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

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best of stages
Being one of the
Center's Sages

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

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

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

ATTENTION AIRBORNE PERSONNEL, NOV 2008

Charlie Penn posted the following notice on the alumni assn website, www.aftalumni.org, 'Need To Know Now' link. (continued lower next column)

SNOWBALL XI, JAN 31ST, TIDES CLUB

Details as known-watch here and at the website.

WORLDWIDE REUNION, MAY 1-2, 2009

The Florida Chapter Hosts this biannual event. The dates are set, and a superb location selected, 'Radisson Resort at the Port,' the scene of previous, and very successful Florida hosted events. Mark your schedules now!! (see page 3)

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, MARCH 29

1100-1730, INSIDE WICKHAM PARK

Report on Page 3 and expanded in the Active-Duty section of this newsletter. .

GOLF N'GETOGETHER, MAY 2, COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE

Alumni Assn's 18th Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether. See page 3.

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denotes and represents
all who served the
mission throughout its
inception and history

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ALERT: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/ELECTIONS MEETING

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

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

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

President: Lloyd French

Vice-President, Addison Mitchell (since FY06);

Secretary, Judy Milam (since FY06)

Treasurer, Joe Goldian (since FY03)

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

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

ALERT: AIRBORNE CONTINUED FROM PG 1

"We are polling all past and present airborne folks (SEO's, F Troop, and Lab) to find out if there is interest for a reunion in Las Vegas. Polling about holding the reunion in **November, 2008**, to coincide with the Aviation Nation Air Show was overwhelming in favor. If there are a sufficient number of play-

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

William 'Bill' Schmied, 2007-Deborah Carson 2006

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

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

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

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring center people and its history exist: Two of these, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the 'Wall of Honor' of alumni who served the center for 20+ years (and have mailed in their photos/bios), are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming, Museum.

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired and active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985 and formed the association with a charter in 1986. It intends to provide a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to past/present employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

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

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

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

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

Sage Communicators, Florida Chapter

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Web: Master, Mike Black, '**NTKN**' Link, Editors

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



In our column last issue we noted the death of Don **Kirkpatrick**, and why we recognized him as an 'Honorary Sage.' Several people who knew Don, and Trudee from his days at the Cape and from alumni association events, thanked us for doing this. Clark **Creery**, for one, wrote (03.18): "... (Don and Trudee's 'Sage' designation) shows that we (alumni assn) are not just a clan. We are an association that generates camaraderie and fun for all. Don and Trudee were true 'Sages' and very, very welcome. We tried to learn how to play bridge from them, we attended parties when they lived in Canaveral or Cocoa and I managed to teach Don the computer along with spreadsheets as a McDonald (Douglas) employee. I certainly miss him." (Don's memorial was well attended by Sages he had worked with and around during his time at the Cape.)

Recently your editors spent several hours (days) going back to the 'online' PoMo issues, and our hard-copies, to compile each and every feature article ('I Remember,' 'BS,' etc) as a 'pdf' document since we started editing/publishing the PoMo. We start with Mar, 98, go thru Mar, 06, (starting in Sep, 2002, they are available in pdf format at the website). That's over 10-years worth of articles. Reading back thru these is truly a march thru LRD history. If any 'paid-up' Sage would like a specific quarter of these 'Feature Articles,' and it is not available 'online' (1998.03-2002.09), just let us know and we will forward same via email, pdf attachment.

Speaking of feature articles, several issues ago we asked for, or think we did, for inputs on how you 'came into' LRD-especially if it was unique, e.g., Ray **Brust** responded to a classified ad in his base newspaper! By the way, Ray, we'd really like to have your written article about this-we remember it being hilarious when you told us how it happened, especially about the wording of the classified ad!

Very late in our PoMo prep cycle we learned of CC's departure (more at 'Active-Duty' Section). We bid Col **Westergren** and his family the best and thank them for their unending support. Their service certainly extended to the Sages and they never failed to do all they could to support the alumni assn in all endeavors. They enhanced our 'Alumni Of The Year' events and always remembered us in the 'Center Annual Award Banquet.'

A Sage Hearty Thank You and come back to see us anytime!!!

The Colonel's assn membership will continue!

ers for this tentative event we would make further queries about exact location, prices and ancillary events. If you are interested please contact either Butch **Kemna** (SEO #22), 916-722-8509 or jklk@mindsyn.com, or Charlie **Penn** (SEO #2), 916-624-1067 or chaspenn@sbcglobal.net . We are hoping you will respond soon so the planning can commence. Let's get the "green baggers" reunited to exchange and relive old war stories."

Tentative schedule is posted at the reunion website, linked from the alumni website, 'NTKN' link:

- Nov 6th - Early bird registration/hospitality suite
- Nov 7th - Registration, golf & casual no-host bar
- Nov 8th - Air Show, tour(s), banquet
- Nov 9th - Recovery breakfast, final good-byes

ALERT: WORLDWIDE REUNION, CONT FROM PAGE 1

BOB WILEY, COORDINATOR

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

Those of you who attended a previous reunion at this hotel know that you can make this a big vacation by scheduling visits to Orlando attractions, the Kennedy Space Center, the beaches, a gambling cruise out of the port or even a 3 day cruise before or after the reunion.

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

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

EVENT: CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, FROM PAGE 1

EDITORS

It was a grand event with several differences. There was a larger variety of food and the sports competition harkened to previous times when 'directorates' vied for position in various categories. See further information in the 'Active-Duty' section.

We did miss one item the picnics have always had over the years, 'Sage Shoes.' When the events were organized, we did not get our bid in in-time to

be considered in this competition. Hopefully this will not happen next year.

EVENT: GOLF N'GETOGETHER, FROM PAGE 1

Sponsors: **AIS, MTC, Riverside Research Institute, Orange Business Services, SAIC, Morgan Financial, Brevard County Parks & Recreation, Surfer Cafe**

Volunteers: Addison **Mitchell**, Deborah **Carson**, Pat **Snyder**, Jack **Jackson**, Cassia **Salter**, SrA Aaron **Molock**, A1C Jacquelyn **Molinaro**, A1C Alicia **Davis**, A1C Meghan **Williams**

Prize Winners:

1st 2nd and 3rd place winners names and photos follow (thanks to our prez and digicam man, Bob Wiley).

15th place: Charlie Brennan, Scott Wierschke, Ed Henry & Jerry Delaney (each received a gift certificate worth \$45 toward golf lessons at Golf USA) **Longest Drive** - Mike Hoy & Marsha Wierschke **Closest to Pin** - Don Beck and Don Gilbert.

57 other prizes given away: 8 - \$25 **Manatee Cove** gift certificates 4 - \$25 **Golf USA** gift certificates 2 - \$30 **Brevard County** gift certificates for 2 golf rounds at any of the 3 Brevard Co. golf courses 10 - \$20 **Charlie & Jake's** gift certificates 10 - \$10 **Golf USA** gift certificates 10 - \$10 **Manatee Cove** gift certificates 4 - golf towels 2 - golf accessories kit 2 - cap clips 5 - a sleeve of balls & **Surfer Café** coupons **Ping Driver:** Marv Crumpton **Titleist Driver:** Thomas Highsmith **Odyssey Putter:** Dave Sorter **Hybrid Wood:** Bill Yockey, John Howorth



1st place: Eric Salter, Paul Bertrand, Gerald McFadden & Matt Mohler (\$70 Cocoa Bch Country Club gift certificate to each)



2d place: Frank Walker, Gary Killian, Marsha Wierschke & Joe Walker (\$50 Cocoa Bch Country Club gift certificate to each)



3rd place: Justin Beeler, Joey Vermillion, Travis Meyers & Bo Howard (\$30 Cocoa Bch Country Club gift certificate to each)



Personals ...

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

Transitions

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

In Memoriam

Richard (Dick) Dalton
George McKeel (last issue)
William F Koerschner

Rest in Eternal Peace

Richard (Dick) E. Dalton, 1929 - 2008

DORIS BUTLER, PHONE/BILL SCHMIED, EMAIL, 03.12

Bill noted: Messages for the family may be left at the [funeral home] website [follows]. Dick was a member of the Florida alumni chapter and has been a member of our Colorado chapter since we started in 1991. **Website:** www.newcomerfamily.com, search for 'Dalton, Richard.' Obituary follows:
Interment: Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO. 1978, USAF, Ret., and Revelation Lodge 180 member of Denver, CO, passed away March 10, 2008. He is survived by his children: Tamyra J. & husband Wayne Wells; Richard E. Dalton, Jr.; Kimberly Dalton; granddaughter: Shannon E. Wells; brothers: Shirl; Norman; Carl; Robert. He was preceded in death by his wife: Alberta.

George McKeel

DALE KLUG-EMAIL, 03.27

Editors Note: George's passing was noted in the last issue; what follows is an extract of his published obituary.

GEORGE M. McKEEL, of Magalia, CA, died while on vacation in Yuma, AZ, on Friday, March 7, 2008. Born June 19, 1934 to George and Martha McKeel in Monaca, PA, he was 73 years young. George enlisted in the Air Force in 1953 and retired in 1977 as Master Sergeant. While on duty he was stationed at many Air Force bases in

the United States and around the world. He belonged to the Wieser, ID Elks Lodge; Spaulding (Eagle Lake), CA. American Legion; life member



of North Highlands, CA., VFW Post 4647; Paradise Eagles Aerie 2960, and was Governor of the Paradise Moose Lodge 2227, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, where he obtained his Fellowship Degree. He enjoyed RVing, especially with the Moose Lodge RV Club and becoming a Snow-

bird in Yuma, riding his Vulcan Classic motorcycle and meeting new friends.

He is survived by his wife Jan of Magalia; daughter Annette Alberti, son-in-law Dave and grandsons Daniel and Nathan of Elverta, CA; son Mike McKeel, daughter-in-law Miyuki and granddaughter Emily Grace of Roseville, and many, many friends who knew and loved him.

A Memorial (or as George would like to say "Happy Hour") was held at the VFW Post 4647, North Highlands, on Sat. April 19, 2008 at 1 p.m. and the Paradise Moose Lodge 2227 on Sat. May 3 at 3 p.m. Paradise Post from 3/26/2008 - 3/28/2008

Col Koerschner

CLENTIS W. BAILEY EMAIL, 05.29

It is my sad duty to inform you of the death of Col William F Koerschner, Jr., USAF (Ret) at age 88 on April 16, 2008 at his home in Blowing Rock, NC. As a 25-year old Captain, I first worked for Colonel Koerschner when he was Chief, Operations Division at the headquarters then located on Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA. Later in 1966-67 I again worked for him when he was Commander, 1157 TOS, Weisbaden, Germany.

Just a few months ago he spent several days with Betty and I while enroute to visit his son in Farmington, New Mexico. We spent many hours talking of the early days of the organization and the great people, both officer and enlisted, with whom we had served. While here he shared with me his secret of "How to prepare the perfect fried egg every time". Needless to say, for the remainder of his visit he was honor-bound to do the breakfast eggs. No better officer or finer man ever served our great organization or the USAF.

Obituary Link: "<http://www.blowingrocket.com/2008/042408/obituaries.php3>"

MAIL - CALL

Any requests for action should be sent to
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Missives requesting no action may be emailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@earthlink.net. They may be edited for clarity and space but not normally for punctuation, wording, etc; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

Thanks' to all who write!! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled. Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).

EPOMO EMAIL

Failed Addresses, Hard-Copy Mailed

Please Send Corrected Address:

apavik@flash.net and RMacManus@att.net, 1st failure;
aldavis26@houston.rr.com, 2nd failure;
keri.robinson@pnl.gov, 3rd failure

First Sage to 'Report In'

Jim Davis-email 2008.03.11 @ 245PM

NOTE: ePoMo sent out between 1 and 2PM EDT

Just received the ePoMo and as before I peeked (read every word before I replied) to see what has been going on, and as usual still find it very interesting...thanks to all the people involved in putting it together. You are most welcome.

When one can go back 50 years and still know a few old timers (yeah I know Hank **Raymond**, Bo **Ferris**, Gerry **LaBarre**, Frank **Winter** even I know Joe **Johnson**....Joe and I once spent a few days together in the Nevada desert in August of all times.....remember Joe???) There may be a few who I have forgotten or didn't name but I have to put a rush on this in order to TRY and qualify being FIRST to reply in receiving the ePoMo for this period. Numero Uno again, Jim ... good work. John (Jack) McGettigan may have beaten you with the Dec issue, but you got it back with this one!!! Matter of fact, we were not sure John received the March issue, see this exchange:

Mac, We're not sure what is happening. We got error msgs when we sent, but you seem to have received. **Jack replied:** Sorry for the confusion. I did get the PoMo. Thanks. Jim, So there you are; you beat him out of it fair and square!!! Jim replied:

I truly believe that the ePoMo is the way people

should go...The only down side is the cost of ink and paper and people who are retired should be able to afford that and if they are good AFTACER'S they should be willing to help you 'all save a few bucks in mailing costs. Thanks again John, hang on there and keep up the outstanding work and effort you put into this project.

Oh, I must tell you, Pat (one of our intrepid 'Insiders,' Pat Snyder) got me all squared away on the TOP THREE coins and will send the 60th Anniversary coin when it is available. You once mentioned what a super job she does and what a great person she is...Well, I told her I appreciated her efforts and that, as you would say, "she may not have been a TOP THREE but she is definitely TOP NOTCH." Great 'way to say,' and agree, with those words, 'Pat is That!!!' And, we'll see if your comments on ePoMo bring in a few more eSages ... we remember how you drug your feet, but now you are a big proponent!!!

Clark Creery-email

03.12

Another breathtaking issue. Wonderful job and I know all our membership enjoys each issue. Keep up the good work! Without your help, it would not be.

Oh, today is the 12th of March - the Alumni Assn Birthday as well as mine. Alumni = 23 and I am, never mind ... Never thought that either of us would last that long. Wish we'd thought of that ... we could've touted the Bday in the March issue; and, you have a lot to do with the longevity of both!!!

John (Mac) McGettigan-email

03.12

Read the new newsletter and was great as always. Sorry, Jim Beat me. Mac, there'll always be another issue, and another opportunity ... thanks for the competition!

POMO MAIL

Bob Long-email

03.12

Reading the PoMo before printing it off and became curious of story surfacing in my mind during our Aussie theme ball.

Back in the day when no one knew where we were, a race made Time Magazine "supposedly" of a bottomless boat race in a dry river bed and the Yanks won... State was up in arms. Copious quantities of beer are consumed annually during this race. Now the Alice is pretty common news. Back when we were not there at all....?

Probably old news, great to recall and share. And where did the term Snowball come into play?? Know we had it at Det 204 and carried it on down the road from Bender to Chena upon activation..hhhhmmmm. We have heard about this dry river race; it must be quite a sight. SnowBall comes from the idea we hold it when the 'SnowBirds' are in town and it is a 'semi-Ball.' We used it the first time we held one and it has 'stuck.' Others have thought it may have come from a 'supply' term the mission used.

Bob later added: In the day, twas not too "illegal" but outdated film had a lot of silver in it. Paid for many philanthropic activities. Then the legality came along and made it illegal. But many 99's in their day used their name to get a check... Well, even the FA50 was giving up the silver for snowballs...Don't want to give up all the secrets tho.

Bob later explained the term 'snowball' was applied to the 'good times' afforded by the silver sales.

OTHER MAIL

Jim Payne-email

03.18

Subject: shingles shot/TriCare for Life ... this might be an appropriate article for the PO-MO since many of the alumni do not have easy access to a base, or possibly even access to a VA clinic...cheers. <http://www.tricare.mil/faqs/question.aspx?ID=1741> Thanks Jim

Dick Grim-email

04.15

Several years ago on a very cold and nasty winter morning I received an Obscene Phone Call from a man who called himself "Frank Calenda." I had known **one of those** many, many years before and had just finished my last Therapy Session trying to get over it. The only reason I didn't hang up on him is because he said he had just been called by his wife and wanted to know if he knew an OLD AFTAC'er named Richard **Grim**. She said she had just received a new AFTAC Alumni List and there was one who lived in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was working at the time. He said he had been in Fort Smith for some time, installing Radiation Equipment at the new St. Edward Mercy Medical Cancer Center.

To make a long story short he begged me to buy his dinner. Said he hadn't eaten in over a week. My wife Robbie and I met him at the Local Calico County Restaurant. He said his name was Frank Calenda but the Frank I knew was clean shaved and had dark hair. This one was gray headed and had a gray beard. Come to think of it my hair may have been a little gray too, ha ha. Turned out it was the Frank I knew and although the day was rotten, weather wise, my wife Robbie, and I, enjoyed a nice dinner together. I have this sick feeling in the back of my head that he may have even paid for it. You were extremely fortunate, if that happened!

His work was completed and he left town a couple days later. He had been here several weeks but neither knew the other was here. What little time we spent together was great. You know how Old AFTAC'ers are when they get together. My

only regret is it wasn't longer.

If my memory serves me correctly, I think he replaced me in Japan but I left prior to his arrival. Am so glad we have made the email connection. I have a few war stories I want to bounce off him. I wrote a kind of history of my twenty years in the USAF including the ten with AFTAC.

P.S. Frank!! Hope you and yours enjoyed your time in Japan as much as we did. We went there for 36 months and stayed 54. Dick, we're not sure Frank will sit still for this ... expect a response!!

And, we were correct! The ink was not dry when Frank wrote:

Hmmmmmm, Obscene phone call, huh? I have sat here for several minutes trying to figure why I would waste a good obscene call on the likes of Dick Grim. Since I can't think of any good reason, I'll just have to say it must have been a different Frank Calenda.

I do remember something about a meal at a less-than-standard restaurant and, as confessed to above, I did pick up the tab. I don't even remember him offering to pay the tip, but then hey, it was Dick Grim and I guess I just expected it.

I did have a beard, mostly because there were certain people I didn't want to ever recognize me. The gray hair came from my last TDY with Dick. I was amazed that he made the statement that I replaced him in Japan because, according to his last words, nobody could ever replace him.

I'm glad we made email contact again too because maybe now he'll pay me back the taxi fare I paid for in Bangkok that he promised he'd do. It was only a few bhat but a promise is a promise. I'll bet he doesn't even remember it.

In any case, I eagerly await your stories Dick and I'd love to read your biography. Edna and I will leave for Africa on April 23rd and return May 15th. We have a few trips planned in June and July but on July 14th we'll be on our way to New Zealand for six months. However, I will have this email address with me so we'll stay in touch.

Take care. Dick, it sounds like Frank is doing all he can to be away from you!!! And, appreciate the tale readers will find later.

Gayle Joseph-email

05.19

Thanks for keeping us up to date with all that is going on! I am particularly happy to see that Dr. **O'Brien's** choices for party attire haven't toned down since I was there almost 20 years ago!! (The electronic PoMo color photos do help us see what's really going on!)

From Sunny and Beautiful Massachusetts - www.stillriverpottery.com, 'Ceramics that Capture the Beauty and Intricacy of Nature.' Gayle wrote this in

reply to a recent 'link' test with our ePoMo Charter Subscribers. Thanks, Gayle, and we have listed your 'business address/slogan' as we believe Sages are interested in what other Sages are doing.

"Where In The World Is ... "

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

1. **GUY (BUCK) COPELAND**-Somewhere in Hawaii, I last heard. Jack Buchanan, jeb44e@comcast.net
2. **Troy Cobb**-Last I knew, he was in Alice Springs. mike.johnston@analog.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE(S)

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

'Serial Sages'

New Lifetime Memberships

James **Champoux**, (previously, annual), Robert B. **Rives**, Richard **Grim**, Paul **Bertrand**

'Sustaining Sages'

Annual Memberships, new and renewals

George **McMonigle**, Jay D **Bilyeu**, Debra and John **Carson**, Joe **Goldian**, Harvey **Shaw**, Carol **Warfield**, Kenneth R. **Oyer**, Bernard J. **Riley**, Addison **Mitchell**

'Address Change(s)'

Gerald M. **Jordan, Jr.**, Albert **Genzler**, Michael **Cauldwell**, Christina A. **Jones**, John and Christel **Horsch**

SCENE SAGES-MEMORIES MADE AND RECORDED!

Pictures of Center and Sage Events courtesy of Bob Wiley



Center Winter Social, December 2007
Patti and Terry Hammond; Judith Wiley



Center Winter Social, Here Terry Hammond tries to show his table 'Best Dressed' ... they vote by looking away!!!



Center Winter Social, George Mirda and Randy Vlassick try to escape the camera!

Below, Center Annual Picnic, 2008. (L>R and back) Frank Calenda, Curt and Eunice Harris Carol Warfield, John and Chris Horsch



PREZ

FROM
THE TOP

SEN

There are two main topics for this issue. The first is a "Thank you" to Frank **Hall** for once again chairing the nominating committee to identify candidates for the LRDA officers for next year. Lloyd **French** is an excellent choice for your president and I hope you will vote for him. Because holding the elections in conjunction with the fall golf tournament violates the organization's constitutionally approved schedule, the election this year will be 8 Sept at The Tides club, 1130 to 1300. Plan on having lunch with us and giving the new officers a warm welcome.

In the last issue, I announced Carol Warfield as chairperson for the 2009 reunion. Since then, she has organized subcommittees, researched, collected and presented information to the board on a number of facility options. Based on her efforts, the board chose to hold the reunion at the Radisson at the Port, where we had the last reunion. Due to changing circumstances, Carol has found it necessary to reduce her involvement in the reunion planning, so I am going to move into this function. I commend Carol for her preparatory work and thank her for establishing a potential that I hope I can bring to fruition next May. I still need all her committees to continue planning activities and additional volunteers will always be welcome. Details of the current plans are given in another article starting at page one.

Come to the elections at The Tides on 8 Sep. There'll be good fellowship and we can partake of the normal lunch buffet.



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

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

Appointed

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

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A Minute with the Minutes New Business

Our Treasurer, Joe Goldian reported that we have only about 65 annual members, so our **annual income is going down**. Electronic mailings are helping, but we still need to find more funds to keep from going in the hole. It was suggested that we try to encourage membership among active-duty and those just retired or nearing retirement. Another possibility is that the Alumni could sponsor the burger burns at AFTAC 2 or 3 times a year to earn money. Potential profit would be about \$400 to \$600. Deborah Carson will approach the Booster's Club about getting on the schedule. This might also be a time to promote membership in the LRDA.

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

Golf: Oct 10, the 18th Annual Assn Fall Golf N'Getogether-Details as known.

Membership: Chair, Randy Vlassick reports membership is 649, 575 lifetime, delinquents have been dropped from the listing.

Post-Monitor: Printing/Mailing costs continue to deplete our reserves. Discussions continue on the possibility of 3-issues per year vs the current quarterly schedule.

LRD 50-Year Commemorative Coins: Hand-over from NASA of our coin from the recent successful STS 123 mission (see pictures and text on following page) occurred on May 29!! This is a second space odyssey for '50-Year' coins; (continues on page 10)





(pictures from Florida Today website) Here we see STS 123 liftoff, and land, with our 50th Anniversary coin aboard (see meeting minutes, previous page). Space Shuttle Endeavour left earth at 0228 on 03.11 and returned at 03.26. As reported in the PAFB Missileer, "The primary objective of this (25th mission) to the International Space Station (ISS) was to deliver the Japanese Kibo Logistics Module and the Canadian Dextre robotics system to the ISS." (NASA reports this is the 122nd shuttle mission). The fact our coin flew added additional interest for alumni on the space coast and elsewhere. NOTE: I know 'several sharp sages' noted this was flight #123 and the 122 mission. We asked Clark Creery about this anomaly and he wrote: "As I recall, mission numbers are based upon the mission circumstances, not the sequence in numerical order. For example, STS-119 has not gone yet because it will be the end of the Station Assembly." He added this report, *NASA Assigns Crew for Final Solar Array Delivery to Station WASHINGTON -- NASA has assigned the space shuttle crew for Discovery's STS-119 mission, targeted for launch in the fall of 2008. The flight will deliver the final pair of power-generating solar array wings and truss element to the International Space Station.*

OUR COIN FLYS!

EDITORS

After much effort on the part of many people, we got our 50th Anniversary Coin into space for a second trip. The idea started over three-years ago when Pat **Snyder**, our long-time 'Intrepid Insider' and multiple board-position server, mentioned there were very few 50th Anniversary coins remaining in the inventory and wondered if the 'LRD Alumni Association, Patrick Chapter,' would like to purchase them to present to deserving alumni. Your editors agreed and thought sending them back into space would be a grand idea and everyone voted, 'Aye.'

We wrote emails and letters to NASA Offices, enlisted the help of Senator **Nelson**, and queried Sages who had worked with NASA (Clark **Creery**, Tom **Eddleman**, etc). Our current President, Bob **Wiley** got involved and spoke to Maj Robert **Bridges**, and Abby **Cassell**, NASA Official Flight Kit Coordinator. Perseverance and persuasiveness finally was paying off and we were talking to the right people. We learned the process and that we could only send one coin. Just days before takeoff, our president, Bob Wiley was driving the coin to the cape for launch and its ride to space. To the left you see the coin in the presentation montage display showing the crew and various stages of flight and operation. Below that is the text you see under the flag.

The association plans to present this coin to the active-duty force to display in the 'Hall of Heritage.' The remaining 50th Anniversary coins will be presented to deserving alumni.



Coins Our first set of 10 Coins 'flew' on STS-86, 1997.09.25-10.06. These coins were presented to the alumni assn to use in recognition of exceptional service. This recent single coin will be displayed in the 'Hall of Heritage' (at the HQ's building) recognizing these events.

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

SnowBall: SnowBall XI scheduled for 2009.01.31 at the Tides; theme TBD.

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

OTHER CHAPTERS

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2008.03

ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice President, Earl **Pierce**
Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Bruce **Deffler**
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**

Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>. Membership: ~105

Colorado Chapter Events 2008

RSVP to Jack Smith, 303 428-1812 or email
COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM

General Membership Breakfast 13 Sep 2008 08:30
Aurora Hills Golf Club

Summer Picnic TBA Sat in June

Club Dinner/Dance 15 Nov 2008 17:30 Aurora Hills
Golf Club

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2008.04

DEPOT FALLOUT

Jack Allison, President; **Dennis Nolan**, Vice President; **Ken Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors; **Orville Pritchard**, Asst. Chairman of the Board; **Dave Tarquino**, Director At Large; **Charlie Penn**, Treasurer; **Butch Kemna**, Asst. Treasurer; **Ken Breitwieser**, Secretary; **Bob Baker**, Asst. Secretary, **Dave Price**, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**. Website @ <http://www.aftacwest.org/>. Membership: 158, 128 are Lifetime

Events Calendar

-Business/Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays quarterly at the Lion's Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park: **2 Sep, and 2 Dec 2008**

(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <www.AFTACwest.org>.)

PoMo Editors Note: We used an item from the CA Newsletter in our 'Trivia' section.

Mail Call

E-mail address: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

Kevin Anderson Email: 23 Dec 2007. Hi All, I hope you're all enjoying the holiday season. I received a letter from Jane at the orphanage (Chechon, Korea) and she said Camp Long is closing next year (no one told me) but the Det will stay but there will no longer be a commander. Jane is doing fine and has no health issues at the moment. She is 70 plus now and she is still pretty much working full time. Heck, she built another three-story building on her property. Cheers all... Boomer. **Editor's Note:** Those of you who would like a copy of Jane's Christmas newsletter, just email me.

'Way Back When'

88 FLOODS JUST ONE FOND MEMORY FOR CENTRE'S YANKEE.

DANIEL BURK HASLETT (POMO EDITOR'S NOTE: THE FOLLOWING WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE

The two and a half years that I lived in the Alice represent some of the most exciting and enjoyable years of my life. I have many fond memories of the friends, food, and sites that I left behind when I returned to the United States. I was assigned to Detachment 421, known locally as "The Det", back in October of 1987. I flew into town with virtually no information about Alice Springs. Sure, I had read all about this cattle town in the middle of the outback and seen the pictures, but the materials that I was reading dated back to 1977 and 1967 respectively!

Since I had just spent the last eight months on US Air Force installations in the States, the idea of being transferred to a remote detachment, where you don't even wear uniforms seemed exciting and full of mystery. The assignment description said that I would have to "live off the local economy" and buy and cook my own food, and I relished the opportunity. Would I have to buy myself a washer? Rent an apartment? Every picture seemed to show a bright red, dirt road.

Based on this information, I sold my Chevy Camaro, thinking that everyone in the Alice must surely use four-wheel drive! When I got off the airplane at the Alice Springs Airport, I was met by most of the whole detachment: Colonel David **Ebersole**, Harold **Hughes**, Dan **Thompson**, and Ray **Baney**, just to name a few.

Detachment 421, located just across the street from the RSL club, is also known amongst the Australian government as the Joint Geological and Geophysical Research Station (JGGRS).

This seismic station is a joint venture between the United States and Australia, and the data from the seismic array located just north east of Alice Springs is sent real-time via satellite to both Canberra and to HQs, Florida. The primary mission was the detection of underground nuclear explosions. The Australian Bureau of Mineral Resources (BMR) had a small office that used their seismic stations for the detection of underground nuclear tests, as did the Americans.

My job was that of station operator. I was one of the team members that actually studied the seismographic data. I analyzed the data and catalogued the earthquakes. Alice Springs sits atop a large, rocky plate that is very stable. As such, it is a nice place to put a seismic station for the purposes of studying regional seismic events. The station can pick up earthquakes from all over the world. About once every 15 minutes or so, a small earthquake would emanate from the Fiji island area. Well over 99 per cent of all small earthquakes occur deep enough in the earth that no one feels them. Yet, sometimes these earthquakes occur near the surface, and people feel them.

Back in early 1988, an earthquake occurred about 25 km southwest of Tennant Creek. We were sitting around the Det when it hit. A low, swaying sensation went through the building and our sensors went mad. They are designed to pick up minute ground motion generated by earthquakes from the other side of the world, not by earthquakes that are essentially in your backyard. It is somewhat akin to shouting into your doctor's stethoscope! Thus, our station was absolutely swamped by the seismic waves. Most of us were in the back of the recreational center, and as soon as we realized that an earthquake had passed through, we headed to the office. When you are logging an earthquake series, you become very busy indeed.

Later on in the month, I took a trip with the pastor of the Alice Springs Lutheran Church to Tennant Creek. Pastor Peter **Thamm** had a parish that spread across most of the Territory. Since I was then attending the Lutheran Church, I tagged along and met some of his parishioners. We stopped by the seismic fault line on the way back and saw where the quake had kinked up a high-pressure natural gas line. It's a wonder and a credit to the welders and engineers that the line did not explode! Gas workers dug up the line, and painstakingly placed it on sand bags so that any subsequent aftershocks wouldn't cause additional damage.

Then, there was that flood. I've only seen rain like

that once before: eight or nine inches in 24 hours. Nearly an entire season's worth of rain for the Alice. When I looked out my window in the morning, I could see the Charles River cresting the banks and creeping onto the detachment grounds. When the water reached our staff house a couple of hours later, I decided it was time to move the motorcycle and the car. Well, I put the car, a white 1970 Ford Fairlane, up behind the RSL: since I didn't want to inconvenience anyone, I moved it off the bitumen and onto the dirt. That was a mistake. That red dirt had turned to quicksand, and the car sunk practically to the floorboards! Oh well. At least it'd stay put that way.

The Charles and Todd rivers became a raging torrent and they crested at the same time. Our detachment was at ground zero, where the two rivers meet. The river carried away anything that was not lashed down. It destroyed the fence, and deposited half a meter of sand on top of the lawn in places. It was quite an adventure, I must say. Our staff house was filled with water, but the overall damage was minimal. When the flood was finished, there were many people a lot worse off than us.

Something that I really cherished about Alice Springs was the sense of freedom: I used to lash a blanket and a bottle of water to the motorcycle, and just drive out of town, usually at night. We'd drive 15, 20 miles or so, turn left, and drive out into the bush. We'd lay down the blanket, and look up at the stars. One of my most favorite places to go at night was the rock carvings south of town. There was this claypan to the north of the rock carvings, and late at night, the moon would shine off the dried clay as if it were covered with water. You could listen for hours and not hear, nor see, any other sign of human activity. It was like being in your own private world. The 10,000 year old carvings added a sense of mystery to the site, and the stars above gave you a sense of space. I'd lay the blanket either on the claypan surface, or at the base of the rock. I would lay on the blanket, wide awake at 2am, and stare at the stars.

The stars in the southern hemisphere are most striking. There is nothing that parallels it in the northern hemisphere, except maybe the northern lights. Once in a while you could even see a satellite go whizzing by. That would be about the only sign of mankind I would see when out there. It was very peaceful, and I have never experienced anything like it since.

These are just some of my memories of the Alice. I hope some day that I can return with my family and share these experiences with them.

MONITOR *ing Active*

Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col. Mark W
Westergren

Note: We learned late in our publication cycle of AFTAC Command changes. AFTAC PA, MSgt Murphy, wrote: The AFTAC commander relinquished command ... May 20. Col. Westergren ... departed for a 365-day deployment in Iraq. His replacement, Col. Lisa Ann **Onaga**, is scheduled to assume command of AFTAC in August. We will publish more on Cols' Westergren, and Onaga, next issue.



CMSgt John
Nederhoed

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



CCS Conversation.Retirement

AFTAC superintendent retires after 30-year career

MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Air Force Technical Applications Center Superintendent Chief Master Sgt. Steven **Herrick** retired April 4 after 30 years in the Air Force. AFTAC Commander Col. Mark **Westergren** officiated the ceremony and thanked the chief for staying on active duty another year at



his request. The colonel commended him for his legacy of family values, leadership, learning mindset and love of life. "You've done it in a marvelous and magical way," Colonel Westergren said. "I'm sorry you have to retire, but 30 years came and went. You're ready for the next challenge. I'm proud to have known you. Thanks for helping this unit achieve success."

Chief Herrick, in "A Letter From Your Chief" included in the retirement program, explained why he spent 30 years in the Air Force. "I loved what I did and the people I worked with," he wrote. "Early on, I worked in a number of shops using both my hands and my brains. I enjoyed and was good at tinkering and problem solving. As I was promoted and moved to other jobs, I had to learn

to 'tinker' with people and help them solve their problems. I became fairly good at that too. "I loved the people I worked with. I'll miss the fantastic folks I've been fortunate to work along side. They, more than the work, kept me in for 30."

Chief Herrick entered the Air Force as an airman in June 1978. After basic training and technical school, he was assigned to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, as an armament systems specialist. He attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colo., from June 1979 until July 1980, and then the U.S. Air Force Academy until July 1981. Senior Airman Herrick arrived at George Air Force Base, Calif., in July 1981 to serve as a load crew chief for the 35th Aircraft Generation Squadron. In April 1983, Staff Sergeant Herrick joined AFTAC as an air sampling equipment technician for the Technical Operations Division at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif. As a technical sergeant, he began working as a field maintenance manager for TOD in April 1988.

He left for Lindsey Air Station, Germany, in February 1991, where he served as a forward area technician for the European Technical Operations Area Headquarters. He became a field maintenance manager for AFTAC Detachment 319 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in August 1992. Master Sergeant Herrick moved on to Ankara, Turkey, to serve as AFTAC Detachment 301's superintendent in September 1995. In September 1997, he left for Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, to serve as the 312th Training Squadron's Special Instruments Training superintendent. In July 2001, Senior Master Sgt. Herrick returned to Ramstein as detachment chief for Detachment 319.

He came to the AFTAC headquarters at Patrick AFB, Fla., in July 2003 as the Operations Directorate superintendent. In April 2005, Chief Master Sergeant Herrick became superintendent of the Materials Technology Directorate, and he became AFTAC superintendent in December 2006.

Chief Master Sgt. John **Nederhoed**, formerly Operations Directorate superintendent, replaced Chief Herrick as the new AFTAC superintendent.

NOTE: Chief Nederhoed's official biography follows and was provided by MSgt Murphy, AFTAC PA.

CHIEF MASTER SGT. JOHN E. NEDERHOED

Chief Master Sgt. John E. Nederhoed is the Superintendent of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. AFTAC operates and maintains the United States Atomic Energy Detection System to monitor foreign compliance with various treaties limiting nuclear testing. Chief Nederhoed is responsible for the morale, welfare and effectiveness of 420 enlisted members stationed around the globe who support the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System's international treaty monitoring activities.

Chief Nederhoed grew up in Kalamazoo, Mich., and entered the Air Force in September 1983. His background includes security police, laboratory technician, technical writer, instructor, instructor supervisor, detachment chief, multiple

superintendent positions and additional duty first sergeant. His assignments include bases in Alaska, Colorado, Texas, California, New Mexico and Turkey.

EDUCATION-1986 NCO Preparatory Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; **1989** NCO Leadership School, Mather AFB, Calif; **1994** NCO Academy, March AFB, Calif. (Distinguished Graduate); **1996** Associate of Science in Scientific Analysis Technology, Community College of the Air Force; **1997** Associate of Science in Administrative Justice, Community College of the Air Force; **1997** Associate of Science in Instructor Technology and Military Science, Community College of the Air Force; **1998** Master Instructor, Air Education and Training Command; **2002** Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Ala; **2006** Chiefs Leadership Course, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS-Sep 83 – Oct 83, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, Texas; **Oct 83** – Dec 83, student, Security Police Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas; **Jan 84** – Feb 84, student, Air Base Ground Defense, Camp Bullis, Texas; **Feb 84** – September 1987, student, Security Specialist Training, 1608th Security Police Squadron, Kirtland AFB, N.M; **Oct 87** – Apr 88, student, Special Instruments Training, Lowry AFB, Colo.; **May 88** – Jun 93, Mass Spectrometer Supervisor, Instruments Branch, Applied Physics Laboratory, Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB, Calif.; **Jul 93** – Aug 94, Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer Supervisor, Instruments Branch, Applied Physics Laboratory, Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB, Calif.; **Sep 94** – Jul 96, technical writer, Qualification Training Development, 312th Training Squadron, Special Instruments Training Flight, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; **Aug 96** – Jul 97, Applied Geophysics Instructor Supervisor, 312th Training Squadron, Special Instruments Training Flight, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; **Jul 97** – Decr 98, Chief of Resident Training, 312th Training Squadron, Special Instruments Training Flight, Goodfellow AFB, Texas. (Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year 1998); **Jan 99** – Jun 2000, Chief, Belbasi Seismic Research Station, Detachment, 301, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Ankara, Turkey. (9S100 Manager of the Year 1999); **June 2000** – Jul 01, Operations Group Training Superintendent, 566th, Operations Support Squadron, Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo.; **Aug 01** – Aug 03, Division Senior NCO, 566th Information Operations Squadron, Buckley AFB, Colo. (Senior NCO of the Year 2001); **Sep 03** – May 06, Station Superintendent, Detachment 460, Air Force, Technical Applications Center, Eielson AFB, Alaska; **Jun 06** – Aug 07, First Sergeant, AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Fla.; **Aug 07** – Mar 08, Superintendent, Directorate of Operations, AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Fla.; **Apr 08** – present, Superintendent, AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Fla.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS-Defense Meritorious Service Medal; **Meritorious** Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force **Commendation** Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force **Achievement** Medal; Air Force **Good Conduct** Medal with six oak leaf clusters; **National Defense** Service Medal with bronze star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION-Airman First Class Sept. 8, 1983; **Senior Airman** Jan. 8, 1986; **Sergeant** Jan. 8, 1987; **Staff Sergeant** May 1, 1989; **Technical Sergeant** June 1, 1994; **Master Sergeant** June 1, 1998; **Senior Master Sergeant** Oct. 1, 2003; **Chief Master Sergeant** Nov. 1, 2006 (Current as of April 2008)



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

Haywon Kim, and other AFTAC Active-Duty spouses, collect items needed by deployed AFTACers and mail them out. You can contact Haywon @ hey1k@yahoo.com.

Haywon, and the deployed, thank Sages for consideration, and volume of items, provided.

Haywon Kim Program Update, 05.25

My husband stepped down from command last week and flew out yesterday on his way to Iraq (it takes 26+ hours). So now, he'll be one of the recipients of the AFTAC Cares care packages!

We've had a bunch of turn-over of recipients and two of our "long-term" (i.e., 365 days) deployed returned home! Of course, we had several more ship out.

Last month, we prepared care packages for 7 AFTACers. We were able to make use of the donations that the local community have given to the 1st Sergeants Council at Patrick and were able to fill the boxes with a wide variety of goodies. As part of the community support, one of AFTAC's own -- Lt **Figueiredo** -- found himself coordinating the donation of hundreds of pounds of coffee from the Palm Coast Starbucks (that's what happens when you stop in for a latte!). So he/they graced our efforts in May with 75 pounds of coffee. Since we had a smaller number of recipients, we were able to use the extra postage funding we receive from AFTAC's booster club to send each recipient a second box entirely of coffee! Since all the coffee is in the form of coffee beans, we hope they have access to coffee grinders (especially since many are in locations with 220v power supply). Our next care package party will be in July.

I am looking for another spouse to take over the coordination of the AFTAC Cares program, since I no longer have the "in" to AFTAC as I once had. However, we shall keep up the program as long as we can. In the meantime here's one of the latest thanks: "Thank you so much for the package. It arrived today. One of my coworkers commented that someone put a great deal of thought into this package - lot's good treats and fun stuff too. Please extend my thanks to everyone who was a part of putting it together. Sincerely, Dean"

Thanks again. Haywon

Booster's Club-Officers: Capt David **Gwilt**, Pres; TSgt Rafael **Nunez**, Vice; TSgt Raphael **Grace**, Treas; SSgt Ronald **Mitchell**, Secretary; TSgt Monica **Robinson**, Clothing Sales; AFTAC/LSLN, Hot Dog Sales; Ms. Rebecca **Lehnerz**, Public Affairs.

Center Annual Picnic

REPORTED BY THE ACTIVE DUTY 'MAJOR ARRANGER,' MSGT CASEY MONINGER

The 2008 AFTAC Spring picnic was held on 29 March at Wickham Park. The event was planned from the beginning to be far bigger than we've had in recent years. When we formed the committee in February we took a long look at the activities, menu items and turnout numbers from recent years. Our vision was simple; "bigger and better than anyone can remember." That's no small goal when you have people coming to their 15th or even 20th picnic. I had been to six and I had seen the ups and down in activities and menus. One area we really wanted to expand was the children's activities. SrA Kara Torres took over the youth activities committee and next to the food she ran the most complicated piece of the event. At any one time there were fifteen activities for kids of all ages to choose from. With the modest budget she was given she managed to produce six carnival style games with prizes, a giant inflatable obstacle course, three water balloon fights and a cake walk. Don't forget the popcorn and cotton candy machines. All this combined with the more familiar events like face painting and Gator Bill's animal show had parents dragging their kids out of the park at the end of the day; exactly what we wanted. Kara's commitment to the success of the picnic and her attention to the smallest details absolutely blew us away.

With the youth activities under control we looked to SSgt Eric Salter and TSgt Norm Fish to bring back the days of the Top Banana competition. Eric and Norm brought us a week of 'AFTAC Olympics' consisting of 14 different sports competitions and culminating with the senior staff pie eating contest. After nearly ten years without a Top Banana the competition was essentially started from scratch. The result has set the bar for future Spring Picnics. In the end it would be LS who would claim the Top Banana trophy but not without a fight.

There's only one person I know more serious about good cooking than myself. TSgt Byron Haliburton took the role of Executive Chef and is ultimately responsible for the array of dishes we presented. We agreed from the beginning that we wanted to offer something for everyone and include things that were maybe a bit outrageous. When numerous people asked what restaurant catered the picnic we knew we had met that goal. Byron chose to offer five distinct dishes served

from three different restaurant tents. A hearty undertaking when you consider he was not able to begin setup of his field kitchen until the park opened at 0830. He would serve the first dish three and a half hours later. The pre-prep alone took the entire day before the picnic with five of us in my kitchen cutting three hundred pounds of chicken and fifty pounds of onions. Salsas were made and turkeys were brined. It took a moving van and two walk in coolers at the dining facility to handle the amount of food we prepared that day.

If you visited Rio's you enjoyed a Brazilian mixed-grill plate of grilled flank steak, pork tenderloin medallions, marinated chicken legs, and black beans over rice. MSgt Bob Werner returned to the Spring Picnic food committee after his 2006 success and once again presented an array of made-to-order chicken wings. Bob's "Honey-habanero" wings were the most called for of the day. Uncle Sam's presented the classic American picnic dishes with some surprises. Byron fried fifty pounds of turkeys on site and chopped them to create his "fried turkey sandwiches". Combining the turkey with a white sauce created a crowd favored twist on the classic southern pork BBQ.

Even with preparations beginning immediately after the 2007 Winter Social and meticulous planning on Byron's part we were pleasantly overwhelmed by the turnout. We never ran out of food, we just had a small lag there in the middle. We bought two more kegs than we did in 2007 and it was gone by 1400. The mistake there was buying really good beer. It's pretty hard to buy enough. But we scrambled to the Class 6 and by 1530 or so we were back in business.

Ticket sales on the day prior to the picnic had us at about 375 people. In the end we welcomed nearly 500 AFTACers and their families, more than double the number we saw in 2007. Good times were had by all, prizes were awarded and children smiled. All thanks to the hard work of the many volunteers who really made it the AFTAC family Spring Picnic.

If you were one of the few who didn't make it out this year we hope to see you next year. Stop by and say hi, we'll be the ones sitting by the beer truck taking 2009 off.

The PoMo editors were there. It was a much different, very organized event with many activities. We have one suggestion, that the Sages be included in the horseshoe tournament. Other than that, it was a great event and we were happy to be invited.

NOTE: SOME AVAILABLE 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE **DO NOT** HAVE INPUTS. We list them there anyway in the hope it will trigger a **Sage or two to sit down and share a tale or two.** It is also a powerful reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!

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

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

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

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

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

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT: WAYNE MYERS:

Here is a short response to Tony **Ballantine's** SEO-numbering remembrance: When I arrived at HQ in 85 to manage airborne as the DOR, Chief **Edson** assigned me SEO number 77. When I figured out what an SEO was, I felt uncomfortable having been assigned such a proud designation without having done anything to earn the honor.

A year later after successful Chernobyl operations--during my transition from DOR to commander's Exec--I visited the SEO's home turf at TOD. I suggested to Rik **Larsen** that he formalize the training SEOs provided to new officers assigned to airborne. Graduates could be designated as Air Ops Officers, preserving the SEO title and numbers for working SEOs who had graduated from TOD's SEO school.

Here are (two) questions for the SEO community--(1) **Was** I the last officer to be assigned an SEO number? (2) **Is** my cherished SEO coffee cup the only evidence that I even held a number?" **Wayne Myers, SEO 77, AFTAC Apr 85-Jul 89.** Thanks so much for your time and effort. We enjoy adding to our lore on SEO Numbers ... and, your addition of 'time served.' Perhaps your questions can be answered at the upcoming Airborne reunion (details, page 1.)

BSTALES

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be **'Barely**

Substantiated' and/or 'Boldly Stated (BS).' Forward your to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE WE HEAR FROM: DICK GRIM AND FRANK CALEDA AS THEY CONTINUE THE

GOLITHAN ESCAPADES!

Reference the 'Mail Call' section and the exchange between Dick Grim and Frank Calenda-in an ironic turn of events, Dick follows up Frank's Golithan story with one of his own, and Frank checks in with another!!!!:

AIRMAN GOLITHAN - CONTINUED, PART II

I am SMSgt Richard **Grim**, Retired, and a long time Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc. Member. My first AFTAC assignment after completing "Q" School in 1964 was the "Q" Shop at Depot. My Immediate Supervisor was Mike **Sepelyak** and when Mike was TDY I worked for Bill **Sears**. After a while I became a Depot Level Modification Team Chief and spent a lot of time and trips working inside and outside the US. I also accompanied Grant **Curd** on several trips inside and outside the country.

I read Frank **Calenda's** story about Airman Golithan with both surprise and interest. Golithan and I shared a couple interesting times together. I knew one day he just appeared in the "Q" Section but never knew how or why until I read Franks Story. I didn't know Frank back at Depot but we did take a trip to Det 418 and 412 together. I was the Superintendent of Det 422 at the time. Since Frank and I are friends I hope that doesn't reflect on my credibility or his either, ha ha. My association with Airman Golithan at Depot was as follows. After I had been at Depot for a while I was notified that I was going to be the Squadron Detail Pusher for a week and would work for the First Sergeant pushing details doing odd jobs within the squadron. The first was doing some inside painting in the First Sergeant's Office. Airman Golithan was one my ace painters and he recommended in order to reduce our equipment cleanup, we line the paint trays with aluminum foil. Sounded good to me so we did. After painting for a short time the paint trays became very hot and began to smoke. We ceased immediately and emptied the paint trays and aluminum foil. The First Sergeant took the paint and foil to the lab and they determined there was a chemical reaction between the two. Oh Well, I was only

a SSgt so what did I know, ha ha. Had I been taken by Airman Golithan?

Our next task was to install a set of "Q" System Antenna Pads. At that time there was a complete "Q" Machine in Maintenance but no Antennas. We had dug where the pads were to be poured and had formed them. I looked back toward the building and technicians were pouring out of the building, all running toward another system's antennas, a short distance from where the "Q" Antennas were to be installed. I had no idea what was going on. There was a very long, very neat, mound of dirt from the Maintenance Building to the other set of Antennas. It was marked with signs along its length that read "Buried Cable" About half way between the building and the antennas was Airman Golithan with a Pick Ax buried in the mound. He had cut their antenna cables. I Said "Golithan" what in the hell did you do that for? His reply was, "I just wanted to see if there really were cables under there. I didn't see him for a couple days but know the First Sergeant was keeping him very busy.

On my final day as "Detail Pusher," Airman Golithan came to me and asked if he could have an extra thirty minutes for lunch. I asked, why, he told me he wanted to get married in the Base Chapel. I asked if he had had all the necessary Marriage Counseling and he replied he had. I told him to take an hour and a half but to come back to work that afternoon. He did come back and that was the last time I saw him. He said he did get married and I believed him. He was a likeable airman but seemed to find unique ways of getting into trouble. I am sorry to hear he is no longer with us. Thanks, Dick-now Frank Calenda adds to the lore:

AIRMAN GOLITHAN - CONTINUED, PART III

So, here's another BS story about Bad Brad. You remember, he's the flying troop that became a "Q" systems expert after trying to use a Playboy page as an air filter. If you don't remember, you need to read the last issue.

Now Brad was one of the hardest workers I've ever had the pleasure of supervising. He may have been a bit overzealous in some of his efforts, but he always had the best interests of the organization in mind. Case in point. When I gained the services of Brad, the "Q" system was pretty much in its infancy stage of development. It was well on its way to becoming the best system the organization ever had, past or present.

But you'd have to be a "Q" troop to understand that.

At depot, we were tasked to install a prototype system and fully check it out. We started assembling the 8 cabinets of state of the art, highly specialized electronic devices which required a mental acuity of monumental proportions. I had assigned Brad to the task of keeping the area cleaned up and the tools put back in their proper place. "Come on Sergeant Calenda, I can do more than that." was a statement I heard from Brad on a regular basis during that time. With the thoughts of why he was working for me in the first place constantly on my mind, I had to ask myself if he could be trusted. He hadn't brought any more Playboys to work. He did well at making the morning coffee and he always had a smile on his face, something that many people lacked at the depot in those days.

"OK Brad.", I told him one morning. "We have to run about two hundred yards of cable from the equipment in the building to the antenna fields outside. Do you think you can handle that?" A large smile crossed his face and he mentioned something like, "Does a bear do something in the woods?" He sounded confident, something else that many people lacked at depot in those days, so I put him on it. It took several days to assemble this highly technical equipment and I saw little of Brad and didn't think much of it since my efforts were focused on the equipment. There! We finally got everything assembled, all the wires and cards and camera equipment hooked up and working and ready to hook up the cables running to the antennas.

Oh, oh, where was Brad? Dare I ask? We hadn't had any visits from the fire department or the security police, so I had assumed he was diligently accomplishing his work. I looked over to the wall where the cables should be laying and, lo and behold, there they were. I saw Brad at the break table smiling; he got up and came over. "Mission accomplished, Sarge." Now that was great! We pulled the cables to the machine and connected them. The big "power-on" ritual came next. This was always fun because you never knew if you were going to see flashing lights or bellows of smoke. That day we saw flashing lights. It appeared to be working as designed, something that was lacking with much of the equipment at depot in those days. Next, a cup of coffee, grab the books and start the check-out.

Yup, good signal here, nice signal there, film is running through good enough to make Stephan Spielberg happy. This was a happy day.

I think we had gotten to our check of rack number 3 when all signals came to an abrupt halt. The machine was still on, all the lights were still there, it just wasn't processing signals. OK, now to the expert troubleshooting required of all "Q" troops, something that was lacking at depot in those days. Hmm, powers all good. This circuit and that circuit was working. All the checks we made in the next sweat filled hours were checking out ok. Since this was a highly sophisticated new piece of equipment, trouble-shooting methods weren't fully established and there were a lot of hit and miss efforts. Then Brad, who had been standing in our shadows mentioned, "Why don't we check to see if the signal is coming in from the antennas?" Good idea! Hey, this guy is pretty sharp. Check - nope, nothing at the input. Let's check the cable connections. They're all good. Well, let's take a walk to the antennas and see if all is OK out there.

We started following the trail of cables that Brad had laid. I'm not sure to this day why the sound of a train nearby caused a bit of uneasiness in my brain. Following the trail of cables with my eyes, I could see them ramp up the dirt mound and OVER THE TOP of the railroad tracks before they disappeared and went on to the antenna field. Oh no - please no, Brad. Tell me you didn't - PLEASE. Visions of another call from the base commander were whirling through my mind. As we climbed the mound to the tracks, with the same thought on everyone's mind, it became apparent that a train, or some very clever vandals, had neatly sliced through all four multi-wire cables. I mean the factory couldn't have cut them better. I looked at Brad, but the smile wasn't there anymore.

"Go(o)d Sarge, I didn't think they used these tracks anymore." Well, we couldn't re-assign Brad again, so after a heart-to-heart talk with the depot director, it was decided that he would stay with me but wouldn't be assigned to anything more complicated than sweeping the area and making the coffee. After a three week delay getting new cables made, something that delayed a number of world-wide installations, the machine was checked out and passed. Were there anymore Bad Brad antics to follow? I'll leave that up to you to decide. I will say that I'll be back.

MORE SCENE SAGES, OCT GOLF N'GETOGETHER



The Alumni Assn 's 'Intrepid Insider,' Pat Snyder (left) with one of the 'longest drivers,' Marsha Wierschke

WORKER BEE'INGS



'Major Arranger' Mitch Addison, presides.



Jack Jackson, an ever present volunteer, is shown selling the ever popular, mulligan.



Another 'Intrepid Insider,' Deborah Carson (far left), registers!



**Pictures are worth a thousand words! Dale Klug, West Coast Newsletter Editor, posits:
DO AFTACers REALLY 'WALK ON WATER'**

Of the three individuals above, which is the non-AFTACer, the AFTACer on OJT, and the Long-Time AFTACer?

TOM'S TREASURE OF

TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

'Trivia' was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom **Ciambrone**, who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send unclassified ideas for this series and to provide additions or corrections.

We hope those who remember Tom will provide content to continue what he began.

HONOR ROLL: Tom **Ciambrone** (4 trivia), John **Horsch** (3); Dale **Klug** (4), Bob **Wiley**, Don **Moore**, Steve **Herrick**, Hank **Raymond**, Chuck **Shuster**, Clark **Creery**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

We've several 'trivia pictorials this issue starting with Dale **Klug** above, ourselves below and, to the right, a memory from Clark **Creery**.



Rocket garden in front of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Florida, circa (what years).



A Memory from 'Back in the day!' The picture text read (with the name included): **Take Cover!** (who is this?) seeks shelter under her umbrella. "It was lucky I had that umbrella or I would have been soaked," (who) said." She was well prepared for that late June Florida shower—and the battle that ensued on the Enlisted Beach Club when AFTAC members stormed the place.



SAGE SCHEDULE

**-Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns and
-Association Board/Membership Meetings**
All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.

VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER (321) 494-6867,

patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil **BEFORE COMING**

—WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building

HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd

—Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'

WHEN: 1700 (5:00PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building

HOW: come to rear entrance

July

TBD, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

14, 1700-Board/Membership

August

1, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

11, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

September

5, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

**8, 1130AM-Annual 'Sociable September' General
Membership & Elections Meeting at the Tides Club**

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Traditional Annual Events

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

January—March

-SnowBall XI, 2009.01.31, Tides Club. Details later

-Center Annual Awards Banquet, Feb-Mar

-Center Annual Picnic, Mar-Apr

April—June

-May 1st, 19th Annual Assn Spring Golf n'Gettogether

July—September

-'Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting'
in September is designated, 'Sociable September' and
held **at the 'Tides' Club** (vs. the HQ's Building) to en-
courage attendance by all members and alumni

-Summertime, livin' is easy, but PAY YOUR FY DUES

October—December

-Oct 10th, 18th Annual Assn Fall Golf n'Gettogether

-Center Winter Social, December

ANNUAL FY DUES ARE PAST DUE (DUE 1 OCT)

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Royal Blue	1	3	0	2
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	1	7	0
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Black	2	1	1	1
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Navy	2	1	2	1
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Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	0
Stone Washed Green	0	0	2	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	1	1
Black	4	2	0	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15	1	1	0	0
NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'				
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Top-3 Association, \$6. Order per instructions above.

'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s)

AFTER READING 'trivia' on preceding page

1. Dale **Klug** submitted this eye catcher ... we believe the answers are self-evident!
2. Your editors found this at the 'Wikipedia' site. Picture is identified as '**Circa 60's.**'
3. Mary **Welch**, an 'Insider' from long ago. Clark **Creedy** sent this picture of a previously published photo from the 'Monitor,' the active-duty pub that preceded this newsletter, and is our namesake.

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