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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 all reached
the best of stages
Being one of the
Center's Sages



SAGE SALUTE
LRDAA PROUDLY PRESENT



SEAN RYAN
Association Secretary, FY2010-14



Winter Social, 2013

Sean stepped up in September, 2009, to offer his services as the Chapter Secretary for the FY2010 Board and has continued in that position since. We spotlighted him in PM2010.04 so you'd know him a little better and since that time we have learned just how invaluable he can be. In that issue we wrote, "By the way, nice picture," we made

sure we could do the same here.
Since becoming our Secretary, Sean has helped in innumerable ways, time and again, not only keeping the minutes of our minutes and distributing them, but keeping the association on track and making arrangements for our meeting locations and times.

This has included meetings we have in the Headquarters' Building and our off-site meetings at the 'Tides,' 'Golf-Course Clubhouse,' 'Marina & Yacht Club,' and the 'Riverside Dining Facility.' This includes last minute changes of dates and times and special meetings for the several events the association sponsors and the upcoming 'WorldWide 2015' Reunion.'

--Sean has stepped up more than once to help with our major annual event, 'SnowBall,' and was the 'Major Arranger' for the most recent in 2014.' He also assisted with this years 'Center Annual Spring Picnic.'

--Finally, Sean recently added another board position, 'Publicity,' to his resume and has redefined that position in a most positive manner.

--Thank you, Sean, we salute you for the outstanding service you provide Alumni, and before that the Air Force, 1982-2008, and AFTAC, 1998-2008.

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

Recognized for 65 years
of service to our country
16 September 2012
1947 - 2012

A 65TH COIN WAS NOT MINTED



SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK SAGES AND ACTIVE-DUTY TO 'REPORT IN'

FRIDAY, MAY 09, XXV ANNUAL ASSN SPRING

Golf N'Getogether, Manatee Golf Course, Patrick
MAJOR ARRANGER, DAVE MELTON



This LRDAAsponsored event, on a Friday, has a check in time of 1100 and a shotgun start at 1300. Cost is \$40 for Alumni Members and \$45 for non-members. >>>Page 3

***'WORLDWIDE 2015,' REUNION PLANNED**

DEBORAH CARSON, MAJOR ARRANGER

The Florida Chapter of the Long Range Detection Alumni Association is ramping up to host the 2015 WorldWide Reunion. Ms. Deborah Carson is the Chairperson leading this major event with the assistance of Mr. Arlin Massey as Co Chair. Committee's are being formed and meetings scheduled >>'Back Page'

ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK ACTIVE-DUTY AND SAGES TO 'REPORT IN'

ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED



See our website, URL at banner above, pg 5, 'Calendar,' for a complete listing, and the active-duty section of this newsletter, for more information. **Sage Contact for tickets, our 'Intrepid Insider,' Carol Snyder, carol.snyder@us.af.mil.**

NOTE: All Alert updates are posted at our website: URL above in 'Banner' Area. **Pg 5, 'Calendar,'** has a complete listing of events. You can also **'Auto-Receive'** 'eALLerts' (deaths, breaking news, etc)-contact your editors, chrisjohn2@gmail.com.

SAGE EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

'Event' reports, if any, follow 'Alert' reports later in this issue.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Deceased, (D)

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (19)

Lonnie Gibbons/2013-Gene & Dee Melchoir/12
 Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10-Jack Jackson/09
 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 (D)/2000
 John & Christel (D) Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97
 Carl Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

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, and plans are ongoing to add LRD artifacts at HQ, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. (AFISRA).

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired & active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at Patrick AFB, FL, 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 all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida (FL): (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Most monthly meetings are at 1700, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. Details, see 'Sage Calendar' at back of issue. 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') & multi-page Website, '<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>,' with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we term, 'eALLert,' for time sensitive data at '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>.'

FI Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas, since 2003; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09.

2. Colorado (CO): Formed 1991, **\$5/year**, the chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes', and has several meetings and social events a year. See website at 'www.aftacco.org' for additional information and email contacts.

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. The Chapter meets several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org.'

"FROM THE HORSCHES MOUTH"
AFTAC, 58-87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



1985 BYLINE COINED BY COL CIAMBRONE (D). LEFT PICTURE BY SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/CC/PA, WINTER SOCIAL, 2011. RIGHT DET 301, 63-65, JOHN T AND SON, JOHN D

Early in this PoMo preparation cycle we learned our USPS mailing process had changed, and could result in additional cost for mailing to our hard-copy subscribers. With that we posted the information on our website (URL, 1st page banner), 'Front Page' and 'Breaking News.' We also sent an eALLert to subscribers of that resource.

--in both cases we made this request: "we ask again, if at all possible, please consider receiving the PoMo electronically - it is always about 2-weeks earlier than the mailed copy, can be sized on your monitor for ease of reading, is in color where used, and, saves your assn around a buck fifty each and every issue which can be better used for our social events."

The response was heart-warming as Sages responded to this request. Since this has been a subject in this column several times, I decided to post some of those 'first switcher's' in my column - some of their responses may persuade other hard-copy readers:

--Ken **Brauchle** was first, and responded within minutes of our send: "Sign me up for digital delivery."

--Roy **Horton** soon after, "Happy to accept electronic PoMo for current and future editions. Thanks."

--Dave **Johnson**, "Please change me to electronic only. Thanks."

--Tom "Mac" **McCarty**, "Please add me to the list of electronic recipients for the PoMo."

--Jim **Davis**, "Thanks John for your advise a few years back when you suggested I receive the Po/Mo electronically, sure has worked for me and I enjoy it in that manner."

--Mike **Farrell**, "I can live with the electronic copy, I don't need the paper copy."

--Mary **Miller**, "You can discontinue the HARD COPY to me."

--Thomas **Palmer**, "... send mine by e-mail."

--John **Van Lew** restated his request for ePoMo."

--Bill **Huntenburg**, "Don't have any excuse for not doing this years ago. PLEASE change my POMO to Electronic Delivery."

--Dave **Boyle**, "Electronic issue is fine with me."

--Stew **Earl**, "You may email my Post Monitor. Thanks for your good work!"

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XXV GOLF N'GETOGETHER

Please note annual assn membership is but \$10; you will realize that in savings if you play in the Spring and Fall tournaments. Check-in starts at 1100. Format is 4-person scramble (also known as better-ball/best ball). Fee includes golf, cart, and BBQ from Tides served for dinner. Mulligan's will be on sale 3 for \$5. Each mulligan is an entry into the drawing of door prizes. Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors are welcome to participate.

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ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

DEC 13-SAGE PERSPECTIVE, CENTER WINTER SOCIAL

YOUR EDITOR AND FRANK CALEDA

The AFTAC Booster Club did it again. Their annual Winter Social could not have turned out better if they'd hired a professional to organize it. As in past years, some Alumni folks attended this "dress up" event held at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place. (see self-serving picture below!!) Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of the mingling of the active duty and us retired folks. The commander made a very brief (thank you, sir!!) welcome speech and then the party began.



L>R Michelle and (standing) Sean Ryan, John Horsch, Kathy Vanucci, Frank and Edna Calenda, Moira and Tom Eddleman.



We were provided with a well prepared meal and everyone eagerly hoped that their names would be picked for one of the 12 really nice drawing prizes, some valued at over \$600. The Alumni provided a great 'Draggin your Wagon,' made and fashioned by the **Ryans**, (pictured) basket

of wines and edibles from around the world, representing the many places they had served. The winner of this basket was our own Jack **Jackson**. It was all legal and above board....honest.

Hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beer and wine were provided early in the evening and after dinner, the dance floor was overflowing with everyone dancing to the music of the DJ, Gino **Grisby**.

The event was attended by a total of 355 people and close to 10% of that total was Alumni folks. To say the evening was a good time would be an understatement. The Alumni would like to give a "well done" to all the folks involved in making this event a great one. We know a lot of hard work goes into it.

MAR 11TH, RIBBON CUTTING FOR HQ'S BUILDING

A SAGE PERSPECTIVE, FRANK CALEDA, PICTURES FIRST, ARTICLE, NEXT PAGE



The 'New' and the 'Old' Buildings juxtapositioned, the 'new front door' and Mrs Singlevich and Ciambone cut the ribbon to the new building with assistance from Mr. Clapper and Col Worley, while Mr Hanzen looks on. (Photos by Clark Creery and Frank Calenda)



Tuesday, March 11, 2014 marked the official dedication of the new AFTAC Operations Building which will replace the current older building on State Road A1A. It was a beautiful day and the ceremony was attended by about three hundred people. The new building was built at a cost of approximately \$158 million dollars. It consists of 337,000 square feet of floor space and a 550-space, five-story parking building. "The building was completed early and under budget", said Kirk **Hanzen**, vice president of the general contractor Hansel Phelps.

The building was dedicated to the late Walter **Singlevich**, and the Radiochemistry Laboratory was named for the late Thomas **Ciambrone** (Col, Ret; CMSgt, Honorary) who served with AFTAC for over 30 years. Both surviving spouses were present for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Principal speakers were the Honorable Mister James **Clapper**, the National Intelligence Director and former AFTAC commander, Colonel Chris **Worley**, Current AFTAC Commander, and Colonel Jon **Chytka**, Commander of the Mobile District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Also attending was Doctor Lassina **Zerbo**, executive secretary of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Office in Vienna. He stated, "I think the technology is keeping up."

Mister Clapper was the guest speaker. Among his comments were praise of the current personnel and their technical ability and thanks to the alumni and others that have made AFTAC what it is today. He also said, "It is fitting the superb caliber of people who work at AFTAC would now get a premier caliber facility."

An open house tour was offered to anyone wishing to view the inside of the facility. It is truly a state-of-the-art facility. Once the building is secured, entrance will be made using card and code stanchions to verify the individual's authorization to enter the facility. Visitors were able to view and were briefed on several pieces of lab equipment including gamma detectors and spectrophotometers.

With the completion of this building, AFTAC adds another first, among many, to its long history of detecting and reporting on worldwide nuclear activity. It is a phenomenal organization run by a cadre of dedicated, professional individuals.

FRIDAY, DEC 20, XXVI ANNUAL ASSN FALL

Golf N'Gettogether, Manatee Golf Course, Patrick

MAJOR ARRANGER, DAVE MELTON



We had a gorgeous 80 degree day with a slight breeze. There were 56 players. There was a tie for 1st place with two team shooting 52. The tie was broken by matching the scorecards. 1st Place, Hall, Baker, Davidson, Hoy 2nd Place, Melton, Lindsay, Woodard, McFadden 3rd Place, Snelgrove, Money, Gilbert, Neihart; Closest to the pins, #4-S. Sorice, #7-T. Calenda, #12-Money, #14-Dale. Longest drives, #1-Hall, #17-Callahan

SAT, FEB 08TH SNOWBALL XVI

OUR PRESIDENT, LOU SEILER, GIVES US A PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

Snowball 2014 is now over, what a rousing success it was. Many thanks to Sean **Ryan** for his efforts to make it happen this year. There were over 80 attendees from both the retired and active AFTAC force meeting at the Holiday Inn, Viera, FL. The food was absolutely delicious especially after the Butler Pass to provide really wonderful appetizers.

A highlight of the evening was the recognition of our 'Alumni of the Year, 2013,' MSgt (Ret) **Lonnie Gibbons**. His selection had been announced at the CO WorldWide in June, and a trophy presented at the 'Center Annual Awards Banquet,' on Feb 6th. We had



02.22 The trophy completes its journey. CO Chapter President, Steve Clark, presents same to Lonnie.

hoped Lonnie, and his wife, Ginny, who had assisted Lonnie in his endeavors would be able to travel to both affairs. However, that was not possible. John **Horsch** accepted on his behalf at the SnowBall and I did so at the awards banquet.

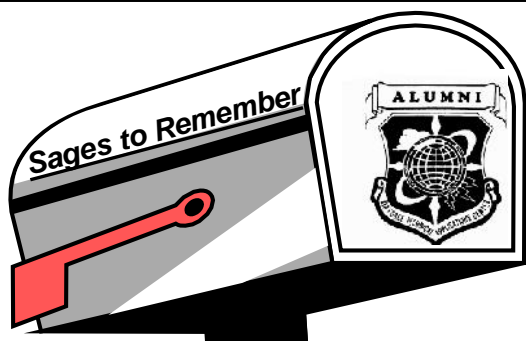
We noted in both cases the excellent service Lonnie had provided his chapter and the association worldwide. Note: This information was provided in PM2013.08.

Numerous scrapbooks were provided by the AFTAC Historian which brought back many memories to the attendees. The tables for these books were crowded the whole night. Col Worley provided the keynote speech. He detailed many of the upcoming changes in store for not only AFTAC but the entire Air Force. The new force will continue the trend to be leaner and meaner.

The door prizes were donated by Jack **Jackson** this year. Several people walked away with some quite interesting beverage bottles as well as some tasty snack items to go along with them. One lucky person left with a wagon! The AFTAC Camera Club set up a photo portrait station just outside the ballroom and provided photo opportunities for all who desired to have a memory taken. Everyone left the evening ready to sign up for the next SNOWBALL!



'Missing Man' table: "Never forget those did not return!" Picture by Judy Milam-Henderson



Personals ...

Wherein alumni report 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).

None Reported

In Memoriam

Eleanor McMichael	Lyle McMichael
Bill Overly	Gary Warfield
Brett M. Rivers	Mary Sandage
Henry 'Pete' Free	John R Bright

Rest in Peace

Lyle and Eleanor McMichael

NOTIFIED BY USPS NOTE FROM GAIL RINGELBERG OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN, REQUESTING THIS INFORMATION BE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEWSLETTER.

Gail informed us that Eleanor McMichael (wife) of Lyle McMichael (Col-ret) passed away 2/6/2013 and Lyle (Mike) on 6/12/2007. They are buried together at the Battle Creek National Cemetery in Michigan.

Bill Overly

NOTIFIED BY BILL SCHMIED AND POSTING IN CO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, ECHOES
Bill Overly passed away on 22 Dec 2013. Bill & Nadine have been loyal members of our Colorado chapter since 1999. Bill was one of several NCOs assigned to the admin shop in SPINSTRAS prior to his retirement in 1972.

Gary Warfield

NOTIFIED BY WALLY HUFFAKER, 02.20

I would like to pass along information to you that was announced to me today by Sharon Warfield. Gary Warfield (SMSgt/Ret) passed away today (02.20) after a valiant fight against Pancreatic Cancer. Gary was a long time AFTAC member and Lifetime Alumni member. Gary spent many years in AFTAC in Logistics at Det 407, 1156TCHOS and HQ AFTAC on the IG Team and then in the LG Directorate. Gary was a close friend of mine for 37 years and I know he loved most in his career the time he spent in AFTAC and all of the many friends he made. He is survived by his lovely wife Sharon Warfield and brothers and sisters.

OBITUARY PROVIDED BY CAROL WARFIELD:

WARFIELD, GARY ALLEN, 67, Silver Springs - Gary Allen Warfield, 67, of Silver Springs, FL, passed away

Thursday, February 20, 2014. He was born January 19, 1947 in Bloomsburg, PA and lived in Danville, PA. He moved here in 1996 from Melbourne, FL. Mr. Warfield retired from the United States Air Force as a Senior Master Sergeant, where he served over 24 years including two tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force he went to work for Raytheon and worked on the shuttle launch team. He retired from Ferrell Gas in 2009. He was of protestant faith and a member of the Elks and VFW. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Kay Warfield of Silver Springs, FL, three brothers, Edward S. Warfield, Jr. of Palm Bay, FL, William E. Warfield of Mifflinburg, PA, Terry L. Warfield of Dover, DE, and three sisters Ruth E. Schmidt of Rock Hills, SC, Susan A. Wydra of Danville, PA, Wendy C. Warfield of Danville, PA. He was predeceased by his son, Gary A. Warfield, Jr., a sister and a brother. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Marion County. A memorial service will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL at a future date. Cremation handled by Florida Cremation, Ocala. Published in Ocala Star-Banner from Mar. 2 to Mar. 3, 2014.

NOTE: Obituary and Guest Book here, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ocala/obituary.aspx?n=Gary-Warfield&pid=169953693>

Memorium(s)

TOM EDDLEMAN

Very well written, Wally. I'll miss his laughter and friendliness and will also miss teasing him about being a supply troop. Gary was so much more to AFTAC and to those who knew him well. He was a big part of the overall AFTAC mission that most members overlook. In the true sense he is an "honorary 99" but he doesn't need that because he was the foundation that kept the AFTAC mission afloat. I know you will miss him and so will I.

JOHN HORSCH

I knew Gary well as we were fellow travelers on the IG team in the early 80's and continued working together at the HQ's for several more. He was 'AFTAC First' and 'Supply Guy' second ... that made him invaluable on many occasions when we needed that 'can do' to keep meeting mission requirements ... I never heard Gary say something could not be done, only how we were going to get it done. And, he was very much a personal friend that I will miss tremendously ... I know how hard he fought to stay with us, I am very sad he is gone. But, I'm sure he's already making heaven a better place!

Brett M. Rivers

NOTIFIED BY EUGENE DUPLER, 03.04, GENE WROTE,

"I was looking at the LRD Alumni Association web page and perused the Sages To Remember listing. I did not see the name of Brett M. Rivers who died Sep 1, 2009. He was a 9S100 who served at AFTAC in the 1990s." He sent this web link, <http://www.tributes.com/show/Brett-M.-Rivers-86695998>, which reads:

"Brett was born on September 23, 1972, and passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2009."

Sandage, Mary Margaret (Connor)

CONTACTED BY CLARK CREERY, CLARK WROTE, "I SERVED WITH JERRY AND HE WAS A SUPER TROOP."

Mary Margaret Connor Sandage was born December 8, 1944 in Keokuk, IA, to the late Ruth Monks Connor and



Eugene "Jack" Connor, and passed on March 1, 2014. She was the fourth born of six children, a loving sister, wonderful mother and wife, and one of the most generous, caring people.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and brother, David. She leaves to cherish her memory, husband, Jerry Sandage; sons, Bob and Ian Sandage; daughter, Lisa Scott; sisters, Donna Scott, Sally Lozier, and Gene Hinton; and brother, John Connor; grandsons, Colin and Nathan Sandage; granddaughters, Karley and Katrine Scott; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Mary generously donated her body for research and there will be memorials in Omaha, NE, and Galesburg, IL, at dates to be determined. Published in Omaha World-Herald on Mar. 4, 2014. See more, and Guest Book, at, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/omaha/obituary.aspx?pid=169968087#sthash.q3XVwa2E.dpuf>

Henry 'Pete' Free

CONTACTED BY JOHN REIENDERS

FRONT ROYAL, Va. — Clifford Henry "Pete" Free, 79, died Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Va. He had retired in 1971 after 23 years of service as a Chief Master Sgt. with the U.S. Air Force and had also served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia Free; and his parents, the late Marshall Free and Ethel McGaha Free. Survivors include his wife, Opal M. Free; five children, Clifford Steven Free of Charles Town, W.Va., Kathryn Frazier of Centreville, Va., Kelly Free of Mill Valley, Calif., Frederick J. Free of Centreville, Va. and Shawn Marshall Free of Front Royal; five step children; two sisters, Claudell Oyenik of Chicago Heights, Ill., and Juanita Summers of Galax, Va.; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; 13 step grandchildren, and two step great-grandchildren. The grandsons of Mr. Free served as pallbearers. Service was at the Turner-Robertshaw Funeral Home, Front Royal, with the Rev. Wallace York officiating. Entombment followed in the Shenandoah Memorial Park Mausoleum, Winchester, Va.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Glen Rogers Reunion, c/o David and Sue Trump, 522 Lake View Drive, Beckley, WV 25801, in memory of Clifford Henry Free. Arrangements by Turner-Robertshaw Funeral Home, Front Royal, Va.

Memorium

JOHN REIENDERS

I worked with Pete during his transition from active duty to civilian employee status in the late 1960s. Back in those days, virtually all AFTAC research/development and service contracts were managed by Pete.

John R. Bright

CONTACTED BY CLARK CREEERY AFTER A MAIL-RUN. "I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JOHN A BRIGHT WRITTEN BY JOHN R BRIGHT."

"Upon my death, send this to the LRDA in Patrick, On 2 May 1950, I graduated "Radiological Equipment Operator Course #78000 at Keesler AFB in Mississippi (his spelling). I had a job training at McClellan AFB in California. I served overseas from Nov 1, 1950 until Nov 1, 1951. I went back to McClellan AFB for work until my discharge on 9 Oct 1952. I joined the alumni some time in the 1990's and attended several conventions in California and Florida. John Robert Bright, AF13307300, passed away on 3/13/14. The contact is Rev. John A. Bright, 14 Mansion Dr., Clarksville, VA 23927" Normally we do not post addresses but do so in this case as it appears to be an official address.

LATER CLARK RESEARCHED AND PROVIDED AN OBITUARY:

OBITUARY: Suffolk (VA) John Robert Bright, 83, passed away March 14, 2014, at Sentara Obici Hospital. He was born December 7, 1930, in Chowan County, NC, to the late Johnnie M. Bright and Edith Parks Bright. John graduated from Chuckatuck High School in 1948 and served in the Virginia National Guard. He was in the **U.S. Air Force from 1949 thru 1952**. John worked in The Norfolk Naval Shipyard as an Electronics Mechanic, Nuclear Electrical/Electronic Inspector and an Electrical/Electronic Planner and Estimator. He then continued work for the Naval Supply System as a Contracting Officer's Technical Representative until retirement on January 2, 1986.

He was a member of Magnolia United Methodist Church from 1950 to the present. He was also active in the Magnolia Ruritan Club, Suffolk Post #57 of the American Legion, Virginia America Legion Boys State, active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Suffolk Red Cross, active Blood donor with over 21 gallons and a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Suffolk Chapter 1743.

John is survived by his wife of 68 years, Vera Jakeman Bright; sons Arthur M. Bright and wife Faye, John A. Bright and wife Lynn, Steven L. Bright and wife Deborah; 7 grandchildren Henry, Arthur, Cabel, Seth, Joshua, Samantha, Thomas and his wife Jena.

A funeral service will be conducted Monday, March 17, at 10 a.m. at Magnolia United Methodist Church, 1764 Wilroy Road, Suffolk, VA 23434 with Rev. Doris V. Byrd-Madison officiating followed with interment at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at R. W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home and Crematory, 509 W. Washington Street, Suffolk, VA 23434 on Sunday, March 16, from 3 until 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Magnolia United Methodist Church. This obituary and 'Guest Book' link can be found at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?pid=170164393>



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Thanks to all who contact us! 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).



**CLARK CREERY SENT THE EPOMO LINK TO OUR
 ESUBSCRIBERS ON 12.10 AT 1348, EARLY RESPONDERS:**

FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'-FIRST 24-HOURS

Bob Morton, email, 1514, less than 2-hours later!

Reading through this issue, something struck me and I throw it out to you as a thought for consideration, as I scroll down the pages, and especially when trying to 'move forward' to the continuation of an article, I would get onto the next page but not know what page it was.

Think about putting the page numbers at the top of the pages. I know they are just inches above that at the bottom of the previous page--but somehow it seems my mind is wanting to know 'where I am' not 'where' I've been.' Just for thought. Or at top AND bottom?? Bob, thanks for your thoughtful read of our latest PoMo. I'll try top/bottom.

0325-2nd Observation-how (CA Chapter) get to call themselves "AFTACxxx" and we were forced to abandon that? The Florida Chapter meets 'on base.'

Jim Closs, email, 1519

Another superior POMO. It is great to keep up with all that is happening with the organization, even from up here in frigid Atlanta.

Stay warm, and I hope everyone will have a wonderful

Christmas and New Year. And for those of you who are not of the Christian belief, I hope your own personal celebrations are wonderful as well. Thanks, Jim, your compliments mean a lot to this editor.

Jim Davis, 1547

Just wanted you to know I received the PO/MO north of the border and as usual had to read it before I replied, but did want you to know as usual as well that I thank all of you for providing all the info as it seems as if it brings back at least one or two memories from the past...Thanks again keep up the good work. Jim, you are always one of our early responders and 'thank you's.' And, over the years, a submitter of many tales/reports. We thank you for all of that.

MAIL-CALL

Mike Lubin, Letter, 12.03

I was pleased to receive Bob Wiley's email about the 50th Anniversary Coins, and am enclosing a check to pay for one. I understand that the \$10 includes shipping. Please let me know if the amount is incorrect.

On another note, I am reading *Dogfight*, a book about air combat in World War II, and came across the name of Lt. Col Kenneth W. **Gallup** who scored nine victories (seven were Messerschmitt BF 109's) while flying P-47 over France and Germany. I recall serving as a junior officer in the 1155th Tech Ops Squadron, probably between 1957 and 1961, when a Colonel Ken Gallup was commander. Same fellow? Mike, thanks for asking. We'll see if our readers have information.

Deanna Matthews, email, 02.09

Hello from Texas, I am the daughter of **Jack L. Matthews** and Monique (aka Monica, deceased November 2009). I have just retired from The University of Texas at Austin. This has resulted in an email change FROM deanna.matthews@austin.utexas.edu TO DAMATTHEWS@UTEXAS.EDU.

Dad is doing well at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans home in Temple, TX. The mailing address there is 1424 Martin Luther King Jr. Lane, #510B, Temple, TX 76504 His cell phone is 512-788-6345. Cards, letters, calls and visits are welcomed.

Prior to my mother's passing, while backing up a car from a family driveway in northeastern TN, he dislocated C7 & T1 (nearly broke his neck!) Surprisingly, he is NOT paralyzed. After my mother's death, he broke his hip and was fine. Almost six months later, he developed an infection resulting in the removal of his hip. However with coaxing and assistance, he gets into his electric wheelchair. We go out and about frequently. I am looking forward to more outings now that I am retired!

My address is 1508 Glenmeadows, Round Rock, TX 78681/cell is 512-567-5589. Thank you. Best wishes.

Thanks for the status and info on your dad. I knew them well in VA and carpooled with him daily and played cards with your mom and dad often. Please give Jack a howdy for me.

John R. Johnson, Letter, 02.20

My name is John R. Johnson, Jr. I am an Alumni member and former member of AFTAC. I enjoy the POMO

very much. It brings back so many memories of exciting times in my past military career. As the result I have reconstructed some of them. Enclosed are "a bit" of my memories from the period between 1952 and 1963: You may use all or any part of what I've written in a future issue of the Post Monitor, as you see fit and proper. Or ---- you may simply offer it to the AFTAC Historian for the history files. (Readers, enjoy John's "I Remember" later in the 'Feature Articles' section of this issue)

I am very proud to have spent a part of my military career in AFTAC and equally proud of all my past co-workers and acquaintances. Continue the great work of Editing/Publishing the Post Monitor. It is great contribution for "All of Us". Thank you, John, it's my pleasure and pride to be trusted with this work I enjoy so much. Readers, and contributors, like yourself make it very worthwhile.

CMSgt Matthew Brown, email, 03.10

CHIEF BROWN HAS BEEN SELECTED TO REPLACE CHIEF NERI/CCS, MAY 1ST. WHEN HE ATTENDED OUR MEETING IN MARCH WE ASKED FOR INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION. HE PROVIDED THIS:

So I started out in 1988 and after a long tech school (over one year with follow-on classes), I departed for Det 452 (Korea) for my first duty station. I spent about a year and a half (tried for two, but got cut short with my next PCS) and from there went to sunny Det 421 (Alice Springs, Australia). I took the best souvenir away with me three years later, when my new bride (Lee) and I went to Det 460 (Alaska). We spent four cold years there, first working Seismic Maintenance for the first year, then transitioning into a Lab technician and maintenance tech. Next up, HQ AFTAC for six years (1997-2003). We then got lucky and headed to Det 415 (Thailand) for four years, followed by a trip to Omaha Nebraska where we stood up the newly formed Det 1 at Offutt AFB. After three years in Omaha, we left for Det 319 (Germany) for three more, only getting back here in November 2013. Hope that isn't too much background. Chief, just right. You've got the background to represent the majority of the troops in fine fashion. Welcome aboard.

CMSgt Matthew Brown, email, 03.19

I need to pass along the sad news about the death of a retired AFTAC'ers son. **Brian Cook, the youngest son of retired SMSgt Steve Cook (Ret)** passed away Sunday night (03.16). I don't have details, but a service is tentatively scheduled for this Saturday. I'll pass along any information if I receive it." Later we learned the Services were on 03.22 at the Joy Lutheran Church, in Palm Bay. Obituary reads (Florida Today, March 19): COOK, Brian T., 31, of West Melbourne, died Sunday, March 16, 2014. Arrangements by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home, Melbourne. Link is <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=brian-t-cook&pid=170242078&fhid=29517#sthash.RFFvMk43.dpuF>

James A. "Mouse" Neumeister, email, 03.24

Thanks for all you do for our association. As I've shared with a few other AFTACers and non-AFTACers, I belong to (probably way too) many professional and alumni associations and get all their periodicals, but the Post Monitor is the only one—the only one—that I read cover to cover.

Even though I only had 3 years of AFTAC time and personally know few of the people highlighted in each issue, each issue is a constant reminder of the professionalism and camaraderie of this special organization. Keep up the outstanding work, and please take care. It's guys like you that keep guys like us feeling honored to be entrusted with what we do!! Thank you.

Sage Report(s)

ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES. HYPERLINKS, IF ANY, WERE ACTIVE WHEN CHECKED. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE AND RECOMMEND A WEB 'SEARCH.'

Rich Shader, email, 01.23

This is a very interesting document dated January 2014. In the executive summary under recommendations it says AFTAC is one of two specialized capabilities critical to monitoring and both require improvements. Quote: "The U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System (USAEDS), operated by the Air Force Technical Applications Center, which remains a stepchild within the Air Force (AF) and is in serious need of modernization." <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/reports/NuclearMonitoringAndVerificationTechnologies.pdf>

Jim Davis, email, 01.27

I have a DVD (PoMo readers) may find interesting, AZORIAN. There is a segment in the early part of the presentation....it tells who was responsible for finding and reporting this event. To me, this was an amazing accomplishment and just being a part of this great organization makes me feel very proud to have been around when this occurred. You are right on, as usual, Jim. I did a search and located this link that also tells the story, <http://military.discovery.com/tv-shows/azorian-the-raising-of-k-129>

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

UPDATES BY CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE & THE LAST PAGE OF POMO. **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)

Ken Hicks, John Griffiths, Tim Moran, CMSgt Matt Brown/CCS, Susan Romano/GG-12/PA, Robert M. Kridle, William B. Boyd

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals)

Sharon Adams, Stephanie Foster, Freddie Peralta, Ron Kane, John Nederhoed, David Folts

'Lost Sages'

(Awaiting Dues Payment)

Liberatori, Shearer, Yockey

'Help'

(Missing Sages)

Our Membership Chair, Clark Creery, asks for help to locate Keri L **Robinson**, his Herndon, VA, address failed. Keri is a lifetime members and we'd like to regain contact and recommend ePoMo for subscribing.





Spring is now officially here. And with that we can look back on a very successful SNOWBALL 2014 and continue the preparations for the upcoming events of this year and into 2015. Of course, none of these things can happen without the dedicated support of all of the membership.

We are deep into the planning for WWR 2015 as the committee has selected as the official name of the AFTAC world wide reunion to be held here in Florida in 2015. There have been two meetings of the planning committee already and the third is scheduled for April. Many positions on the committee have been filled, but some are still looking for that just right dedicated person. I encourage everyone in the association to help make this reunion a huge success.

The overall chairman for the reunion is Deborah **Carson**, and she has started off with a real drive to make this one the best ever. Also, within this issue of the PoMo there is a survey on desired reunion activities that the committee would like to receive feedback on, so if you have not already responded, please do so quickly. Your answers are important, but need to be in quickly to allow for timely planning and arrangements.

Coming up in April is the annual AFTAC Picnic. The alumni will of course be manning the most popular area, the beer wagon.

On March 11, 2014, the alumni were invited to the ribbon cutting for the new AFTAC Headquarters "Campus," which includes a main HQ building, a Laboratory building, a shipping and receiving building, and a spacious parking garage! Former commander General (ret) **Clapper** was on hand to deliver the keynote speech for the dedication of the Walter **Singlevich** HQ Building and the Tom **Ciambrone** Diagnostic Laboratory. After the formal cutting of the ribbon, the alumni were provided a tour of the new facilities. They are impressive indeed. This complex now returns in-house Laboratory capability to AFTAC after the closing of the original laboratory in CA several years ago.

I hope to see many, if not all, of you at our regular monthly meetings. Don't forget to check the calendar for those dates!



Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve(d) and we have recorded. See at 'https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/-Pg 07.' Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-Lou **Seiler** Vice-David **Melton**
Secretary & Publicity-Sean **Ryan** Treasurer-Joe **Goldian**

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt **Neri/CCS**, Hall of Heritage-Mike **Young/CC HO**
Hospitality-Judy **Milam-Henderson**, Web/Electronic Media-Mike **Black**, Clark **Creery**, John **Horsch**, Membership-Clark **Creery** Post-Monitor Editor/Alumni of the Year Coordinator-John **Horsch**
Sage Shop-Steve **Revels/HQ 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.

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

Hall of Heritage: Mike **Young/CC HO**, We are moving slowly ahead with creating an AFTAC display at HQ, AFISRA. Right now we are in the process of planning the mock-up of a foil (to highlight airborne sampling) and procuring an older seismometer (to highlight seismic). Next steps will then be to work with the AFISRA HO display expert to put all of this together. It will probably be completed sometime this summer.

The design of the new building is 100% complete. I am satisfied at this point that our new 'Hall of Heritage' will have adequate space to tell our (your!) remarkable story and to preserve our heritage.

Membership: Clark **Creery**, WorldWide-4621, SEO-170, Deceased-475, FL/LT-632/570, ePoMo/USPS, 312/320, eALLert Subscribers, 808.

Post-Monitor: John **Horsch**, our 300+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the Dec issue posting at 'Box.com' nearly 300 times, for 'Previews' and 'Downloads,' - meaning, try ePoMo, you'll like it., you 'see/do more' with ePoMo!!

'Membership Musings'

CLARK CREEERY, 02.09

Alumni associations are groups comprised of current and former personnel (military and civilian) that were associated with the Air Force Technical Applications Center. We have three formal chapters – California – Colorado and Florida. These chapters often hold organized parties or events, as well as reunions. These events often take place around the fall season are called 'Worldwide Reunions.' These events give you a great excuse to renew friendships with members who have served worldwide. These reunions are cycled between the various chapters to blanket the country and to keep membership current.

Our Snowball is a way to say thanks to all, announce the new board and above all, this year, honor Lonnie Gibbons of the Colorado Chapter. Lonnie is one who

has dedicated his life to the meaning of AFTAC: "Standing Watch over Freedom."

Ruth and I salute those who made 2014 a Snowball to remember. Lou kept it moving, Sean did a bang-up job of organizing and the support of others was beyond belief. I do believe that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we thank you all for your efforts.

My god bless all who worked tirelessly to make this successful and it was great to shake hands with so many that we hardly ever see during the year.

Colonel Worley is to be thanked for his words and his job in keeping such a great organization at the top of it's mission.

Sincerely, Clark Creery, (Membership Chair)



COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2014.01 EXTRACTS

ECHOES

President, Steve **Clark**-Vice, Darrel **Kline**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>.

Membership: 87



FL Editor Note: Jerry **Moxley** (Moxi), ECHOES Editor, advises Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' issue via email, mox@wispertel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter.

Events Calendar

WEBSITE (URL @ OFFICER LISTING) HAS INFO/UPDATES-CONTACT IF ATTENDING
-**General Membership Breakfast and Summer Picnic with the Detachments is pending.** We will advise locally by separate email/telephone when available.

An Honor Bestowed

The Shriners of El Jebel present an annual Honor Breakfast in October to pay tribute to the men and women who serve in the military, law enforcement and fire services. Honorees are chosen by chiefs and commanders of the many departments and agencies in the Northern Front Range. This year 42 individuals were honored including SSgt Kristin Porter Scientific Applications Specialist at AFTAC Det. 45. Her award was pre-

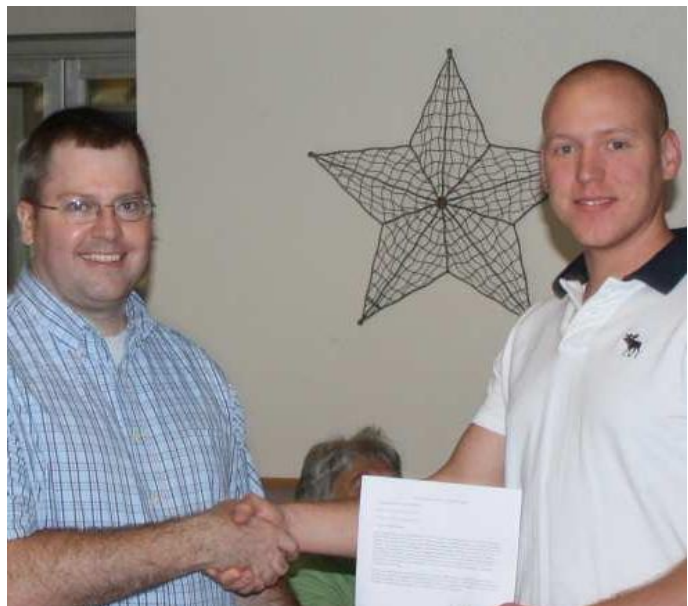
sented by Bob Pence, Special Agent in Charge (Ret) of the Rocky Mountain Division of the FBI. Congratulations Kristin for a well deserved honor!! (see picture below)



Noble Richard McKee (L), Bob Pence (C) and SSgt Porter (R)

September Alumni General Meeting Breakfast

Below, Prez, Steve Clark; VP, Darrel Kline; Treasurer, Bill Schmied



Steve presenting a letter of appreciation to SSgt (Sel) Nathan Hoag for all his help with our hosting of the Alumni Worldwide Reunion in June 2013.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2014.01/04 EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

2013-14 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, 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; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>. **Florida Editor's Note:** *The 1st Page of this 'Fallout' is available at the website, full issues preceding this are also available. This editor can personally attest to the value of reviewing CA's posted issues. There are articles of high interest for Sages not available elsewhere, better yet, sign up for membership.*



Events Calendar (also, see President Report below)

Just a reminder business meetings are the 2nd Monday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome. (Always check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

A Word from the President, January & April

January: Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and prosperous year. We held the election of WCC Officers for December 2013-November 2015 at our Fall Social on November 9th. Since no one threw their hat in the ring to run against any of us, all the current officers were reelected by affirmation.

The Election Committee members were Bob **Fitzgerald** (chairman), Ken **Breitwieser**, and Bob **Baker**. Thanks guys for beating the bushes for nominations, putting together the ballots and conducting the election!!

We had a nice turnout at our Fall Social on November 9th, at the China Buffet. 35 folks showed up to share some food and drink, share stories and kick off the Holiday Season. A big Thank You to Bob **Fitzgerald** for taking photos.

April: It's time for our spring picnic!! Join us on 17 May at Tempo Park in Fair Oaks for free hot dogs, hamburgers, and many delicious side dishes and desserts. Bring your stories and tales and...don't be shy... reach out and bring another AFTAC'er with you. We're not getting any younger. Let's see those smiley faces and hear those stories of days gone by. The West Coast Chapter hosts a Spring Picnic and a Fall Social as our annual social events. We are always looking for new ideas for a change of venue or other socials. Share your ideas with us for other fun things to do or places to go.

January/April: A CALL TO ALL ALUMNI TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DEPOT FALLOUT Whether it is a "Way Back When," "What Are They Doin' Today," or just something you think is interesting, share it with us. It's another way to stay in touch.

Website Activity Report

BOB FITZGERALD, WEBMASTER, WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG

NOTE: Florida Editor's compilation of Bob's report: Sep-Mar, unique visits, 40,000+; Avg per day, about 200; Most visited page, 'History' & 'Departed.' **Check it out, see what those thousands of visits are seeing.**

Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AS OF 10 MARCH 2014:

Total Active Members = 146 Life Members = 136, this is a reduction of 6 active members. We welcome John Taylor as life member. Annual membership fee of \$10 is due 01 Jan. Check your mailing label, or the "WCC Roster" from our website "Forms" page. Life memberships are \$75. Use the web site "Forms" page to send with your dues.



2013 Fall Social Luncheon arranged by Dave **Tarquino** Photos by Bob **Fitzgerald**, See enlarged, "Albums" page at www.AFTACWCC.org.

MONITORing Active

Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col. Christopher
A. Worley

Commander/CC/2012.05 The Col served the AF in many capacities before AFTAC. Recently chief, requirements & assessments, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance at the Pentagon. He was commissioned in '92 from the Officer Training Group and was a distinguished graduate.

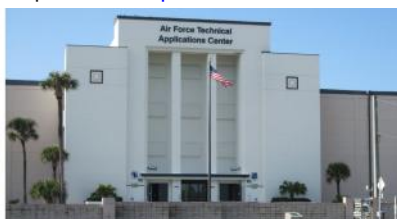
Complete Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



CMSgt Craig
A. Neri

Superintendent/CCS/2012.12/AF1991/AFTAC2012

The Chief grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has served in various positions in the communications field at locations in Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and Alaska. Additionally, Chief Neri served as a First Sergeant for a force support squadron, medical operations squadron and a security forces squadron. He has had several combat deployments. Education: All NCO Academies. Complete Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



It's not where you go, it's where you grow

CMSGT CRAIG A. NERI/AFTAC/CCS

BACKGROUND: WHEN WE LEARNED THE CHIEF WAS RELOCATING HIS TALENTS WE ASKED IF HE HAD A FEW WORDS FOR THE POMO; THAT FOLLOWS. WE WANT TO BID THE CHIEF GOOD LUCK AND THANKS FOR BEING A FRIEND OF THE ALUMNI.

I know all you sages out there have heard that phrase before: "Bloom where you grow." In my opinion, it's a metaphor that applies so much to military life, and I think it's important to keep it in mind throughout one's career.

Some of you may already know that I was selected to become the command chief for the 45th Space Wing. You 'more sage' members may know that position as the 'senior enlisted advisor.' No matter what the title, I was honored to be chosen and really look forward to what the future holds, both personally and professionally.

Returning back to the bloom-grow analogy, as I look back at my time as AFTAC's superintendent, I realize that I have grown some incredibly deep roots with this organization. Unlike many senior NCOs who have been fortunate enough to spend an entire career associated with AFTAC, my career path was different, and it wasn't until January 2012 that I came to be a part of the nuclear treaty monitoring mission. But despite my tenure being shorter than most, I have truly enjoyed blooming where I have been planted.

I have learned a great deal from the Airmen in this organization – Airmen who are superstars in every sense of the word. They are academically gifted; possess knowledge and skills that set them apart from the vast majority of their Air Force peers; and they strive for excellence in all they do – a tenet of the Air Force Core Values.

I have also learned a great deal from AFTAC's senior scientists, analysts and engineers. I began my Air Force career as

a computer maintenance apprentice, so with my somewhat limited technical background, seeing what these folks produce on a daily basis is mind-boggling.

And I have learned the importance of heritage—and I learned that by networking with AFTAC alumni at monthly meetings, the annual Snow Ball, and even at the Winter Social. You have taught me how critical it is to remember our past, learn from those who have served before me, and to carry on the unique and proud history that AFTAC is known for.

It has been a distinct privilege to be a part of AFTAC, and an even greater privilege to call many of you 'friends.' Donna and I want to thank all of you for your kindness, friendship and well wishes as we venture across the base for our newest adventure. We won't be too far, so if you're ever on that side of the base, please make sure to stop by!

Dec. 06, AFTAC hosts 18th Annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration

SUSAN A. ROMANO, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLA.

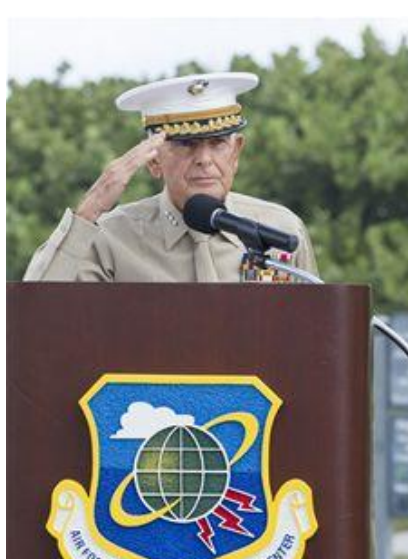
"I get asked a lot, 'Does it feel like it happened just yesterday?' and I always answer, 'No, it feels like it just happened today.'"

Those are the words from Navy veteran John Hatcher, a 92-year-old survivor of the attacks on Pearl Harbor. Hatcher was a 20-year-old seaman 1st class on that fateful Sunday morning in 1941, and was one of three survivors who attended the 18th Annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration ceremony hosted by the Air Force Technical Applications Center Dec. 6, 2013. "We are here today to celebrate the patriotism, courage and sacrifice of these brave heroes here today, as well as remember those who lost their lives on battlefronts at home and abroad," said 45th Space Wing Chaplain, Lt. Col. Calvin Dixon. "May we all be inspired by those we honor today." For the past 18 years, AFTAC has hosted the ceremony to honor the heroism of those who endure the attacks on Hawaii 72

years ago, and this was the second year the center broadened the scope of the event to include other Pacific theater veterans from Korea and Vietnam.

Lt. Gen. John Phillips (pictured), a retired United States Marine Corps veteran, was the guest speaker and gave a personal account of where he was more than seven decades ago.

Read more, with photo(s) [http://](http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123373714)



Lt. Gen. John Phillips, United States Marine Corps retired

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Mar 11, Treaty Monitoring Center opens new chapter, new building

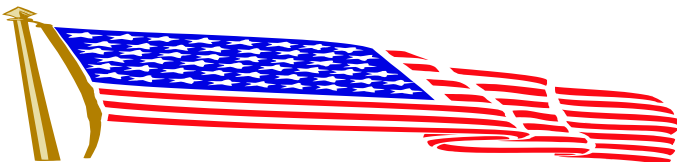
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After nearly 42 years of operating in a 1950s-era building, the men and women of the Air Force Technical Applications Center are moving into a sparkling new facility.

The center marked the event with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday on the grounds of the modern, 4-structure campus, which includes a 276,000 sq. ft. headquarters building; a 38,000 sq. ft. radiochemistry lab; a 23,000 sq. ft. central utility plant; and a 5-level parking garage.

AFTAC's guest speaker for the event was the Honorable James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence and a former AFTAC commander. He was joined on the dais by AFTAC's current commander, Col. Chris Worley; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers district engineer and commanding officer, Col. John J. Chytka; and vice president and district manager of main contractor Hensel Phelps, Kirk J. Hazen. Clapper's 11-month tenure at AFTAC was brief, but apparently memory-enduring. "When I was here 30 years ago in 1984-1985, the old facility where I hung my hat wasn't bad for its time," he said. "But it's clearly time for AFTAC and its magnificent men and women – whether military, civilian or contractor – to work and serve the country in an equally magnificent facility." Pictures, and much more, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123403628>



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

PREPARED/PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, JEANNINE KEPNER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER ALSO PROVIDES DATA

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outback	Various
LRDAA Monthly Meeting	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1600 or other designated time	1545 HQ's Lobby or other Venue	Alumni Website, https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/Home
Burger Burn	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	HQ	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>.'



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftac-cares-program-support-our-deployed>

'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@us.af.mil, Carol provides this update: We currently have eleven AFTAC/members/family/ & friends deployed. Over this period, we received several **very desirable phone cards**, and 'notes of appreciation.'

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes and we post them at the association' website (URL above), and, as possible, in the PoMo. Often, these 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience. **Several of those 'Thanks You's' follow:**

03.21 Posting. Thank you so much for the continued support you provide to deployed members. The care packages are definitely morale boosts; my folks love the Slim Jims and other snacks. Please accept this small token of our appreciation for you dedication. (Melissa sent a QATAR TWIST MANARH MOSQUE [Statue]),

12.31 Posting. Dear AFTAC, received a "really" nice CARE package yesterday... Someone back there must really know the items I like (and miss) because the package was a homerun! Thank you so much for all you do for our deployed. I'll be thinking about all of you at the Winter Social...hope you have/had a great time! **Colonel Jay Bruhl**

12.20 Posting. Please tell the AFTAC Spouses group (and Alumni) thank you for the candy and baked goods. My office truly appreciates them. Hope you're having a great day. **Erik G Mitchell, Capt, USAF**

12.04 Posting. Dear AFTAC Spouses & Alumni, Got another package from the AFTAC Spouses and OMG! Those breads/cakes were so amazing, they are almost gone and I only got it a few hours ago. A big thanks for the phone cards, they're coming in handy especially with the holidays. Tell them all I said thank you so very much. **Kelly Lazenby**

The Boosters Club President Reports

President - TSgt Kevin Sanger, Vice President - SSgt Jessica Wilkinson, Secretary/Public Affairs - A1C Anthony Pham, Treasurer - SrA Gregory Helms, Clothing Sales - SSgt Angela Gray, Fundraising Rep - SrA Lucia Warfield

PoMo EDITORS NOTE: To follow events at the Center we pass on information via eALLert's to subscribed members (open to all, email 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' to enroll) and/or the alumni assn website (URL, Front Page Banner), 'Breaking News' and/or 'Calendar of Events,' Page 05. Check there often.

AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA, PROVIDES ITEMS OF INTEREST ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WE POST THEM AT THE ASSN WEBSITE, [HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/rdalumniassnneedtoknownow/](https://sites.google.com/site/rdalumniassnneedtoknownow/) 'BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW,' PAGE 1, --CHECK THERE OFTEN. AS SPACE PERMITS, ABSTRACTS FOLLOW WITH A LINK TO THE COMPLETE STORY, OFTEN WITH PICTURES. LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING. MANY OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE.

02.10 Posting. AFTAC volunteers descend on local elementary school By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Seventeen members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center here descended on a local elementary school Jan. 31 to serve as science fair judges. Led by one of the center's senior scientists and Senior Executive Service member, Dr. Robert Kemerait, the volunteers arrived at the school and were met by Croton Elementary School's two project coordinators, Terry Williams and Tina Goolsby. After exchanging pleasantries, each volunteer was given a clipboard and a rubric – a scoring guide that listed specific criteria for judging each entry – and then assigned a grade and category to review. Croton students in grades 3-6 were required to submit a science project that fell into one of three categories: physical, environmental or biological. Once the students selected a category, they had to put together a tri-fold display board with elements from their research: their hypothesis, materials list, step-by-step procedures, illustrations of the trials, graphs and charts, outcomes, and of course, the results of whether they proved or disproved their hypothesis. **Read more, with photo(s)** - <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123379722>

01.11 Posting. Treaty Monitoring Center introduces new Innovation Lab By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Tough fiscal times have placed heavy burdens on senior Department of Defense officials as they struggle to balance budget cuts, sequestration, furloughs and force shaping initiatives. One organization is working to mitigate the discomfort of the budget ax by finding ways to accomplish its mission while working better, faster and cheaper. In August 2013, the Air Force Technical Applications Center here stood up an Innovation Lab dedicated to developing technologies at a lower cost to re-

duce operations maintenance and overhead while leveraging its greatest asset – its people. The concept is the brainchild of the center's own commander, Col. Chris Worley. After receiving some rather raw and pointedly frank feedback from his employees during a Unit Climate Assessment, Worley realized there was a large percentage of AFTAC personnel who felt underutilized and undervalued; their voices weren't being heard in the decision process; and certain missions were inadequately stove-piped instead of broadly discussed and shared. According to the survey, nearly 30 percent said they felt they weren't being fully employed. **Read more, with photo(s)** - <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123376370>

12.12 Posting. AFTAC Airmen 'restore' new Habitat for Humanity facility By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – A group of Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center here volunteered their time Nov. 25 to help organize a new Habitat for Humanity ReStore in the local area. The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity also operates ReStores, a nonprofit home improvement store that sells new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Each ReStore is owned and operated by local affiliates and proceeds are used to build homes as well as hope around the globe. Led by Lt. Col. Lisa Shoemaker, AFTAC's deputy director of Plans and Programs, the team of 10 arrived at the facility and was met by Megan Saffell, Habitat's community engagement coordinator for Brevard County, who quickly put the Airmen to work. **Read more, with photo(s)** - <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123374046>



1. "Commander's reCall"/2007.09 (last report)
2. "I Remember ..." /This issue
3. "A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD/2007.09
4. "Sage Stars"-Post Service Success/2013.08
5. "BS Tales"/2013.12
6. "Where In The World Is"/2012.08
7. "Tom's Trivia"/This issue.

NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS.
We list them in the hope it will trigger you to sit down and share a tale or two. It is also a 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).

"I REMEMBER ... "

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

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

HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd, John Horsch (3 reports), Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone (D), Robert Jones (D), Mary Miller, Jim Davis (6), Rick Holderman (2), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman (D), George Kraus (2), George Walters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad, Joe Johnson (2), John Bright(3), Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lillethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy (D), Tom Dunn, Bob Long, Vern Mikkelsen, Brian Swan (D), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, Tony Balentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield, Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, Dave Wingfield, Bill Moran, Ron Geleta, Harry Hodges, Mary Welch (2, D), Karl Starzinger. This issue, John Johnson and Buford Clendenen

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'I REMEMBER' REPORTS

John Johnson, Col (Ret) Reports:

Some memories never fade away. Thanks to Jim Davis ("Hi Jim"), Mail Call, POMO, Vol. 20, Issue 2. His recall of WFO/Team 407, 1955 - 1958, personnel (58-61yrs ago) brought back my own memories starting a few years earlier. As a newly promoted Major, I reported to the McLellan Central Laboratory (MCL), McClellan AFB, Sacramento, CA, in 1952, when it was located in a temporary WW II building. Headquarters, of now AFTAC, was at that time located in a temporary WW II wooden building on the Capitol Mall, Washington, DC.

WOOF-O ---The Western Field Office. I had just graduated with an MSc in Nuclear Chemistry from Ohio State University. What later became McClellan Central Laboratory (MCL) was located in, if I remember correctly, Building T-37. At that time, Tracerlab, Inc., located in the Bay Area, had a contract to operate the lab and train Air Force Personnel in nuclear analysis techniques --- chemical and physical. Leon Leventhal was their on-site manager. The lab was in the process of becoming all Air Force in management and manning with trained Chemists, Physicists, Laboratory Technicians, and a few Administrative personnel. Some of the officers and airmen were just returning from tours at overseas detachments to help train new incoming personnel. Some I remember were Hal Larsen, Charlie Hewitt, Dewey

Weiford, George (Jerry) Williams, Claude DeLorenso, Bill Auth and George Antonio.

Irving J. Russell soon arrived to take over as Laboratory Director. The two of us, assisted by the returned "veterans," developed a formal course of training for the newly arriving chemists, physicists, and lab technicians. We all know about the legendary "Russ." A dynamic person with vision. Does everyone know that he was an orphan and once a Master Chef on a Railway Dining Car? About six months after his arrival, and after the birth of our second daughter, Cindy, he invited us to visit him for a gourmet dinner. What an enjoyable pleasure! And a gracious host!

During the preceding 4-5 months, our laboratory staff had increased with the influx of new officers and airmen, and a few more returning from overseas assignments. Most of the new officers, then and later, were junior officers who had just graduated from colleges with degrees in Chemistry or Physics and commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants from ROTC programs. Some of these were, naming a few, Andy Anderson, Danny Cirelli, Jim Koontz, Dick Wingerson, Lou Wentzler and Norm Johnson. (my apologies to those whom I have missed). Few had significant experience in the necessary chemical or physical analyses of nuclear debris.

Russ was fully prepared to build a reputable all USAF nuclear analysis laboratory---which he did. I was very fortunate to be selected by him to help, especially for the radioactive chemical analysis training effort. Between the two of us, and with the help of those who had already received training from Tracer Lab, an expanded college level course was developed for newly arriving officers and airmen. I believe we were highly successful. With the help of Mr. Doyle Northrop, Dr Carl Romney and Dr Elwood "Woody" Douthett and others, up in Washington, the already existing staff at MCL, and all those newly arriving bright young chemists and physicists, we established great working relationships with other government atomic/nuclear laboratories located at Los Alamos, Hanford, and Oak Ridge.

I failed to mention that, when I joined at McClellan, in the physics branch of MCL we had a filter paper counting room that contained Geiger counters and hand operated calculators, and officers and airmen trained to do all these operations. I believe George Jubber was in charge of these operations, then later Keith Hamby. Expansions later replaced the hand operated functions with IBM computers. They were about the size of an office desk, had about 14 K ROM, and used Disc data input. What an improvement! Later a French made electron microscope installed and later a mass spectrometer!

Back to Irving J. Russell. I have two quaint memories of 'Russ.' He was so energetic, and thoughtful, in his personal teaching and training of newly arriving personnel that sometimes as he passed between his desk and the blackboard he would pick up the chalk and put it in

his mouth instead of his cigarettes-and vice versa. Most of us smoked cigarettes back in those days even when we were actually performing laboratory procedures. The second noticeable event - we issued a procedures manual to all the chemists. These manuals provided instructions for all the chemical analysis procedures for separating the critical elemental isotopes necessary for nuclear sample analysis. New chemists were expected to quickly learn all the procedures and no longer need the manuals at their work stations. I was working next to one of our new chemists, I believe it was Lou **Wentzler**, who was practicing one of the new procedures. "Russ" approached and watched him as he completed one step of mixing, stirring and decanting. "Russ" suddenly asked, "What are you going to do next, Lou?" Lou calmly looked back over his shoulder and replied, "I'm going to turn the page." I'm sure that wasn't the answer "Russ" expected!

I could go on and on with many other such stories, but you would probably have already heard them from Tom **Ciambrone**, Ron **Kane**, Jim **Davis**, John **Lanigan** and others. Tom and Ron were among some of the young officers we trained back then.

All in all, including attendance at Air Force Command and Staff College upon returning from the position of Commander of Team 407, over ten years of my military service were spent experiencing exciting days of the "cold war" and constant nuclear threat. Over this period my duties included MCL chemist, chief chemist 407, Team Commander 407, Chief Chemist MCL, Deputy Director, MCL and Special Assistant to the WFO Commander. One unforgettable experience was observation of a nuclear test at the Nevada test grounds and the sensations of hearing, seeing, then personally feeling the heat and shock effects from a "safe"? distance.

From WFO I attended the U S Army War College in Carlisle, PA, where I also obtained a Master's Degree in International Relations from George Washington University (GWU) with following assignment to the Systems Command Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson AFB as Director of Foreign Technology Reporting. My-next assignment was Technical Director Task Force Alpha. My last assignment was to the Defense Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Pentagon. I retired in 1973 in the grade of Colonel and from the position of Deputy Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence. After working in various consulting positions around Washington for Research and Development contractors I finally retired completely and moved to Granite Bay, CA, only a few miles from McClellan AFB.

My latest achievement was the publication, in January 2014, of my WW II Memoirs book titled Un-Armed, Un-Armored and Un-Escorted, A WW II C-47 Airborne Troop Carrier Pilot Remembers. This Memoir covers my Army Air Corps/ US Army Air Force experience from December 7, 1941, through aircraft mechanic and pilot training, combat operations delivering airborne troops and towing gliders in the invasions of Normandy and

Holland, my shoot down and capture by German troops, my life in a Prisoner of War camp in Germany, Liberation by the Russians and return home in 1945. Published by Merriam Press, Bennington, VT, and available from Amazon.com. or the Publisher.

I remain a proud member of the AFTAC Alumni Association. John R. Johnson, Jr. Colonel USAF (Retired) P.S. As the result of reading the earlier mentioned article by Jim Davis, I created a list of over 130 names of people I knew and worked with, or for, during my tour with AFTAC. And I'm sure there were many others I may have forgotten. This list is available to anyone who might like to see it. What a story, John, thanks for thinking of us for this excellent recall.

**James 'Buford' Clendenen,
Former SSgt, AFTAC, May 67-71, Reports:**

The Dedication Ceremony for the new Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) on March 11, 2014 was well planned and executed. The presentation of the building and the discussions of the activities to be performed within the buildings were well thought out and presented. The AFTAC personnel I interacted with on the tour were very knowledgeable of their topics and obviously proud of their facilities.

For me, attending the dedication ceremony was much more than a walk across the street, as it was for many of the AFTACers. It was a 40 year trip down memory lane. In my mind I traveled from my wonderful days at Lackland AFB with Sgt. **Moss**, who I'm sure never thought I would make it out of Basic Training. He was mystified that a senior officer had ordered him to take me for an interview. He knew I had really messed up somewhere but he wasn't really sure where or how. And I had no idea what was going on either. It was my initial introduction to AFTAC.

The next step after Lackland was aboard Braniff Airlines to Denver and tech school at Lowery AFB. MSgt **Reagle** was the ranking NCO. He seemed to pay special attention to my every movement. I'm sure Sgt. Moss sent him a note. Tech School in Denver was great. I became a "B" trooper. We even learned a few things: like touching B+ really hurts the first eight or nine times; G.I. pay is really low (at least it was then); and, never, ever volunteer for anything.

I started my next duty assignment aboard Pan Am to Det. XXX. It was thrilling, exciting, and a totally new experience for a country boy. It was great. The technology and the job responsibility were awesome. The people I worked with were totally dedicated to the job. People like MSgt. Ben **Vlassick** (my boss), Sgt. **Smith** (maintenance tech from Opp, Alabama), Andrew **Sims**, Bob **Chambless**, Ron **Davis**, Ken **Blakesley**, Jim **Davis**, Ron **Rende** and many, many more names crossed my mind as the trip to Patrick AFB became a reality.

The next stop for me was Telegraph Road and CMSgt. **Davis**. To me, and a lot of other airman, he

was "Mr. Air Force". He was the leader, the boss. He made "B" ops run smoothly. CMSgt. Davis loved to have little chats with me. Mostly to remind me I was in the United States Air Force and not a civilian. SSgt. Curtis **Smith** (who loved to pitch softball), SSgt. **Branan** (who painted) were also there to welcome me to the "B" operations facility.

I was truly blessed to have worked for Ben Vlassick and "Red" Davis during my Air Force term. During my trip to Florida I reflected on their impact on my life. They guided me safely through four years of my life and returned me to civilian life far better than when I enlisted. My Air Force experiences, to a large part, defined my life and my career. I returned to college, graduated, and accepted a position in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I retired in 2005 and currently work as a subcontractor to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to witness the dedication of the new AFTAC facility and to meet and talk with current AFTACers. I am most grateful and offer a special thanks to Clark Creery and Carol Snyder for their outstanding help in making the attendance of me and my wife, Sue, at the ceremony possible. It was a wonderful trip. Thank you, Burford, for sharing your 'times.'

"TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA"

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)



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

HONOR ROLL: Tom **Ciambro** (4 trivia), John **Horsch** (8); Dale **Klug** (7), Bob **Wiley**, Don **Moore**, Steve **Herrick**, Hank **Raymond**, Chuck **Schuster**, Clark **Creery**, Bob **Long**, Joe **Johnson**, Les **Miller**, John **Nederhoed**, Eugene **McKay**, Tom **Dunn**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

Tom Dunn gave us a trivia for this issue pertaining to a specific location, Det 418. Tom asks, "What was the name of the restaurant/nite club at the 9th hole near the Q trailer at Det 418?"

WHILE WE PREFER MORE GENERAL TRIVIA THAT ANYONE WHO SERVED OUR MISSION MIGHT KNOW, WE'LL TAKE WHAT WE CAN GET!! THANK YOU, TOM

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

#19 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ.



SMSGT DANIEL A. GILB

(1969 1995)

SEP 69	AUG 70	**	LOWRY AFB CO STUDENT
AUG 70	DEC 74	**	DETACHMENT 418
DEC 74	OCT 77	**	HQ/DO
OCT 77	OCT 78	**	DETACHMENT 372
OCT 78	NOV 79	**	1155 TCHOS
NOV 79	NOV 84	**	DETACHMENT 407
NOV 84	OCT 88	**	TECH OPS DIVISION
OCT 88	MAY 91	**	DETACHMENT 407
MAY 91	NOV 93	**	DETACHMENT 460
NOV 93	JUL 95	**	HQ/DO

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

#20 and 21 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ.
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MSGT ANTHONY B. CALEDA

(1964 - 2004)

1964 1978	**	DEPENDENT OF SMSGT (RET) FRANK CALEDA
1981 1982	**	LOWRY AFB CO
1982 1983	**	HQ AFTAC
1983 1984	**	DETACHMENT 452
1984 1986	**	3454 TTS LOWRY AFB CO
1986 1989	**	HQ AFTAC
1989 1993	**	DETACHMENT 415
1993 1997	**	HQ AFTAC
1997 1999	**	DETACHMENT 301
1999 2001	**	HQ AFTAC
2001 2003	**	DET 3/ASC PATRICK AFB FL
2003 2004	**	HQ AFTAC



SMSGT GEORGE E. CRONIN

(1969 - 1990)

SEP 69 MAY 70	**	TECH SCHOOL ("I") LOWRY AFB, CO
MAY 70 MAY 71	**	DETACHMENT 220
MAY 71 NOV 71	**	TECH SCHOOL ("Q") LOWRY AFB, CO
NOV 71 FEB 73	**	DETACHMENT 125
FEB 73 JUN 74	**	DETACHMENT 359
JUN 74 JUL 75	**	DETACHMENT 370
JUL 75 JUL 76	**	TECH SCHOOL ("B") LOWRY AFB, CO
JUL 76 JUN 78	**	DETACHMENT 333
JUN 78 FEB 80	**	HQ/TGP
FEB 80 JAN 81	**	HQ/LGL ("J")
FEB 81 JUN 83	**	DETACHMENT 315
JUN 83 AUG 86	**	HQ/TAO
AUG 86 MAY 88	**	DETACHMENT 370
MAY 88 AUG 89	**	OL EB
AUG 89 SEP 90	**	HQ/TXR

*******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-Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1600 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1545 for escort into the building.

A. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.

--other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Dining Facility) may be considered for any meeting

B. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted above.

NOTE: Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE

AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITOR

'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

May

02, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

12, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

June

06, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

09, 'Off-Site' Board/Membership Meeting, time/site TBD

July

04, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

14, Board/Membership Meeting

August

01, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

11, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

3. **Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes**

(**Bold Dates are tentative**-others for planning only)

A. January-April, four events

1. Feb SnowBall XVII

2. Feb, Center Annual Awards Banquet

3. Center Annual Picnic

4. **May 9, XXV Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogether**, pg 1

B. May-August, one event

Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication

C. September-December, 4 events

1. **Sep 12**, Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September VII**'-'Tides' Club, is held on a **second Friday at lunchtime** to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty.

--**AOY Selection Committee** will meet following the meeting.

2. Oct/Nov, XXV Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether

3. **Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**

4. Dec, Center Winter Social

WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled on an 'every other year' basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Lastly, CO-2013.06, before that, CA-2011.05, and FL-2009.06

The next WorldWide is scheduled to be hosted by the Florida Chapter mid-year, 2015

"Tom Trivia," if any, Answer

Two names - Ninth Tee or Halfway House.

*******SAGE SHOP*******

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, Steven **Revels**/IG, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach Steve, by phone:321-494-6867 or Email: steven.revels.1@us.af.mil

The shop can also be perused on our website:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?>

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ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2013.12)

SHIRTS NOTE: *Most shirts are available in any size/color, including women's sizes. The AFTAC alumni patch can be either appliquéd (pocket remains) or embroidered (not on pockets). Colors listed are on-hand; if items are not on-hand, they will be ordered. Call/email to verify availability.*

Golf/Polo Shirt - 50/50 w/pocket; \$18: Sea Teal (aqua blue), Jade (medium green), Forest Green, Navy, Red, White, Royal Blue,Teal, Maroon, Black

Golf/Polo Shirt – Dri-Fit Fabric

w/pocket - \$24: Navy, White

w/o pocket - \$22: Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Maroon

50/50 T's – w/o pocket - \$8: Light Blue, Royal blue, Navy, Ash Gray, Purple, Red, Fuchsia, Stone Washed Green, Mint Green, Jade Green, Black

Dri-Fit T's – w/o pocket \$13: Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Maroon, Tropic Blue

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

Long sleeve fleece sweatshirt - \$18 (most sizes/colors available)

Windbreakers - \$24 Royal Blue w/colored AFTAC Alumni emblem

Hats – \$8.00 Blue/White

COINS/PINS

50th LRD Commemorative Coin \$3

60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$4

(NOTE: 60th Coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th; vendor refused to change)

NuDet NDS 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin, supply very limited - \$10

99/9S Coin - \$8

AFTAC 'Traditional' Coin-HQ w/aircraft/motto/logo on reverse \$8

AFTAC Top 3 Coin - \$7

AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3.25

CLEARANCE ITEMS:

Golf Shirt \$5 - Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'; 2-Large, 4-XL

Nylon Jacket: \$10 – Royal Blue, w/white emblem with 'Alumnus'; 1-XL

SHIPPING

Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling for 1 Item, \$1.50 for each additional item. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)

SAGE SHOP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS

AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin - SrA **Hayes**, Christopher.Hayes1@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9182/TSgt **Wilkins**, matthew.wilkins@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9146 - \$7, shipping, \$1 a coin, up to \$5, then on an as needed basis for more.

Det 45 has minted a commemorative coin. Contact the CO Chapter Treasurer, 'Bilschmied@aol.com,' for info/purchase.

◆ “WorldWide 2015’ Reunion Report:

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<<<From Pg 1 on a regular basis. Current plans are for the Mid-May to June time frame for a period of three-days. Initial proposal is to hold a Friday-Icebreaker, Saturday-Banquet, Sunday AM-Breakfast. The Hospitality committee is looking into several activities for Saturdaymorning. Please see a planning questionnaire in this issue; we need your input. And, as always, your involvement with the committees is greatly appreciated. See our web page for contact information.

The Reunion Committee Reports and asks for your assistance. March 7th was the first meeting of Florida Alumni committee members to begin planning for 'WorldWide 2015,' to be held in 2015. This event will take place at Patrick Air Force Base, FL sometime between mid-May and the end of June. The final dates will be determined soon and further information will be forthcoming. There are several holidays during that time period and the committee will make every attempt to schedule around those dates. Planning for such an event requires input from those who plan to attend. In order to make proper and timely arrangement for hotels, venues and costs, we are asking for your early input to the questions below. Your answers will provide, to the committee, extremely valuable information that will help to make this the best reunion ever.

We understand it's difficult for many people to make such plans over a year in advance. To that end, please know that your replies are not binding in any manner at this time. At a later date, you will be asked to commit yourselves. So please help us by giving us your thoughts at this time.

Answer the following questions by the number listed. (example 1. Yes, 2. 3, 3. No, etc)

1. Do you think you will attend the reunion?
2. How many people will be in your group?
3. Do you live in the local area?
4. Would you be flying in?
5. The reunions are usually a three day event. Would you plan to attend all days?
6. Would you need a hotel room(s)?
7. How many rooms would you need?
8. If you plan to combine a vacation while here, how many days would you need a room(s)?
9. Our reunions are usually held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If flying or driving in, what day do you think you'd arrive?
10. Thinking of question 9, what day do you think you'd leave?
11. Would you prefer a beach-side hotel?
12. Would you rent a car?
13. Would you attend an ice-breaker get together the night prior to the dinner (Usually Friday)?
14. Would you attend the main dinner on the following night (Usually Saturday)?
15. Would you be interested in a golf tournament?
16. Are you interested in NASA Space Center Tours?
17. Are you interested in going to Disney World?
18. Would you be interested in the "Cruise To Nowhere" gambling ship? A one day option leaving from Port Canaveral.
19. Would you be interested in an ocean fishing trip?
20. Would you be interested in a tour of the new AFTAC headquarters if it were possible?
21. Would you be interested in an unclassified briefing of today's AFTAC mission?
22. Finally, we solicit your input on any other sightseeing or vacation venue you might think of that might be enjoyed by others.

*****Please send email replies to SMSgt (Ret) Frank Calenda at 'fcalenda@aol.com.' If you have questions, also send them to that email address or call at 321-773-2046. For those without computers or access to a computer, you can mail your reply by mail to him at: 306 Markley Court, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937.**

Please be kind enough to help us with these preliminary questions as soon as possible. We anticipate this will be one of the largest and best reunions to date. Such an event will only be made better when we are aware of your intentions and desires. Thanks, The Reunion Committee

Editorially speaking <<< Page 1 This was a sampling, I'd say in all some of 10-15 Sages who made the move. Thank you for the consideration and switch. If we missed any of you in this initial inundation, please remind us.

Membership Application

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

FLORIDA Chapter dues (check one, enclose sum): \$10 annual dues \$75 lifetime

SPECIAL OFFER, for first time (new) members only, 3 year's dues for **\$20**

NAME _____ Spouse _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL/HOME PAGE (optional) _____

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