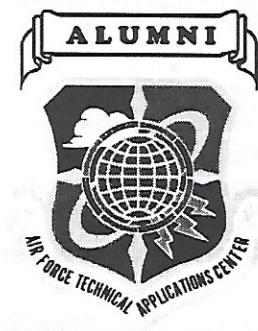


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Membership—673, Lifetime 475 (17 are Complimentary)

2001 SEPTEMBER



The Alumni
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GS, E and O were our
gauges
But now we've reached the
best of stages
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Command's Sages

Long Range
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1947 – 1997



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY 2000-01**

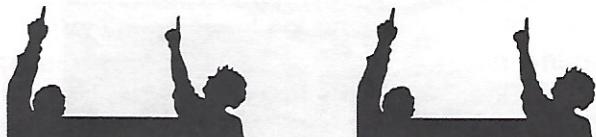
**** LTCOL (RET) PETE TOWELL ****

Pete entered the Air Force in September 1973. After graduating from Air Force Air Intelligence Training Center at Lowry AFB, CO, he was assigned to the 544th Intelligence Analysis Sq at Offutt AFB, NE. Subsequently, he was sent back to Lowry for the Targets Intelligence Officer course and embarked on a career that included assignments in Turkey (twice), the Netherlands (twice), Germany (twice); Offutt AFB (twice) ... see a pattern here?

In 1993, while serving as the Commander of TFC Boerfink (Germany), he established the first US National Intelligence Cell to support Operation Deny Flight and Provide Promise at Vicenza, Italy. He was then selected to establish the 32nd Air Intelligence Squadron at Ramstein AB, Germany, USAFE's first deployable intelligence unit.

Following this, he was rewarded with an assignment to AFTAC in 1995 where he was the Director

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ATTENTION...DUES DUE? Here's how to know.

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ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF N'GETOGETHER, 2001.10.12

MANATEE COVE (PATRICK AFB) GOLF COURSE

WANT TO WIN A NEW GOLF BAG?

SAM SORICE

Fall is here already! Hard to believe, but the signs are all there: the kids are back in school, college football has shown up the TV and the Long Range Detection Alumni Association's fall golf tournament will soon be underway. That's right folks, our fall golf tournament is scheduled for October 12 at the Golf Course on Patrick AFB.

As usual our corporate sponsors have come through with some excellent grand prizes as well as a great assortment of door prizes. BTW, the grand prize is a new Golf Bag.

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ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

AFTAC ALUMNI NATIONAL REUNION

DENVER CO, 2001.06.14 - 17

See stories under 'Other Chapter News' area

ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL ALUMNI OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

**BEN VLASSICK 2000—JOHN HORSCH 1999
FRANK HALL 1998—JUDY MILAM 1997
CARL GAILEY 1996—CLARK CREEERY— 1995**

The Association was formed in March 1985 and chartered later the next year. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former 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.

Florida chapter

Membership dues, \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), payable in Oct., or \$75 for a life. You're encouraged to attend scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC headquarters building (#989) at Patrick AFB., FL. For information, meetings or membership, contact Jim Payne, (321)777-4731/paynejb@juno.com, Carl Gailey, (321)777-0569/gaileyc@juno.com, Judy Milam, (321)254-8878/jem2415@worldnet.att.net, or Pat Snyder, (321)494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.pafb.af.mil. Dues, membership applications, and queries/information should be mailed to:

**Long Range Detection Alumni Asc., PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

Chapter publishes a quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a Webpage, <http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>, with association & alumni information, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos - WebMasters are Dave Johnson and Mike Black
Florida Chapter Board "PERENNIALS"-Alumni serving for five+ years.
Frank Hall, President/Vice, 89-98/01, Judy Milam, Secretary 89-00, Eunice Harris, Hospitality, 89-00; Mary Welch, Membership, 91-99; Carl Gailey - Treasurer 91-99, Swede Swansen, publicity, since 93

Colorado chapter

Formed in 1989, dues, \$5 per year, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes,' supports a website, <http://www.aftacco.org>; Webmaster, Bill Harris. They meet several times a year-for information, Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625. There are 130 members.

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, dues,\$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for information-Joe Johnson, (916)783-8676, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot-mailing address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc., West Coast Chapter, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510. They hold periodic meetings and socials, host a webpage and publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout.'

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

Several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring our people and it's history exist: Two of these, the 'Hall of Heritage' (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Biographies of Alumni who served the command for 20 plus years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

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"A TEAM"...of Horsches'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Wow, where do we start. It's been almost four months since the last issue and a lot of things have happened.

We start with the reunion, and our highlight of that gathering. Seeing Ben (Vlassick) receive the 'Alumnus of the Year, 2000' honor directly from the AFTAC Commander was beyond the pale. The Colorado Chapter again put on a #1, Blue Ribbon event—and they certainly setup this ceremony with class and style.

Also, Col. Horton gave one grand speech—recognizing the foundation and standards those in front of him had set, and the current force's status and commitment to maintain those high standards.

As we traveled to and fro for this event we visited some Sages along the way. Specially, we dropped in on Ray and Marva Brust in Fort Smith, AR—Ray continues his Deacon duties there and Marva continues to fatten up our elementary school children. We interrupted Mike Lauger and Jim Cwikla's golf game, er duties, in Pinedale, WY. By the way, Mike and Jim made an offer too good to pass-up. Any Sages passing through Pinedale that will stop and 'buy them a drink' will receive a free round of (9-hole) golf. Don't be fooled by that singular use of 'drink' and the word 'free' though. Seriously, this is a legitimate offer and they would like to be surprised by you Sages 'stopping by.'

And finally, we dropped in on Richard (Alky) and Rita Summers in Shreveport, LA. Richard has hung up his 'software' manual and his turn at biscuits, and Rita still checks in patients at the local hospital. It's always great getting back together with these old friends from long ago.

... and while we speak of 'old' - who of you recognizes the lads below (send in your entries)



MAIL - CALL



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Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com

Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

New/Renewing Sages

Here we welcome the following alumni. We also solicit unclassified memories, and barely substantiated (BS) tales of your 'AFTAC' adventures. Please email them to 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or send them to the alumni mailbox (address at left column, page 2)

Buford, GA – Charles Brach (Jean) – no information provided

Crossville, TN – Barry Eriksen (Sharon) – AFTAC, '62-'65, worked in mailroom for Sgt. Delaney. Enjoyed work, especially pickup and delivery to the Pentagon.

Black River, NY – Gary Hoppe (Emily) – AFTAC, '62-'68, Encampment, WY; overseas and HQ's, Alexandria, VA. Gary-do we remember you from the Ziproom days watchin' those squiggles?

Jacksonville, FL – Pete Sherman (Louise) – AFTAC, 20 years, several stateside and overseas locations and HQ's both at Alexandria and Patrick. Pete-good to hear from you, last we remember we were side-by-side in Patrick transient quarters, you guys waiting for your new 'retired' life to begin and us waiting for our transfer to the Squadron at Lindsey AS, Germany. We appreciate our time of serving with you

Clermont, FL—William T. Bussey (Nancy)

Five years in AFTAC, April 1962 R Systems, later 'U' and 'I' - 1967 transferred into the Army Warrant program.

Letters

Cyberspace 2001.5.27

On Wednesday, January 4, I received a call from Sam Sorice advising me that I had been selected for the AFTAC Alumni Award 2000. I was elated, and the timing could not have been better as I was scheduled for brain tumor surgery on Thursday, January 5. The award announcement made me feel very good at a time when I needed all the "feel good" incentives I could get.

My son, Randy, was able to return PCS from Korea to join me while I was in the hospital. He also received the award on my behalf at the Command Award Ceremony. And to top things off, Mike Black sent an email suggesting congratulatory re-

sponses via email. Within a few days I received 23 responses.

Forgive me for my belated response, but I really want to thank the Florida Alumni Staff and all involved for the selection. An event I shall remember a long time. THANK YOU!

Ben Vlassick

Garfield, TX

2001.6.11

'I Remember' was missing from the last issue and I thought I'd send (an article) for you consideration. There are so many stories about the 'old originals' in Alice (Australia) that I don't want to bore anyone with too many stories about us. I think our assignment was so unique that none of us who were there will ever forget any of the good times or any of the troops we served with. Most of us still stay in contact via the internet email.

George (Porky) Kraus George-thanks so much. What a great memory this is. You readers are in for a treat.

Cyberspace

2001.8.18

Nothing new to submit at this time. However, on Sept. 11th our new Chapter officers take office. The votes are being submitted by postcard and still being tallied. Now is the perfect opportunity to make a comment about vote counting and Florida, but I worked for Frank Hall for about 3 years and he taught me better than that. We are electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Board, and Director at Large. Expect to see some new names and increased involvement in our chapter. Will get you the results as soon as they're final.

Dale Klug

Cyberspace

2001.7.16

Poking around the internet I typed in 'AFTAC' and found your website. I was attached to AFTAC Headquarters from 1963 to 1966 on Telegraph Road in Alexandria, Virginia. I was a crypto technician from the 2044th Com Squadron at that time with headquarters at Ft. Myer, Virginia.

Is there a resource available where I might find out about some of my old cold warriors, some rotated from active detachments at that time which I am not sure we still can discuss.

RICHARD ANDERSON, AF12652641 (I still can remember that). PS I enjoyed being 'among the first' to know that something had happened. I remember well tearing the '5-bell' messages off the teletype and giving them it to ops.

Richard, don't know if you will see this but hopefully posting this in the newsletter will be the resource that will trigger some information coming back to you from those who remember. Also, you might want to use the 'locator' on the web page and/or order a Worldwide Directory as additional resources.

Mansfield, MA **2001.7.17**
 On the 1st of Sept Nancy and I are retiring (again) and moving to FL. Can't wait to start enjoying the good life again.

Lawrence and Nancy Marston
Cyberspace **2001.9.9**
 Extract of an article Dale Klug emailed: 'The Def Fin and Act Svc signed a contract Sept. 5 with ACS Government Svc of Rockville, Md., to provide pay services to 2.5M DOD retirees and annuitants whose monthly payroll exceeds \$2.6B. This action is a result of an OMB cost study. Originally announced June 9, the award to ACS was tentative pending a review period. The review period expired in July and appeals were resolved in August. The final analysis shows savings to the govt of \$20M over the life of the contract.'

The transition of the workload to ACS will conclude in January 2002. Currently there are approximately 535 DFAS employees at Cleveland and Denver handling retiree and annuitant services. ACS is a Fortune 1000 company providing information technology and business process outsourcing to commercial and government clients worldwide. ACS, with more than \$2 billion of annual revenue, employs nearly 20,000 people in 21 countries.

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SAGE SPOTLIGHT

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of Intelligence and Security. He was involved with numerous projects and worked to make national technical means responsive to support the AFTAC mission. He retired from the AF in 1998.

Why involved with the Association - '... it's a great organization with a super group of folks.'

Thanks Pete, for you continuing assistance to the command's mission. Your service is truly appreciated

COMIN' UP **GOLF N'GETOGETHER**

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The price for this afternoon of fun will be \$30.00 for association members and \$35 for non-members, which includes hamburgers and hot dogs afterwards at the AFTAC Headquarters building 'Outback' area (a covered area outside and behind the building). If you paid for the spring

tournament and did not get a refund when we were rained out, you should register again, but there will be no additional charge. You may sign up by calling

Nancy Frey at 779-6046

Pat Snyder at 494-6867,

and then mail your check (if not paid) to:

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Check in begins at noon and the shotgun start will be at 1:00PM. There will be plenty of water and soda on the course, and the Manatee Cove beverage cart will be available all afternoon.

After play the action will move to the AFTAC Headquarters' building 'Outback' area (noted earlier) where food and drink will be served starting around 5:00PM. At that time we will award the prizes and then move into the general membership meeting and the election of officers for next year. This tournament usually fills up quickly, so please sign up early to ensure your foursome a spot in the tourney. There is a limit of 144 players to sign up, so first come, first served.

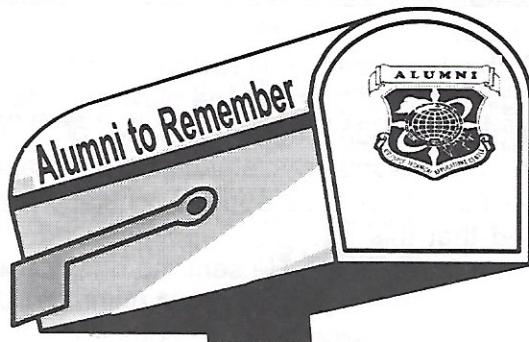
Additionally, if you just want to come for the camaraderie it's free and we welcome everyone, if you'd like to eat but not play golf, a meal can be had for \$6 for alumni members and \$7 for others - and, **if you are an alumni member, please come for the meeting and election.** We've got a great slate of officers lined up and your vote will make a difference.

"Oh...By the Way"

YOUR EDITORS

While talking with George Cronin and Mike Steskal at the Denver reunion our conversation turned to parent/child and/or sibling combos who serve(d) in AFTAC. We came up with several but would like to hear from you about those you remember. If there is enough interest and input, at some point we will write a column containing a listing of these 'families' who served and whatever information is provided about them.

We'd like to hear from all of you who can think of one or more, and those of you who were in this situation, giving us names, dates served, and anything else you think would be of interest to our readers, your fellow alumni.

***Personals . . .***

Wherein alumni let us know of events in their lives they want to share. Please send us births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements (military or otherwise), and other events.

Beginnings ... Transitions

None submitted

Hopes of Health for...

Wherein Alumni share hopes for themselves or others...

Ben Vlassick

Terry Argenbright (see below)

Terry Argenbright

JANICE SCHUBERT, 8.15

This is a notice for anyone who served overseas with Roy and Terry Argenbright from 1967-69. Terry is terminally ill with brain cancer and we are trying to locate those who served with them to offer support and memories.

I can be contacted at gmsi@earthlink.net or call 303-465-1713 between the hours of 9:00AM to 7:00PM Mountain Time. Any support will be much appreciated.

In Memory Of

Wherein Alumni share names of those gone but never forgotten...

Ross Stevens (June 12th)

Wayne Pulliam (see below)

Pauline Conard (see obituary extract below)

Rest in Eternal Peace***Wayne Pulliam***

MIKE AND TESS McCLELLAN, 7.15

We received the following email concerning Wayne Pulliam. I have been in contact with Wayne's Mother & Sister. At the request of his mother, in lieu of Flowers, they would like for individuals to make a donation to the American Cancer Society in Wayne's name. Wayne will be cre-

mated.

I know Wayne was a good friend to many people, and he will be missed. To me he was more than a friend, he was like a brother, a father (when needed), and most of all, a good friend.

ORIGINAL EMAIL

Hello. My name is Frederick Wayne Luehe, oldest nephew of Wayne Pulliam. I'm sending this notification out to my uncle's email list in hopes that no one is left out of the communication circuit.

It pains me to relate the unfortunate news that Wayne has passed away following a recent hospitalization for a diagnosis of cancer. He was only admitted a short time ago, on the 29th of June, after a short period of not feeling very well. He was diagnosed with Liver Cancer on the 5th of July and elected to undergo Chemotherapy. Unfortunately he died a few hours following his second session. He went peacefully, in his sleep. We all grieve his loss, family and friends alike.

Wayne Remembered

JOHN AND CHRIS HORSCH

Wayne was a dear friend and a professional protégé. He was our first recommendation, and replacement in, two of our favorite assignments, Germany and the IG Team. Wayne was a gentleman and a gentleman – a visit to one of 'Wayne's' sites was like visiting a large family. His units had an unequaled cohesiveness that was only achieved through his caring leadership and respect. Wayne certainly made a difference to all he touched and to the organization. We now have a big hole in our memories.

Pauline Conard

INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH, FL—Pauline Conard, 72, died Sat, May 15, 2001. She was born in Winchester, Va, and came to Brevard Country in 1972 from Alexandria, Va. Survivors include husband John; daughters, Teresa Tilley and Ruth Ford; son, Joseph; six grandchildren, two great-grand children; brother Linwood Dusing and sister, Mary Taylor.

Judy Milam Remembers

'Polly' came to Florida in the big 1972 move of the headquarters. She retired around 1990 from HQ/XR



Feature Article

COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is AFTAC, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are entering a new millennium, we asked previous AFTAC commanders (for whom we had addresses) to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We received positive responses from almost every commander to include Gen's Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer and Col's Meisenheimer, Wigington, Beatty and Dettmer. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances with us. We feature replies (one an issue) in the chronological order of their time of command - reCalls in previous issues, Gen (Ret) Silliman, Gen (Ret) Gordon, Col (Ret) Meisenheimer, Gen's (Ret) Clapper, O'Lear and Bingham, Gen Shaffer and Col (Ret) Wigington ...

We have respectfully requested inputs from AFTAC's two most recent Commanders, Col's Beatty and Dettmer. We feel confident they will reply as they find the opportunity in their busy active-duty lives.

We look forward to being able to pass on their 'Commander's reCall' ...

I Remember...

AFTAC History by those who were there

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS We solicit your unclassified remembrances of highlights in your AFTAC career (events, people, etc.). Forward these memories to us at chrisjohn@juno.com or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

Yanks And The Law

GEORGE (PORKY) KRAUS

It was really Mo Walsh's fault. He made the claim that he had changed the records in the field and made it back to town to analyze them in "X", minutes. I don't remember what that time was, but from then on we were all obligated to try to beat his time.

For you younger hands, changing the 35mm film records on the old 1301 Benioff film recorders involved replacing 8 filmstrips (4 on each recorder), processing the film, drying them and scribing the strips. Of course, they had to be dried before scribing and analysis. At Det 421 we also had to drive 10 miles to town before analyzing the records. Many different procedures were used to speed up the dying process but the weirdest of all was Bill Alexander's using the generator fan's output. Of course, he stopped using that when some of the records got caught in the fan blades and he had to use some of his time in taping the record together. Fortunately no data were lost.

My problem came as I was leaving the site at a higher than recommended speed for the trail we

had made from the site to the "strategic highway" (the 1943 road constructed by the US Corps of Engineers). I hit a rock and blew out one of the headlights. I didn't think anything of it until I reached town and was stopped by Sgt. Francis James Fay of the Alice Springs constabulary. I explained that this had just happened and I hadn't had time to replace it. He sent me on my way and I thought no more of it. The next night Bill Alexander was also stopped by the notorious Sgt. Fay. Old Bill explained that we didn't have a replacement lamp in our stock but that it should be received soon and we would replace it as soon as possible. There were no crossover lamps available in Alice at the time. Again, Bill was sent on his way and he thought nothing of it.

About 2 weeks later, a constable arrived at our office door and presented "A Summons to a Person on Complaint" for both Bill and I. We were to appear in court because we "did drive a motor vehicle, to wit, U.S.A.F. weapons carrier on a public street, between the hours of sunset and sunrise, to wit, 11:15 PM, without having attached on the opposite sides of the front of the vehicle, two lighted lamps to show a bright white light in front of the vehicle. Contrary to Section 38(1)(a) of the Traffic Ordinance 1949/53." Jake (Major Lester Jackson) said not to worry. He'd take care of it - but on the day of the "trial" he said the Aussie's leave it up to their troops to handle traffic violations and that we'd have to do it also but that he'd send Da Loot (Lt. Clentis Bailey) to speak for us.

When we got to court, there was the Justice of the Peace in his robe and the little wig that they wear and Bill and I were a little nervous. We got real nervous when he said that the maximum punishment could be a 300-pound fine or six months in prison or both. It was at that time that Da Loot stood up and requested to speak for us. Permission was granted to do so and he proceeded to lay on a story in that southern drawl that even Bill and I didn't know that he was talking about us and our important contribution to the fight against evil in the world. He went on for a few minutes and I swear that he had that Justice close to tears, probably from laughing at the tale being told. Any-way, it was effective and we were dismissed by paying 15 shillings, court costs. Thanks Loot.

Now for Mo Walsh, I suspect that the time he claimed was tainted. I think he took his best time and shaved a minute or two off of it.

Porky, great story, and you have jogged my cells also. When I can I will relate my 'film' tale, and you 'B' guys ... give us some of your stories of the 'recorder' days.

Feature Article

***** *A BS (Barely Substantiated) Tale!*

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit unclassified humorous tales about AFTAC events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. T

Frank & Nedra Check In

FRANK & NEDRA SZACHTA, 3/24

As an AFIT (college student) in the USAF Program at Univ. of New Hampshire in 62-64, some of us were selected to attend the MSEE Program on completion of the BSEE Program. My friend Raoul Barker (we were all Captains) was a Regular Officer, and he was selected, and we all expected it. Since I was a Reserve Officer I did not expect to get selected to stay on for the MSEE since my IOU time to the USAF (you must serve 3 years active duty for each year of schooling attended) would put me beyond 20 years active duty time. Since reservists are usually outed at 20 years service, ergo, I did not expect to go for the higher degree. Lo and behold, the Pentagon computer must have been asleep, as I was selected to continue.

A year later my "Regular" Officer buddy Raoul Barker gets a postcard notification that he is selected to attend a special school at Lowery AFB, for some 'mysterious' outfit in Virginia, near Washington. He visited the Generals office at HQ and was impressed, but couldn't tell any of us about this 'extraordinary' outfit, except that his assignment was to a remote detachment overseas. We felt sorry for him, but tried to cheer him up by telling him of the promotion opportunities in such a high class outfit, that this one sounded like.

A few weeks later, as I returned from a cross country flight (I was an instructor pilot supporting SAC during my college days near Pease AFB, NH) my wife had placed a sign on our home window saying "California Here We Come." I had gotten a post card from the same outfit (AFTAC) and was being assigned directly to their West Coast Technical Facility as an Electronics Officer to help a Capt. Manning Test a "J" System (whatever that was).

From that day on, I could in no way satisfy my friend Capt. Barker that he was getting the better deal than I was. Since I was a "Reserve" Officer, and he was a Regular, there was no explanation that could satisfy anyone, for this selection scheme we were getting.

Frank and Nedra go on and add:

There are many more BS tales where this one

comes from. George Thompson and I remember some of these, since in addition to my "technical" duties, I am a lover of flying and aviation, and my "side" duties of working with the "A" and "F" Troops were many. My flying as an instructor pilot, and having to give my superiors their annual check flights almost cost me a promotion to Major. A fine Commander by the name of Col. Lyle "Mike" McMichael saw to it that this injustice did not come to pass. I almost kissed his shoes, after reviewing my OER at Personnel HQ.

Anyway, that's enough BS for one item. With that AFTAC Assignment to McClellan AFB and the 1155th TOS, I later served at the 1159th TOS at McChord AFB, WA, to round out my 20 year career in the USAF. I never met a more qualified and sharper group of people in the USAF, than I did that last 5 years of my AF career. The mission was "adventure" and challenge all rolled up into one. A super outfit in all ways. There are mucho more BS tales, where that one came from. In the start-up phase of my memoirs at this time, the title that comes to mind is "If there is a luckier man out there, I haven't met him yet". PS: Our E-mail "handle" comes from our avocations: I fly and wife Nedra sews, and we both do OK at it, thus email to: flysewgood@earthling.net, I usually sign off with..... Fly Safe with Best Wishes.

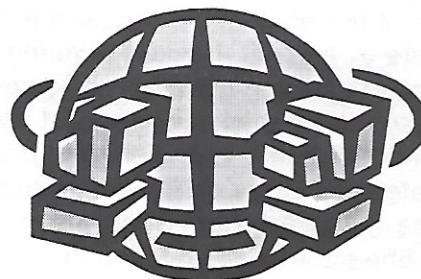
Frank & Nedra

Thank you Frank and Nedra and we hope you will send us many more BStories

Where are ya???

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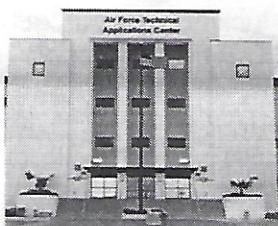


AFTAC Commander, 2001.02, previously AFTAC DO and before that, CC 91st Intelligence Sq and 694th Intelligence Group, Fort Meade, MD. He has a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, from the University of Southern California ('79) and a Master's from Defense Intelligence College, Wash. DC ('90). He is married to the former Dr. Lendra Persaud, assigned to Ft. Belvoir, VA. They have a daughter, Denise, and a son, Brian.



AFTAC Superintendent, 2001.06, 20+-year AFTACer, enlisting 1980.02. Trained as a Scientific Measurements Technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from both the NCO and Senior NCO Academies and earned an MBA with honors. The Chief was selected the AFTAC Senior NCO of the Year in '92. He served at Dets 452, 423, 419 and in the HQs with the Subsurface Operations Branch and DO. His wife Sun Ah Yi is from Wonju, Korea. They have two children, Monica and Steven.

CMSgt Steven J.
Armitage



Col Horton, Keynote Speaker,

AFTAC Alumni Banquet 2001, Denver CO

The text of the outstanding speech Col Horton presented at the reunion is printed below. We requested this after hearing it and the commander was very positive in providing it for the readers of the Post-Monitor. Thank you Sir.

Good evening fellow AFTACers. As many of you know, I have just completed a two-week tour in the Pacific visiting our detachments and meeting our AFTAC members abroad. It is only fitting that I conclude this tour by meeting more of our family at this AFTAC reunion tonight. I am honored to have both the privileges of spending time with and speaking to you this evening.

As part of my on-going efforts to mentor my junior officers at AFTAC, I asked a young captain to assist me in outlining my address to you this evening. I gave her a myriad of my past speeches so that she could begin to understand my style and appreciate my oratory skills. After studying these speeches I asked her what insight she had gained. She paused, deep in thought with wrinkled brow and said "Colonel, your words are profound,

you have a thoughtful message presented with uncanny style, laced with clever anecdotes." Then she paused and stated, "But with all due respect, Sir, my concern is that EVERY one of your speeches BEGINS with a reference to "keeping it short," or that your audience should be relieved upon hearing the words "in conclusion," or your wife hoping she won't have to sit through another one of your long orations. Confused, yet intrigued by this proclamation, I asked her how she interpreted this. She simply replied "Either you don't know any decent opening jokes or you really ARE longwinded." So, let me see if I can prove that captain wrong tonight.

I would like to begin my presentation this evening with two quotes. The first quote was given in 1947 by Lt Gen Hoyt Vandenberg, then Director of the Central Intelligence Group, concerning the need for Long-Range Detection. He stated "...there exists an urgent and high priority in the interests of national intelligence for the development and co-ordinated employment of equipment capable of locating and measuring foreign experiments of large scale nuclear explosions or other detectable activities in the nuclear field." The second quote I'd like to share with you was given by Secretary of Defense William Cohen in a January 2001 Report entitled "Proliferation: Threat and Response." He proclaims "At the dawn of the 21st Century, the US now faces what could be called a Superpower Paradox. Our unrivaled supremacy in the conventional military arena is prompting adversaries to seek unconventional, asymmetric means to strike what they perceive as our Achilles heel. At least 25 countries now possess—or are in the process of acquiring and developing—capabilities to inflict mass causalities and destruction: nuclear, biological and chemical weapons or the means to deliver them ... The race is on between our preparations and those of our adversaries. There is not a moment to lose."

These two quotes, though fifty-three years apart, prove that our mission at AFTAC has remained as important today as it was then - Enhance national security by collecting and exploiting global technical measurements and delivering timely, accurate information to national authorities and warfighters. What all of you did and what we continue to do on a daily basis echoes in eternity ... for it has and will continue to have a long-lasting impact on our nation's security.



Though our core mission remains the same, some of our technical methods and business practices are changing. One of the challenges we have faced this year is a change in organizational structure. We completed the initial phase of the merger of Air Intelligence Agency - and its administrative support to AFTAC - under Air Combat Command. Our organizational charts have changed and ACC patches now appear on our uniforms ... more pictures will adorn our hallway for airmen to remember as part of the chain of command ... but AFTAC ... and its mission have not changed. I only wish I could say the same for the world.

It is changing and we must continue to honor our commitments to being vigilant in monitoring nuclear treaties, reporting potential testing to circumvent those treaties, and providing world-class research and development of critical technologies applicable to current and future treaties involving weapons of mass destruction. I'd like to tell you tonight a little about some of these critical technologies we are researching at AFTAC now. By seismic, hydroacoustic, and atmospheric and space methods, AFTAC's systems have recently proven successful across a broad range of areas applicable to the warfighter and national decision-makers.

First I'd like to present the seismic capabilities. AFTAC has recently participated in warfighting exercises providing the detection and identification of concealed enemy weapons and equipment through the use of seismic sensors. AFTAC participated in this Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration by providing technical guidance and expertise on the ability to detect and identify ground vehicles through the use of seismic sensors. This data was forwarded to the Joint Battle Center that interfaced to the Global Command Control System. This system was highly rated and has been selected as a "gold nugget" for participation in this year's exercise.

AFTAC has also benefited from several USAEDS enhancements in the seismic arena. The engineering site survey of the Bucovina, Romania, array site was completed on 27 October 2000 and will be operational by the end of this year. Other new seismic stations are located in Makanchi and Karatau, both in Kazakhstan, which are also both due to become operational this year.

USAEDS enhancements have not only been realized in the seismic arena, but in the hydroacoustic, as well. Last year we saw the installation of the \$10.5 million dollar Hydroacoustic Data Acquisi-

tion System, or HDAS, at Diego Garcia. The system was operational in January of this year. Future upgrades include the installation of an \$11 million dollar HDAS at Ascension Island. Work on this project should begin in January of 2002, with installation beginning in January 2003.

Another AFTAC success story at sea involved the first technical evidence of a Russian submarine explosion. At the request of the Secretary Of Defense, AFTAC prepared an assessment of International Monitoring System, or IMS seismic data associated with the 12 Aug 00 Russian submarine accident in the Barents Sea. Signal analysis of waveforms from eight IMS seismic stations indicated an explosion occurred at 07:30:42 GMT, 2 minutes after a much smaller explosion was detected by a single IMS seismic station. The Secretary of Defense sent the Chief of the Russian Navy a note, which contained information from the AFTAC assessment.

While USAEDS enhancements continue in the seismic and hydroacoustic arenas, AFTAC flies high with its airborne samplers. The WC-135 continues to be the Air Force's primary airborne sampling platform. A single aircraft, configured to collect gas samples only, was made available at the beginning of this year. Currently, this is the only aircraft in the US inventory that performs this mission. The information gathered by this platform could be used to identify and confirm nuclear explosions. Three additional Air Combat Command airframes will be used to support this program in future years.

Just as the operational part of the Air Force has evolved into an aerospace force, so has AFTAC with the development of Hyperspectral Imagery, or HSI. We demonstrated the operational and tactical military utility of space-based and airborne HSI during the Joint Expeditionary Force Experiment in 2000. This initiative acted as a pathfinder for transitioning HSI technology to the future AF Distributed Common Ground System and the Army/Navy Tactical Exploitation System. Live-fly and off-line scenarios were created to assess the utility of current HSI capabilities in the areas of camouflage, concealment detection and classification, chemical warfare detection and classification, identification friend or foe, combat search and rescue and trafficability analysis. These scenarios created an avenue to enhance assessment of the command and control structure for battlefield management.

Like the seismic and hydroacoustic disciplines, improvements have also been made in the atmos-

phere and space arena. These include improved optical sensors on GPS satellites known as the Enhanced Broadband Silicon optical Radiometer. This sensor improves current capabilities 6 to 10 fold and gives improved location accuracy and detection capabilities.

By land, sea, air, and space, our national decision makers, our Air Force senior leadership, joint service partners, fielded forces and our foreign partners under the international monitoring regime all rely on the people of AFTAC to do our duty with a commitment born of over 50 years of "... standing watch over freedom." Our task is to adapt our strengths to meet the challenges of an ever-evolving world environment and provide timely and reliable information to national policy-makers and combat forces. We will leverage information to ensure potential adversaries are deterred or defeated in their pursuit of weapons of mass destruction to use against the United States or its allies. This formidable task is ONLY possible due to the foundations constructed by all of you here; you have prepared this organization to meet the challenges in the new millennium. With new technologies we are armed to enhance national security and deliver critical information to national authorities and warfighters.

As my speech draws to a close, there are a few thoughts I wish to leave with you this evening. I have learned a great deal about our organization in the last months as commander, but what impresses me most about AFTAC, and what is continually reinforced throughout my travels and my time spent with you tonight is that AFTAC is a family-run business. I stand before you on the eve of a very important American holiday. It's a holiday celebrating fatherhood—a time to reflect on the impact our fathers have made on us and a time to thank them for their devotion and contribution to our success. I can't think of a more fitting way to describe your impact on our great organization—you are the women and men considered to be among "AFTAC's forefathers." You have RAISED this organization during the last 53 years with undying devotion and countless contributions. The foundations YOU constructed, the dedication YOU displayed to our national mission, and YOUR willingness to serve our country ARE the reason our nation's Air Force remain the greatest in the world. From a very grateful nation I thank you — know that the women and men of AFTAC's alumni association are in our thoughts on this "Fathers Day" and always. Thank you and God bless America.

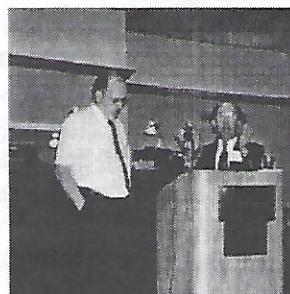
Col Horton went on say ...

At this time I'd like to recognize a very special member of our AFTAC family, one you all know and who needs no introduction, Ben Vlassick. In the year 2000, for the very first time, someone outside of the Patrick chapter has been selected as the "Alumni of the Year (2000)" -- an honor bestowed to the alumni member who has made the most significant contributions to the AFTAC alumni organization. He's been dubbed "the backbone of the Colorado chapter," and after putting on a hugely successful reunion like this one, it's easy to see why. I know I can speak for everyone here tonight. Ben, thank you, and your Colorado compatriots, for putting on this terrific event this weekend and thank you for your constant, outstanding support throughout the years. Your service to this organization has been exceptional. I am honored to present this award to you tonight on behalf of the women and men of the AFTAC alumni association, as well as the members of AFTAC throughout the world. It's folks like you who make AFTAC a family business.

EDITORS: HERE THE COMMANDER PRESENTS BEN WITH THE 'EAGLE' HIS SON RANDY ACCEPTED AT THE ANNUAL COMAND AWARDS CEREMONY REPORTED ON LAST ISSUE



FOLLOWING THE COMMANDER'S SPEECH AND RECOGNITION, THE PATRICK CHAPTER PRESENTED BEN WITH A T-SHIRT MARKING HIS SELECTION AS ALUMNI OF THE YEAR 2000. HERE BEN IS SEEN RECEIVING AND MODELING THAT SHIRT



CC CCS Travel, Det 489

CMSGT STEVE ARMITAGE, CCS/MSGT CHUCK NYE, DET CHIEF

Col **Horton** and I recently completed a trip to Detachment 489, an organization that plays a unique role in the history as well as the future of AFTAC. The Pinedale Seismic Research Facility, Det 489, prepares to enter a new era as the International Monitoring System nears operational status. The Det is preparing to transition beyond research and development into the operational arena for the first time since reopening in 1989. The airmen assigned to this CONUS remote location are some of the best, most qualified technicians we've seen.

Det 489 continues to carry out the AFTAC mission despite its minimal manning. The Det consists of their Chief, MSgt Charles E. **Nye**; an Administrative Support Specialist, TSgt Jack **Glasser**; and four maintenance technicians led by NCOIC, TSgt Jerry **Rice**. Col **Horton** was honored to preside over the hand-over ceremony on 1 August 2001, which left the Det in the capable hands of an all-enlisted contingent.

Over the past year, the Det has seen a 100% turnover of personnel and the loss of both a civilian contractor position and the commander's slot. But through it all, the blue-suiters worked to bring on line one of the most advanced seismic systems built to date. Using existing 23900, KS54000, and GS-13 seismometers, the logistics personnel completed the debugging of the Redundant Array Controller (RAC) and associated field equipment left by the contractor.

Problems involving Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers failing at extreme cold temperatures, radio data links not transmitting through thick winter fog, and bringing an R&D system into USAF standards kept the Det's technicians busy through the long winter and spring. Years of accumulated computers, cables, boxes, towers, and old equipment from various R&D projects were stored in unmanageable piles throughout the complex. Documentation was minimal at best, and still under development in many areas, especially the RAC manual. Each challenge was met head on by Team 489.

An example of a unique problem overcome by TSgt Rice and his crew, was the development of a way to keep the GPS receivers from failing when the temperatures reached minus 18 degrees and below. This was occurring regularly from December through February and causing the digitizers to lose the 1 pulse-per-second syn-

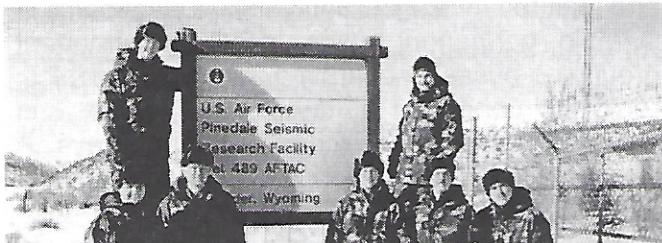
chronizing signal from the GPS. Building a two-inch thick insulation cone around the two-watt receivers seemed the best idea until replacement receivers could be obtained. The solution looked strange, but kept the receivers warm enough to operate the rest of the winter, even to readings of minus 35 degrees and below. A six-inch thick cone was also built and variant temperatures recorded for possible use in other, colder climates. Following the development of the new system, TSgt Rice and his crew, TSgt (sel) Robert **Kepiper**, SSgt Stephen **Padilla**, and SSgt Troy **Daigle** started the task of bringing the system into AF standards. Projects included scheduling an E&I team for tower and antenna inspections and maintenance; installing existing electronics in suitable, permanent boxes; installing permanent grounding busses; separating and routing cables; removing unneeded hardware and cables, and installing power kill switches on solar arrays. A pre-certification inspection conducted by Sandia National Labs and AFTAC (TT and LS personnel) pointed out a few suggestions, but overall, things looked good. The international committee's inspection team arrived on 22 July 2001 and conducted a thorough, top-to-bottom evaluation.

The team cited Det 489 as, "... the best site inspected thus far, anywhere in the world ...". A few post-inspection details are currently being cleared up, and the station's credentials will be presented to the international committee in Vienna later this year. The Det fully expects to be accepted with no objection. With little fanfare, Det 489 will again be maintaining a fully operational system in addition to the continuing R&D mission.

While mission related items have kept the unit busy, community involvement remains high on their priority list. Over the past year, the Det managed to support Memorial Day and Veterans Day services in Pinedale and nearby Big Piney. They helped the American Legion erect a new flagpole at the local library and performed flag details for the elementary school and local Boy Scouts. They sponsored the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick contest for the National Football League and adopted an eight-mile stretch of highway for annual cleanup. Branding calves at several local ranches was also an "entertaining" experience for their city-bred brethren. Requests for security and parking details at the first annual Wind River Blues Festival and annual Green River Rendez-

vous pageant, as well as support for a retirement party hosted for a Pinedale community leader all found willing Det volunteers. Three unit members are also volunteer firemen and have contributed long hours to protecting both town assets and the surrounding forest, which is continually threatened following years of drought. While mission will always come first, the Pinedale community continues to benefit from the Det's presence.

For a truly unique assignment, the folks at Det 489 have found their niche. All are volunteers, and most are looking at extending when their current tours ends. Pinedale has little to offer a city dweller, but for a truly new experience, there is no better assignment in the Air Force



SAM FROM THE TOP

"KERNELS OF WISDOM"

SAM SORICE - PRESIDENT

FRANK HALL - VICE PRESIDENT

WOW, has it been a year already? It's hard to believe I have been president for a whole year! It sure has been busy but I must admit it was more fun than work. Our association has gone through a major change. It was done successfully and smoothly because there are so many dedicated individuals who worked all the issues.

It has been nearly two years since we were given the choice of changing our name or moving away from our active duty counterparts. It was a slow process and we considered many alternatives, but in the end we chose to keep our active duty ties and become the Long-Range Detection Alumni Asc. We are going through the final stages of the approval processes and notifications, and all should be complete by the annual meeting.

Speaking of the annual general membership meeting, October 12 is the big day; we'll start out with our annual fall golf tournament at the Manatee Cove Golf Course (page 1); after the tournament and prize awards we will convene the General Membership meeting. Those of you that are not golfers are welcome to come on out and kibitz

or attend the meeting which will start about 6:00 PM. Our major order of business is to elect officers. I want to thank those of you who have come forward to accept nominations, we will also be taking nominations from the floor so any other volunteers out there can get on the ballot.

I would be remiss if I did not mention my fellow board members and the outstanding work they have done. Frank Hall continued to serve the organization as he has done for the past 12 years. This time Frank was our Vice President and my chief advisor. Steve Cook has done a great job as treasurer; in spite of the curve balls I occasionally tossed. Pete Towell has published the minutes for each meeting and has helped with the admin duties in an outstanding manner. And finally I would like to thank CMS Ken Myers for his long-standing support of the association.

Ken has taken an assignment overseas and will be sorely missed; he has done a fantastic job of keeping us linked to the active duty activities and taken care of our social activities. We all wish Ken the very best as he continues an outstanding Air Force career. In the same breath, we welcome CMS Steve Armitage and look forward to working with you. One final note: as you read through this newsletter, you will see many familiar names that have been volunteering their time to this association for many years. I invite each of you to join us at our monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month in the AFTAC main conference room at 5:30. Come and get active in your association; renew some old friendships and help our association continue to grow. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members

Elected President-Sam Sorice Vice-Frank Hall

Secretary-Pete Towell Treasurer-Steve Cook

Appointed Heritage Hall Committee

Frank Hall, Clark Creery and Larry Silhanek

Activities-Ken Myers Hospitality-Judy Milam

Internet Communications-Mike Black and Dave Johnson

Membership-Jim Payne Newsletter-John and Chris Horsch

Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

SUBMITTED BY OUR SECRETARY PETE TOWELL

May

Col. Horton has given his support to changing the name of the Association to Long Range Detection Alumni Association. The constitution is being revised and will be sent the 45th SW/JA for review.

Chapter News

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June—July

The 8 June Spring Golf Tournament was rained out and participants were given a choice of a refund or to apply funds to the next tournament. Those who opted for the refund were charged \$5.00 for food and drinks, but those who chose to apply the funds to the next tournament were not charged. A total of 100 individuals signed up; 52 opted for a refund.

John **Horsch** provided an update on the reunion. Col. Horton was the keynote speaker and did a superb job.

Frank **Hall** volunteered to head up the nominating committee for next year's board. John Horsch and Carl **Gailey** will assist.

August

Don **Emery** offered to head up the 12 October tournament. Frank Hall offered to assist with food, drinks, etc.

The Association recognized CMSgt Ken **Myers** service to the Association by presenting him a golf shirt at the meeting. Ken is relocating to Ramstein AB, Germany.

Dave Johnson attended the meeting and provided an update on the Association Internet Home Page and how that site is maintained.

The Florida Chapter will host the 2003 Worldwide Reunion. A chairman for this event needs to

be identified soon. The Board decided that they would bring this up at the General Membership Meeting on October 12th (Golf N'getogether).

Slate of Officers

FRANK HALL

The nominating committee (Frank **Hall**, John **Horsch** and Carl **Gailey**) contacted a number of potential board members. John Caban, Joe **Marshall** (president), and George **Mirda** (vice) accepted our request that they be on our slate of officers ... nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Voting will take place at the upcoming 12 October Golf N'getogether. Be sure to attend and support your alumni and it's very active board.

'TOD, Well Remembered'

JIM PAYNE

An interesting slick cover booklet, entitled "TECHNICAL OPERATIONS DIVISION HERITAGE REMEMBERED" is available to alumni members for a postage fee of \$4.00. The publication is 112 pages of pictures and text about the creation and development of Logistics, Airborne and Laboratory Operations of the US AEDS at McClellan AFB, CA. If you want to order send \$4.00 to the alumni address.

Directory Update

SUBMITTED BY JIM PAYNE

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Honoring Your Nondisclosure Agreements

DEBORAH H. CARSON

To many of us, it is a privilege to be associated with a program that can boast 54 years of history. No matter what agency we worked for, the one commonality is supporting a mission that is as important today as it was when Harry S. Truman declared it a national priority. This critical national program, the Long-Range Detection Program (LRDP), is dependent on the people who supported it and the pledge they took to defend and protect the program information to which we have or had access. Each of us has been exposed to "critical" information, the disclosure of which could cause serious damage to our national security and the international mission of the LRDP. And, each of us signed an agreement that prohibits the "gathering, transmitting, delivering, communicating, or disclosing information related to national defense." This nondisclosure responsibility does not diminish with the passage of time or the change of cold war status. With so much emphasis on "Open America" and Executive Order declassification, we tend to forget or lose track of the agreement we made to protect the information to which we were exposed during our various assignments.

What we agreed to many years ago is still applicable today. The government has not relieved you of your responsibility to protect information that was once classified. Declassification usually occurs from a specified date or action from that day forward. If you have any doubts, don't disclose the information. Let the proper authorities tell the histories of the past national programs. Today, the active duty and civilian members depend of the members of yesteryear to protect our locations, techniques, and resources so we may continue the mission as effectively now and in the future as those before us.

Be proud of your contributions and know you're the reason this country is as safe as it is for your children and the future of their children. Don't compromise your agreement. The US Government has provided an avenue for former military personnel to ensure that information intended for publishing, such as memoirs, does not compromise classification. This process is called the security and policy review. The Air Force has published a guide at www.pa.hq.af.mil/pas/srguide.html that can provide the necessary guidance to obtain the proper reviews.

ECHOES Colorado

SUBMITTED BY BRYCE DUNN, ECHOES EDITOR AND BEN VLASSICK, PRESIDENT

NATIONAL REUNION 2001, Denver CO

AFTAC ALUMNI NATIONAL REUNION 2001

For the third time, Colorado was the location for the annual AFTAC Alumni Association National Reunion. The dates selected were June 14 - 17, 2001. The Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Red Lion) once again provided an outstanding location for space, staff hospitality, food and overall ambience.

Check-in started early Thursday; the 14th. Good times and stories were renewed and revisited almost immediately. Renewing old acquaintances during the Friday Night Icebreaker was quite a success and the carved ham and hors-d'oeuvres were delicious and plentiful. More than 150 people were at the Icebreaker vowing they would return for the next reunion.

Saturday night provided an evening of good food, entertainment and nostalgic memories by the guest speaker, AFTAC Commander Col. Roy Horton III. Col Horton started his speech with AFTAC's past and updated the more than 170 attendees. A highlight of the evening was when Col Horton presented Ben Vlasic the AFTAC 'Alumnus of the Year 2000' Award. This is the first time the award was presented outside of the Florida Chapter and resulted in a standing ovation.

Ben has served the Colorado Chapter for more than 14 years as the Chapter President. The personal presentation of the award by the commander came as quite a surprise to Ben; his quote, "an event that will be cherished forever."

The evening concluded with dancing and music provided by Tempo Techniques. Those that did not have a wake up call closed the Hospitality Room at some ridiculous hour. In a word, "it was a good reunion!!"

Ben's Farewell

EMAIL, BEN VLASSICK @8/5

Effective July 1, 2001, it was necessary for me to step down as the President/Chairman of the Colorado Chapter. I feel that I am unable to provide the leadership that is necessary. I have been with the chapter since the August '89 National Reunion when it was decided to form a chapter and it will be difficult to break away. It took the efforts of a group of people and I want to thank all those people that made it possible for me to get the job done.

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PoMo editors: The highlight of the reunion for us was seeing Ben honored by the command and the commander. We will greatly miss working with him and Ginger in their previous capacity—but we also know the Colorado chapter has outstanding people and will continue to flourish with them guiding from the sidelines.

We send our prayers and thoughts to Ben and Ginger as they continue their lives without the deep involvement in the Colorado Alumni Chapter.

Attendees

Bailey	Clentis	Gardiner Ed	Phillips Rick
Black	Richard	Gardiner James	Pierce Earl
Black	Sharon	Garrett Wayne	Pierce Marianne
Blackburn	Wildon	Garrett Holley	Platt Dick
Blackburn	Ann	Genzler Pat	Platt Gayla
Borland	Tony	Genzler Pepper	Preston Dean
Borland	Barbara	Gibbons Lonnie	Preston Jan
Braukman	Bill	Gibbons Ginny	Proctor Bill
Braukman	Marge	Goodreau Frank	Proctor Zola
Bridges	William	Goodreau Irene	Ramrath Tom
Bridges	Ruth	Haidacher Peter	Ramrath Jeri
Bruner	Griff	Haidacher Lilo	Ramsey Kellie
Bruner	Karen	Harpster John	Reese Gordon
Burke	Whitney	Harris Bill	Reese Dorothy
Butler	Doris	Harris Garneth	Richardson Jon
Calenda	Frank	Hoffee Jeanne	Richardson Violet
Calenda	Edna	Hoffee Bob	Romanchuk Pete
Carter	Allison	Horsch John	Rubincam Richard
Carter	Guest	Horsch Chris	Rubincam Anne
Carty	Ed	Hutchinson Clarence	Schmied Bill, 'Jeff'
Cauda	Jerry	Johnson Joseph	Schmied Sue, 'Anne
Chambers	Pam	Johnson Gayle	Shray DeAnne
Cline	Lee	Johnson Robert	Siegismund Charles
Cline	June	Johnson Joyce	Siegismund Monai
Colton	Milo	Jones Max	Smith Jack
Colton	Garneth	Jones Nancy	Smith Helen
Copeland	Ray	Jones Charles	Soucia Charles
Cotter	Leo	Jones Lucy	Soucia Joan
Counce	Jerry	Jones Leroy	Spencer Susan
Counce	Norma	Jones Ruth	Spencer Lee
Cronin	George	Kimball Jack	Steskal Mike
Cronin	Sherry	Kimball Wanda	Strock Robert
Crusant	Margaret	Lachner Gerald	Strock Esther
Currier	Lewis	Lachner Mattie Lee	Tasto Dennis
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Deal	Barbara	Lemois Linda	Thompson George
Deffler	Bruce	Lemois Guest	Tomlinson Bob
Deffler	Susan	Lepus Frank	Tomlinson Sandy
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The Reunion's Activities

Tour of Det 045

THE EDITORS

We learned a lot at the reunion. Not only did CC's outstanding speech on Saturday night bring us up-to-date, we got to see, in person, a little bit of what he was talking so highly of when we took advantage of the offer to 'tour Det 045.' This was during the day on Saturday and was a perfect way to reincorporate ourselves back into the world of 'active-duty' – and what a world it is.

We were welcomed by a group of outstanding NCO's and Airmen who made sure we were aware they respected AFTAC's past (us) and had a high regard for, and understanding of, its future. It was obvious, Sra **Boustead**, knew exactly what he was briefing us about and how to do the myriad of tasks he identified as a part of their day-to-day routine. We were also very impressed by the welcomes extended by MSgt **Nederhoed** and TSgt **Ferrise**, and the important tasks and responsibilities they fulfill.

Thank you so much, Det 045, for taking the time to 'fill us in' and we have never been more comfortable that AFTAC, and the country that counts on you, are in extremely capable hands.

The Golf Match

JACK SMITH

First place Ernie Freeman, Lonnie Gibbons, Tom Miller, Gordon Reese

Second place Denny McDaniel, Jack Smith, Lou Veltrie, Ted Veltrie

Third place Bryce Dunn, David Pierce, Earl Pierce, George Waters

Fourth place Patrick Burke, Lee Cline, Cliff Ferris, Earl Ferris

Longest drives and closest to the pin won by Ernie, Lonnie, Denny, Tom, Lou and Ted.

The tournament was at Park Hill Golf Course, two miles from the reunion hotel, on Friday morning of the Reunion. Shotgun start 0730, scramble format with each player's drive used at least four times. Upon completion of golf, a lunch buffet at the hotel Cafe'. Door prizes and awards were done in the hospitality room. A special thanks to Bill Schmied for many of the door prizes.

The Future

BRYCE DUNN

Colorado General Membership Meeting

There was a general membership meeting on Saturday September 15 at the Plainsman III, on Smith road, just east of Chambers. The Main Item on the agenda was the election of chapter

Other Chapter's News

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officers. Reunion souvenirs are still available for purchase.

Colorado Winter Social

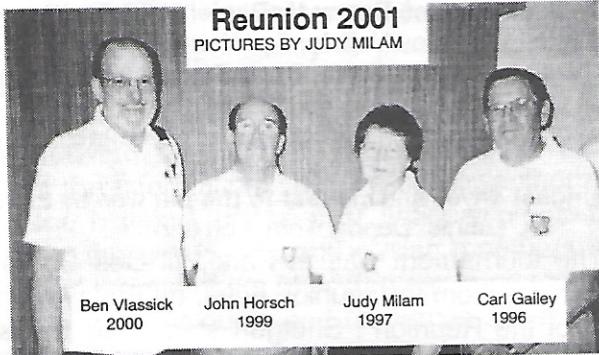
The AAACO winter social will be held on Saturday, 17 November, 2001, at the Buckley CA-MANA Club. Social hour will commence at 1800, and dinner at 1900. This year's fee will be \$20 per person, which will include a chicken or steak dinner and music.

Send your fee and dinner selection to Bill Schmied, so that he may receive it no later than 7 November, at 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010. Make checks payable to Bill Schmied.

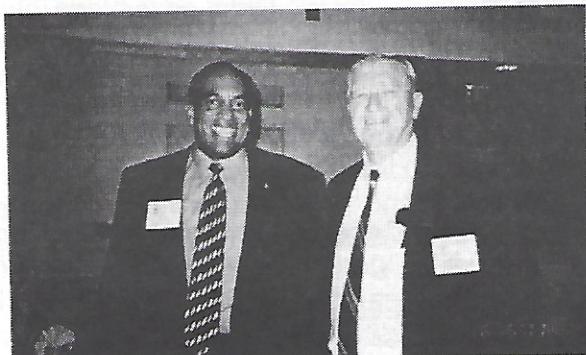
AAACO Web Site

Fire up your Web browser to <http://www.aftacco.org>. That's the address of the AFTAC Colorado Alumni chapter Web site. You'll find links to interesting sites, such as Buckley Air Force Base, the Florida AFTAC site and the official AFTAC site. There's information about our chapter and how to join, and a page full of pictures of our chapter activities as well as great memory joggers. Always something new to see, so check in often.

Pictures of the 2001 Alumni reunion are now posted on the website. Webmaster Bill Harris - bharris4@IX.netcom.com



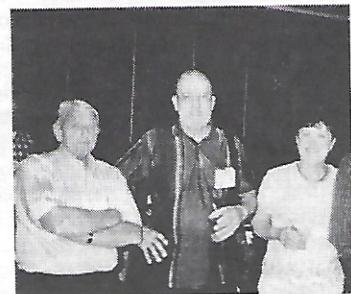
A couple of years worth of 'Alumnus of The Year'
PICTURE BY CHRIS HORSCH



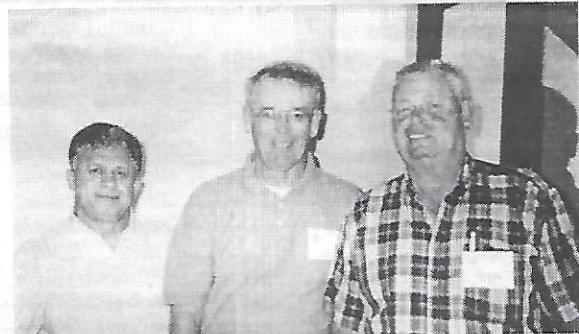
Col Horton and Dick Moore



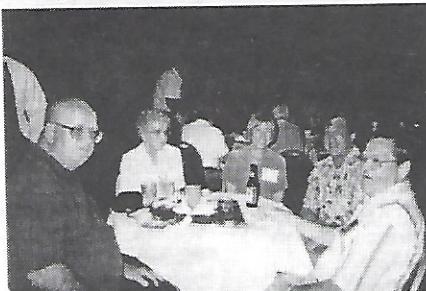
Wayne/Cathy Zahn ...Karen/Griffin Bruner



(UP) Frank Winters, Ben and
Ginger Vlassick <CA prez,
Joe and Gayle Johnson,
Frank Goodreau



(UP) Jack Smith
(center) Albert
Coughtry & Thomas
Miller.
<Mike Milam,
Mayme Gailey,
Sue (Anne)
Schmied, Mike
Steskal, and Carl
Gailey



<George/Sherry
Cronin, Jeri and
Tom Ramroth and
Dean and Jan Preston
NOTE: see the
FL Asc Webpage
for more reunion
pictures.



WEST COAST CHAPTER

DEPOT FALLOUT

Email: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board, Jack **Allison**-Director & President, Joe **Johnson**-Director At Large & Membership, Bob **Fitzgerald**-Vice President, George **Thompson**-Treasurer, Bart **Carter**-Secretary & Newsletter Editor, Dale **Klug**

"Name Our Newsletter" Contest Over

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

It was a tough decision. There were twelve entries. We had no problem coming up with a way to cover the logistics supply, maintenance, engineering, technical publications and field support missions. That was easy, "DEPOT". Now how could we cover the laboratory, flying, ground sampling and mission support aspects of WFO, 1155th and TOD and still refer to all of us still around to be so proud of our "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"?

Bill Stephan came up with "FALLOUT" and the vote in favor of "DEPOT FALLOUT" at our June 5th meeting was unanimous. Congratulations Bill, you did good! Thanks to those who submitted the other eleven entries from all over the country.

Summer Social Outing

SUBMITTED BY JOE JOHNSON

Our Amtrak trip to Oakland and cruise aboard FDR's "Floating White House" was unable to garner the necessary 25 or more people to participate, so it was canceled.

However, the Alumni dinner at the Luau Gardens Buffet on April 7th was a huge success. Our official chapter photographer, Bob **Fitzgerald**, took pictures.

Upcoming Elections

SUBMITTED BY BART CARTER

Our Articles of Association specify that our directors and officers be elected for a two-year term. Believe it or not, the two years since they were elected is almost upon us. The current officers need your help with nominations for the upcoming election.

They will present their slate of nominees based on inputs from all of you. If you would

like to help us out as a nominee or volunteer, or know someone who does, please contact us via e-mail, letter or phone call. All six positions, Chairman of the Board, Director/President, Director at Large, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, are open. We need help with membership and the newsletter also. We need your input by August 1st, so we can get the ballots mailed for the election in September. Call Joe **Johnson** at 916-783-8676.

'Words From The Prez'

JOE JOHNSON

As stated above, we didn't get enough people for the Amtrak trip and cruise, but our Alumni Meet to Eat at the "Luau Gardens" was a roaring success. About 50 people showed up and we had a great time. Our telephone committee and e-mail senders did a super job. Thanks to all of you for your support. We are looking into another dinner, with a European cuisine, this fall and possibly another trip on the "Clear Lake Queen" for next spring. Any suggestions anyone has for future outings or get-togethers are cheerfully welcome. Just write, call or E-mail us.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as our chapter officers. The new officers' terms will start after the election in September. Please get in touch with us.

We have set up our general membership meetings for the rest of the year. The quarterly meetings for 2001 are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 7pm, on Sep 11th and Dec 4th at the McClellan Air Museum. Due to a last minute commitment we were unable to get into the Air Museum for our June 5th meeting, my apologies to those who showed up and found the doors locked (we had it at my house instead). If you have any questions or topics you wish to bring up, call me at 916-783-8676 prior to a scheduled meeting and I'll include it on the agenda. There was a great turnout at the AFTAC 2001 reunion in Colorado. We really enjoyed ourselves.

Editor's Note: Any ideas for get-togethers, or newsletter articles are always welcome.

Mail Call

Don't forget our E-Mail address: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

Rich Charles says: The following Obituary appeared in the 5 May issue of the Sacramento Bee: **DUVALL, JAMES ROBERT** (aka SMSgt Jim Brest) Age 65, born January 21 1936 in Sharon, Pa and passed away April 30 2001 at his home in Sacramento. Mr. Duvall retired from the US Air Force in 1976 after 26 years of service. He retired from McClellan AFB as a Supervising Production Controller in 1998. He is survived by his devoted wife of 23 years, Andree; loving children Michael Duvall and Catherine (Volin) Marianovich and grandchildren, Nichole and Nadia Marianovich. Friends are invited to a Memorial Mass, Monday at 11:00 AM at St. Philomene Catholic Church. Reichert's Funeral Directors (916) 729-2229."

Rich (Nick) Charles E-mail: Jeri4025@AOL.Com

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim spent several years in the 1155th before he retired from active duty. He was assigned to Logistics Maintenance as NCOIC, Production Control and was very active with the 1155th Base Championship Softball Team.

Al & Joyce Koscheski say: Hi, hope things are going well out your way. Thought you might enjoy the story in this weeks Air Force Times (dated Monday ,June 25, inside front cover under FRONTLINES). The story is about Mike and Nelson Wayne Koscheski, Al's brother who flew in WWII. Warm Regards, Joyce & Al E-mail: ALJKosch@aol.com **EDITOR'S NOTE:** Mike Koscheski is Al & Joyce's son, a Air Force Academy graduate and fighter pilot stationed in UK.

Sue Spencer says: It's been a long time since I've been in touch. Bob Fitzgerald e-mailed a few days ago since he'd seen my registration for the June alumni event in Denver. I've been remiss on getting all my contact information up to date.

Last summer was quite a whirlwind for me and things haven't slowed down since. In October I moved to Maryland taking advantage of my retirement move. Lee's still in California and still looking for a position in D.C. so he can join me. I've started interviewing for positions as a real estate salesperson and expect to be licensed within the next month. (April) I mailed off my membership renewal which also has my updated information, but I thought I'd pass it on to you also.

Lee & Susan Spencer, 7601 Elioak Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 .E-mail:

ontheremove@bigfoot.com (no change from previous email) Thanks, Sue

U.S. Air Force ONLINE NEWS

For online news of what's happening in today's Air Force, look at <<http://afproducts.ease.lsoft.com/archives/index.html>>. There you will find current and archived news published in the Air Force Policy Letter; U.S. Air Force press releases; Airman Magazine; and USAF Online News. If you'd like, you can also join an email service where you will receive news on these subjects via email five times each week.

Dinner at Luau Gardens, Arden Way, Sacramento, CA—7 April 2001

Photos by Bob Fitzgerald



L-R: Joe (Chap. Pres.) & Gayle Johnson, Anne Johnson, Bob & Lenore Justman (*standing*), John "JR" Johnson (*seated*), Jack Phelps



L-R: Sue & Tom Wentz, Rosalie & Jack Allison (Dir./Chmn of the Bd.), Ann & Al Pavik, Ruth & Bill Bridges



L-R: Judie & Jim Giordano, David Baker (*standing*), Jim Howell, Rose & Dale (*seated*) Klug (Secty/Editor), George & Jan McKeel (*standing*)

CALENDAR

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend these events for fellowship and participation.

ALWAY VERIFY (PAT SYNDER, (321) 494-6867, BEFORE COMING

—Board/membership meetings are normally scheduled for the second Monday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: Lobby, AFTAC HQ building

HOW: come to lobby, you will be met and escorted

—WindDowns are normally scheduled for the first Friday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the Outback)

HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

October

5, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

* 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

November

2, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

* 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

December

7, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

10, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

January, 2002

4, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

14, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

*Monday holiday, call for date of meeting

Special Events

**October 12—Long Range Detection
Alumni Association Golf N'Getogether
Manatee Cove (Patrick AFB) Golf Course
See article on page 1**

**January—Alumni 4th
Annual SnowBall**

**Watch for date and additional info in Dec
PoMo**

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GOLF SHIRTS - with pocket - \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	2	4	4	3
Jade (medium green)	3	4	3	3
Navy	3	3	4	3
Red	2	3	3	2
White	2	1	1	3
Royal Blue	3	0	4	3
Teal (dark aqua)	2	3	3	4
Maroon	3	2	2	2

T-SHIRTS - without pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	1	3	4	2
Navy	3	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	4	2
Purple	2	1	3	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuscia	2	2	2	2
Mint Green	2	2	2	2
Jade Green	2	4	4	2
Lime Green	0	0	0	0

HATS - \$6.00 # MISCELLANEOUS #

Green	8	50th Commem. Coins (\$3)	~170
Gray	8	Logo Pin (\$3.25)	~37
Red	7	Logo Disk (\$5.50)	~36
Royal Blue	0	Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue	9	/\$10-nonmembers	8
Navy	2		
Blue/Gray	27	TOD History Book, free, s/h, \$4.00	

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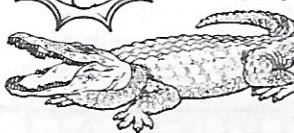
Med. Blue/with pocket/White logo, \$14

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**Sagey sez** "Alex, do you think anyone ever reads what we say here? I'm going to test that and if we don't receive at least two compliments from this issue I'm going to resign, how about you?"



**Alex replies** "You betcha, I'll bite. I too get tired of trying to think of something interesting to say back to your ridiculous questions!"

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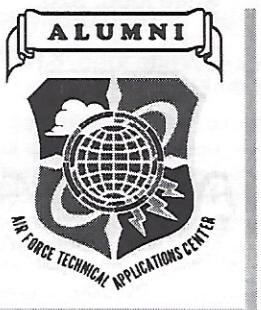
**SNPE the Snail Sez,** send us your tale(s) - inputs are due the 1st  
Monday in the month of publication (March, June, September & December).

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The emblem used by the alumni association (below) was in active service from 1970 to 2000 (the replacement is a less detailed rendering). The association continues the use of this version because so many alumni served while it was ‘on duty.’ When in use, it symbolized the unit and, in color, contains the AF (blue and gold) as well as the national colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of AF operations; yellow, the sun and excellence of personnel. The globe indicates worldwide mission, locations and geophysical studies; the lightning and cloud depict study on natural phenomena and the compass points

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