet some of the people from the organization. I talked with Dave **Tarquino**, Ken **Breitwieser**, Dale **Klug**, and others. I never knew these people before, but I was accepted as if I was an old friend. We had a very good time talking about old times in AFTAC, and they caught me up on AFTAC history over the years. I had a very enjoyable time and was glad I went. Great email, Allan, and its outstanding to read of such a positive outcome as the chapters make every effort to 'keep us together.' It's always fun to mingle with 'new' 'old' friends!!

John Watkins

12.09

(John updated his address and added) Although I enjoy following the "news" from AFTAC, I'm sure there are very few from my day who are still around. Best regards, Det 1XX, 205, 3XX, Spinstra.

MEMBERSHIP 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):

Robert **Hummel**, James **Chastain**, Robert W. **Haller**,

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals):

Richard **Gullett**, Mary **Smith**, Carl **Gailey**, Alex **DiSanto**, Charles **Wright**, Carey **Dobbins**, Frank **Liberatori**, Thomas **Gehman**, Franklin **Mann**, Bob **Kridle**, Vern **Mikkelson**, HE **Foster Jr**, William **Metts**, Jerry **Smith**, Jay **Bilyeu**, Mary **Welch**, Ed **Edwards**, Curt **Anderholm**, George **Kraus**, Bill **Strader**, Terry **Jordan**, Elvin **Hartman**, David **Boyle**, Pete **Wigington**, Jack **Tucker**, Timothy **Heenan**

NEW/RENEWAL NOTES

William Metts I have been enjoying reading the "Post Monitor". As an idea for a photo story, how about Current pictures and story of Det 421. I came there in 1956, the second year when it was out-bush. Helped in building the station in Town. Boy do we like hearing from the real 'old timers!' Good idea, we'll see if any of our readers respond ... now, how about a tale or two from you!!!!

Bob **Kridle**-All is fine in Biloxi. Recovery is slow. Hope all is well with you? Thank you ... and good luck.

Franklin **Mann**-Thanks for the reminder. And thanks for your renewal.

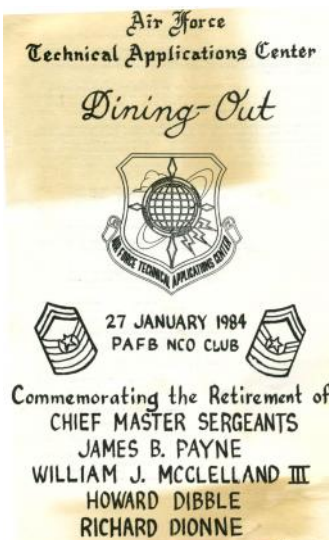
Terry **Jordon**-"Don't have computer - don't have email - but I do want to remain a member and get my newsletter by regular mail." Good to hear from you ...

David R. **Boyle**-Advises he is with the Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute of Texas A&M and spent 3 years at HQ and 2 years at 421. Dave, thanks for the membership and update. We appreciate a little note along with new and renewals.

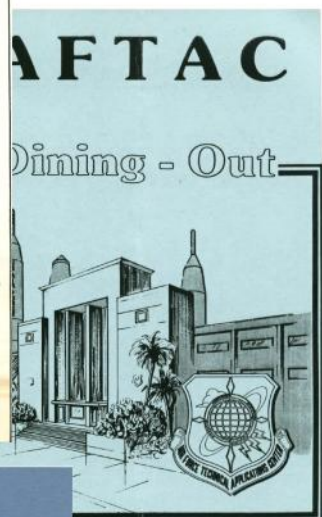
ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

CONTINUED FROM PAGES FOUR

LAST ISSUE BOB WILEY, ONE OF OUR 'ROVIN' CAMERAS AND REPORTERS,' WROTE OF THE AFTAC DINING OUT, AND ISSUED A CHALLENGE FROM THAT EVENT ... THE CLAIM THIS WAS THE FIRST SUCH DINING OUT AND ASKED THAT READERS PROVIDE PROOF OF OTHERS ... AT THE TIME, BOB HIMSELF PROVIDED COPIES OF PROGRAM COVERS OF OTHERS. DISAPPOINTEDLY, NO SAGES RESPONDED ... HERE WE PRESENT THE THREE COVERS BOB PROVIDED.



WE OVERLAY THE COVERS TO PRESENT THEM IN THE SPACE WE HAVE AND STILL RENDER THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EACH EVENT:

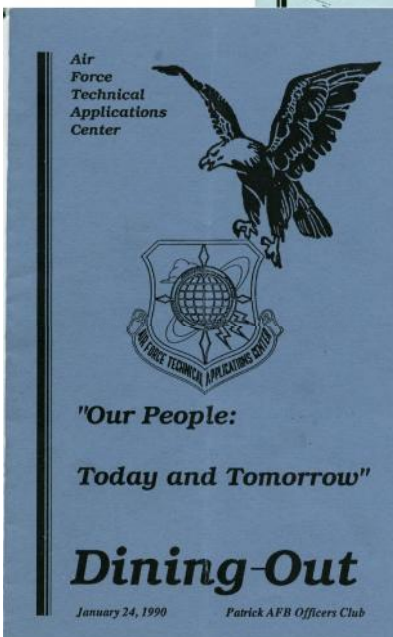


Officers Open Mess
Patrick AFB, Florida
18 May 1985

Thank you, Bob, these are most interesting and definitely make the point that AFTAC has supported dining-outs throughout its history.

If readers have more, please send them in the manner Bob has used here.

Thank you.



PREZ FROM THE TOP SEN

Camaraderie—we know the definition of the word: ‘Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together.’ Quite simply, it’s fellowship. Fellowship begins by a gathering and turns into the proverbial self-licking ice cream cone where the commonalities of the people in the gathering cause people to migrate to a common place and time like the swallows to San Juan Capistrano. Our worldwide reunions are our San Juan Capistrano. Granted, we move the city around a little bit from year to year; but like GPS-equipped swallows, our alumni return-year after year.

Imagine a blight on the swallows of San Juan Capistrano where their numbers begin to dwindle—where they lose numbers and their direction or inclination to migrate. You note that, ever so slowly, fewer swallows return to the Mission. Finally, what remains is the aimless flitting of disparate birds without a mission, a goal, or a network. Is this the direction, metaphorically, we wish to take as a national organization?

Recent information published by our California AFTAC Alumni Chapter does not bode well for our flock. Their suggestion that their sponsorship of this year’s Worldwide Reunion could be the last really hit home with me. Could our needs for fellowship—for migration to meet—be deteriorating? Or, perhaps our needs for camaraderie are fulfilled by electrons flowing through invisible tubes to the displays in our homes? I do not imply a simple cause or a simple solution; it is only a place to begin looking.

McClellan AFB is closed. TOD brings no new alumni recruits now. The remaining and faithful alumni are faced with attrition alone. I am sorry to see the state of affairs there, but acknowledge its indomitable impact on the health of the California Chapter. However, the California Chapter’s sacrifice is a lesson to those of us at active AFTAC locations to redouble our efforts to sustain ourselves by bringing in new members, meeting at variable times for convenience of others, and luring the “swallows of San Juan” and their offspring to gather each year—in perpetuity.

Happy Holidays to everyone!



Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve/served and we have record of—it is ‘searchable’ at the Florida Chapter website, ‘<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>’—‘Pg 07.’ These directories are available via email to requesting paid-up members from the Florida Mbrship Chair, Clark Creery.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President—**Lloyd French** Vice—**CMSgt Daivd Melton/TM**
Secretary—**Sean Ryan** Treasurer—**Joe Goldian**

Appointed

Activities—**CMSgt Nederhoed/CCS** Hall of Heritage—**Await Historian**
Hospitality—**Judy Milam** Web/Electronic Media—**Mike Black, Clark Creery, Editors** Membership—**Clark Creery** Newsletter (Post-Monitor) Editors—**John and Christel Horsch** Publicity—**Dave Money**
Sage Shop—**CMSgt Revels/IG**

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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 21st Annual Spring Golf N’Gettogether, usually played in the May timeframe, is being planned and arrangements are underway. Check the website and the April PoMo for details. Chief **Melton/TM**, has again stepped up to be the ‘Major Arranger’ for this event.

Publicity Chair: Dave **Money** has stepped forward to fill this position and has written an article concerning the AFTAC Boosters Club for this issue (next page).

Welcome to the AFTAC-LRD Alumni Association Web/Electronic Media Group

PREPARED BY CLARK CREERY AND YOUR EDITORS

October 1st was the kickoff for our 2011 membership drive and you should have received notice if your dues are due in 2011. This date was also a milestone for the assn. Mike **Black**, our ‘Webmeister’ from the beginning (1996), assisted us in creating our new website, a ‘Google site,’ and two ‘Google groups.’ The ‘Site’ replaces the former ‘www.aftacalumni.org’ and the ‘Groups’ work on a subscription basis and will post ‘eALLerts’ (immediate notification of ‘Breaking News’ and ‘Sage Notices’ [deaths, etc]) and the other will be used to post the ‘electronic newsletter’ (ePoMo).

The previous website, www.aftacalumni.org, did not have an automated notification capability and it was costing the organization money as well as being out-of-date. This new method protects you from snail mail, advertising and there is no cost to the association.

Website: URL, '<https://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>' awaits your perusal. This link takes you to the new website where you will find all that was there before and more, Breaking news, Newsletters, Sages to Remember, AFTAC cares program, event pictures, Active Duty Calendar, Sage information, Directories and Jobs.

eALLerts: URL, '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd/>' contains the names of personnel (subscribers) who had added their information to the previous website or have signed up recently. Some are members of the Association Chapters and some are not. You do not have to be an association member to receive these alerts- anyone who serves, or has served, LRD is eligible. This system allows us to quickly advise members who have provided their email address (subscribed) of important events. This site is a Moderated site and anything sent in must be approved prior to release to the overall listing.

eNewsletters: URL, '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd-newsletter/>' contains the names of personnel (subscribers) who belong to the Florida Chapter and have requested the newsletter (Post-Monitor) via electronic means (ePoMo). This site will be used to advise subscribers the latest ePoMo has been posted and provide the link to that ePoMo. Other members, who have not signed up for the electronic issue, will continue receiving the standard 'hard-copy' edition several weeks later via snail-mail. This site will not accept inputs except from the management team.

Last but not least, we trust you find these changes beneficial and helpful and will better keep you apprised of the happenings of your alumni assn community, retired, active duty and civilian. Our thanks for your review, inputs and patience in this move to become more efficient and provide up-to-date and valid information.

Membership Thoughts

CLARK CREERY

As I reviewed my copy of 'www.retirees.af.mil' an article caught my eye. I'd like to address (pun intended) the issue of addresses, USPS addresses to be specific- however, E-mail addresses are also of interest.

It seems that getting Sages to realize/remember the importance of keeping all their addresses current and correct is more difficult than herding cats! I was told that our April Snail Mailing of the PoMo was letter perfect. NOT! This is what happened, kickbacks include:

1. 2 insufficient addresses 2. 8 not deliverable
3. 2 temporarily away 4. 16 old/new addresses (8 local)
28 items that had to be researched and folks contacted to find out what happened. **Electronic** records fell into the same bucket: 11 of 250 failed.

Our new method of using an electronic system to notify folks who have e-mail addresses may help because it forces a change when addresses fail. We shall see how the December mailing works out.

Please, Please ensure that we have the correct addresses for you. Snail or E-mail it saves me time to do more important tasks than try to find corrections. I appreciate your attention and help.

Publicity Thoughts

DAVE MONEY, PUBLICITY CHAIR

EDITORS NOTE: WE WELCOME DAVE TO OUR BOARD AND THE PAGES OF THE POMO. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE ALUMNI BEFORE AND ARRANGED SEVERAL OF OUR GOLF N'GETOGETHERS, RECENTLY HE OFFERED HIS SERVICES AS OUR 'PUBLICITY CHAIR' AND WAS APPOINTED. THANK YOU DAVE. IN THIS ARTICLE, HE DISCUSSES THE AFTAC BOOSTERS CLUB (ABC) AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH AFTAC AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

ABC News Release

PAFB Florida – The AFTAC Booster Club (ABC) held annual elections in November and the results are in. As reported by SMSgt (sel) Jerry **Rice**, 2010 ABC President, there was no ballot stuffing, hanging chads, or vote buying incidences; just good natured due diligence in the election process. The new staff will take office and the reigns after the holidays beginning 4 January, 2011.

The newly elected officers are: Lt Michele **Coy** (Pres), SSgt Samantha **Ennesser** (VP), Lt Kevin **Pas-toor** (Treas), A1C Aaron **LeFevre** (Sec), SSgt Jose **Rodriguez** (PA), SrA Camei **Graham** (Hotdog Sales), SSgt Damon **Wolford** (Top Banana), and TSgt James **Collins** (Clothing Sales). Congratulations to the newest corps of club volunteers.

When asked of the ABC goals for 2011 the in-bound President Lt Coy responded "Our goal is to promote and enhance the morale and welfare of AFTAC employees. We will accomplish this by raising money to help support morale events like the Toilet Bowl, Winter Social, and the Spring Picnic. Additionally we will help support AFTAC private organizations such as the Top 3 and the CGOC (Company Grade Officers Council). In order to do this we need more participation, therefore, one of my personal goals for this year will be to bolster Booster Club membership. With that said, the current ABC representatives have done an amazing job and we'll do our best to live up to the legacy they've created."

The Alumni Sages would like to echo the amazing job that the out-bound cadre of Booster Club volunteers have accomplished and offer our gratitude. They are: SMSgt (sel) Jerry **Rice** (Pres), MSgt John **Sutton** (VP), MSgt Kevin **Littleman** (Treas), SSgt Christopher **Dale** (Sec), SSgt Brian **Ferestad** (PA), SSgt Glen **Estes** (Hotdog Sales), SMSgt Gerold **McFadden** (Top Banana), and MSgt Robert **Christman** (Clothing Sales).

The AFTAC Alumni and Alumni Assn participate in many of the activities and events sponsored by the ABC. We support you in your endeavors to raise the AFTAC community morale and welfare to grander heights. Great success in the year to come and thank you for your public service.

"The road to success is not crowded. Because while most are looking for ways to take, the truly successful people are finding ways to give. With a giving attitude, every situation is an opportunity for success." - Unknown.

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2010.08

ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice, Earl **Pierce**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-
Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>.
Membership: 87

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING
-11.13/1730, Dinner/Social, Aurora Hills Golf Course,
Note: Alumni, Wives, Guests and Active Duty are in-
vited to participate in all events.



Florida Editor's Note: The CO Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley** (Moxi), publishes many articles of interest to retirees concerning Tricare, DEERS, and other information. Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' copy via email, mox@wispertel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter also.



Jerry answers last issue's query (recall equipment picture) (extracted). **KW-26 (ROMULUS)-GENERAL:** The KW-26 was used by U.S. /NATO intelligence services to provide point-to-point 100 wpm circuits for expeditious transmission of highly compartmented information. Only the keying material differed from that issued to operational units. Each circuit had a scheduled re-key time every 24 hours called BRAVO INDIA (BI), a process specific to the KW-26. It was used prior to HJ (HOTEL JULIET). However, in the early 60's, most long haul communications were via radio propagation which was subject to many forms of interference both man made and natural. Since the receiving unit could only tolerate a bias distortion rate of about 25-26%, many circuits were constantly dropping synchronization, thereby necessitating many re-key/re-starts daily. Since most of the circuits were long haul and ciphony was not yet prevalent, the circuit stayed in the clear until a restart could be accomplished.

HARDWARE: The KW-26, introduced around 1958, was an on-line crypto for teleprinters and could run at speeds up to 74.2 baud. "C" versions of the machine were introduced in 1961-62. KW-26's were built by Burroughs in Paoli, PA, and utilized "BiMags" which is

short for Bi-stable ferromagnetic core memory, as introduced by IBM on early mainframes. The 26's used only vacuum tubes at the onset. Later models (by 1969) incorporated transistors as the result of the many modifications to the KW-26.

After a decade of service, the key card readers became pretty beat up. For cantankerous machines, a dollar bill was often used to clean the contacts and banging on a closed reader was also sometimes successful at restoring operation at "HJ" time. In one isolated case, a hammer was hung on the latching handle. Upon closing the door, the hammer was used to tap the surface of the card reader to make sure the worn pins made contact with the other side of the reader. It was once commented that the theory KAM was written at the 14th grade level!

June Picnic

BRYCE DUNN'S ARTICLE, EXTRACTED

This year's annual picnic was one of the best we have had. We enjoyed the hospitality of our superb military Detachment 46, located at Schriever AFB. CC, Major **Graves** and TSgt Selectee, Mark **LeDoux**, greeted us all and made us feel at home.

During the mission briefing it was good to hear that the organization still aids our astronauts by warning them of any elevated radiation they detect in space. (They also) mentioned Det 45 and Det 46 back up each other with the Space Command reporting mission. It brought back memories of when Det 46 was just starting up (1984ish) and I remembered seeing Brian **Swann** (may he rest in peace), showing me the new equipment.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2010.10

DEPOT FALLOUT

Charlie **Penn**, President; Dave **Tarquino**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Frit**, 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: 149/132 are Lifetime

FL ED NOTE: BACK ISSUE'S ARE POSTED AT THE CA WEBSITE (URL ABOVE). VISIT TO VIEW PICTURES, MAIL, AND MORE. FOLLOWING, WE EXTRACT PORTIONS OF THE LATEST 'FALLOUT' RECOGNIZING THAT NOT ALL SAGES ARE REGULAR INTERNET USERS.

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING
Meetings, 1st Tuesday quarterly (05.01, 06.07, 08.06, 12.06) at the Lions Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park.

12-15 May, 2011 AFTAC WorldWide Reunion, Lions Gate Hotel, McClellan Park, CA (registration and pre-pay required, information and registration form on following pages).

Confirm before coming-call ahead to our Vice President or check 'Events' page, <www.AFTACWCC.org>

Mail-Call

NOTE: OUR MAIL CALL E-MAIL ADDRESS: FALLOUTEDIOR@AFTACWCC.ORG

Jerry Cauda Email: 9 September 2010. I was reading in your OBIT section about Gerry Pressley. I was stationed with a Gerry Pressley in Encampment in the Late 50's. The Gerry Pressley I was stationed with was a B System Technician. Rank Tech Sgt, (5 stripes), wife's name Peggy, 2 children a boy (Bruce) and a girl don't remember her name. I'm sure I most probably have some pictures in my files will look for them. See you in May. jecauda@centurylink.net

'Way Back When' The following picture was sent in by Marion Chambers-Jordan.



Recognize anyone in this circa 1968-69 1155th TOS

Basketball Team Photo? L-R Back row: Tony Gallo, _____?, (Coach) _____?, Ed Slover, Fred Fischer, L-R Front row: Lt. Hauschild, _____?, _____?

*****2011 AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION*****

12 May – 15 May 2011

The cutoff date for reunion registration is May 1, 2011

CHARLIE PENN, PRESIDENT, WEST COAST CHAPTER



It is time to make your plans to attend the 2011 AFTAC Worldwide reunion which is being hosted by the AFTAC Alumni Association-West Coast Chapter. The site selection committee searched throughout the Sacramento region to find the "perfect" location for this event. For nostalgic and practical reasons the Lions Gate Hotel (formally the "O" Club at McClellan AFB) was selected. This facility offers registered guests complementary buffet breakfasts, will set up transportation to and from the Sacramento International Airport (\$14/person), and has rooms ranging from refurbished BOQ's to the SMALC General's quarters (4 bedrooms). Prices for lodging range from \$89-\$349/night with some quarters offering full kitchens and multiple bedrooms. The bar and restaurant facilities are revamped and very accommodating. **Hotel Information:** Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center, 3410 Westover Street, Sacramento (McClellan), California 95652, Phone: 866-258-5651 Website: <http://www.lionsgatehotel.com/>, **mention you are attending the AFTAC Reunion.** So, what is on tap for our reunion?

Thursday, 12 May 2011: Early sign-in and hospitality suite activities. George Thompson, the maestro of the hospitality suite, has toured the facility for this function and gives it two thumbs up. It is a former one bedroom base officer's quarters that has a full kitchen, living room, bathroom, and access to a large patio area. This will handle at least 80 sages that want to swap some lies and perhaps imbibe in some liquid refreshments. Any group that would like to have a minireunion (Detachments, systems, etc.) can contact George at AsstBdChmn@AFTACWCC.org and he will make sure the proper notification and advertising is accomplished. (i.e., Detachment 202 would like to host an alumni function; done!) Registration for these mini-reunions can be accomplished either in the hotel lobby or at the hospitality suite.

Friday, May 13, 2011: Sign-in continues and there will be a docent guided tour of the Aerospace Museum of California starting at 1:00. This facility used to be located close to the new commissary and has since relocated north of McClellan Park on Freedom Park Drive in a new building and grounds area. The Lions Gate Hotel will provide transportation to and from this museum for those who need it. The reduced price for this guided tour will be \$5.00 that you pay at the entrance to the museum. You will be impressed at this new facility and exhibits; visit their web site www.aerospacemuseumofcalifornia.org. You can get further information by contacting Gary "Steve" Fritts at DirectorAtLarge@AFTACWCC.org. Starting at 5:00 there will be a no host reception at the "O" Club or General's quarters depending on weather and the number of participants. This event will have both cold and hot hors d'oeuvres and will give everyone a chance to mingle and reminisce with their brethren and friends. This event "officially" will close at 7:00 and the hearty will adjourn to the hospitality suite. Dinner, for those who need to put on the feed bag, will be non-hosted and left to your discretion.

Saturday, May 14, 2011: Yes, the hospitality suite is still open and registration continues either at the hotel lobby or the suite. Formally, today starts out with a trip to the Thunder Valley Casino with their free bus(s) arriving in front of the Lions Gate Hotel at 10:00. Transportation will take you to the casino where you will be afforded the opportunity to "recoup your expenses for this reunion". The bus will return to the Lions Gate Hotel around 3:00. This will allow you the time to prepare yourselves for the banquet which formally starts at 7:00. The banquet will be the formal finale of this reunion and a chance, once again, to mix with the folks that were an important part of your life. The banquet will have a no host bar opening at 6:00, pre dinner entertainment, color guard presentation, and keynote speaker. After the dinner you will have further opportunities to mingle with attendees, and yes, once again visit the hospitality suite.

Sunday, May 15, 2011: Time to say goodbye at the no host breakfast. Time is at your leisure. The Lions Gate Hotel will arrange ground transportation to the airport for those who need this amenity.

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 12-15 MAY 2011

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Names: _____

Our reminder: I/we paid & signed up for the following number of people and reunion events:

Fri, 13 May Guided tour of Aerospace Museum x _____ people (pay \$5.00 at museum)

Sat, 14 May Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Casino x _____ people (free)

Sun, 15 May Farewell Buffet at Lion's Gate x _____ people (pay at Lion's Gate)

Reunion Admin Fee _____ people x \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Fri, 13 May Cocktail Party/Reception _____ people x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Sat, 14 May Banquet Dinner _____ people x \$45.00 = \$ _____

My Check # _____ for \$ _____ was made out to "AFTAC-WCC"
and I/we mailed check & the registration form on ____/____/201__ **(before 01 May 2011 deadline)**
to:

AFTAC Alumni Assoc.-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

.....CUT HERE.....(Please fill out the above to keep for your file/reminder. Also fill out the following form and mail it soon.).....CUT HERE

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 12-15 MAY 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

First

Last

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone#: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

(Note: We need to have a head count for every activity listed as follows:)

Reunion Admin. Fee (for Badges, Forms, Mailing, Reunion Programs, etc.)..... \$5.00/person x ____=\$ _____

Friday Guided tour of the Aerospace Museum of California [Pay \$5.00 at the museum] (# of guests = ____)

Friday Cocktail Party/Reception (no host bar with hors d'oeuvres)..... \$25.00/person x ____=\$ _____

Saturday bus trip & 4 hrs at Thunder Valley Casino [Freebee but limited bus seats] (# of players = ____)

Sat. eve. Banquet (enter # of each) Salmon [] Chicken [] Steak [] Vegetarian [].. \$45.00/person x ____=\$ _____
(All Meals Include: Salad, Chef's Selection of Potato or Rice, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert & Coffee)

Farewell Brunch Buffet (Sunday 9:00am - ?) [No host or agenda, Lions Gate Hotel guests eat free] (# of guests = ____)

Total = \$ _____

Make your check payable to "AFTAC-WCC"
and mail it along with this form to:
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REMINDER

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY but the DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 01 MAY 2011

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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.afisra.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.afisra.af.mil/>



Traditions and Trivia

CMSGT NEDERHOED, CCS

The other night, I was channel surfing and up popped the 1970's musical Fiddler on the Roof where they are singing the song about traditions. Hearing that brought back some memories and I started to think of some of the traditions we have as an organization.

We recently brought back two I hope to continue; the 'Toilet Bowl' and an 'AFTAC Dining Out.' The last time I played in a 'Toilet Bowl' was 1994 at McClellan with the Applied Physics "B" team on track for the "Golden Roll." Last year we tried at Patrick, but the rain caused the event to be flushed. This year's event, I believe, was a huge success; ending with some bragging rights for next year (CC/XP & LS). The LS team won the final game 6-5 (or was it tied 6-6?). We'll have to wait until next year to find out.

The other recent event was the AFTAC Dining Out, which included a center piece competition; if you saw it you'll understand when I say that I think TH has way too much time on their hands. I believe another highlight of the Dining-out was the 'Grog Bowl' and how each Directorate contributed to its creation reflecting how we all work together for mission accomplishment.

But these events don't just happen by themselves; it takes up front behind the scenes work to make the event run smoothly. It takes people stepping out of their comfort zones and volunteering their time to make it happen. The 'AFTAC Booster Club' and the

'AFTAC-LRD Alumni Assn' are the two key organizations which continually make these events happen. Both provide the opportunity to renew friendships and build new ones while giving back to the organization. The alumni assn has redone their website, and this newsletter, to list upcoming 'Active-Duty' events welcoming alumni attendance and involvement-several of these provide volunteer opportunities.

However, since I started out with traditions; the question for each of you is what and when was the origin of the tradition of the Toilet Bowl? Since we don't have a Wikipedia site, submit your answers back to the editor so it can be posted in a future issue. It will be interesting to see when it originated.

OK, one last tradition and that is I wish all of you & your families a Happy Holiday season. Thanks Chief, for this article and your challenge to volunteer and feedback. We have also posted your 'Toilet Bowl' query at the 'Tom's Trivia' section (Feature Articles).

The Future

ARTICLE EXTRACTED FROM THE FLORIDA TODAY NEWSPAPER, 2010.10.14; PICTURE IS A COPY OF THAT WHICH WAS USED DURING THE FLORIDA WORLD-WIDE IN 2009 TO ILLUSTRATE THE THEME OF THAT REUNION, 'HAILING OUR FUTURE-HONORING OUR PAST'



The Department of Defense will spend nearly \$200 million next year to build a new headquarters for the Patrick Air Force Base surveillance organization that tracks nuclear-weapon detonation and testing worldwide. Construction of a new **Air Force Technical Applications Center** complex, which would include at least three buildings and a parking garage, is expected to begin in the spring, with completion targeted by the end of 2012, said Brig. Gen. Burke "Ed" Wilson, the commander of the 45th Space Wing at Patrick. Wilson, who in February assumed command at the base, announced the project during an interview Thursday with FLORIDA TODAY at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

"It's actually the largest construction project in the United States for the Air Force," Wilson said. "It's a \$150 million-plus project. So that will be very, very visible. Because that big building you see on A1A, we'll begin to depopulate that, and you'll see another building going up just across the street."

Today, AFTAC is headquartered in a four-story building along the west side of State Road A1A and across from the base's Tides Club. About 940 military and civilian personnel work or are assigned to the national security surveillance unit.

So important is AFTAC's headquarters to national security that the military shut down SR A1A immediately after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Later, traffic along the bustling beachside roadway was restricted to just two lanes, and a barrier was built to shield the building. The front of the structure was also reinforced with steel and concrete. In the months before SR A1A reopened to normal traffic flow, no heavy trucks or trailers were allowed in front of the base. The new command and control headquarters will be built farther west on base property, away from the busy public road. "You'll begin to see that through the summer and into the fall of next year in 2011," Wilson said.

Wilson said the AFTAC complex and other significant construction projects already under way -- such as on-base road repairs and an \$18.5 million, 74,000-square-foot medical clinic that broke ground in August -- are indications that Patrick's future is secure. While there are sometimes questions about whether the base is safe from federal budget cuts or military downsizing, Wilson said there are no indications at Air Force headquarters or locally that there would be any such cuts.

"With things like our Technical Application's Center, and with the 920th Rescue Wing, we have some fairly unique assets there at Patrick that (U.S. military forces) rely on," Wilson said. The commander said the public will begin seeing evidence soon of construction starting, including cranes, trucks and heavy equipment movement along A1A.

Further details, such as about the potential for new jobs to be created, were not immediately available. Past projects at the base often involved local subcontractors. "This is a big, big project," Wilson said. "We're real excited about it. It's good to see it moving and get on contract. It's a new and exciting headquarters building for the AFTAC."



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Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. POC: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil

Updates

SUBMITTED BY CAROL SNYDER-EMAIL 11.22

This month we mailed out 14 Care packages and have received several letters of appreciation. As always, thanks for all the **Phone Cards**, and in particular, Christel **Horsch** and Jack **Jackson** who give so many. I know they don't always mention them in their letters, but they really appreciate them.

Thank You(s) (continued on pg 4)

Please express my thanks. I think it's wonderful what they do for the deployed members. I am particularly excited about my Christmas decorations. I can't wait to hang them up. Sincerely, Terri **Johnson**

I want to thank the Spouses Group and all those that provided items, time and/or money for the care package. I received the package on the best day, Thanksgiving Day and I was truly thankful for the package.

V/R, ROBERT E. GOOD JR. TSgt, U.S. Air Force

Booster Club Officers/Report

President: Lt Michele **Coy**-Vice: SSgt Samantha **Ennesser**
Treas: Lt Kevin **Pastoor**-Secretary: A1C Aaron **LeFevre**
Public Affairs: SSgt Jose **Rodriguez**-Hot Dog Sales: SrA Camei **Graham**-Top Banana Rep: SSgt Damon **Wolford**
Clothing Sales Rep: TSgt James **Collins** (November Elections)

Report

PAST PRESIDENT, JERRY RICE



17 December, The 'Center Winter Social' takes place at the Crown Plaza Hotel. SMSgt **Howorth**, 494-8126, is organizing this event and has reserved 2 excellent tables for Alumni. Social is 1800 - dinner 1900 - dancing 2000. Prices range from \$8 to \$28, depending on rank. **SOLD OUT** The Alumni Assn donated a large 'Beers of The World' basket for raffle (picture by Sean and Michelle Ryan).

10 Feb, The 'Center Annual Award Banquet' will be held at the Tides. Contact, TSgt Cox, 494-3698. Social at 1800, Dining at 1900

23 April, The 'Center Annual Spring Picnic' will be at Wickham Park in the large pavilion. TSgt Sanger, 494-8717, is the POC for this event. More on this at the association website as info is available.

Headquarters' Active Duty Schedule: ***NOTE: Sages are invited to participate***

PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, MAINTAINED BY JEANNINE KEPNER, 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	1645 HQ's Outback or other Venue	Alumni Website, URL listed below.
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

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

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"-parent & child service/2007.09**
4. **"Sage Stars"-post service success/2010.08**
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 Ciabrone (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 (2), John Bright, Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lillethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy, Tom Dunn, Bob Long, John Bright, Vern Mikkelsen, Brian Swan (deceased), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, John Bright, Tony Balentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield, Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, Dave Wingfield.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR MEMORY INPUTS

Joe Johnson Reports

THANKS SO MUCH, JOE. THIS IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING TO WE HUNDREDS WHO SERVED, LEARNED AND, ABOVE ALL ELSE, 'MADE LOCATIONS,' IN THE ZIPAGRAM ARENA, OR, AS IT WAS BETTER KNOWN, 'ZIPROOM.' FOR MYSELF, AND MANY OTHERS I'M SURE, THIS IS MORE THAN WE EVER KNEW.

More Zipagram Information

In 1956 while assigned to Det 204 at Fairbanks, AK, Capt. Gayle May, HQS DC, called me. He asked if I would be interested in coming to DC to head up something called Zipagram. He was my former operations officer at Det 204 and he explained Zipagram in a general way. So, I said lets go for it and left Det 204 in Dec 1956.

The family and I were airlifted to Tacoma, WA. We bought a new 1957 Ford and after visiting Gayle's (Mrs. Johnson) family in Oregon and my family in ND, drove on to DC. We didn't unpack as I was immediately placed TDY to Laramie WY for about 3 months. We drove to Laramie where I trained with a Geotech crew that was operating a zip system with data from the 3 WY Dets. About July we drove back to DC and repeated the drill.

We drove to Geotech, Dallas TX, for another 3 months TDY. I spent my time there working with the crew that built the HQS zipagram equipment. Some-

time in September we returned to DC and found a place to live. The zipagram equipment followed me and we assembled it in the old HQS building (Tempo T) at 14th and Constitution. Then the HQS moved to 23rd and Oklahoma due east of the Capitol. My crew of 5 moved the zipagram equipment. Before I left DC in 1960, the HQS moved again to Alexandra VA. We moved the zipagram equipment again. What a great story, Joe. You guy wore yourselves, and the equipment, out just movin' it around!!!

"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, Brent Braud.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

Brent Braud Reports

Left Encampment (seemed remote) to spend a tour on Attu (really remote) for most of 1967. We had six Air Force, 30 Coast Guard and three dogs. Even with a fairly full work schedule (AF off Sunday, Coasties were on sea duty) off time included converting an old pickup into a camper, an old chapel into an off-site club, rebuilding an old gym floor, holding a bowling tourney on two warped lanes which results were radioed live to Shemya, and exploring the island which was approximately 10x20 miles.

One excursion included myself and I think Skip Miller or John Brannon (deceased) and two coast guard guys whose names are long forgotten. We were to hike west through the central valley to the far coast and follow the coast back to the Coast Guard /Det/ quarters all-in-one site. We were looking for Japanese fishing net glass floats which were highly prized as beer ration swaps or just a decorative piece. (I still have one on my back porch).

We left early one summer Sunday and seemingly many miles later reached the southwest coast. Expecting somewhat sandy beaches as in the Murder Bay area, only black rocky slopes lapping the ocean were to be seen in both directions. Traveling east soon consisted of much backtracking around long steep rocky gullies that reached to the ocean. Really

many miles later and late in the day a fox trail veered up a grassy cliff and paralleled the sea ledge. Two of the guys went up and a coastie and myself followed the shore. We couldn't see or hear the two above us due to steepness and wind. We heard a tremendous splash off shore and saw three rocky outcroppings about 50 yards out and something swimming toward us. We just stood and stared standing on a five foot sea level ledge watching this large walrus (?), sea lion (?) approach within about 20 feet and still couldn't identify its head shape. We could hear yelling from above but nothing understood. We picked up rocks and threw at the head and it submerged. We finally made out what the yelling was: POOLLAR BEE-AARR!!!

A quick decision to backtrack on the ledge and an instant rock climbing lesson joined us all at the top of the cliff. We stood and watched the bear (easily recognizable now) leisurely swim off to Alaska or Russia. This is the BS section but it really happened. Great story, Brent ... we too have some of those 'glass floats' and recall John gave them to us. We had assignments to Attu twice, the first time someone else volunteered to go and the second time got promoted 'out of it!'

Frank Winter Reports

OUR ISSUES OF 1999.09 & 12 PUBLISHED 'I REMEMBER ...' ARTICLES BY CMSGT (RET) JIM 'RED' DAVIS. JIM AND I CORRESPOND VIA FACEBOOK AND EMAIL EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE AND HE IS THE INTREPID FIRST RESPONDER TO MOST EPOMO'S! RECENTLY WE REMINISHED ABOUT JIM'S GROWING UP AND SERVING IN THE AIR FORCE AND AFTAC (UNDER SEVERAL EVER CHANGING TITLES). HE RECALLED A LOT OF WHAT HE HAD WRITTEN IN THOSE ARTICLES ... AS WE WENT ALONG, WE INCLUDED CMSGT (RET) FRANK WINTER IN OUR REMINISHES OF SEVERAL TDY'S ... TO WHICH FRANK REPLIED CONCERNING FIRST, PINEDALE AND ELSEWHERE:

Yes indeed, I remember the outing well. I think the 4th person with us was Jim **Salus** (deceased 2009.08), who lived in Boulder at the time. He wanted meat! Personally I don't consider antelope edible. No reason to shoot one if you don't own a dog. I also remember our next destination after Pinedale--Flin Flon, Just in time for the World Series (on radio) where you foolishly tried to catch a Mickey Mantle homer outside the CRB. I believe **Osbourn** was with us on that trip too.

I also remember catching a nice trout on that trip. The CO wouldn't believe me when I told him about it so I had to take it out of the refrigerator and show him. We had the fish cooked and served at the small restaurant on main street. Back in Flin Flon I recall the story about the young RCAF troop who shot a moose early one morning near the office. Didn't have a clue about field dressing the animal so when a couple of Indians (Native Canadians?) happened along and offered to help if he would share some of the moose meat, he jumped at it. Problem was, they took the two hind-quarters and both tenderloins. Left the rib cage and front-quarters, good only for ground moose or sausage. I also dimly remember something about a "smoker" we attended one night. Probably a good thing my memory is failing! Jim, take care, enjoy your-

self and keep in touch. Maybe we can hook-up at one of the reunions in the not too distant future. Great stuff from our 'Founding Chiefs.'

Jim Davis, Eugene McKay, Ed Gardiner Report Part I

SPEAKING OF JIM DAVIS-HE STARTED A LENGTHLY AND HUMOUROUS RECALL ABOUT HIS TIME AT DET 204, AND DREW SEVERAL OTHERS INTO HIS WEB WHO HAD SERVED THERE AND HAD FOND MEMORIES ... THEIR WRITING'S START IN THIS ISSUE, AND, THEY HAD SO MUCH TO SAY, WILL CONTINUE NEXT ISSUE!!!

I must start this story by giving you my motto...."Every assignment an adventure...every adventure a challenge." This was certainly the case with my assignment to Det 204, Site B-61 (never knew what B-61 stood for).

As the station superintendent (NCOIC or whatever other names we were called), my job entailed more than just the technical aspects of the job. Sometimes these jobs became far more difficult than the technical duties. Fortunately, I have always had people working for me that were far smarter technically than I.

I remember SSgt "Red" **Harrod** who was the Q systems maintenance man....he was smart enough to make his job easy by doing things the simple way. As all those ever associated with the "Q" system know, it was a complex electronics system...consisting of several racks of tray after tray of vacuum tubes, capacitors, resistors, amplifiers and electronics that would be a challenge to any electronic specialist....well ole "Red" Harrod's method of "signal in signal out" made his job rather simple. If there was a problem he had to deal with ole "Red" would take his Volt/Amp Meter and oscilloscope over to the racks of equipment and follow the signal from one tray to the next, until he came to the one where there was no signal coming out...he would flip a switch to go to the stand-by system...then he would simply take the tray which had the "no signal out" over to his work bench where he kept a pad of paper and a ball point pen.

Then he would make a list of all of the vacuum tubes - take this list to the supply Sgt, Bob **Comer**, and say "Bob, I need these tubes." Well ole Bob would scratch his head wondering what Red was going to do with all these tubes but would politely do as asked. Now Red had two little cardboard boxes. He'd fill one with the good tubes and start removing and replacing all the tubes in this tray, putting all the old or "bad tubes in the bad tube box." When finished he would replace the tray in the rack and Walla!!! It now works. Ole Red corrected the problem but never had the slightest idea what the problem was...but it worked...it was simple....and it cost a lot....no wonder people wondered why it was so expensive to operate one of these systems.

Now, for my story about why my job was far more difficult. Transportation...getting the men (operators) to and from work was one of my jobs and for the most part was not a problem for 10 and a 1/2 months of the year, but for about six weeks each year it was a nightmare. This was when I started to become grey head-

ed..."silver threads among the gold" began to appear. For anyone who was ever assigned to Det 204, you will appreciate what I'm going to tell you. As everyone knows, the winters in Fairbanks, Alaska, can get pretty cold and the ground freezes as hard as rock during the winter...and then...the Spring thaw always occurs...to get to our Det (CRS) we had to use what is called the "Farmers Loop Road" from Fairbanks to our access road up the hill to Bender Mountain where our CRS was. Well, during the Spring thaw, this Farmers Loop Road became a quagmire...nothing but slush, mud, terrible mushy, sloppy conditions with hidden chuck holes you couldn't see. In order to get through this mess you had to let your foot get heavy on the gas pedal not knowing if you were going to get through this or not! You often hit those hidden chuck holes and if you didn't have your seat (lap) belt fastened your head would surely hit the roof...never had a problem getting the troops to wear their seat belts

Driving through this mess really created a problem TRYING to keep the vehicles running. Hitting these hidden chuck holes would rip the shocks, tie-rods, motor mounts and any other thing where the vehicle is connected together. It would simply tear the vehicle apart (soon learned why the operators were late for crew change). Our administrative clerk, Pepino **Salinas**, would take these vehicles over to Eielson AFB for service and maintenance. One day he came to me and said he wouldn't take the vehicles to Eielson because this LtCol in charge of the motor pool had chewed him out so many times for bringing these vehicles to have shocks, tie-rods, and motor mounts replaced that he simply couldn't stand going over there all the time to get his behind chewed out.

I thought about this for awhile and I said I would handle the situation. The next time it was necessary to take the vehicle over to get these things taken care of I took the vehicle over and when they saw me coming he came storming out of the office and said, "Oh no, not you again." "I want to see you in my office when Sgt Donfree **Jaxon** is finished taking the vehicle in."

Well, I went into his office, saluted and sat down to the worst ass chewing I had ever had...sitting there nodding my head and saying "yes sir" for at least 15 minutes listening to him tell me all about his experiences driving over 1,000,000 miles without any accident or any problems. I was thinking he had never driven over the Farmers Loop Road during the Spring thaw so after he had finished his ass chewing with me sitting there nodding my head and saying yes sir every few words I, in a very polite way, asked him if I could say a few words...and he said of course why not. I said I had driven over the Farmers Loop Road for the past couple years and haven't been able to figure out how to avoid the problems we always have tearing these vehicles up...and I would like to invite him over to take a look at the problem and maybe he could see a few things I had missed in trying to avoid

the problems we had. He thought for a moment and then said ..sounds like a real good idea, wonder why I hadn't thought of that before. He looked at his calendar and suggested we set an appointment for next Tuesday at 2 pm.

On the following Tuesday, I put on a fresh clean uniform and got a little box of donuts on my way to the Det...had lunch in our little Det kitchen, afterwards I cleaned the dishes and had the kitchen dining room area spotless and I sat and waited until about 1:45 when I went to our entrance door to wait for the bell to ring to let our 'special guest' in....I even took a peep through the little hole in the door to see if I could see him coming because I knew he would be a little ahead of schedule just to prove that he was never late !!!!

Well. 2 o'clock showed up and he wasn't there, so I waited until 2:15 and took another peek ..still no show...and I waited and waited and was getting a little worried that I had the wrong day..I waited until about 2:30 or so and I decided to call to find out why he hadn't shown up. I called his office and a voice came on..."this is Sgt Donfree Jaxon how can I help you"...I told him who I was and was expecting the LtCol for a meeting at 2pm and he had not shown up yet and I just wondered if I had got my days mixed up...and he said "Oh no the Col left here at 1 o'clock and said he had a meeting in Fairbanks at 2pm and would be back at 3pm." I thanked the Sgt and thought maybe he had got lost or taken the wrong turn or something.

I kept waiting and I thought it kind of strange when the men hadn't shown up for shift change at 3:30 (they usually got here about a half hour before shift change to go over anything that needed going over). When the crew did get there at about 3:45, I looked at my watch and said you are a bit late...any problem...They said no....they had to spend a few minutes getting this LtCol unstuck and turned around to head back toward Eielson because he decided he just couldn't get through the mess with his Volkswagen!

The next day he called and apologized for not being able to get there for the meeting...he said he had never seen anything like that and now wondered how we managed to get back and forth to work each day in a mess like that. After that he became very accommodating in looking after our vehicles and was actually pleasant enough that we could sit down together and have a cup of coffee and laugh about some of our experiences throughout all the years.

These are examples of non-technical jobs that I had...as I said every job was a challenge !!!!! But, we got the job done.

Eugene 'Gene' McKay, upon reading Jim's adventures, replied: Yes, it was 1957 when I first drove Farmers Loop Rd. We solved the problem a bit different by putting in bunk rooms and a kitchen (probably that which was used to have donuts in). (Editor's Note: we interrupt these exchanges due to our mailer 'page #' requirement ... more to follow in the next issue

"THE WAY IT WAS ... AND THE WAY IT IS"

THE MISSION, OVER THE YEARS

Prepared by arrangement with the 45th Space Wing Historian who asked we not list his name and has recently retired. The information provided is from a 1996 'Cultural Management Resource Plan'



Picture from 'Bldg 989 Building Summary,' aforementioned plan

Bldg 989, pre-AFTAC

THE IDEA FOR THIS ARTICLE BEGAN WITH THE LETTER (AT 'MAIL-CALL') FROM PHIL LINDSTEDT WHICH INCLUDED A POSTCARD DEPICTING BLDG 989

The plan indicates Building 989 was built in 1959, but that is at least three years too late -- our AFMTC Chronology and annual histories for 1955 and 1956 indicate that the project began in August 1954 with clearing and grubbing (of the work site) underway in October 1954.

Moreover, the Jan - Jun 1955 History has two photos showing the building (or at least 2/3s of its original "E" layout) near completion in May and September 1955. According to the official history, major construction was completed by the end of CY 1955, and the chronology indicated that the "Tech Lab" (Technical Laboratory) was completed in Jun 1956.

The building was initially built for \$2 million. According to the caption on a photo showing a Matador display in front of the building in August 1956, the facility was designed to house "delicate electronic devices [to] compute reduction data from the Florida Missile Test Range (i.e., the Eastern Range) unhampered by the salty, humid atmosphere."

As you know, AFTAC moved in much later, and the letters on the building were eventually changed from "Technical Laboratory" (clearly shown in one of the 1955-vintage photos) to the current AFTAC logo.

We thank the 45th Wing Historian for this picture and the article, and wish him the best in his retirement. Read on ...

AND THE WAY IT IS"

YOUR EDITORS IN COOPERATION WITH CLARK CREERY

... we follow the 45th Wing Historian's account above with this recent picture of the Headquarters' building. We purposely juxtaposition the pictures for comparison purposes ... it is also useful to refer to the 'Mail-Call' section for an 'in-between' picture of the building as it was (above) and as it is (following picture) and finally, refer to the active-duty section for the future.

Note, in the pictures above, the missiles are long gone and the building's front windows have been covered as referred to in the active-duty article.



This picture shows part of the parking lot on the east side of the AFTAC facility and the fence and gate bordering the parking spaces in front of the building.

"WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ... "

This Alumni Assn Website provides databases to search for fellow Sages. Realizing that some do not access the internet all that much, we post active searches (within last 90-days) here also:

Posted: Thu Sep 23 00:20:32 2010 Looking for Bruce Armstrong, 1155TOS 1964-67 at McClellan AFB. Contact, metalworks1@wildblue.net

Posted: Fri Sep 17 11:56:35 2010 Det 415 alumni. Contact: jimkrieger@juno.com

"TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA"

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS: '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.'

****Answer(s) at bottom of the 'Sage Shop'*****

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**, Les **Miller**, and this issue, John **Nederhoed**.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

CMSgt Nederhoed/CCS checks in this issue

Not only did the Chief write an informative article for this active-duty section of this issue but he also gave us a trivia item. First read his article if you've not done so for background and then return here for his trivia item restated: **"What and when was the origin of the tradition of the Toilet Bowl, especially as it pertains to this organization?"** We will post your replies in a follow-on article in this section.

SHOWCASE: LRD ALUMNI HONORARIUM

“20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR” (page 2 for information) #7 and 8 of our presentation of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ's. Formatting/standardization-MSgt (Ret) T **Highsmith**, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt S **Revels/IG**



JUDITHE E. MILAM

(1965-1971; 1972-1999)

1965 - 1971

** HQ/TD-1B/NYGI
(VIRGINIA)

1972 - 1999

** HQ/TD-2/TAI/TD/TDM/
CA/TT/DO/CAS
(FLORIDA)

This issue we present two of our long-serving and illustrious civilians, Judy Milam and Eunice Harris. Both continue serving the Center as long-time and 'Lifetime' members of the LRD Alumni Assn. **Judy** was our perennial 'Secretary' until 2009, and now serves in 'Hospitality.' **Eunice** serves as she can and is a 'back-up' team-member (Curt is her 'partner!') of our group that ensures the PoMo gets into your hands as quickly as possible by making the trip to transfer the PoMo from the printers to the mailers and then to the HQ staff.



EUNICE P. HARRIS

(1972 - 1996)

1972 - 1992

** HQ AFTAC/TN

1993 - 1996

** HQ AFTAC/TM

SAGE SCHEDULE

1. Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
2. Monthly Association Board/Membership Meetings
All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.
BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE OR
WITH OUR PUBLICITY CHAIR, DAVE MONEY @
dave.money@usa.net

a. **WindDowns** are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place behind the HQ's building at the Outback.

b. **Monthly Association Meetings** are normally on **2nd Mondays** at 1700 gathering at the Outback for escort-other Patrick AFB venues may be considered. **Quarterly**, the meeting during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec), will be a luncheon (1130) at a Patrick venue (Tides, Golf Course, Dining Hall).

NOTE: In both cases, venues will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the website.

January

- 7, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
- 10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

February

- 4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
- 14, 1700 -Board/Membership Meeting

March

- 4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
- 14, 1130-Board/Membership Meeting, venue TBD

April

- 1, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
- 11, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

3. **Traditional Annual Event Timeframes**
(**Bold Dates may be tentative**-others for planning only)

January-April, two events

- Jan 29, **SnowBall XIII**, PAFB Golf Clubhouse, Theme, Det 45/46 and OLGT (Colorado Locations), details, pg 1
- Feb 10, **Center Annual Awards Banquet**, details, pg 1

May-August, two events

- April 23rd, **Center Annual Picnic**, details, pg 1
- Assn 21st Annual Spring Golf n'Gettogether

September-December, 4 events

- Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September IV**,' held at the 'Tides' Club (vs. HQ's Building) on the **2nd Friday at 1130** to encourage attendance by all members, alumni and active-duty
- Assn 21st Annual Fall Golf n'Gettogether
- Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**
- Dec 17th, AFTAC Winter Social, SOLD OUT**

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 is currently planning**

WorldWide Reunion 2011 for May 12th thru 15th.

Information and Registration forms are available in the 'Chapter News' section, California Chapter.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

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No s/h charged on logo pins

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2010.11)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	2	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	1	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	7	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	3
Maroon	2	2	0	0
Black	1	1	0	1

T-SHIRTS, no pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	1	2	3	3
Royal blue	2	1	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	0	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	1	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

NYLON JACKET, Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'

White emblem with 'Alumnus' 0 0 1 0

HATS - \$8.00 # **MISCELLANEOUS** Cost/#

Blue/White 18 **-50th Commemorative**

Blue/Grey 5 **Coin:** \$3.00/57

Red/White 2 ***60th AF/LRD Commemorative**

'Hat' Pictures Below **Coin** \$4.00/129

*Flawed: AF Date, Sep 12th vs. 18th.

-Logo Pin: \$3.25/217

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SUGGESTED BY RON COOK

'Tom's Trivia' (preceding page[s])

Answer: We have a question for our readers in this issue

Great 'pictorial' input from Eugene **McKay**
Planned for the next issue.

