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

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

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

Recognized for 60 years
of service to our country
16 September 2007
1947 - 2007



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



Our New Board Members
Terry Hammond, 'President'
Mike Young, 'Hall of Heritage'



Terry Hammond, Assn President

Retired Lt Col (**Apr 90**) last served as AFTAC's Chief, Weapons Technology Division (TNT). Terry entered the USAF as an Academy cadet in June 65 & was commissioned in June, 69.

He was first assigned to AFTAC as a Nuclear Research Officer in the Atmospheric Branch of the Radiometrics Division (TRA) working with

the Ds/Cs techniques (**Nov 73-Aug 76**). During this tour, Terry also served as a Program Control Officer in the Plans & Documentation Branch of the Plans & Program Division (XRP) (**Sep 76-Jun 78**) responsible for the Program Document and contributing to the Program Submission. Terry returned to AFTAC in Jul 87 to serve as the Chief of the Weapons Technology Division of the Nuclear Materials Directorate (TNT) to Apr 90 when he retired.

Terry's non-AFTAC assignments included: **Sep 69-Jul 70**, master's student at the Univ of Florida in Nuclear Engineering (AFIT/CI); **Aug 70-Oct 73**, Nuclear Research Officer and Executive Officer for the Development Planning Directorate of the Aeronautical Systems Division (ASD/XR); **Jul 78-Jul 81**, Assistant Professor and Personnel Officer, Aeronautical Engineering Department at the USAF Academy (DFAN); **Aug 81-Jul 84**: doctorate student at the Univ of Kansas in Aerospace Engineering (AFIT/CI); and **Aug 84-Jun 87**: Associate Professor, Aeronautical Engineering Dept at the USAF Academy (DFAN).

Terry married his longtime sweetheart, Patty **Grothjan**, on 19 Jun 71 and they have three grown children (Terry Jr (TJ), Lindsey **Przybylek**, and Kimberley **Kraus**), all have settled their families in Satellite Beach. (>pg 3)

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

FEB 4-SNOWBALL XIV-MANATEE CLUBHOUSE

DEBORAH CARSON/SEAN RYAN, 'MAJOR ARRANGERS'

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL"



Since 1999, the Alumni Association has 'thrown a themed SnowBall' at the start of the new year. We like to have an event when our 'Sage Snowbirds' are in town and we might all be in a festive mood. 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.

As in past years, a highlight will be the recognition of our '**Alumni of The Year (AOY)**'-this year that being Dale **Klug**, Charter California Chapter Member and retired long time editor of that chapter's newsletter, 'Depot Fallout.' He will also be honored at the (>> pg 3)

ACTIVE DUTY ALERTS, SAGES WELCOMED

Also check PoMo 'Active-Duty' section/Assn website pages below
-Feb 9 (Thur), AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet (Ed note: just days after the SnowBall)

-Apr 21 (Sat), AFTAC Annual Spring Picnic

Our '**Insider**'-Carol Snyder, 'carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil' can be contacted for information and tickets for most events.

NOTE: Updates/changes will be posted at the assn website,

'<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow>'

Page 01: 'Breaking News' and/or Page 05: 'Schedule of Events'

You can also '**Auto-Receive**' eALLerts (deaths, breaking news, etc)-sign up at <http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>

EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

'Event' reports, if any, follow 'Alert' reports.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (17)****Dale Klug, 2011**-Jack Smith, 10-Jack Jackson, 09

Robert 'Bob' Wiley 08-Bill Schmied 07-Deborah Carson 06

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

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

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

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring Center people and its history exist: Two, '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, 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 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, '<http://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 Fall-out**' 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**

Sage Wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holidays for all. We look forward to filling your stocking with this issue and several more times before Dec next year!! The 'gift' will be larger, and made so much better, if we hear from you.

Another 24-pager and we could've gone to 28 this time but we carry over a little bit for April. We start by 'introducing' our newly elected '**President**' and '**Hall of Heritage**' Chair. Both have jumped into our doings with vigor and we look forward to a long tenure by both.

--at the same time, we recognize Lloyd's (**French**) Presidential service to the assn for the past 3-terms. Thank you Lloyd, and we hope your service continues.

We continue with several annual announcements, the '**SnowBall**' and the Center's '**Annual Awards Banquet**.' We are hoping Dale (**Klug**, AOY2011, see heading at left column, this page) and Rose will be here with us for both events as Jack and Helen (**Smith**) were last year making a big difference in the gravitas on both occasions.

Clark (**Creery**) has written a great article about a grand AFTAC Tradition, the 'Toilet Bowl.' This Depot event has been kept alive at HQ now for several years, **SMSgt Rice** gives the low down in the active pages.

In our '... Remember' section we recall those gone before us and also report on the annual 'Pearl Harbor' ceremony by our active force, and, on a well deserved recognition to Sage, Dr **Rothe**, who served AFTAC (seismology) in TT from the mid-80s to 2009.

Lots of good mail with many 'Sage Reports' to check out and some neat comments from those renewing. Our Chapter section has our 'new' Prez's first rendering and a great update from the 'Hall of Heritage' Chair ... lots of stuff from the other chapters also.

The 'Active-Duty' section confirms our troops are busy in many places, but still know how to have fun. And, check out the 'finals' of the 'Toilet Bowl' and volunteer offerings from the Boosters Club.

And, finally, our 'Feature Articles' section overflows with more banter from our 'Founding Fathers,' a great article of a son honoring his father's service and pictures of several Command artifacts.

--We end with a 'Special Thanks' to all of you who wrote us, and thus our readers, this year with a 'Special Special' to those who shared something of their service time with our Command. We ain't much more than a bulletin board without you!!

---And to those who continuously put the PoMo in your hands, our reviewers, Judy **Milam**, Frank **Hall**, and Pat **Snyder**; printing honcho, **Gayle**, transporters, Terry **Hammond**, Jack **Jackson**, and Curt and Eunice **Harris**, mailer, Pat **Chadwick**, and finally, Clark **Creery**, who sends out the ePoMo and provides the addresses for mailing.

(fm pg 1) Following his retirement from the USAF, Terry spent nine years working with several different employers on the Engineering Development Contract at Kennedy Space Center (Apr 90-Jul 99) managing the Toxic Vapor Detection and Contamination Monitoring Laboratory. Terry then joined Midwest Research Institute (MRI) as the Senior Program Manager (Aug 99-Apr 11) to help establish and grow the new Florida Division in Palm Bay. During that period MRI became a major AFTAC contractor supporting the Biological program in TMB, but also supported the DIA, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), EPA, and other government and commercial research efforts.

Terry is a Lifetime Member and has been actively involved in many Alumni activities since his retirement, but this is his first time to hold an office in the Alumni Association.

Mike Young, 'Hall of Heritage'



Mike joined AFTAC CC/HO as the Command Historian in May, 2011. He is a retired LtCol with more than 31 years of service, in both the active Army (16 years) and reserve (15).

Mike enlisted in the infantry in 1973. He served out his enlisted time in Mainz, Germany, where he met his wife, Geli. After earning his BA and MA in Military History at The Ohio State University, Mike returned to

active duty in 1983. As a military intelligence officer, he served tours of duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group, and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. As a company commander in the 11th ACR, Mike deployed to DESERT STORM. Mike also spent a year at Bolling AFB where he earned a MS in Strategic Intelligence. His last active duty assignment was as an instructor of history at the USAF Academy.

In the mid-1990s, Mike resigned from active duty to provide his family more stability and moved back to his home town of Columbus, Ohio. However, his true love was always the Army. Mike held three command assignments in the USAR – at detachment, battalion, and group levels. In 2003, Mike deployed with his battalion for 16 months to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as the Deputy Commander for the Joint Detention Operations Group. Mike retired in 2005. Now, with both kids out of the house (daughter Ally with the Peace Corps in Madagascar and son, Adrian, completing his PhD at Princeton University), Mike and Geli moved to Florida for this wonderful opportunity to become a member of the USAF and the AFTAC family. When Mike is not writing chapters for his PhD dissertation, he enjoys kayaking with Geli. He is also a certified scuba rescue diver and loves to paraglide. Wow, you bring a lot to the Command and our Alumni Assn Chapter, Thank You!!

Wow, what credentials these two gentlemen have. Thanks so much for your service to this country and your decision to join our alumni association ... we look forward to working with you.

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Center's 'Annual Award Banquet' on 9 Feb. Adding to the interest is the fact that Dale and Rose hope to travel here for these events-we'll keep our fingers crossed.

--It is also tradition that the **AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, Director of Staff, Superintendent, Directors**, all active-duty military and civilian, and the outlying area commanders TDY here for a conference, are welcomed.

This year's theme is Alaska; Det 460, joining previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska and Colorado ... locations where AFTAC had or has a presence.

Det 460 traces its roots with various organizations to the early 1950'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.

Our Sage, Sean Ryan (Assn Board Secretary) made arrangements with the Patrick AFB Manatee Cove Golf Course Clubhouse to host us this year and with help from other members (like fellow Sages, Dee and Gene **Melchoir**, Deborah **Carson**, and Pat **Snyder**), will have the place lookin' 'Alaskaish.'

**Pertinent info: Theme, Det 460, Alaska
Feb 04th (Sat), \$30 per person, tax/gratuity included
(NOTE: The Center's 'Annual Award Banquet' is Feb 09)**

Cash Bar, 5:30-7:00PM in the Lounge with Hors D'oeuvres, 7:00PM Dinner served in the dining room Menu: Salads, Meats, Starches, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water and Dessert

NOTE: Menu items, and any other updates, will be posted at the assn website when available.

For reservations call/send email:

**Sean, 321-591-9053/oceanblueview@yahoo.com
Deborah, 494-6537/deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil**

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SEPT 8TH, ELECTIONS, IV ANNUAL 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER'

Editors: We had a nice crowd for the meeting/elections. Terry **Hammond** stepped forward as a Presidential nominee and was elected-others on the board agreed to continue in their positions and were also elected:

Vice-President: CMSgt David **Melton**/TM, Treasurer: Joe **Goldian** and Secretary: Sean **Ryan**

THIRD ANNUAL HQ 'TOILET BOWL'

EDITORS NOTE: READ THE HISTORY OF THIS EVENT AT THE ACTIVE-DUTY SECTION OF THIS PAPER, PLUS MORE ON THE EVENT ITSELF.
CLARK CREEERY REPORTS ON THE SAGE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS EVENT.

DATELINE VIERA FLORIDA (23 September 2011) We had the good fortune to witness this event held at the Viera Recreational Complex. This event started at the Technical Operations Division (TOD, AFTAC Lab, Logistics and Operations) at McClellan AFB in California. That location was closed in the late 90s. The bowl is an annual softball tourney that pitted all the different Directorates against each other for the coveted 'Golden Toilet Bowl' and, for second place, paper to match!! It is a one day event that includes food, fun, family, and furious competition (Clark's images of the coveted trophies can be seen at the 'Active-Duty' section of this PoMo).

The Alumni thanks the Boosters Club, the Commander and Chiefs Nederhoed/CCS/Assn Activities Chair, Melton/TM/Assn Vice and Revels/IG/Assn Sage Sales for the opportunity to provide security for the refreshment wagon. I will never know why we Alumni receive this dubious honor but may it be based on experience!

The event was to take place at 0830 with a few words by Commander Prupas and then 'let the games begin!' We found a spot in the field and abandoned 'Herm' (My Ford Ranger) and walked over to a pavilion where a gentleman was sitting guarding some food and trying to locate the barbecue pit that was being delivered. I asked him if this was the AFTAC event and he grunted "Yep" so we set up shop at one of the benches.

Minutes later the gent returned and told us that the refreshment wagon was located several thousand yards

Gene (side view), Dee, Ruth Creeery, and a rare sighting of Russ Ridens!!



away between two ball fields – west and east! We trudged across the grass and when we arrived we found Alumni Members hard at work. Jack **Jackson** and Gene and Dee **Melchior** were standing guard. Games were

already in progress and the 'ting' of a softball striking an aluminum bat was a sound that I have not heard in years. I



was amazed at how many folks were out there supporting their Directorates (But that is the way it has always been). We discovered that an old friend, Rusty **Ridens** (pic above) was sitting with the group and what a great surprise that was. (Jack Jackson, at left, hard at work)

During the festivities we managed to see quite a few Alumni Members, Chief Scientist, Dave **O'Brien**, Col **Prupas**/CC, Deborah **Carson**/LSOK, and George **Mirada** as well as the Alumni Sages working alongside the Booster's Club personnel.

Around 11 am they started to serve some vitals so we retraced our steps to the pavilion where we initially set up camp. What a great job they were doing. Troops came in droves as their games finished and the cooks kept pace

with the actions. Following lunch we made our way back to the refreshment location and found that games were in full force. As the playoffs continued you could tell that each Division was in search of that ultimate honor – 'The Bowl'. One of the grandstand areas even had a selective seating and cheering location.

We are certain that all who attended and/or participated enjoyed the games. It is inspiring to see us continue a tradition that was started in California and has now migrated to the Florida headquarters. My personal thanks to those who supported the event, and, even better, our combined thanks to an Active Duty force who supports their Alumni and includes us in such great events. Editors: standings at 'Active-Duty' section, 'Booster's Club' Report.



NOV 4TH @1230, 21ST ANNUAL ASSN FALL

Golf N' Getogether, Cocoa Beach CC

MAJOR ARRANGER, CHIEF MELTON-AFTAC/TM

Seventy players met to challenge blustery winds and fair temperatures for this 21st event. When the scores were posted, the team of John **Coston**, Greg **Plecki**, Norman **Fish**, and Johnny **Howorth** were declared champions (<<pictured).



They were followed closely by second place finishers, Frank **Walker**, Larry **Silhanek**, Patti **Cheari**, and Gary **Killian** (below),



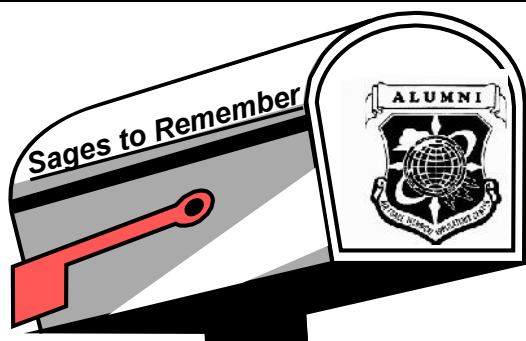
and third place finishers Frank **Hall**, Larry **Corbin**, Norm **Yearsley** and Mike **Hoy** (Ed: too ashamed to be pictured). Closest to the Pin prizes were won by Dave **Money** and Jeff **Gentile**. The Ladies Long Drive was won by Patti **Cheari** and Marv **Crumpton** won the Men's.

Reports indicate Marv **Crumpton's** drive ricocheted off a turtle and was carried by a pelican before finding its final resting place. NOTE: these reports could neither be confirmed nor denied.

In addition to the post-play smoked brisket and chicken bbq dinner, golfers were treated to sight of many current and vintage aircraft preparing for the Cocoa Beach Airshow.

The Long Range Detection Alumni Association would like to thank all of our sponsors/donors: **BAE Systems, AIS Engineering, Riverside Research Institute, Charlie and Jakes Brewery, Fiesta Azteca Suntime, BCC Planetarium, Turtle Creek Golf Course, Duran Golf Club, and Kegman Inc.**

And finally a bow to our 'Active-Duty' Chefs, 'Super Sage Supporters' and fellow Alumni Members, SMSgt Jerry **Rice** and CMSgt Steve **Revels**, our 'Sage Shop' Manager, made/served the brisket and chicken. Our normal purveyor, 'Smokin' Joe' Farley would not come out for less than 100 people. He cancelled on Monday evening and these two 'Super Sages' stepped forward to fill the gap -- we heard no complaints from our players and other diners.



Personals ...

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

This Issue: Dr Rothe recognized, pg 8

In Memoriam

Andy Bliss	George P. Bowman, Jr
Mary Welch	Leo DeVille
George Antonio	Valerie Ann Whatley
Jim Leach, Memoriam	Pearl Harbor (Ceremony)



Rest in Peace

Andy Bliss

NOTIFIED BY CMSGT MELTON, AFTAC/TM, 08.17

Andy Bliss, USAF SSgt retired, lost his fight against cancer. For those of you who didn't know Andy, he was medically retired last year. Andy worked in LSMM (GEMS) and was a warrior who fought to show up at work each and every day during his illness. He was a dedicated professional and will be missed by those who knew him. Obituary (1st link following) advises he died 08.16. The second link is very personal and informative.

<http://obituaries.news-record.com/obituaries/news-record/obituary.aspx?n=andrew-bliss&pid=152901852>

<http://www.werememberandy.us/blog>

George P. Bowman, Jr

NOTIFIED BY JUDITH BOWMAN (WIFE) AND RUTH STRING (DAUGHTER) RET. LT COL GEORGE P. BOWMAN, JR PASSED AWAY ON JULY 23, 2011 AT WALTER REED MEDICAL CENTER. THE OBITUARY THAT WAS POSTED IN WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER ON SUNDAY JULY 30, 2011 IS ATTACHED. JUDITH AND I WOULD LIKE TO POST A DEATH NOTICE IN THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ASSOCIATION POST - MONITOR PUBLICATION TO INFORM MEMBERS OF HIS DEATH AND FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS THIS AUTUMN AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

PLEASE USE CONTENT IN THE ATTACHED OBITUARY IN ADDITION TO FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - CHAPEL SERVICE AND BURIAL AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AS FOLLOWS:

"Ret. Lt. Col George P. Bowman, Jr. chapel service and burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on

Monday, 21 November 2011 at 1:00 pm. We are asked to meet at the Administration Building prior to the service at 12:30 pm. A reception will be held after services at Spates Hall Community Club at Ft Myer from 2:45 to 5:45; therefore, we would like to have a head count of those that will be attending the reception via RSVP request sent to judith-bowman@live.com."

OBITUARY From Washington Post Newspaper on Sunday July 30, 2011



George P Bowman, Jr., Lt Col Air Force, Ret, of Woodbridge, VA, died Saturday, July 23, 2011, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center at age 79. George is survived by his wife, Judith Bowman, four children and spouses - Richard and Amy Bowman of Alexandria, VA; Donald and Kim Bowman of San Antonio, TX; Jennifer Bowman of Bristow, VA; and Ruth and Richard String of Manassas, VA. Other survivors include: one sister Mary Katherine Bowman of Richmond, VA; one brother-in-law Larry Wickline and wife JoAnn of Columbus, OH; and seven grandchildren Brandi, Michael, Evan, Jonas, Tim, Patrick, and Caroline.

George was a 1952 graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He met his wife Judy at Ohio State Baptist Student Union while completing his Doctoral studies at Ohio State University in 1960. George served 28 ½ years in the Air Force as a nuclear research engineer stationed in Sacramento, CA; Fairbanks, Alaska; and Washington, DC; and as an instructor of the Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OH. A Military Funeral service and burial will be held in autumn 2011 at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Fisher House at Ft. Belvoir or research for kidney and pancreatic cancer. Arrangements by Mountcastle Funeral Home, 13318 Occoquan Rd., Woodbridge, VA - (703) 680-1234.

Mary Welch

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY, MAIL, WITH PICTURES, FROM SON, MACK:



Sept 5, 2011,
Dear Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, I regret to inform you that my mother, Mary D. Welch, passed away



August 26, 2011 of sudden cardiac failure. She was proud of her service in the U.S. Air Force and her work at AFTAC and the Alumni Association. She spoke often of those with whom she worked. We will all miss her. Per her wishes, her body was cremated and will be buried at Mesopotamia Cemetery in her hometown, Eutaw, Alabama. Also, per her wishes, no church or funeral services shall be conducted. She was an extraordinary person and an inspiration to me. I will miss her. Sincerely, Mack E. Welch

MACK ALSO SENT THE PICTURES ABOVE. AFTER READING MACK'S LETTER, WE WERE ABLE TO FIND MARY'S OBITUARY:

RAPID CITY - Mary Welch, 70, Rapid City, died Friday,

Aug. 26, 2011, at Rapid City Regional Hospital. She served in the U.S. Air Force. Survivors include a son, Mack Welch, Rapid City; and a granddaughter. Grave-side services will be at a later date at the Mesopotamia Cemetery in Eutaw, Ala. An online guestbook is available at www.osheimschmidt.com. Rapid City Journal, 08.30

Memorial's (read many more at the aforementioned website)

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

Hearing of Mary's passing was like a slap on the face. We served with Mary on the IG Team and she was our contact with home and family when we were traveling ... 'she took care of us.' We worked side-by-side with Mary on the Florida Chapter of the Alumni Assn. There's no way to recall all she did for that assn; from writing benchmark articles for the newsletter to tracking down 'those who served' for her 'WorldWide' Directory - she did it all, except take credit ... AFTAC, and the Alumni, are far better off because Mary 'was there.'

ERIC LARSON

I'm sure all who knew Mary will agree that AFTAC was and is a better place because she was part of our team. Her legacy will endure. I hope they can find a way to remember her in the new building.

BOBBY RICHARDSON

I just received notice that Mary Welch died on 26 AUG 2011. She was the first person who I talked to at the AFTAC Alumni Association in Florida back in FEB, 1997, after learning that there was an alumni assn. She sent me lots of info, and I joined the assn. - then went to my first reunion in SEP, 97. Retired Lt.Col. William J. **Auth** from 1155th lab told me who to call. I had looked him up after finding his signature on an old 3-day pass! He has since passed away.

WALLY HUFFAKER

I just opened your e-mail and I am very saddened at Mary's passing. I don't know why, but it just really hit me. I really liked and admired Mary and saw her as a true professional second to none. She really, really loved and did so much for AFTAC and its people. She truly was our mother when we were on the IG Team and those before and after. When we were out on the road she also was the mother to those loved ones we left behind. It has to be duly noted somehow how important she was to this great organization.

JACK JACKSON

Very sad. A great lady.

Leo DeVille

NOTIFIED BY MARV GIBSON, WITH THIS INFORMATION. "LEO RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE. HE WAS AWARDED THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL FOR SAVING 2 CHILDREN FROM DROWNING (NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT IS REPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY). LEO WAS AN SEO ASSIGNED TO DET 407 AND AS A INSTRUCTOR IN THE AIRBORNE SCHOOL."



Leo DeVille, 75, passed away on Tuesday, September, 2011 in his residence. He retired from the Air Force after 20 years of service. He

received the Medal of Honor for saving 2 children from drowning. He also taught special electronics in AFTAC in the Air Force. He flew parallel missions with the Apollo space missions. He was a wonderful husband, as well as a wonderful father to five daughters. He is survived by his wife, Alice F. DeVille of Westlake, LA; daughters, Sharon F. Carter and husband, Bill, of Harker Heights, TX; Peggy L. Henderson and husband, John, of Granbury, TX; Lisa G. Young and husband, Mike, of Grand Lake, LA; Katy Bradley and husband, Scott, of Mt. Juliet, TN; 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, one brother-in-law, three sisters-in-law and his beloved pet, "Peanut." He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susanna LeFever, granddaughter, Shelby Susanne, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Visitation was at the First Baptist Church of Westlake. Funeral service was Saturday, September 10, 2011 at First Baptist Church of Westlake. Burial was in Niblett's Bluff Cemetery. NOTE: See website for more pictures and guestbook:

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Leo-Deville&lc=2596&pid=153505589&mid=4804427>

Memoriam, Jim Leach, Deceased 1997.01.25

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS A VERY TOUCHING STORY THAT MUST BE TOLD AND UNFOLDS OVER SEVERAL YEARS. IT HAS NOW COME TO A VERY SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF MANY AND LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE EFFORTS OF THESE DALE KLUG AND CLARK CREEERY. AN OCT EMAIL FROM DALE REGARDING A MESSAGE ON HIS ANSWERING MACHINE STARTS THIS NARRATIVE:

DTG: 9 Sep 11, 1024am, FROM: Fred **Salanti**, Missing in America Project (MIAP), MESSAGE: More information will be published in the media, but I'm giving you advanced notice that the service for James Leach will be held at 1230, October 14th, at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella, CA. At that time James will be reunited with his wife Betty who is interred there.

AS WE PURSUED THIS WITH DALE, HE REPLIED:



The Beginning. Jerry Petersen, holds the 1997 cremated remains of Air Force veteran James Leach he first discovered in 09.

James Gerald Leach did indeed pass away in 1997. In 2009 his cremains were found abandoned in a storage facility in Citrus Heights. In Oct 2010 the manager of the storage facility, Jerry **Petersen** (picture at left) after searching for more than a year, turned to the "Missing In America Project" (MIAP) people for help. MIAP took the cremains via motorcyclecade (my word for it) to

be interred in the California Vets Cemetery in Igo, CA. On 15/16 Oct 2010, the local CBS TV station Channel 13 and the Sacramento Bee covered the event.

A local retired SMSgt (Dale) saw the story on TV and read about it in the Bee. He recognized the name as a member of the 1155th, Engineering section from the 1970s. Always looking for a challenge, this intrepid SMSgt, rose to the occasion and decided that a deceased CMSgt deserved better than being shuttled off to be buried & forgotten in Northern California. Not with-

standing he was a former "Q" troop who worked with the likes of Clark **Creery** & Tony **DeMarco**.

Well, this SMSgt made a plethora of phone calls to try to solve the issue. Ms Marge **Iske**, retired 1155/TOD, civilian secretary helped by providing info on the Chief's wife, Betty, and daughters. Betty's obituary was found and her lifelong friend, Eula **Marriott**, was contacted. Eula revealed that Betty, an invalid, after being bilked out of her home & money by an unscrupulous relative, died in poverty in 2003, a ward of the county. The SMSgt contacted the mortuary who handled Betty's remains, the county coroner's office and finally the San Joaquin Valley (SVJ) National Cemetery where Betty was buried as an "indigent military spouse". All agreed that Chief Leach should be interred with his wife. SVJ said they would make the arrangements. The SMSgt, Eula Marriott & Clark Creery searched the Internet and made calls to contact the daughters without success.

Then came the time to intensify the action. The MIAP executive director, Major Fred **Salanti**, USA, (Ret) needed to be convinced that Chief Leach should be interred with his wife in the SVJ Nat'l cemetery. CMSgt George **Moses**, McClellan Retiree Activities Office Director, joined the foray. Fred Salanti was convinced, but circumstances keep him from transporting the remains to SVJ before the AFTAC reunion in May. Chief Moses volunteered the McClellan Chiefs Group to provide the transportation and honor guard for the interment.

I think Clark **Creery's** calls to MIAP and the media was the deciding factor in getting the ball rolling.

NEXT WE HEARD FROM CLARK:

Actually our Alumni of the Year (Dale, 2011) and all the folks he pulled together show exactly what type of person Dale is and what he is made of. Jim and Betty were very special friends and I can never say thanks effectively, he and I go back to the 70's. God Bless.

Clark also provided this link to the Sacramento Bee's detailed photo coverage of Jim's cremains escort to the CA Vet's Cemetery, this is a 'must-see': http://www.sacbee.com/2010/10/15/3107894/remains-of-veteran-recovered-from.html?mi_rss=Photo%20Galleries. **Here is one of those pictures:**

Followup: Clark to Fred **Salanti**, "My contacts in CA



Project Executive Director Fred Salanti rides in a motorcycle escort after recovering the cremated remains of Air Force veteran James Gerald Leach from a Citrus Heights storage facility Friday October 15, 2010. The group transports Leach to the Northern Veterans Cemetery in Igo, CA, where he will be buried. Read more at this link: http://www.sacbee.com/2010/10/15/3107894/remains-of-veteran-recovered-from.html?mi_rss=Photo%20Galleries#ixzz1ZoQyrOoY

sent me an advance note that the ceremonies for Jim Leach will happen on the 14th. Thank you so very much for the hours and hours you folks have spent to make this happen. I am blown away by your professionalism and thank you once again.

On behalf of the Air Force Technical Applications Center and all its supporting units we thank you and your attention to our alumni. Clark E. Creery, MSgt, USAF (Retired), AFTAC Alumni (Editors note: & Sages everywhere).

Fred Replied: We have everything in place to carry him to Santa Nella for a Service. We are also carrying some spouses of veterans who will be buried there as well.

Thank you for your interest and concern for your fellow veterans. We will carry him with honor and respect for his last ride. Fred

Followup: Dale **Klug**, "I attended the service for Chief Leach at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Santa Nella CA, last Friday Oct 14th. The rendering of Full Military Funeral Honors was performed by a California Army National Guard honor team. It included pall bearers, a ceremonial rifle volley, playing of Taps, flag folding and presentation of the flag. Several soldiers performed double duties. A VA cemetery representative served as chaplain. The ANG only renders full honors for service members killed in action, Medal of Honor recipients, general officers and E-9s.

Attending the ceremony was Bill **Bridges** & wife Lillian, Missing In America Project (MIAP) representative Rick **Proietti** and myself. Bill worked for Jim in the late 60s & early 70s in Q engineering, at the same time I was assigned to B & O engineering here at 1155th.



Cremains & flag during Taps

Presentation of flag to MIAP rep

And this note from Joe Amerena is emblematic of all our feelings, "To all who participated in the rescue of Jim Leach's remains: I knew Jim and he certainly did not deserve to be treated so shamefully. This tore at my heart, I am at a loss for words. All I can say is thank you, you honor us all."

George Antonio, June 2008

NOTIFIED BY BOB FITZGERALD, CA WEBMASTER, FROM A TELECON WITH JACK ANTONIO. EDITORS NOTE: WE HAD GEORGE IN OUR DECEASED LISTING BUT CAN NOT FIND THAT WE REPORTED SAME IN THE POMO OF THAT TIME. HERE WE SHARE WHAT BOB, AND SON JACK, PROVIDED.

"George Antonio in GA died June 2008 and his wife Harriett died last year. Fortunately, their son Jack kept their phone number and I had a nice long talk with him on the phone. George left the 1155th in 1963 and went

to SAC because they needed a good radar man.

Jack told me his Dad was 90 when he died and that he was always talking about AFTAC and the 1155th and that he had spent a number of years in the outfit before he went to SAC. He said his dad was amazed when some years ago at an AFTAC reunion (McClellan, '85) the families finally found out some of what we all did way back then and that portions of our mission had been declassified - Jack also mentioned his Dad may have attended the 50th Anniversary reunion in Florida.

Jack said he kept his folks old telephone number just because there might be some old AFTAC friends who might want to get in touch with them. In case you do want to follow-up, that phone number in Georgia is: 1-478-923-2290." **Later, Jack added:** "Dad was known by the nickname 'Tony' for most of his life, I think many of his acquaintances would have been surprised to learn his real name was George.!

Dad spent a year ('59-'60) at Ladd AFB, if my memory serves me correctly, at Det 204 and was at Lowry from 55 to 59. I am not sure if this was a part of the WFO organization or not, but I think it was. He went from Lowry to McClellan for about 5 months, then onto Alaska. After Alaska he went back to McClellan until he was transferred to SAC in 1963.

My Dad was not one to seek recognition for his accomplishments, but I know he would be happy to know that he is remembered.

Valerie Ann Whatley

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY, WHO ALSO WROTE: ANN WHATLEY WAS THE WIFE OF DAVID C. WHATLEY, MSGT RETIRED OF CHRISTMAS, FLORIDA. DAVE WORKED WITH ME AT THE 1155TH IN LGEQ. WE TRAVELED TOGETHER AND DID THE INSTALLATION FOR MAX THOMPSONS BACK IN THE 70'S. I HAVE SINCE TALKED TO DAVE ON THE PHONE.

Valerie Ann Whatley, age 80, passed away at her home on August 22. Ann was a 7th generation Floridian, born in Christmas, Florida, to Ruth and William B. Llewellyn. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David C. Whatley, Jr.; children, Sara and Gary Tomlinson, Robert and Karen Whatley; grandchildren, Jessica Dasher, Zachery and Hannah Whatley. She is also survived by her brother Richard V. Llewellyn, along with many other family members and friends. Ann graduated from Orlando High School in 1949. In 1953 she met her husband, David, on a blind date and they married the next year. Ann and David traveled the world while David served in the U.S.A.F. for 27 years before retiring and returning to Christmas in 1977.

She was a member of Fort Christmas Baptist Church where she faithfully served many years. Ann will be remembered as a talented artist and seamstress, for her love of family, and kindness to others.

The viewing was held at Fort Christmas Cemetery Chapel on August 27 for the family (and later) for friends and loved ones. Her service followed performed by Pastor Delbert Redditt.

The family wants to extend our deepest appreciation to Vitas Hospice. We'll never forget the care that they gave her. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to your local Hospice or to Vitas Hospice.



AFTAC Active-Duty, 'Pearl Harbor Remembered'

FLORIDA TODAY PAPER, 2011.11, EXTRACT

Today — with remaining survivors ranging in age from 87 to 97 — marks the 70-year anniversary of the attack. It was the most deadly attack on U.S. territory until the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

About 42,000 sailors, soldiers and Marines were stationed on the island of Oahu that Sunday morning in 1941 when the Japanese launched the air raid. The attack killed 2,388 Americans. Many more were injured.

Today also marks the 17th annual Pearl Harbor Memorial at the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base — the only commemorative ceremony conducted each year in Brevard County.

The AFTAC ceremony is open to people with access to Patrick Air Force Base and the invited family members of survivors but not to the general public. But the event that drew about 17 survivors as recently as four years ago, could have seven or fewer attending today. (Editors Note: there were four)

"I think there are about 10 left, if that many," said **Robinson**, 89, of Rockledge.

Col. James **Roberts**, vice commander of AFTAC — which monitors seismic activity and nuclear detonations around the world — said it is the unit's duty to continue telling the tales of the survivors' acts of heroism. "Our Pearl Harbor ceremony has become an AFTAC tradition, one which we are very proud of," Roberts said. "We pledge to continue telling their heroic story. We owe it to future generations."

Dr. Rothe

NOTIFIED BY TESS AILSHIRE, WE CONTACTED DR O'BRIEN, AFTAC/CA, AND HE PASSED ALONG THE FOLLOWING NOTICE ALONG WITH A PICTURE OF DR ROTHE AND WIFE, DONNA:



At a recent technology review conference in Washington, D.C., Dr George Rothe was presented with the national level Founder's Award. The award recognizes outstanding individuals who have distinguished themselves through lifetime contributions to national technical measurement goals and objectives. Awardees' contributions may encompass any area of technology, including collection, operations, analytic

techniques and procedures, information dissemination, and training. Awardees may come from any group, including Defense, Civil, academic, industry, or other areas that contribute to the defense of the United States and/or the betterment of society. The certificate presented to George read:

"Dr. George H. Rothe III performed exceptionally meritorious service to the United States during a twenty-six-year period from June 1983 through December 2009. During this period, Dr. Rothe led an interagency working group of prominent scientist in their task to identify and evaluate promising geophysical technologies and methods for the enhancement of United States national security, especially in the realm of weapons of mass destruction. Several of these initiatives have significantly improved the Nation's ability to verify compliance with treaties banning nuclear tests and the reduction of nuclear armaments. His insatiable curiosity, infectious enthusiasm, and keen physical insight into scientific problems served the Nation with distinction and reflect great credit on himself, the Department of Defense and the entire National Community."

MAIL - CALL



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Thanks to all who email or 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).



FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'

EPOMO 'NOTIFICATION/LINK' POSTED 2011.08.09 @ 1913-CLARK RESPONDED @ 2020 AND BOB SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

Clark Creery

When I was in the Air Force, and when I was with The Boeing Company, I found that often folks would instantly tell folks what was wrong; however, there was never time to tell them What was Right. The Post-Monitor 2011.08 is a masterpiece and I, for one, want to say thanks for the hard work that you put into the publication. I have no idea how you manage to get all that information plus pictures in a 24 page pub? All I can say is that I am proud to know you and proud to let you know that – as one of my mentors once stated: "YOU DONE GOOD." Wow, Clark, that means a lot coming from the 'Father' of the newsletter!! And, you are one of several that enable this PoMo to be what it is, a "writer" as well as a 'reader.'

Bob Fitzgerald

I am always amazed at how you are able to squeeze so much good stuff into so little room in the PoMo. I have to echo, enthusiastically, the comment Clark sent you

about this new issue. Wow! Thanks, Bob, you are always kind and supportive, and have developed the CA website to be one of the best in the business, I hope our readers have checked it out.

Jim Davis

08.10

I received the e-PoMo but as Col **Desanto** said it was difficult for us old people to read especially those of us who do not know how to increase the size of the print....anyway I got through it and as always appreciate all the news and the effort you people put into making this available to us...Thank you. You betcha, Jim, glad to serve Sages such as yourself who write us so often. Sometimes we have to choose between leaving something out or going to a slightly smaller font ... we never go below an Arial 8 as used here, our normal font is Arial 10. Is it an option to read right on your computer screen? You can make the size of the print anything you want there.

Mox (CO Editor of ECHOes)

08.10

Thank you kindly for the issue. You are most welcome.

Jim Davis

08.13

HERE JIM RESPONDS TO HIS, AND BILL MORAN'S, EMAIL EXCHANGE CLARK (CREERY) PUT TOGETHER AND YOU WILL ENJOY LATER IN THIS ISSUE AT 'FEATURE ARTICLES.'

What a super job of putting together a bunch of memories from two colleagues that haven't seen or heard from one another for about 55 years. It never ceases to amaze me how you and others do these things and ALL for "free". As a journalist, I wonder what Bill Moran would have to say about your efforts...for "free"....

Thank you so much for allowing me to share some of my memories with those that have been part of my Air Force life...you, and others that continue to provide information that keep ALL of us informed deserve a "WELL DONE" and an A+ for your efforts. Thanks, Jim ... you are so gracious, and, we'll try to do this in a size 10-font! We felt most of your writings were in the style of 'I Remember' vs 'BS!' Altho, we may put Bill's last tale there!!! BTW, you know it's our joy to do.

Shane San Miguel

08.25

BACKGROUND: IN JULY BOB FITZGERALD, CA CHAPTER WEBMASTER, AND KEN BREITWIESER, THE CHAPTER'S ASST SECRETARY, ASKED US FOR HELP. A 'SAGE SON,' SHANE SAN MIGUEL, AUTHOR OF THIS LETTER, WANTED TO PLACE AN 1155TH LOGO STICKER ON HIS MOTORCYCLE AS HE ATTEMPTED A SPEED RECORD AT THE BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, AUG 14TH THRU 20TH. HE WAS DOING THIS TO HONOR HIS FATHER, RICHARD, WHO HAD SERVED OUR MISSION AT THE 1155TH. SEVERAL AT HQ 'MADE IT HAPPEN' AND SHANE MADE HIS RUN, SEE THAT STORY UNFOLD AT THE 'FEATURE ARTICLES' SECTION.'

Thanks to all who helped me in this effort to honor my Dad's service-while I was already on the road to Salt Lake to finish prepping the motorcycle for our land speed record attempt, Ken arranged delivery of an original 25yr old insignia that he had of the 1155th Crest. My wife overnighted this to me and I had it in time for the record attempt. My Dad was stunned when he saw the sticker and he was all smiles for the rest of our visit.

We fell just 3 miles per hour short of the production class land speed record, running 208mph against the 211.4mph record. I will make two more attempts at this record this year and will update you on mine and my Dad's progress. Please see my email to Ken and the pictures from our record attempt. (at our 'Feature Article' section). Best regards and thanks to all for helping. You bet Shane, it's an honor for all of us to be included in your dream ... we wish you luck as you continue and look forward to your outcomes.

Tom Niquette**10.16**

This is just a note to apologize for not writing sooner. I just wanted to thank you for all the work that the both of you have done for US. US being the AFTAC Alumni. We owe you a great deal for all your work on the Post Monitor. I remember when we were having problems getting it out and you both stepped up and took it over. You have been there ever since. It has over the years been quality work that made us very proud. I have been thinking about witting this to you for a long time. I am just sorry that it took so long. This means a lot coming from you! Thanks. The PoMo is a labor of love for both of us and it will always be an honor that we are entrusted to write to such a grand audience. We recall your Prez tenure and our 'editorship' starting.

Bill Strader, USPS, Handwritten Note**11.11**

Thanks for putting me in touch with Jim Davis. I now have email. I was in AFTAC 1962-74 in R, C, V, U, W and I systems. Its always great to hear from our 'Old-Timers,' we being in that group (58-87). Hope you've signed up and reading this!!

Sage Report(s)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES. HYPERLINKS WERE ACTIVE AT THE TIME THEY WERE CHECKED FOR THIS PUBLICATION. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE.

Chuck Conrad**07.28**

Recalls/Updates: It always amazes me when I see the great variety of paths our AFTAC friends take when they retire and move on. So, it may be hard to single anyone out, but I think Henry **Zelones'** status is quite interesting.

While serving in AFTAC in '65-'69, the AF sent him to 3XX and 426. Once in Perth, he got stuck. Not sure all he's done since then, but he's served on the Armadale (suburb of Perth) local government as a Councillor since 1989. <http://henryzelones.com/>

After all that excitement, he still seeks out old AFTAC friends on the facebook pages and maintains his link to the US Armed Forces as a representative to Perth's American Memorial Day Ceremony.

Perhaps you will agree his path deserves a few words in your newsletter. (Further) information by contacting him via Facebook message. Thanks, Chuck. We could not agree more ... we have seen some who served just one term in AFTAC yet they come to our reunions time after time ... what a testament to what it means to serve our mission!! 10.31 Chuck adds: Henry's story has become even better. Since I wrote that e-mail, Henry Zelones was elected as the Mayor of Armadale, Western Australia. He's serving a four-year term expiring in October 2015.

http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/Home/Your_Council/Councillors

<http://henryzelones.com/>

Clark Creery**08.29**

Raconteurs: August each year brings memories. This particular year reminded me of Brian **Swan** who passed away 2008.08.25. Brian and John **Wallace** were operators at 205/461 in the early 70s. We had a small detachment located out at the end of the Aleutian Islands (the black pearl of the chain) and everyone pulled together. I still consider that my best assignment even

though it was a remote. With the advent of the internet, I was able to establish connection with both of these fine individuals. We started to communicate with one another sharing stories (BS or otherwise) and they bring back strong memories.

These two guys got into more stuff and thank the good Lord that I did not find out about it until several years ago while sharing situations. Brian and I shared emails back and forth and the messages that he sent, I saved and entered into a story about Brian. It is called the Fish Carver and I will release it to my on-line publisher one of these fine days.

As I was going through reference materials I found a letter that Brian sent to John on 7 August 2007. Brian was sharing his memories with the two of us. "That was the day it snowed so much it buried the barracks. We shoveled snow into the shower and melted it with hot water. I have some pictures I took when I climbed the radio tower beside the barracks. Great shots of the whole building covered in snow."

"I've also got C-5 pictures and the Bob Hope ones. I bought a camera just for that show. But all my shots were out of focus. I guess that was a bad time to learn how to take photographs?"

John responded: "I don't remember if you were there at the time, but once a C-5a landed on the island. It looked like it was stopped in mid-air as it approached and it took the whole runway to actually stop. I have no idea what they were bringing to the island but it was funny when the C-5 knelt down and they could not get it back up. Evidently maintenance had to call Anchorage to send parts."

Brian continued: "I also have the baby fox pictures. Not one of those foxes had rabies like the base medical guys told us to expect. Or they did have rabies and we did not get bitten."

John responded: "I have some pictures somewhere of Brian feeding baby blue foxes with the hamburgers we borrowed from the chow hall! I must find those pictures!"

Brian: "Ok and do you remember Christmas when those contractor guys brought us fresh food in trade for cooking it at our dayroom smokehouse??? Somebody played a banjo, we cooked all the food and we had a great time. They also brought – God forbid – women's panties for us to admire and hang up around the bar. Jeeze – what a Christmas that was! That must have been the last time I actually put women's panties on my head and thought – Oh God this is great!"

Brian followed: "We're all going to burn in Hell and go there on a bus, and I'll fight you for the bus driver's job. Thanks for the memories!" Brian passed away a little over a year later....We miss him! And well we remember him also, both from working with him on active-duty and as editors. Brian sent us some of the best written, 'ornery' stuff we ever got!!

Dave Johnson**08.09**

Find Your Basic Military Training (BMT) Photo!!

<http://www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil/photoindex.asp>

Dave Hursey/Bobby Richardson 09.14
National Security Archive Electronic Briefing Book No.7
"Documents on the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection
System [AEDS]" (Declassified)

WILLIAM BURR

[http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB7/
nsaebb7.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB7/nsaebb7.htm)

Willis Johnson 09.15
This is a wing strength test video on the new Boeing 787 which has a composite wing. The wings were bent 50% past design limit without structural failure. Makes an old pilot cringe to see a wing bend like that. I'll remember this video if I ever get to fly on a 787.

[http://787flighttest.com/hanger/wp-content/plugins/flash-
video-player/mediaplayer/player.swf?streamer=rtmp://
cp81820.edgefcs.net/ondemand/tpn/firstflight/
&file=TestLog4.flv](http://787flighttest.com/hanger/wp-content/plugins/flash-video-player/mediaplayer/player.swf?streamer=rtmp://cp81820.edgefcs.net/ondemand/tpn/firstflight/&file=TestLog4.flv)

Clark Creery 10.08
While digging around I found this article (URL) (about the 9S100 Career Field) very interesting. [http://usmilitary.about.com/od/airforceenlistedjobs/a/
afjob9s100_2.htm](http://usmilitary.about.com/od/airforceenlistedjobs/a/afjob9s100_2.htm) We had been emailing about the 99133 era that George Cronin broached, and, is presumably writing a requested article about for the PoMo!! Thanks, George

Tom Niquette 10.27
A new way to detect secret nuclear tests: GPS
[http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/op-eds/new-way-
to-detect-secret-nuclear-tests-gps](http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/op-eds/new-way-to-detect-secret-nuclear-tests-gps)

Harry Joseph 10.29
World War I Flight Training Video, what a fantastic piece of aviation history! Great history, I think I saw one of our Airborne guys about 2/3's of the way thru this!!
<http://www.nmusafvirtualltour.com/media/005/005k.html>
Great piece of history. I think I spotted Airborne about 2/3s thru!!

Editors 11.08
(AF Retiree News), usairforce@public.govdelivery.com,
Release No. 11-04-11 Nov. 7, 2011, New form assists with death notifications: [https://mail.google.com/mail/?
hl=en&shva=1#label/1.+CR.Re/1337f1b22cc824d4](https://mail.google.com/mail/?hl=en&shva=1#label/1.+CR.Re/1337f1b22cc824d4)

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

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)

Donald **Frazey**, William **Flowers** (is this the Maj Flowers we served with in VA?), Hubert **Ridens** (welcome aboard, Rusty), Leroy **Kretschman**, (is this the Leroy we served with at Det 18?) William **Strader**, Charles **Desrosier** (after all these years, he's decided to 'stay on forever'), Seshagiri **Munipalli**, Mary D. **Smith**, 'Mitch' **Mitchell**, Daniel **Burk**

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals)

Carey **Dobbins**, Joe **Goldian**, Jack **Jackson**, Deborah **Carson**, Bob **Morton**, Anthony **Toth**, Nicholas **Orsini**, Thomas **Gehman**, Ken **Oyer**, Howard **Foster**, William

Harris, Elvin **Hartman**, Edgar **Edwards**, William **Metts**, Timothy **Heenan**, James **Smith**, Marvin **Hopkins**, Howard **Dibble**, David **Bagby**, Alexander **Disanto**, Carl **Gai-
ley**, Curtis **Smith**, John **Doberstein**, James **Renfrow**, Johnnie **Perry**, Curtis **Anderholm**, Harvey **Shaw**, Steve **Revels** (3-years)

New/Renewal Notes

WE HAVE AN ONGOING REQUEST WITH CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TO PASS ON ANY NOTES HE RECEIVES DURING THIS PROCESS.

Jay Bilyeu USPS-09.03
I checked my envelope, and since it said 2012, I AS-Sumed that I was current. The check's in the mail! We understand, Jay ... that's what 'Fiscal Years' do to us also!!

Ken Oyer USPS-09.04
Greetings from Findley Lake N.Y. Judy and I are here to attend my High School Class Reunion. Check for dues will be mailed as soon as we return to FL.

Ed Edwards USPS-09.04
Editor's Note: Ed renewed and sent a great story, see that later in this issue

Elvin Hartman USPS-09.21
Thanks for your work with LRDA. C/Z Sys; Det 426, 62 -67, HQ 67-68. And back at'cha for joining us.

Ed Edwards USPS-09.21
You folks are going a great job. Thank You. You betcha, and thanks for coming on board.

Sesh Munipalli USPS-09.21
I was in TT from Jan 89 to Jun 90 and then in XP from Jun 90 to May 92. I was also the Det 06X Commander from June 92 to May 95. I was a O-3 in all three positions. Hope this helps. Thanks for sharing and welcome aboard.

Harvey Shaw USPS-09.27
You can send the post monitor to me by E-mail. Enclosed is \$20 for this and next year. Ok folks, now you have it ... when Harvey signs up for electronic PoMo everyone has to!! And, he paid for two-years instead of handing his lackey, myself, \$10 to carry to a meeting. I can hardly wait to see this 'new man.'

Marv Hopkins USPS-10.12
Forgive me for being late. We've been on the road since Labor Day. Now we are in the D.C. area.

Dave Bagby 10.28
It is I, and all the AFTAC community, who owe you. I cannot imagine all the time you must spend on this stuff. Actually, I am an AFTAC'er by proximity. I was chosen from Tinker to be the Budget guy when the 1158th was activated in Panama and followed up at the 1159th at McChord. Both closed, but I do not think it was for what I did in Budget. I got to know a lot of the "other" folks, and what I remember most about AFTAC is that there were no slackers. Everyone knew their job and did their job. A refreshing change from the regular AF. Clark added, I hope you can follow this because his response about AFTAC being a refreshing change from the regular AF. I also can attest to that because I had years and years in SAC and years and years with the Foreign Mission Squadron and yet, more years with AF Missile testing before AFTAC got smart and called me back in 1975.

PREZ Terry FROM Hammond THE TOP SEN

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all the members of the LRDAAs as your newly elected President. My name is Terry Hammond, and although I have had the good fortune to meet a lot of you over the years, there are a lot more of you that I have not yet met personally. There's a Spotlight article elsewhere in this issue that provides some facts and figures about my background, but I would like to tell you a little more and why I volunteered to serve as LRDAAs President.

The vast majority of my USAF career was spent either in AFTAC or at the USAF Academy. Both organizations are similar in that they recruit very specialized and highly qualified personnel, and both organizations have missions that inspire a sense of camaraderie and long term commitment that I found very attractive. For example, I was a member of the Department of Aeronautics for nine years, and they still include me on the list of members, just not currently assigned (NCA). I am invited back to the Academy every year to participate in the annual department review and to attend a 'Dining In' of all current faculty and NCA members. AFTAC has created that same type long term commitment through our alumni association, and I have been a Lifetime Member since I retired in April 1990.

Although I have been a fairly active member by attending most golf tournaments, Snow Balls, picnics, and other social events, I have not previously been involved in the actual work of the association. I always used the excuse that I was too busy with work and family activities to attend the one 1-hour meeting a month.

As a matter of fact the last four years were extremely busy with three weddings and three new grandchildren (two still in the preparation stage - due in Dec 11 and Mar 12). But this year family events seem to have reached an equilibrium, and my professional life slowed down (actually it stopped completely) when I retired from my post-USAF career in April. So when Bob Wiley called me this summer to ask if I'd be interested in taking a more active role in the LRDAAs, I said yes.

I am honored, but at the same time awed, by the fact that I have been selected to lead an organization like this with so many distinguished members throughout the world. I will do my best to continue to keep the LRDAAs as strong and viable as it has grown over the years, and I encourage each of you to become as actively involved as your professional and family commitments will allow.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

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.'

Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members from the Florida Membership Chair, Clark Creery, 'ccreery@cfl.rr.com.'

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-Terry Hammond Vice-CMSgt David Melton/TM
Secretary-Sean Ryan Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Nederhoed/CCS Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/CC HO
Hospitality-Judy Milam Web/Electronic Media-Mike Black, Clark
Creery, Editors Membership-Clark Creery Newsletter (Post-Monitor)
Editors-John and Christel Horsch Publicity-VACANT
Sage Shop-CMSgt Steve 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 PoMo active-duty section and alumni assn website for more). Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

Membership: Clark Creery reports, **FL Membership:** 628/560LT; **ePoMo/USPS,** 275/353; **WorldWide,** 4601

Post-Monitor: Editor's report, on schedule

Hall of Heritage: Mike Young/CC HO, reports and asks for 'Sage Savvy': I'm working with **Det 415** to identify previous Det Chiefs-they have a strong interest in their history. We have been able to ID the leaders back to CMSgt Ken Meier (16 May 80 - 1 Mar 85) but cannot find anything prior. The written histories do not help. **Can you assist?**

I am currently working with one of the history guys at AFISRA to get an AFTAC display set up. Looking at highlighting two pieces of equipment and the history (with photos) behind that equipment.

The design of the new building is 50% complete. Our new 'Hall of Heritage' will be the entry long hallway on the north side as you enter the building. Lots of space and the length lends itself well to doing it chronologically. Sometime next year, I will request assistance to inventory every artifact in this building in anticipation of our move.

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

Membership Thoughts

CLARK CREERY, CHAIR

As the membership chair I beg you to keep your information current. Why? We are currently in the throws of our 2012 membership campaign and that is working out very well indeed. Just yesterday I received an email from a (supposed) member requesting that I remove him from our rolls. Well our Editor's and I wanted to know just why this person wanted to be removed.

It took quite a few emails and we came to find out that one of our members had the same name as another person out there in internet land. It was a comedy of errors, evidently on my part, but worth sharing with all of our membership.

When you added your information to the initial AFTAC Alumni webpage or later joined the formal AFTAC-LRD Association your data was entered into a master database. From a security standpoint the database has your information protected and it is never shared or sold. However,

we do add your name, city and state to the internet webpage so your friends can find you. NOTE: We do not add email addresses or street addresses on the webpage and thus protect your privacy. If you added your email address to that initial page or if you joined the association and desired the electronic notifications then we use your email address.

That being said, the email that I received requesting removal was not from a member who actually wanted to be a part of this unique organization. They had the same names and from all appearances the same e-mail address. Upon further searching we found that in one instance their first and last name was separated by a dot and in another case an underline. Evidently my problem!

A small issue like this causes us to search and search so that is why it is so important to ensure that your data is maintained properly at our end. This instance reminds me of how many incorrect e-mails and incorrect street addresses I run across each year. We thank you for your membership and please help me provide you the best service possible. (continued on page 15)

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2011.09

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 INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) AND CONTACT BEFORE COMING
General Membership Breakfasts occur on a regular basis and are normally held at the Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House.

Dinner/Social is an annual event normally held in November at the Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House



Florida Editor 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.

FL NOTE: THE 11.09 ECHOES HAS INFORMATION AND PICTURES OF DET'S 45/46 CHANGE OF COMMAND'S NOTED IN THE AUG POMO, ACTIVE-DUTY SECTION.



Det 46, 06.30, Col Prupas, AFTAC CC, Maj (now LTC) McLaughlin (incoming), LTC Graves & Superintendent, MSgt Pierce, (behind)



Lt Col Graves, with CO Sages attending the 46 CoC-Jack Smith, Rick Phillips, Bryce Dunn, and Tom Ware.



Det 45, 07.06, Col Prupas, Capt Muller, Maj Croker (incoming), and Det Superintendent, MSgt Clark, standing behind Col Prupas.



Det 45 CoC attendees-CMSgt Dave Melton from HQ AFTAC talks with CO Sages Jack and Helen Smith after the ceremony. BELOW: Talking with Col Prupas, Garrett Rex (Det 45 Civilian Ground Support Systems Engineer) and alumni Bryce Dunn and Rick Phillips (both of whom previously served as Det 45 Superintendents. Small picture is Alumni Ken & Cyndie Behrens.



Det 45 Hosts Picnic, 08.27-Alumni attending included Ron Zoratti, Tom Ware, Ed Gardiner, Chuck Toner, and Herb Pabst.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER-(LAST ISSUE, 2011.01)*

DEPOT FALLOUT

2012-13 Board: Charlie **Penn**, President; Dave **Tarquino**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Newsletter Editor-**Vacant**; Dale **Klug**, Publications & Distribution; (**Vacant**), 'Depot Fallout' Newsletter: Bob **Fitzgerald**, Asst Membership/Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>.
Membership: 157, 136are Lifetime



FL Editor's Note: Back issue's of the **Fallout** are posted at the CA website (URL above). Visit to view pictures, mail, and more. 10-year plus Editor, Dale **Klug**, stepped down



following the 2011.01 issue and, to date, the position is vacant.

We have made the pages of the Post-Monitor available to this chapter until the editor position is filled.

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE)-CHECK BEFORE COMING

-General Business Meetings, 2nd Monday quarterly (Mar-Jun-Sep-Oct), Lions Gate Restaurant, McClellan Park.

-Jun 2nd, Spring BBQ/Potluck picnic, Tempo Park, Fair Oaks, 1100-1500, depending on availability of the pavilion.

Confirm before coming-call our Vice President

Letter(s)

THE CA WEBMASTER, BOB FITZGERALD, PASSED THESE ALONG :

Thomas Stout

08.30

I have been looking around to find any folks that I served with at the 1155th from summer 1962 to the beginning of 1969. I was mainly in the maintenance office, working with C.J. **Havlik** and Dick **Lema**. At the end of my time I was doing the maintenance on the accelerator. When I left I finished my undergraduate degree at Sac State, then moved to the mid-West where we have lived ever since. I finished my Ph.D. about 6 years ago here at Iowa State, and they asked me to stay and teach.

In looking through the 2010-11 board of directors I saw a couple of names that jumped out at me, that of George **Thompson** who had been an NCO at the detachment in Alaska and then at McClellan, and of David **Price** who was another enlisted man whose wife was Shelley if my failing memory serves.

I'd be interested in getting in touch with anyone from those days. Thomas B. Stout, Ph.D., P.E. Lecturer, Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering, 326 Town Engineering Building, Iowa State University, Ames IA 50011, 515-294-2330

Randy LaBarge

10.04

Wife – Gretchen - AFTAC: June '77 to December '85. Interestingly, Gretchen and I took a week of vacation

last month and stayed in Denver. I went through Special Electronics training at Lowry AFB in the summer of 1977. We took a full day and explored the area that used to be Lowry. I believe the old two-story dorm I stayed in 1977 was still there.

In addition, one of the huge training hangers has been turned into an Air and Space Museum. The organization has done a superb job and the volunteers were wonderfully knowledgeable about the base. Of particular note is a huge set of 3-ring binders that contains the names of people that served at the base that have passed through the museum. Each individual has to fill out a sheet and pass it to one of the volunteers. It then gets registered and added to the appropriate binder.

The museum also maintains an elaborate exhibit of artifacts, photos and equipment that was used on the base and although I could find only a single reference to "Special Electronics" I suggest that every AFTAC'er that passed through Lowry stop in for a visit. It's well worth the time. Thanks again for all you do. Cheers ...

Scene Sages

BOB FITZGERALD, CA CHAPTER WEBMASTER, REPORTS:

I have processed/uploaded 2 albums (Breitwieser's & Fitzgerald's - 26 each) taken at our Annual Picnic, which was held this year on 17-Sep-2011. You will find both albums at the top of the list on the "Albums" page of our website at www.AFTACWCC.org. When you click on one of the albums, it will appear in a new browser "tab" or window leaving the main browser "tab" or window of our website open so you can easily return to it.



<Great Chef's Ken Breitwieser, Dan Tarquino (son), Dave Tarquino, Dennis Nolan.-Picnic > Honcho's Charlie Penn and Butch Kemna



<Bob Fitzgerald and Virginia Chamberlin >Cal Brown, Mary Esping, Rose Lee Dunn, Betty Jo Hinkle, Peggy Armintrout, Laura Horne and Alice Brown

AFTAC Alumni Assoc. - West Coast Chapter Officers for the term Dec 2011-Nov 2013



NOTE This is an image. L-R Front Row: Dale Klug, Publications/Distribution; Dave Price, Membership; Ken Breitwieser, Asst Secretary; Ken Denbleker, Chmn Of The Board (COB)
L-R Back Row: Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster; Bob Baker, Secretary; John "Butch" Kemna, Treasurer; Charlie Penn, President; Dennis Nolan, Asst Treasurer; George Thompson, Asst COB; Dave Tarquino, Vice Pres.
(Not in photo: Steve Fritts, Director At Large) **NOTE:** Denbleker should read Denbleyker

Florida Membership Directives

CLARK CREERY CONTINUES FROM PAGE 13

1. When you correspond in E-mail use your/members last name. We have so many members I just cannot remember everyone
2. Respond via E-mail to our notifications (eALLerts, ePoMo), not in the notification page. These notices are moderated and postings intended for every subscriber.
3. Dues are from Oct to Oct each year. If you miss your payment you will be listed as inactive.
4. Addresses and E-mail need to be current, we do not have new batteries for our crystal ball.
5. Don't send an E-mail telling me: "Check is in the mail and it aint!"
6. Member information is contained on the main webpage.
7. It appears that the world is going electronic, please follow suit. (Saves us time and money)
8. Checkout the Alumni Page frequently – don't give the excuse that you do not have time.
9. We do not supply website training free of charge!
10. Volunteer and support your alumni, it is worth it!

Scene Sages

WCC FALL SOCIAL, KING BUFFET, 2011.11.12, ED NOTE: SEE MORE AT CA WEBSITE.



Joe Johnson, George Thompson, John "Butch" Kemna, Charlie & Debi Penn

Marge Iske, Cal & Alice Brown, Betty Jo & Rod Hinkle, Denise Dermmenjian, Ken Breitwieser



MONITOR *ing Active*

Duty Doings' 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/>



The Chief Writes

2011 is almost over and what a year it has been. Just last week Col Prupas was able to present many of our AFTAC members medals for the work they performed in support of Operation TOMAGACHI. I don't want to ramble on about the details involved but something else which occurs every time AFTAC executes its mission. That's the ability of the organization to mesh together to accomplish the mission. It is seeing firsthand how everyone is relevant and contributes to mission accomplishment.

From the Detachments and OLs, to the orderly room processing orders, to all the Airmen working the data sets and performing maintenance, to AFTAC supply and transportation. the network shops, and the Directorates; the Nation counts on AFTAC to be front-line keepers of America's freedom.

Another key group is the AFTAC Alumni--you help the rest of us maintain balance and give us insight into our unique past and help chart a course for the future.

In closing I thank each and all for what you do every day and hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season. I look forward to seeing you in 2012. **John E. Nederhoed, CMSgt, USAF Superintendent, AFTAC.**



Third Annual HQ 'Toilet Bowl'

REPORTED BY SMSGT JERRY RICE/TH Annual 'Toilet Bowl' held 09.23. History and details of this year's event follows.

HISTORY: The Toilet Bowl started out at the Technical Operations Division (AFTAC Lab, Logistics, & Operations) at McClellan AFB, CA (closed late 90s). It was an annual softball tourney that pitted all the different Directorates against each other for the coveted Toilet Bowl (a mobile commode). It was a one day event that included food, fun, family, and furious competition.

Two years ago, a call went out to revive this AFTAC tradition. It was decided to have it the Fall of 2009. Inclement weather prevented the Softball tourney from taking place. Instead the function was held at the out-back with plenty of food, beverages, and some other games/activities for everyone to partake in.

Last year the event was held at the Viera Recreational Complex at 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way. The day was hot, Col Jenkins was in pink and threw out the opening pitch, and there was plenty of food and beverages for all. The softball lasted for many hours and the final games pitted CC/XP against LS. There were rule interpretations that led to frustrations, but in the end it was decided that LS had won. They had the honor to be presented the trophy.

Chief **Collins** and Chief **Rev-els** put together a spectacular trophy that is now known as the 'Golden Throne.' It is proudly displayed in the 'winning' Director's office. There is also a 'Golden Paper' trophy that is awarded second place. (>picture, Sage Clark Creery)

PRESENT: This year the event was again held at the Viera Recreational Complex. AFTAC members, families and Sages were invited to join in the fun.

It was a full day of activities sponsored by the AFTAC Booster's Club and kicked off the Top Banana Competition (see Clark Creery's report on the events at the 'Events' section.). The Top Banana Competition comprises of monthly sporting events, skills events, and goofy wind down competitions which culminates at the Annual AFTAC Spring Picnic. The AFTAC Alumni graciously donated \$100 dollars towards the beer and had representatives on-site with information about the Alumni Association. This included the FL Chapter Membership Chair, Clark **Creery**, who was there to answer any questions and assist with the event. All alumni were invited, and,



as needed, provide assistance.

MAJOR ARRANGER'S/ASSISTOR'S: TSgt Troy Main from LS was in charge of getting the beer on site and set-up this year. I have worked all the logistics with Florida Beer Company and will provide him with the taps, cold plate, and CO2. SSgt Richard Jordan from LS is the committee chair this year.

POMO EDITOR'S NOTICE: We sent this info out via our 'eALLert' system (hope you'll have that)-we got this reply from Ruy Moreira, "Something omitted was the 'Toilet Paper' for second place...gotta have braggin' rights!" We passed this along to the originating author, Jerry Rice, and, as you might expect, the story just keeps getting better. Jerry replies, "Good point. The 'Golden Toilet' paper roll was handed out last year and the 'winner' was the 'Command Section!' See this year's outcome at the 'Booster's Club' Report.



Thank you Patrick Air Force Base

CLARK CREERY WRITES: RUTH AND I ARE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA WILDLIFE HOSPITAL AND SANCTUARY AND THIS PICTURE IS PRESENTED IN THEIR NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER. SO NICE TO SEE THAT AFTAC GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY NEVER STOPS. THE PICTURE WAS ACCOMPANIED WITH THIS TEXT:

Many thanks to the crew from AFTAC who came out on 10.25 for a workday. We were very happy to have Andrew Crawford, Devin Barrow, Scott Stromvall, Wayne Chiasson, Benjamin Van, Set Teeter, Kevin Littleman, Donald Brown, Frank Ruda, Aaron LeFevre, Bobby Koonce, Justin Kayser, David Pettinelli, Alex Mallory and Robert Stetler help rebuilding a cage, clearing brush and painting.



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

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

Update

SUBMITTED BY CAROL SNYDER

November 3rd. 25 packages were prepared for mailing to our deployed personnel. Over this period we have

received several letters of appreciation. As always, thanks for all the **Phone Cards**

Thank You(s)

CAROL HAS BEEN SENDING THESE NOTES AS SHE RECEIVES THEM AND WE POST THEM AT THE WEBSITE NOTED IN THE HEADING OF THE COVER OF THIS ISSUE. THEY MAKE FOR VERY GOOD READING AND, IN MANY CASES, PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO WHAT OUR DEPLOYED EXPERIENCE. WE ALSO POST THEM HERE, AS WE HAVE SPACE, FOR THOSE NOT USING THE INTERNET. WHEN REPRINTED, THEY ARE JUST AS RECEIVED.

PoMo Editor's Note: We received too many thanks this period to reprint here-please see them at website-we will leave them posted a little longer for that purpose.

Those who took the time to write a thanks include (office symbol, and other ID info listed when provided):

A1C Lance Dodson, 455 EFSS/PERSCO, Derek Cole, David Kallus USFOR-A J1 IMO wrote twice, Lindley, Michael P MSgt USAF AFTAC AFTAC/CCF, Drake, Henry Maj USAF AFTAC AFTAC/LSXP, Holt, Michael D Civ USAF AFTAC AFTAC/LSOMS, TSgt Orlando P. Lopez, and Shannon "Shawn" M. Statler, 1st Lt, USAF, 609 AOC OIC, Day Shift ACF/COIN.

The Boosters Club Prez Reports

Elections were held on Nov 4th for next year's officers. Results: President, **Lt Pastoor** (continuing), Vice: **SSgt Ennesser** (continuing), Treas: **SSgt Jordan** (continuing), Secretary: **MSgt Pyle**, Public Affairs: **Lt DeLorme**, Hot Dog Sales: **A1C Hunt**, Top Banana Rep: **TSgt Sanger** (continuing), Clothing Sales Rep: **SSgt Payton** (continuing).

Earlier in this issue you read of this year's **annual 'Toilet Bowl' event**, and saw a picture of the 'throne' and 'paper' awarded the 1st and 2nd place 'winners.' When the dust settled, the standings were as follows: 1 - XP/CC, 2 - DO, 3 - TM, 4 - LS, 5 - TH/TC, 6 - TT

Alerts: We will be working concessions at the **Daytona 500** again on 26 Feb (Sage Volunteer opportunity). The POC for that event is **SSgt Ennesser**. The winter social is right around the corner, 16 December (Ed: Pg 1), and the **2012 Spring Picnic is scheduled for 21 April** (Ed: Pg 1)

For more information of current events at the Center, please check out our electronic newsletter on Page 5 of the LRD Alumni website. Editor's note: We will pass on any information we receive via eALLert 's to subscribed members (open to all) and at the alumni assn website, 'Breaking News' and/or 'Active Duty Schedule/Booster's Club Newsletter,' Page 05.

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 or other designated time	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/1830	Various, contact POC	aftacspouse@yahoo.com

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

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 Serve LRD/2007.09
4. **"Sage Stars"**-This issue, and continued in next
5. **"BS Tales"**/None, carried over to next issue
6. **"Where In The World Is"**-From Website/2008.12
7. **"Tom's Trivia"**/None, carried over to next 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** (3-articles), Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis** (2), Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsforth**, 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**, and this issue, Jim **Davis** and Bill **Moran** 'take us back aways!'

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR MEMORY INPUTS

Bill Moran and Jim Davis

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OPERTORS, A PRE-HISTORY!!

CLARK CREERY PIECED TOGETHER A STRING OF EMAIL EXCHANGES, and your editor's did a little tweaking, BETWEEN THESE TWO 'FOUNDING FATHERS' ... IT MAKE FOR GREAT MEMORIES AND READING, ENJOY 'THE OLD DAYS.'

As the Florida Chapter membership chairperson I often get into the middle of a crossfire of information from days gone past. Recently, a Special Equipment Operator (SEO) (before there were SEO's!), William **Moran**, wrote to the California Chapter trying to find out how to become a member of the Alumni Association.

Bob **Fitzgerald**, CA WebMaster, passed the email along to the FL Chapter. John **Horsch**, the Florida Newsletter editor, contacted 'all knowing, all remembering,' Jim **Davis**, a friend who PCSed/TDYed almost everywhere in the mission's early days and worked in most of the early/current systems.

RECALL WE PUBLISHED THE TWO LETTERS IN THE LAST ISSUE'S 'MAIL-CALL' SECTION. HERE WE PICK UP THAT ONGOING EXCHANGE.

Jim Davis: For your information here are more SEO names from long ago. Jim **Davis**; Thomas **Hollingsworth**; James **Langley**; Richard **Brown**; Clifford **Ferris**; Bobby **Jones**; John **Lanigan**; Kenneth **Cook**;

Charlie **Heckman**; (?) **Coffey**; (?) **Collins**; Guy **Davis**; John **Feltz**; (?) **Heubner**; (?) **Jacobsen**; Chadley **Ireland**; Danny **Kelliher**; Gary **Moles**; William **Moran**; (?) **VanWinkler**; Don **Chandler**; William **Drake**; (?) **Griffiths**; (?) **O'Conner**; (?) **Sroka** and Jim **Turk**...almost forgot Gerry (Jerry) **LaBarre**....Hard to remember all the details from that long ago but that's it as best I can remember....I think a lot of these old timers are dead now...Do believe John Lanigan is still around and I know Gerry Labarre is still with us and Jim Turk is still around but I'm kinda dim on all the others.

As Jim thought about things, he came back with more names: As an after thought here are the names of the officers that were assigned to the airborne section...William **Koeschner**; Jack **Deets**; Fred **Sherman** Emory **Shelton**; Lyle **McMichael**; William **Malloy**; Ellis **Cozine**, William **Snipes**; (?) **Sharpless**; Guy **Copeland**, and I am sure there were a couple others I can't seem to remember just now. Think Guy Copeland and Willam Malloy are still around but think all the rest I listed are dead....This was all the way back to 1953 through say 1957 or so....my ole mind is slipping a bit...

William Moran Writes: Spoke yesterday with Gary **Moles**. His email address is attached. He's in Iowa. We started out together in electronics and radiology school at Keesler AFB in 1952. Assigned to 1009th SWS, went to McClellan, then on to Team 407. I went TDY to Guam to fly the "Yankee" blast and back to McClellan. Then up to Eielson for a brief stint. And back to McClellan, where I mustered out in May 1956. Incidentally, Carroll **Frenzel**, who was with us in Yokota and Guam, passed away a couple of months ago. He had a Ph.D., lived in Colorado Springs, and had retired, I believe, as a department head at the University of Colorado. He was a great guy. P.S. Jim you have a helluva memory. FYI ... I did go on to acting immediately after the Air Force. Did some summer stock stage and TV work, but the disappointments were too tough to handle. So I sucked it up and went to the University Of Missouri Journalism School. After which, I went into business journalism and became a managing editor at McGraw-Hill. Then got into corporate life at TRW, Litton Industries, Ramada and Continental Airlines. Later became a management consultant in corporate image-building, public relations and product marketing. Think I earned my last dollar last month. In other words, I just retired (unless, of course, my phone rings and there's another prospective client asking for help).

Jim responded: Thanks for your e-mail Bill, It is indeed a pleasure to touch base with old colleagues from years ago. It was also interesting to know what happened to you, and your life and career sounded interesting and exciting...sure beat the back end of a WB-29 I am sure. I vaguely remember the name Carroll Frenzel but others you mentioned didn't ring a bell...

I spent my entire career in the Air Force...first, in weather service as a weather observer and weather

equipment operator flying weather recon flights with the added responsibility of changing the filter papers for LRD, 1009th, or whatever it was called back then...Spent the last years in AFTAC in various systems and various job positions. Always interesting and exciting...and a lot of great memories....After retiring from the AF I worked for the Niagara Parks Commission here in Niagara Falls, Ontario, in food and beverage management until I fully retired in 1985.....still enjoying good healthIt was interesting to know you still keep in touch with Gary Moles...know he must have been retired for several years now....Thanks again Bill.

Jim Davis further clarifies his earlier e-mail to Bill (and Clark had researched and replied about some of the names): The list which I provided is an accurate listing of names that I knew...listing is from back around the mid 50's (1956 - 1957)...I will clarify some of the inaccuracies as I remember them.....**Richard Brown** is deceased...killed in A/C accident in Alaska in about 1956 Or 1957.....The **Coffee** which I was referring to was an SEO in Japan in the mid 50's....believe the **Coffey** you referred to lives in Arizona was an AP (security at AFTAC in Virginia in late 60' or early 70's)...the **Collins** which you referred to is not the same as the one I listed....the one I knew was an SEO in Japan in mid 50's...William **Moran** of course lives in Scottsdale Ariz....possibly lived in Missouri when he attended university there. The William **Koeschner** I was referring to was a long time LRD'er back to the early 50's through the 70's. He was a Col in operations at AFTAC in Va ... retired to Blowing Rock, North Carolina...deceased but am not sure exactly when but recently...Fred **Sherman** goes all the way back to early 50's also, he was in Air Ops at McClellan in early 50's and then spent a tour at 407 in mid 50's...deceased sometime in likely the late 70's or early 80's. That's about it as best as I can accurately recall.

William wrote back with a classic statement: At the risk of displaying my ignorance, I don't know what SEO means. I went into the 1009th SWS after completion of electronics training in late 1952 and upon graduation from Radiology school at Keesler AFB early in 1953. My initial job designation was as an aircraft control and warning specialist, whatever that is. My DD Form 214 indicates my true specialty was "nuclear specialist" (#33230D). We had monitoring equipment on board every WB29 flight I flew from early 1953 until mid-1956, and we collected radioactive materials on filter papers, often, if not always, with our bare hands, and without benefit of personal metering devices. When we received the Outstanding Unit Award in April 1954, we were permitted to wear the ribbon but prohibited from saying what it was for. Strange but true! Hope this contributes to the dialogue.

Jim responded: I know you will get the definition of SEO from other sources as well but it was a name given to our type long after we were active...It means Special

Equipment Operator....don't really know when they started using that term....but yeah, I remember when I first got acquainted with the operation...this was back in 1950 when I was still in the weather service there was no means to monitor what we collected ...we just simply changed the papers at certain intervals on routine weather flights...when I came aboard in the 1009th we just started using the ole B-199A with an EA (Easterline Angus) recorder and the detection tube placed behind the filter paper in the foil...crude at the time but it got the job done...and yeah we handled those contaminated filter papers with our bare hands....no way to wash your hands in the back of a B-29 at 20,000 ft. and on top of that we ate the contents of our box lunches without cleaning our dirty hands!!!!!!...but you must remember we wore this little radiological tag (I think that was the name of it) to monitor radioactivity we had been exposed to...and then we had to have a blood test and urine sample (the old pee and bleed test) every month to keep track of how much stuff we had been exposed to...and if you flew a special collection mission they always met you as you landed; they came out and checked us out with a Geiger counter to see if we were safe to proceed without being decontaminated....What an experience !!!!! bet they don't do things like that today... it's a wonder we didn't sometimes light up like a neon sign...remember those days Bill? A lot of memoriesand we didn't complain...oh maybe sometimes we would get a little grumpy or maybe even downright 'grouchy' after a long tiring flight but we did our job, didn't we.....That's enough for today...it's been nice to share some old memories with those that know and care...

This SEO numbering thing has me perplexed...I still don't understand the need or why it was started in the first place....."if you were a special equipment operator in the first place...why do you need a number attached" we certainly didn't need a number to do our job ...we did what we had to do and never gave a thought about needing a number to identify who we were....anyway, I know changes take place and a lot of things happen and are necessary today that wasn't necessary when I was part of the team.....

John responded, and brought a recently retired SEO/AFTAC CCS, Lloyd French into the discussion: You questioned the need for the SEO numbers and I recall Lloyd has explained that in past. He is Cc here and hopefully will do the same again. My recall is that it had a lot to do with keeping track of the operator and operational duties, and, today, it is a source of intense pride with many of them using them in email addresses and sign offs.

Sure enough, Lloyd (SEO 047) was kind enough to jump on board and explain the use of SEO: SEO numbers came out in the late 70s. They were (and are still) used to identify individual SEOs in flight tracking databases, in-flight reports, documentation (forms) filled

out on missions, and also identify the relative "seniority" an SEO has amongst others. I know earlier SEOs (before numbers) were a little bummed that they didn't have numbers--especially since folks like Jim and Bill really set the example for so many of us that followed.

The names mentioned (in the correspondence above) were held in extremely high esteem by SEOs...they set the standards for professionalism, techniques, safety, and judgment. When someone stepped up to me from the "real crew-dog days" and spoke, I sure as heck listened. They had "been there...done that" and gave us the clues we needed for our own success and that of the mission. In my mind's eye, they will all be "SEO #1" ... and will always be held in the highest regard in the long history of SEOing. A great way to end this exchange of those who went before us.

'SAGE SON' STARS

Articles/stories, submitted by our readers, of

'Sage Success Stories'

Stories that exemplify the spirit of a 'Striving Sage' going above and beyond the norm.

Honor Roll (submitters) Judy **Milam**, John **Horsch** (4), Clark **Creery** (2), Frank **Calenda**, Bob **Wiley**

Shane San Miguel

IN THIS CASE WE 'BEND' OUR NORMAL 'SAGE STARS' THEME TO RECOGNIZE A 'SAGE SON' HONORING HIS FATHER, ROBERT, WHO HAD SERVED OUR MISSION. WE INTRODUCED SHANE AT OUR 'MAIL-CALL' AND HERE HE SHARES HIS ADVENTURE. MORE AT HIS WEBSITE, [HTTP://SANMIGUELRACING.YOLASITE.COM/ABOUT-US.PHP](http://SANMIGUELRACING.YOLASITE.COM/ABOUT-US.PHP). NOTABLY, WE ASKED THAT FATHER TO WRITE A REACTION, AND HE DID!!

DATELINE, AUG 14-20TH, BONNEVILLE FLATS, UTAH.

Thanks so much for getting the approval and the 1155th Logo's to my wife, **Krystal**. She overnighted them to me in Salt Lake before I left for Bonneville.

Unfortunately, I did not set a new world record this time around but it wasn't for lack of effort. After I left 'Intel' (work) on Friday, I drove all night to Salt Lake City and worked 20hr days for over a week getting the bike ready to race. The engine was finished the following Monday night at 10:30pm and me and two other guys had the complete bike assembled and running at 5am Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon we put in on the chassis dynamometer, a machine that allows you to run the bike full speed and measure operating parameters, and we tuned it for about 3 hours. I got some sleep and drove the 140 miles from SLC to Wendover, UT, where the Bonneville Salt Flats are. Got there about midnight and went to tech inspection at 5am the next morning (Wednesday) where I met up with my parents and sister who had been waiting for me.

At this point, I had not installed the 1155th Crest on the bike. We took the bike from the tech inspection station to our pits which my parents had setup. I said "hey Dad, I need your help with something....I have these stickers that I need to put on the bike and I don't know where." Then I brought out the 1155th Crest and he was completely taken aback. I explained how I found the AFTAC website and sent in my request, provided justification, received approval, and how Krystal went to your house to pick up the sticker and all the details about all the people involved and he was obviously

touched.

After this very sentimental moment, we proceeded to the staging lanes. I got my gear on, threw a leg over the bike, and with it only having actually run for a couple hours, it ran three 203MPH passes in a row (5 miles each). Thursday, we changed the gearing on the bike and did some other tweaks and it ripped off a couple 207MPH passes, topping out at 208.4MPH. Friday, the last day of racing, I called my engine builder in SLC and told him it wasn't making the 211.4MPH we needed for a new land speed record and he said "that engine WILL NOT blow up, regear it to run in 5th gear and spin it up until it stutters". I ran a couple 206.8MPH passes in 5th gear at 12,500RPM before the end of racing at noon on Friday. If we had had another hour or two, I'm confident I could have gotten it to crack a 209MPH or better but it was not in the cards for this trip as we ran out of time. I have two other attempts planned, one in September and one in October and I will keep you updated on our progress.

We had a great time with my parents and the bike performed well, standing up to a total of over 45 miles of full throttle, 12,500RPM, and 208MPH. I guess that's why they are world records, not everyone can do it. I was proud to run the Tech Ops Crest on the bike, especially when the senior course official held me at the starting line and said "I was in the Air Force, do you know what Tech Ops is? That's pretty neat son". The following Monday, I rode the motorcycle to work and at lunch some friends and I walked out so I could show it to them. While we were talking in the motorcycle parking lot, another Intel employee rode up on his motorcycle and he said "Hey is that your bike? Where did you get that sticker? Very few people know about that squadron, what is your affiliation?". He pressed me on it, almost interrogating me. Apparently, he was in Tech Ops from 1992-1998 and he was at first, not happy that I had that crest on the bike in public. When I explained about my Dad and the Alumni Association getting approval from HQ to use it, he was almost ok with it. I think he was mostly just shocked to see it (as I was shocked that I had had the bike out of the garage for 3 hours and already run into another person who knew that crest). I did not get his name but I recognize him from around campus.

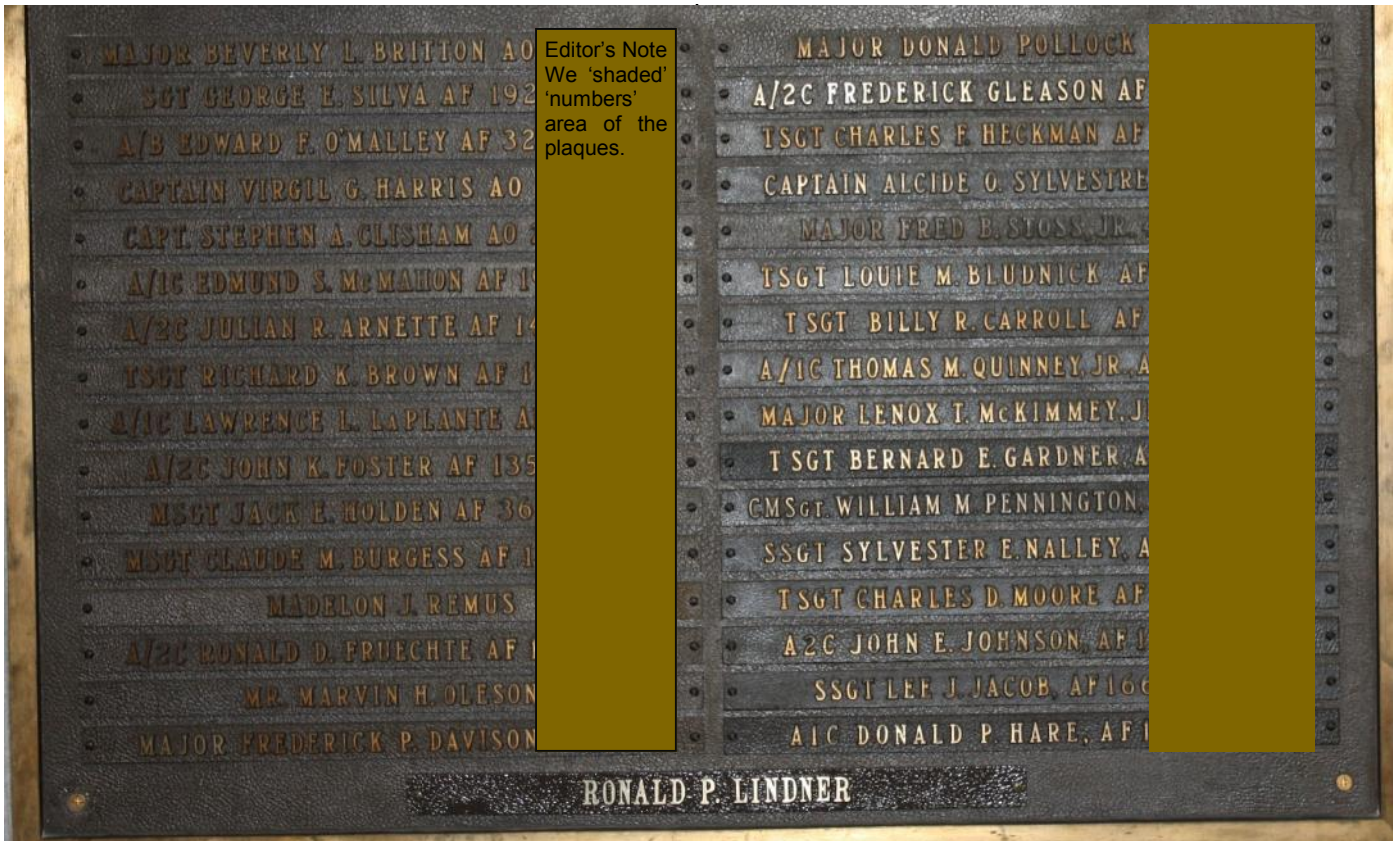
There are many stories from this trip, too many to type



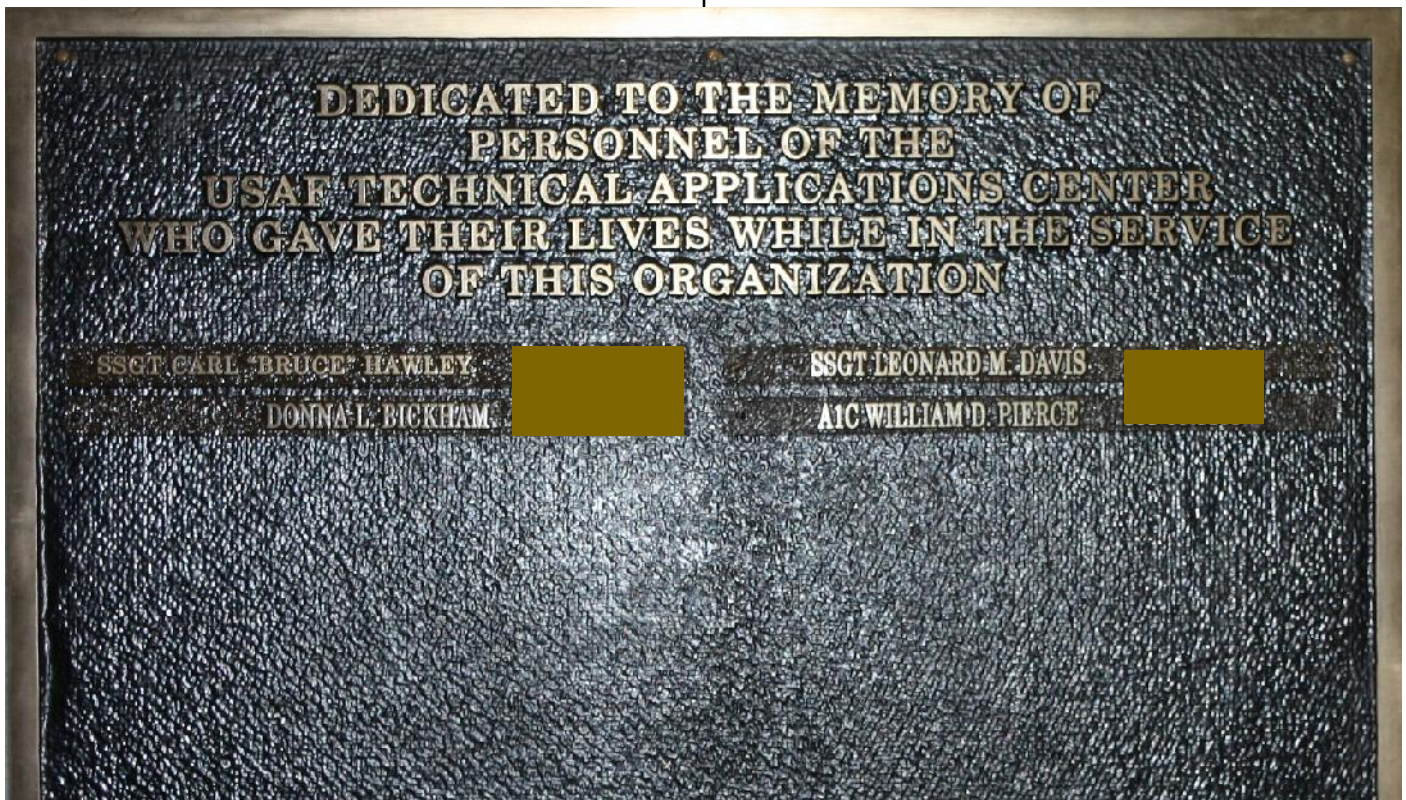
just now. My favorite part was putting this all together for my Dad and seeing his face when he saw the sticker. I'll never forget it – thanks for helping out! We will get the record next time. I've attached some pics from the races, if you look at the bike, you can see the

crest. ('Father's response, and more pictures, to be continued in the next issue).


Editors: As far back as we remember, HQ AFTAC has maintained bronze plaques honoring Active-Duty Deceased. It began as one plaque and, over the years, two more have been added. Believing these members should always be remembered, and often recalled to mind, we asked CMSgt Steve **Revels**/AFTAC IG for pictures of them for this Post-Monitor. Below, you see these plaques as they are posted within the HQ Building in the 'Walt **Singlevich**' conference room. The heading on each plaque reads: DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF PERSONNEL OF THE USAF TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES WHILE IN THE SERVICE OF THIS ORGANIZATION (you will see that rendered on the third plaque posted on the next page).




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SHOWCASE: LRD ALUMNI HONORARIUM



“20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR” (page 2 for information) #12 of our presentation of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ. Formatting/standardization-MSgt (Ret) T **Highsmith**, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt S **Revels**





SMSGT CARL W. GAILEY
(1955-1962; 1964-1972; 1973-1979)

APR 55	APR 56	**	TEAM 101/WFO
APR 56	OCT 57	**	TEAM 401
OCT 57	SEP 59	**	AFTAC INSTRUCTOR, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OH
SEP 59	JUL 62	**	TEAM 203
DEC 64	FEB 66	**	AFTAC INSTRUCTOR, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OH
FEB 66	SEP 68	**	1156 TCHOS
SEP 68	OCT 72	**	1155 TCHOS
NOV 73	FEB 79	**	HQ/DO

This issue we present a true Gentleman dear to our hearts. We served with Carl over many years and at several locations. To us, he was 'THE CS/DS Guy.' My memory is that we first worked with Carl, up close and personal, at Det 452 when he came there to install his 'favorite equipment.' Those who served at 452 early on remember the Army Quonset huts and the 'pot-belly' stoves we used to keep warm. Well, the Army had let us down for a request for lodging for Carl so we wound up late at night/early morning trying to get a potbelly stove to do something about the freezing temperature in Carl's hut!! Naturally, being 99's, all turned out well and today Carl stokes that stove at Buena Vida Estates in Melbourne, FL.

NOTE: These two pages are also posted on the alumni assn website, 'Front Page,' Subpage, 'Sage Shop & Schedule.'

SAGE SCHEDULE

1. **WindDowns**—(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place behind the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'The Outback.'
 2. **Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings**
 - a. **Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1700 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1645 for escort into the building. —other Patrick AFB venues may be considered.
 - b. **Quarterly**—meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, at a Patrick venue (Tides, Golf Course, Dining Hall).
- NOTE1:** Venues/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. **NOTE 2.** Oct meeting, if not rescheduled, falls on 'Columbus Day.'

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE

AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITORS

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January

06, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

09, 1130-Board/Membership

SnowBall XIV and Center Annual Awards Banquet, see below

February

03, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

March

04, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

14 1700 -Board/Membership Meeting, Location TBD

April

06, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

09, Venue/Time TBD-Board/Membership Meeting

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

January-April, three events

- a. **2012.02.04**, SnowBall XIV, PAFB Golf Clubhouse, Theme, Det 460 (Alaska)
- b. **2012.02.09**, Center Annual Awards Banquet
- c. **2012.04.21**, Center Annual Picnic

May-August, two events

- a. Assn 22nd Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether
- b. Nominating Board selects slate for publication

September-December, 4 events

- a. Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September IV**,' held at the 'Tides' Club (vs. HQ Building) on the **2nd Thursday at 1130** to encourage attendance by all members and all other alumni and active-duty
- b. Assn Annual 22nd Fall Golf N'Getogether
- c. **Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**
- d. Dec, AFTAC Winter Social

WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled on an 'every other year' basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Last hosted by CA-2011.05, before that, FL-2009.06, and CO-2007.05.

CO plans WW for mid 2013, a **Det 418 Reunion** is planned in conjunction ... see 2011.08 issue, pg 24, for information.

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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	0	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	1	3	3
Royal blue	2	0	2	1
Navy	2	0	2	1
Ash Gray	2	0	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	1	3	2
Fuchsia	1	1	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	1	0	0	0
NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'	0	0	0	3
White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0
HATS - \$8.00 #	MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#			
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Blue/Grey 4	-60th AF/LRD Com Coin: \$4/126			
Red/White 2	—60th flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th			
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'Tom's Trivia' (from preceding pages)

Answer: No new trivia this issue. We have a great submission from Dale Klug, one of his several, we hope to use next issue.

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ELECTED: President (2012) Terry Hammond, AF69-90/AFTAC/73-78 & 87-90, Chief, Weapons Technology Division - TNT (LTC), PoMo Transportation 09-12

Vice (11-12) CMSgt David Melton, AF84/AFTAC88-00, 07, Superintendent, Materials Technology Directorate/TM

Secretary (10-12) Sean Ryan, AF82-08/AFTAC98-08, NCOIC, Information Management, DO (MSgt)

Treasurer (03-12) Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty Monitoring Operations Program, Vice, 99

APPOINTED: Activities (09-12) CMSgt John Nederhoed. AF-83/AFTAC 87, Center Superintendent (CCS)

Hall of Heritage: (11-12) Mike Young/CC HO, Army73-05/AFTAC11

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--NOTE: Horsch and Creery have been, and continue as, mainstays since inception (97), see their info following

Membership (10-12) Clark Creery, AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt), Original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95

Newsletter (96-12) John (and Christel) Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMS), Publicity, 87-90

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