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Membership—621, Lifetime 531 (16 Distinguished)

2005 MARCH



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

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

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

Recognized for 50 years
of service to our country
in September 1997
1947 – 1997



SAGE SALUTE

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



Alumni Of The Year, 2004

Joe Goldian

Congratulations Joe.
Your selection recog-
nizes your extensive
time and service. And
this service has been long in
tenure and broad and deep
in application.

Joe began attending asso-
ciation meeting even before
he retired, starting in 1991.
He currently serves as our treasurer and, in 1999,
served as our Vice President.

During this period Joe has never failed to step for-
ward to help in whatever endeavor the association
was involved in. He has personally managed sev-
eral golf tournaments, and was 'Joe on the spot' for
reunions and other association matters. He has
been a member since 1991.

Joe was born in North Carolina in 1949 and joined
the Air Force in Jan, 1968. He served in AFTAC
from 4/68 to 7/74 and 7/75 to 9/91. His final as-
signment in AFTAC was as Manager, Treaty
Monitoring Operations Program. Joe retired as a
MSgt in September 1991. Joe's assignments in-
clude American Samoa, Mindinao Philippines,
Wonju Korea, and several tours at Denver and
the various Headquarters locations. Joe was
one of the first AFTACers to perform Treaty di-
rected inspections on Soviet missiles.

(Joe continued on page 4, right column, top)



Pic by Judy Milam

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

CENTER PICNIC, APRIL 3RD, 1100-??

EDITORS

Sages wanted/needed, see pg 11, bottom right.

SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

"MAY 6TH," COCOA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

FRANK HALL, MAJOR ARRANGER

The annual Alumni Association Spring golf n'geto-
gether outing will be held on May 6, 2005, at the
Cocoa Beach Golf Course. As always, our corpo-
rate sponsors (Fall Golf N'Getogether continued on page 4)

WORLDWIDE REUNION, 12-15 MAY, 2005

Reunion is set for the evening of 12 May to morn-
ing of 15 May, 2005, to be held in Sacramento,
California, at the Holiday Inn Northeast. See pages
16, 17 and 18 for information and registration.

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL

BOB WILEY

In what may be a tradition now, the 2004 Holi-
day Party was again held at the Imperial Hotel.
Complementing the excellent active duty turnout,
(AFTAC Winter Social continued on page 5, right column, middle)

SNOWBALL VII

JUDY MILAM

Just a few days before the Snowball Banquet, we
watched the local news and learned that the Patrick
Officers' Club had caught fire and burned down.

(SnowBall VII continued on page 4, right column, near bottom)

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION HONOR ROLL

Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Joe Goldian 2004-Pat Snyder 2003-Joseph 'Joe' Johnson 2002
Jim Payne 2001-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 command people and its history exist: Two of these, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the 'Wall of Honor' (photos/bio's sent in) of alumni who served the command for 20+ years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming, Museum.

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"

(board members serving for five+ years)

Clark Creery-Newsletter 81-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01,
Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01, Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/Hosp since 01,
Pres 04, Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl
Gailey-Tres 91-99, Swede Swansen-Pub since 93, John (Christel)
Horsch, Newsletter since 96, Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec
05, Mike Black, Webmaster since 97, Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04

ASSOCIATION HISTORY-The Assn formed March 12, 1985, and was chartered in 1986. It's intent is to provide a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the organization and its people, 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.

There are three chapters.

Florida chapter (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Information: Randy Vlassick, rvlass1@aol.com/Pat Snyder, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**-There is a quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a Website, 'http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac', with assn/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster is Mike Black; Clark Creery writes an 'Upcoming Events' ('What's Happening') section and posts photos.

Colorado chapter-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. There are ~105 members.

West Coast (California) chapter-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 and publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org'; email, TODalumni@bigfoot.com. There are 145 members.

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"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



We'll start where we ended last issue; the idea of receiving the PoMo via electronic means met positive responses from well over 100 people. We begin with 16 'test people' this issue and they received their PoMo, in color where used, at least a week ago. Not only did they get an early start on their favorite association publication, they also allowed a savings of over a dollar per person.

Several of you inquired about adding your email address to the alumni website to enable receipt of alumni info of a time sensitive nature (deaths, etc.), 'e-alls' as we call them.

1. go to <http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac/>
2. click on 'Member Locator/Change your info'
3. type in your name and 'submit'
4. type in a password, if you want, and click 'edit data'
5. make corrections/additions (list your AFTAC service, etc)
6. click 'Update Data'

While there, check out all the neat things Mike Black and Clark Creery (Upcoming Events) have online for your information and entertainment.

Mrs Wigington emailed us concerning several errors in the new Florida Chapter directory. The association website address (cover) should read per instruction 1 above. The email address on the back cover should read, 'rvlass1@aol.com. While you note these corrections on your copy, please verify the info we have on you.

While we are dealing with errors, your editors apologize for listing the wrong date (Feb 4th) for the recent SnowBall in several places.

Next, congratulations to our members who have sustained the association for twenty-years. That a long stretch of time and the association is in good shape; three-chapters, superb websites and a worldwide reunion coming up. Thanks, all of you, and especially that small cadre of people who tend to the day-to-day business. We plan an article for the next issue celebrating this milestone.



Lastly, in January, we visited Tom and Terry Ciabrone at their beautiful riverside home. Tom showed off his large train collection and suggested PoMo have a 'trivia' section and offered to be 'in charge.' Great idea, find the answer on pg 19.

The trivia question: 'What do Tren Money, Kathy Todd, and

Art Cole have in common?'

MAIL - CALL

Any requests for action should be sent to
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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

Thanks' to all who write; **Welcome**, or **Welcome Back**, to new and returning alumni. We recognize all correspondence so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

LETTERS/EMAIL

Geno Wagner **email, Y5.01.05**

Just a quick note to tell you that I visited **Benny Pieper's** hometown, Ohlman, Illinois, this past summer. He was out of town on business but I found his office. The lady there got in touch with him on his cell phone and I spoke with him. Benny was in personnel at AFTAC around 1975-1977. If I can remember what he told me I'll relay it (I'm getting old you know).

Benny retired as an AF Lt. Colonel when his uncle told him "Benny, it's time to come home as I want to retire. You need to take over the business." (What a deal!) He's divorced and lives back in his home town (guess his wife didn't want to live in the country). He drives one of his long haul semis, but usually gets home on the weekends. We talked about different people that worked at AFTAC when he was there and I was able to tell him about most of the people that he asked about. The only one that neither one of us knew anything about was **Tony Brehm**, the guitarist that was in personnel at AFTAC and worked part time at the Cocoa Beach pier. I knew that when Tony got discharged he went to Nashville but eventually came back to the CB pier. I saw him there about 15 years ago. He was about to move to Orlando and of all things - he got religion!! I have been to the pier recently. The current Sunday afternoon entertainer knew of him but has no idea where he is. YAHOO's people search didn't come up with anything useful either. Just wondering if anyone knows what happened to Tony??

I can come up with Benny Pieper's phone number

if anyone wants it. I would imagine that if you wrote a note to Benny and sent it to Ohlman IL, he'd get it. My e-mail address is wchickendealer@AOL.com. Where that address came from is just too long of a story to explain. Don't ask.

Bill Taylor **email, 01.22**

Recognizing the need for austerity I thought you should know I've been receiving two (each) of the "Monitor" publications for the past couple of issues. It may be because I inadvertently renew my annual membership about six times a year. I'm not doing it to be generous, probably senility. Even more senile, I read the dam dupes and wonder why it sounds so familiar. I thought Col. **Koerschner's** article was so darn good that you published it twice. It would have been justified. Thanks for your dual readership. Col K's article was outstanding and deserved two readings.

Clark Wilberg **email, 01.22**

You know, years ago I had a preconceived, stereotyped image of Soldiers that pretty closely approximated Beetle Bailey and Sarge. My 6 months at the Sergeant Majors Academy gave me some new insights and appreciation for what soldiers go through during their careers--especially those who are infantry, or tankers--the guys who are out there in the mud, the rain, the dust, the heat, the insects, and all the other unsavory living conditions; on top of all that--THEY GET SHOT AT!!! I reached the conclusion that I would never have made 20 years in the Army; I couldn't put up with all of that under field conditions and life in garrison that revolves around 12-14 hour days. My close association with the Soldiers over the past 6 years has continued to make me aware that these guys have the same aptitudes and abilities that Air Force guys have--they are every bit as computer literate, they have the same desires for improving themselves and getting their college degrees, they love their families and they love to contribute to the community. The thing that sets them apart, in my mind and eyes, is the fact that they know that their duties may require them to put their lives on the line and they step up to that responsibility in order to preserve the freedoms of others. They have my admiration and respect. This organization's mission is to leverage their abilities through technology in an effort to reduce their losses. So far we've been pretty successful.

Joyce and I had planned to attend the West Coast Alumni Reunion in Sacramento this summer. However, I visited the website this past weekend and discovered the dates are in May. Unfortunately with daughters still in junior high and high school, and Joyce teaching in a computer lab in an elemen-

tary school, it makes it impossible. We keep monitoring (no pun intended) the activities and plans; we'll make one of them, Florida, Colorado, or California, at some point in the future. Thanks for your insight on some very important people, especially at this time in the history of our country (Readers: read more on this in the 'Feature Articles' section). It would have been great to see you at the reunion, but we understand.

Don & Evelyn Bartram email, 02,05

Don wrote he would like to receive PoMo via electronic means, and added: I spent about 8 (59-67) years in AFTAC almost all out of Telegraph Rd. I worked in TD-5 under Col **Kaiser**. During that time I was involved in a lot of very interesting operations in very interesting locations. I would like to share some with the Post-Monitor but I have a real problem with what is or isn't classified. When I got out, to go to work at Los Alamos (30yrs), almost every thing was classified. Let me know if there is away to determine what is or is not OK.

I enjoy the PoMo, keep up the good work Thanks for your positive comments. The newsletter review process includes a careful check for classified information. We look forward to 'what you have to say.'

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE WITH SPACE FOR ASSIGNMENTS OR LAST PAGE, POMO

Kenneth Borgmeyer -Haslet, TX 01.14

99125L, 1155TOS, 12/65-5/67. O'seas, 6/67-5/69.

J Wooden-Kingston Spgs, TN 01.16

(corrected phone #) AF, '56-60/65-76; AFTAC, '60-65/76-86.

Bob Long-Cameron, MO 01.21

1155th, 3-tours, Dets 204, 207, and two O'seas. 1961-75 (retired), What Wonderful Memories!!!

CHECK/NOTE ONLY MAIL

(new/renewal, unless noted)

Alexander **Disanto**-Melbourne, FL; Donald **Clemens**-Stuart, FL; W **Farris**-Boonville, MO; George **Kraus**-Garland, TX; Howard **Larinan**-Foley, AL; Lester **Landrum**-Rock Hill, SC; Charles **McGowan**-Woodbridge, VA; Larry **Teynor**-Mims, FL; Charles **Wright**-Keeseville, NY; Kenneth **King**-Sheffield, AL; Curt **Anderholm**-Merritt Is, FL; Charles **Braud**-Melbourne, FL; David **Cullinane**-Kearney, MO; Carrey **Dobbins**-Pensacola, FL; John **Frias**-Taunton, MA; Charles **Gay**-Citrus Heights, CA; James **Lyon**-Magnolia, TX; Larry **Marston**-Hernando, FL; Bob **McMullen**-Beavercreek, OH; Vern **Mickelson**-Iowa Park, TX; **Noonchester**-Honolulu, HI; Fran **Papineau**-Roseville, CA; David **Paquette**-Lincoln, CA; Richard **Pate**-Woodbridge, VA; CE **Smith**-Melbourne, FL; MJ **Walsh**-Round Lake, IL; WN **Wigington**-Blue Springs, MS; James **Young** III-Melbourne, FL; Tony **Antonio**-Warner Robbins, GA; LS **Jones**-Longwood, FL (address); Gino **Piccoli**-Glendale, AZ (address);

(Joe continued from page 1)

Thanks Joe, for your service to this country, AF-TAC, and now the association. Your contributions are truly appreciated. Congratulations again on your selection as our 'Alumni of The Year, 2004.'

Joe's selection was announced at the association's annual SnowBall on Feb 5th and he was again recognized at the Center's Annual Award Banquet on March 3rd.

**'SAGE,
ON THE RANGE'**



(Fall Golf N/Gettogether continued from page 1)

have come through with some excellent grand prizes as well as a great assortment of door prizes. There will be plenty of water and soda on the course, and a beverage cart will be available.

The price is the same as last year. Association members will pay \$35.00 and all others will pay \$40.00. Immediately after golf, we will have a nice meal that will be prepared by 'Smoking Joe' and served in the Cocoa Beach golf course restaurant. We will award the prizes during/after the dinner following the tournament.

Make your reservations early as we plan to cap the numbers at 120 players. To sign up call

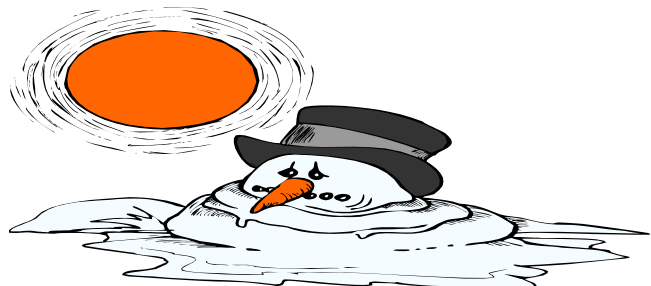
Pat Snyder at 494-6867

or Frank Hall at 773-2430.

The **last day** to sign up is **May 2nd**

Check in will start at 1100 and tee time is 1:00

If you are not interested in golfing but would like to attend the BBQ dinner for the camaraderie and 'catching up,' the cost for the meal is \$8.00. Reservations for dinner are requested.



(SnowBall VII, continued from page 1)

Fortunately, no one was hurt, and thankfully, we had scheduled our SnowBall Banquet at the Patrick NCO Club. We were originally scheduled to be in the main dining room, but with other groups scrambling for a place to have their activities, we offered to move the Snowball to the second-floor room, which turned out to be a perfect location for our group. The annual Snowball Banquet offers an ex-

cellent opportunity to get together with old friends in a casual setting and get to know other Alumni members better.

The 2005 Snowball was a roaring success, with over 50 people in attendance. The theme was a "Taste of Italy." The bill-of-fare included a salad, a wonderful sampler plate of Italian food, Tiramisu for dessert, and plenty of wine to go with the meal. The table centerpieces added to the festivities with a distinctive Italian flare – bottles of wine in wine baskets or glass vases decorated with an Italian flag, postcards from Italy, grape vines, and real grapes. Some attendees had started nibbling on the grapes before the drawing to distribute the centerpieces as door prizes, and a few grapes were seen flying across the room, courtesy of some of our more enthusiastic attendees – as a courtesy, we'll withhold the names of the grape tossers. Winners of the centerpieces included Sara **Turner**, Curt **Harris**, Duke **Snyder**, Connie **Dobrin**, Michelle **French**, Gail **Marshall**, Don **Kirkpatrick**, Trudee **Kirkpatrick**, and Tom **Eddleman**. We had two extra bottles of wine, and the winners of the wine were Dave **O'Brien** and Carol **Snyder**.

Jack **Jackson**, President of the Florida Chapter, welcomed all in attendance, and thanked those who worked with the NCO Club to set up the Snowball Banquet, called members in the local area to remind them to sign up, decorated the tables, and attended to the details that made the event a success. Jack also mentioned the upcoming spring golf tournament and encouraged members to attend the monthly meetings – second Monday of each month at 5:00 PM at the AFTAC building.



Col Turner and wife Sara

Jack **Jackson** announced that we selected Joe **Goldian** as the Alumni of the Year for 2004. Joe is our treasurer and he has worked hard to keep the books straight. Joe can also be counted on to help ensure that golf tournaments run smoothly. Joe was further honored at the Annual AFTAC Awards Banquet scheduled for 3 March. Alumni members were encouraged to attend the banquet to support our Alumni of the Year.

Col Guy **Turner**, Commander, AFTAC, talked about what a privilege it is to be a member of the AFTAC family and the Alumni Association.



Joe and Association President, Jack Jackson



Joe was also recognized at the Center Awards Banquet on March 3rd. Col Turner, AFTAC CC, and CMSgt French, AFTAC Superintendent, present the award. (all pictures by Judy Milam).

If you missed Snowball 2005, or the Center Awards Banquet, you might want to start planning now. Both are a good use of your time and you won't be disappointed.

(AFTAC Winter Social continued from page 1)

on the retiree side, there was a good mixture of the "retired, but still working," "the retired, but still working for AFTAC," and the ambition of us all, "the retired retired."

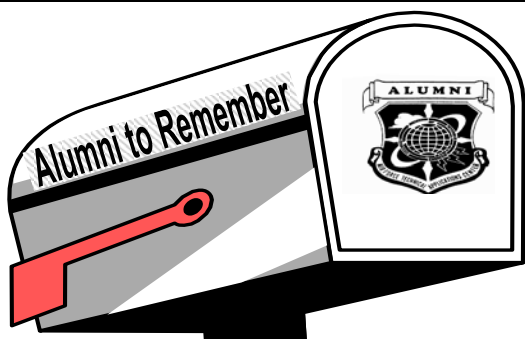
There were three tables of retired members who were seated near each other and each year it seems that those are the only familiar faces around as the staff turnover for the active duty and civil service continue to change the complexion, but not the enthusiasm and dedication of the organization. We got to meet the new Commander, Col. Guy **Turner**, who welcomed everyone to the party and wished us a Happy Holiday Season.

Without Frank **Hall's** sneakiness, the retirees didn't get preferential access to the buffet table this year. Instead it was random draw by the DJ. Even by the time it came to our table, the food was still hot and plentiful.

Following dinner, there was a drawing for door prizes before the dancing started. Other drawings were held throughout the evening with the grand prize being a TV.

After a few turns on the dance floor, I retired for the evening. Joe **Marshall** was kind enough to share the photos he snapped with his new digital camera and Pat **Snyder** graciously provided some of the photos from the 'throw away' cameras on each table. You never know what scenes will be recorded there. (Please see these photos at the alumni website, 'Upcoming Events' section)

Thanks to the active duty planners and Pat **Snyder** for holding the retiree tickets.



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.

Transitions

AFTAC CMSgt retires after 30 years of service

MSGT. BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chief Master Sgt. William A. Redman, Superintendent of the Logistics and Systems Directorate, Air Force Technical Applications Center, recently retired from the Air Force after serving for 30 years. His retirement ceremony was held Nov. 30 at the Patrick Air Force Base NCO Club. All 30-year Air Force careers are outstanding accomplishment, however Chief Redman's service is especially noteworthy as he is only the 5th Chief Master Sergeant to retire from the Technical Applications Specialist (9S100) career field with 30 years of service.

Hopes of Health for ...

Alumni share hopes for themselves or others

No Names Received

Also For Those Not Mentioned But In Our Thoughts

In Memoriam

Frank Goodreau (see below)

Rest in Eternal Peace

Frank Goodreau

THE GOODREAU FAMILY, EMAIL, Y5.03.05

We lost a great one last night. Our husband, our father, our grandfather, our father-in-law, our friend died Friday evening at 10:20 (03/04/2005).

When the cancer was first diagnosed in late December, we all held out hope that he would be able to beat the odds one more time. Once he went in for surgery on January 14 and the doctors discovered how wide spread the cancer was, we knew the only thing we could hope for was a few good weeks, maybe months of quality life.

Unfortunately the remaining days were far too short. Nevertheless they were precious and we have all taken away moments that will live with us forever. It is amazing how much grace and dignity he showed to the very end. He continued to give us valuable lessons. We all did everything we could to thank him for giving us the strength and courage to continue on without him. His spirit and his legacy live on in each of us. His grandchildren were so blessed to have someone like him in their life. They will never forget him.

Dad would want to thank everyone of you for all the kind words and prayers sent his way over the last seven weeks. The family is doing well. We will be strong for each other and we will make sure Mom receives the comfort she needs at this point.

GOODREAU, Francis M.

OBITUARY, PUBLISHED IN THE SACRAMENTO BEE ON 3/8/2005.

Born in Liberty, NE, on July 30, 1924, Francis (Frank/Fran) Goodreau passed away peacefully with family by his side on March 4, 2005. Frank never ceased to impart wisdom to his loving family and the lessons he taught in the last few days of his life will live forever in his children and grandchildren.

Raised on a small farm in Liberty, NE, he graduated from high school at the age of 16. He moved to Kansas City, MO, to attend radio operator school. He was employed by Northwest Airlines during WWII, and later enlisted in the Navy in 1944, serving in the Pacific during the last year of the war. He was recalled to military service during the Korean War, and the Air Force became a lifetime career. His military duty brought him to Sacramento in 1964, and he proudly made this area his home. After retiring from military service, Frank worked with Sacramento Valley tomato farmers in the development and maintenance of mechanical harvesters; was employed by the Civil Service; and at an age when most people have long retired, taught himself new skills on the computer providing him an outlet to utilize his many talents assisting local doctors with insurance billings.

Frank married the love of his life, Irene Balcer, on April 10, 1947. Frank is survived by his wife, Irene; four children, Larry (and wife Bev), Jan (and husband Chris), Joy (her friend, Ken) and Ed (his wife, Cindy); four grandchildren, Jennifer, Meredith, Tiffany and Trevor; and three great-grandchildren, Noah, Brenda and Aidan. Frank's

family would like to acknowledge the many skilled nurses (too numerous to mention by name) at Sutter General Hospital, who provided loving and tender care in the last few weeks of his life. In particular we salute the nurses in ICU, BMT unit, Four West, Five West and the Transitional Care Unit.

Frank was an avid sportsman, traveler, computer buff, and at the top of the list a devoted husband and father. A very special place in his heart was reserved for his grandchildren. He always had the time to help them with homework, attend their games and special events, and help with special projects. Most import of all, he taught them self respect and gave them confidence to gain their place in the world. He never quit trying to help them and his devotion to them was returned many times over in the final days of his life as they watched over him, caressed him and took such loving care of him that his face would light up when they entered the room.

The family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or Sutter Cancer Sutter in lieu of flowers. Memorial service was held at Calvary Cemetery, Sacramento, on March 10 at 1:00 PM

As an insight into Frank's illness, and his last days, the following emails he sent us concerning his condition are provided.

EMAIL, Y4.01.03

Thought I would let all of you know, I have been diagnosed with cancer of the gall bladder. We returned home early from Nebraska (attending Irene's brother's funeral) because of stomach pain, which I am still experiencing. I had an Ultra sound (sp) of the gall bladder, in fact they did it 3 times, plus a CT scan and then a CT contrast scan. You might guess I was at Joy's place of business.

The original intent was to put me in the hospital, do a CT biopsy scan and remove the gall bladder but the chief radiologist at Joy's office wants them to do the CT biopsy and then let him do a follow-up endoscopy of the stomach.

Anyway I am scheduled for the biopsy Thursday (6th) and after that there should be more information on the course of treatment and my status. As you know I have been down this road before with colon cancer in 1980, so know there is light at the end of the tunnel. I have a positive outlook and think I have got the rest of the family feeling that way. Guess after 80 good years one can expect a few bumps in the road. I Still plan to keep busy on the internet.

EMAIL UPDATE, 1/13/05

The biopsy on Jan 6th came back positive for adenocarcinoma in the intestinal area. In 1980 I had 18 inches of my large intestine removed at the cecum and this cancer is just beyond that point. The surgeon plans to remove the infected area and rejoin the separated parts. He also plans to remove my gall bladder. The gall bladder is not cancerous but has a large polyp (sp) attached. Then after this surgery he will decide the course of treatment that will be required. I will be in the hospital for 3 to 5 days. The surgery will be at Sutter General Hospital, Sacramento. Thank all of you for your good wishes and prayers. Frank & Irene

Chapter News

Prez

FROM
THE TOP

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Jack **Jackson**, Alumni Association President AT SNOWBALL VII I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING JOE **GOLDIAN** AS THE 2004 AFTAC ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AND PRESENTED THE TRADITIONAL GOLF SHIRT EMBROIDERED IN GOLD LETTERING AND MORE WAS YET TO COME. JOE WAS ALSO RECOGNIZED AT THE CENTER'S AWARDS BANQUET ON MARCH 3RD-IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED, THESE EVENTS ARE WELL WORTH YOUR TIME.

I CAN NOT EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE ENOUGH TO THE PEOPLE THAT PUT THIS SNOWBALL TOGETHER. MAJOR ARRANGER, DEBORAH **CARSON**, AND PAT **SNYDER**, CAROL **SNYDER**, JUDY **MILAM**, EILEEN **BEST**, JOE **GOLDIAN**, RANDY **VCLASSICK**, & CARL **GAILEY**. WHAT A MEAL, AND HOW ABOUT THOSE TABLE DECORATIONS AND DOOR PRIZES? OLD AND NEW FRIENDS MET AND EVERYONE HAD A SUPER TIME, EVEN THE GRAPE EATERS AND THROWERS.

NOW, MOVING ON, DON'T FORGET THE MAY 6TH GOLF N'GETOGETHER AT THE COCOA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB. FRANK **HALL** ALWAYS GOES BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY WHEN IT COMES TO THIS TWICE A YEAR EVENT. REGISTER NOW AS IT FILLS UP FAST.

ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND THE REUNION IN SACAMENTO, CA, CAN GET THE DATE, AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION, ON PAGES 16, 17 AND 18. DON'T FORGET OUR MEETINGS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:00 IN THE COMMAND CONFERENCE ROOM. WE MEET AT THE OUTBACK (BEHIND THE BUILDING) AND ARE ESCORTED INTO THE BUILDING.

AGAIN THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

LOST ... Lifetime Members

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, RANDY VCLASSICK, EMAIL Y5.03.05

We have several Lifetime members whose addresses are unknown. Please help if you know the status, or a way of contacting, these fellow 'Sages.' The addresses listed are what we have on file. Thank you.

Robert P. **Barnick**, 3101 Arnold Ct, Marina CA 93933-4706; James P. **Chesnay Jr.**, PO Box 360462, Melbourne FL, 32936-0469; Guenther **Lang**, CMR 430, Box 1984, APO AE 09096; **Danforth**, 1202 Lake Cross Rd, Hideaway TX 75771-5127; Stanley W. **Francis**, 3776a Madison Ln, Falls Church Va 22041-3680.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-**Jack Jackson** Vice-**Carol Snyder**
Secretary-**Pat Snyder** Treasurer-**Joe Goldian**

Appointed

Activities-**CMSgt Lloyd French** Heritage Hall Committee, **TBD**
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black - Clark Creery**
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**
Publicity-**Swede Swansen** Sage Shop Dispatch-**Carol Snyder**

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A Minute with the Minutes

Dec 13-Jan 10-Feb 14

-SNOWBALL: Deborah **Carson**, Project Chair, reported the affair was a success with many positive statements being made about the event.

-AFTAC Winter Social: A big success with over 400 people attending, many of them alumni.

-WEB SITE: The WebMaster, Mike **Black**, reports because of relocations of systems he will no longer be able to maintain the website as we currently know it. He made recommendations that will create an independent system for the association website; this was approved.

-SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT: Frank **Hall** has scheduled this biannual event for May 6th at the Cocoa Beach golf club

-POST MONITOR: A process is being developed to provide the newsletter via electronic means, i. e., attachment to email, downloadable link, etc. Surveys are in progress.

-AF Memorial: We have been recognized for our contribution and are listed on the website.

-20-Year Wall: A process is underway to identify the Sages appearing on this wall and create some type of pamphlet concerning same.

-Renewal Reminders will be sent

-Meeting Time Change-Carol **Snyder** suggested the standard time for the Alumni meetings be changed from 1730 to 1700 to encourage more participation from the alumni within the AFTAC building. All agreed this was a good idea. Time change will go into effect April 2005.

Update-Project 'PoMo Sooner' ... In Color?

EDITORS

As we reported last issue, a method of providing the PoMo via electronic means was being considered and an 'e-all' (see our editorial to receive 'e-alls') survey by Mike **Black** (our eminent Webmaster) had been sent. Mike forwarded these 'sample' replies. We'll start with the 'positives' and then the 'negatives.' Thanks to all who re-

plied.

John Coffey, Electronic quarterly PoMo is FINE with me.

Clark Wilberg, I applaud the idea!! Please sign me up. I'm a paid up life member and the assn doesn't get anything from my dues anymore so it needs to minimize the costs.

Cliff York, Just received your email asking if members would be interested in receiving their AFTAC Post-Monitor newsletters via email vs snail mail. I would love to receive the color email version rather than the snail mail black and white version. In addition to saving a few trees and some coins, it would be a lot easier to print and/or forward pictures and articles to family and friends, search old copies for articles, organize and store them on the hard drive or a CD, etc, etc. Getting them three weeks earlier would also be a big bonus. The vote from this lifetime paid-up member is: EMAIL PLEASE! Thanks for giving me an input.

Dale Klug, I'd be happy to receive the PoMo via attachment to an e-mail. I'm a paid-up lifetime member. Since your idea is such a good one, I'm gonna float it by our people out here in the West Coast for distribution of the "Depot Fallout".

Dean Preston, I would be in favor of getting the AFTAC Alumni Newsletter via E-mail. Another benefit is that it would be more readily available for us who travel several months a year. Thanks for all your good hard work!

Delbert T. Leiter, I am a life time paid up member and would be interested in receiving an email copy of the post monitor newsletter vs the snail mail version. Keep up the good work and even though I haven't been affiliated with AFTAC since 1969 I still enjoy hearing about things and every now and then someone I still know appears on the scene. former Det 207 and 1155th TOS inmate

Tony DeMarco, I'm good with a pdf version...Also, didn't know our e-mail exchange on Mr P/L Sherman would make the big time in print. Pretty funny stuff....At the golf tourney, Curt came up and said "what's this humble crap?? Ha! Super job by the staff as usual, even if the Editor-in-Chief needs to be put in his place sometimes.

Jerry Sandage, As a former president/national director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America chapter here in Omaha I am fully aware of the printing costs, postage, & etc. of getting the time sensitive information to the members. I believe the receipt of the PoMo via internet would be a winner all around. Some consideration should be made for the extremely low number that can not receive in this manner though. I am a paid up life member. Clark C. can vouch for my credibility. HeHe. Thanks, and keep up the good work!

Bob Fitzgerald, You can add me to the list of those willing to accept the quarterly PoMo as a PDF file via Email. You do a fantastic job putting the PoMo together with such a professional look and with great content. Thank you for all you do for us AFTAC Alumni.

Richard Duval, Welcome to the 21st century. Yes, I'd welcome the newsletter in email or pdf format. It's just another way of printing and saving in the postage expenses. As one of the international members, I can appreciate the costs associated with postage. Bring on the email flood. If I really want to touch it, I can print the thing. But for the most part it'd make saving the issues so much easier for my next move....

Press on with the advances of technology, which is what, after all, AFTAC was/is all about: detect, collate, analyze and disseminate.

Terry A. Hammond, I would definitely want an electronic copy versus the hard copy currently sent. I read email be-

fore I read USPS almost always so I'm much more likely to read the email version in a timely manner than the snail mail version.

And, Mike added: ... and lots of "lets save a few trees..." and "nice to see in color" comments. Now, the nays: **Unidentified**, NO, I wouldn't mind the Email, but still want a hard copy. I relax, and enjoy reading the issue. If it has something I want to keep, I file it, if not, I try to pass it on to one of the other AFTAC alumni in the area (trying to get some of their interest up).

Jerry Collins, I would like to continue having the Post-Monitor sent to me via USPS. I am a lifetime member.

Joe Johnson, I see where you are coming from but I am old school and much prefer the print edition. I am a life member.

John Vaught, Although not a paid up member, one of the concerns I'd have in doing something like this is attachment size - PDFS can get big. Out here in rural Missouri, I don't have high speed access (42K at best) and can't get it except thru a DirecTV connection. So I'd be deleting those big e-mails thru web mail before trying to spend an hour to download it ... ask Barry Seagraves, who sends me 3Meg files for instant deletion. Keep up the great work... Love getting to see old faces, but get nervous each time I see "In Memory Of" ones come thru like Anne's yesterday.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a reference point, generally speaking, the PoMo PDF is less than 2megs and takes 10-15 minutes to download on a dial-up connection.

John S. Allred, Am opposed to e-mailing of PO MO as an attachment.

We also heard from some readers who first learned of the idea in the last issue—a sampling of those replies:

John Schroff, You may feel free to send my copy by email. I am continually amazed by the amount of information you are able to amass for each issue. Thanks for the hard work.

Gayle Joseph, Please sign me up to receive PoMo via email when it becomes available! Thanks

Don & Evelyn Bartram

I would be interested in receiving the PoMo by e-mail. I just updated my info to include a new phone # as well as my e-mail address.

More from our WebMaster, Mike Black

EMAIL 2005.02.15

The AFTAC alumni web site is getting its own name!! We will soon have <http://www.aftacalumni.org> up and running. There's no change in functionality -- just a change in location. This should make it easier to remember (for those of us who forget things!!). The old website will redirect you for a while -- be sure to update your 'Favorites' to point to the new location.

OTHER CHAPTER'S NEWS

COLORADO CHAPTER, NEWSLETTER

ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice President, Earl **Pierce**
Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Bryce **Dunn**
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**
Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>

EVENTS: 11 June (Tentative) Picnic Buckley AFB
17 September - 08:30 - 10:30 General Members and Guest Breakfast, Country Buffet in Aurora
12 November—Dinner Aurora Golf Course

Good Health Wishes

Betty Freeman

Tidbit from Norm Metcalf

Joe **Renier** and I were sent to Lowry AFB for a course in Nuclear Weapons. While we were in the Transient Barracks on Lowry II, I was called in for an interview with a Captain (**Edwards**, if I recall). He wanted to know about my academic background and hobbies. He was quite interested in that I'd majored in math-science, gotten a Bausch-Lomb award for scientific achievement, plus having built ham radio and electronic test gear from parts.

He then asked if I would volunteer to serve my country on a secret assignment. I said something to the effect of 'sure,' while wondering what it was that I'd volunteered for. Joe went through something similar. We soon found ourselves with seven other airmen on Lowry assigned to 99125Q classes.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

DEPOT FALLOUT

President-Rod **Hinkle**; Vice-Joe **Johnson**; Board Chariman-Ken **Denbleyker**; Asst.-Dave **Tarquino**; Dir at Large-Orv **Pritchard**; Treasurer Bart **Carter**; Asst.-Charlie **Penn**; Membership-Danny **Beach**; Secretary Marge **Iske**; Asst-Ken **Breitwieser**; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; and

Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**.
Website @ <http://www.aftacwest.org/>

AFTAC Reunion 2005 Just Around the Corner

AL PAVIK, 2005 REUNION CHAIRMAN, SEE PAGES 16, 17, AND 18 FOR INFO/FORMS

Reunion contacts are being made and it has been truly great to talk to all the prior AFTAC people. A person tends to forget what a great group of people we had/have in the organization. There has been real interest by many people and currently have over 100 people signed up (and still have over 60 days to go to the reunion). Several people such as William **Brownlow** and Charlie **Cribbs** would love to attend but health does not permit and asked that we give the people their warmest regards. Did contact Warren **Wascher** who lives in Kent, Washington and he will be attending and singing the National Anthem during the Presentation of the Colors by the Travis AFB Honor Guard (this is truly special).

We ask each AFTAC member to think about your time in the organization and if you know of anyone who you would like us to provide info to or contact please let us know by **contacting**: Al **Pavik** (916) 797-1472, Jack **Allison** (916) 331-3891, Joe **Johnson** (916) 783-8676 or Marge **Iske** (916) 331-3766.

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-Duty Doings' from around the AFTAC

Command Section



Col. Guy D.
Turner

Commander, 2004.07 previously Deputy PM, SIGINT Support to IO, NSA, Fort Meade, MD. He attended the AF Academy graduating in '80 (BS in Civil Engineering) and in '85 received an MBA. His professional education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a command senior navigator with over 1800 flight hours. He is married to the former Sara Ann Davis. They have three children: Adam, Rebecca, and Benjamin.



CMSgt Lloyd S.
French

Superintendent, 2003.01 AF/AFTAC since '77, trained in Gamma Spectroscopy and Special Equipment Operations-has attended Leadership School and the NCO and Senior NCO Academies receiving the Levitow and Commandant's Awards. He has also earned a BS in Business Administration. The Chief has served Airborne in many capacities at all command levels. He is married to the former Michelle Rostosky of Satellite Beach, FL. and has three children, Lindsey, Nicholas, and Christina.



AFTAC honors Pearl Harbor heroes

MSGT BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE

Florida (ACCNS) - Sometimes old stories are forgotten, but others are so important they cannot be allowed to disappear. One such story is the attack on Pearl Harbor, which launched the United States into World War II. Determined to keep the story of Pearl Harbor alive, Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) conducted their tenth annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony Friday, Dec. 3. It is an event that becomes more important every year, as the ranks of veterans who experienced the attack on Dec. 7, 1941 are steadily dropping.

Seventeen veterans of the attack attended the ceremony where they were honored and given the chance to share their experiences from that terrible day.

"We pledge to continue telling your story," said Col. Guy Turner, AFTAC commander. "We owe it to our future generations so they will be aware of the sacrifices you made."

The ceremony featured AFTAC troops in forma-

tion, a twenty-one-gun salute by the Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard, JROTC units from Eau Gallie and Cocoa Beach High Schools, and a speech by Mr. James Fulton, who was in the Army Air Corps and stationed at Hickam Field when the attack occurred. Hickam is next to Pearl Harbor and was also struck by Japanese aircraft during the attack.

"At about 8:00 a.m. we heard the sound of diving planes and explosions over at Pearl Harbor," said Mr. Fulton. "At first we thought the Navy was just practicing." Fulton and his fellow soldiers quickly found out the attack was for real.

"We looked out the window of our barracks and saw smoke rising from over at Pearl Harbor. Then we saw a Japanese combat plane flying directly at us. Luckily for us he wasn't firing." Many American servicemen were not so lucky, and Fulton described how some of his fellow soldiers were killed while trying to defend the base. He also talked about his experiences as a radio operator on a B-17 bomber as he and his crew searched for Japanese ships and submarines in the weeks and months following the attack.

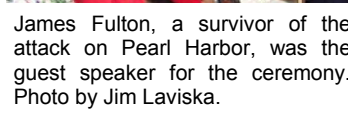
The ceremony was not only about the past. The Army JROTC cadets from Cocoa Beach High School, and Air Force JROTC cadets from Eau Gallie High School, provided a look at the future



Active duty Airmen from AFTAC and JROTC cadets from local high schools formed together to honor the Pearl Harbor veterans. Photo by MSgt Bill Lindner



A crowd of more than 2000 people watched the ceremony. Photo by MSgt Bill Lindner



James Fulton, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. Photo by Jim Laviska.



and participated by escorting the veterans to their seats and presenting them with certificates thanking them for their service.

"Our cadet's really learned a lot and enjoyed be-

ing able to participate in the ceremony,” said retired Army Lt. Col. Bobby Holland, JROTC instructor from Cocoa Beach High School.

An added touch of respect and formality came from the eight-member Sabre Team from the Eau Gallie JROTC unit. The unit raised their sabers into a ceremonial arch as each veteran arrived for the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the survivors, Airmen and cadets spent time talking about the past, present and future of the United States. The event served as proof to all who were present that Americans will always be ready to answer the call to defend our freedom.

AFTAC conducts Wellness Day

MSGT Bill Lindner, Air Force Technical Applications Center Public Affairs

The men and women of the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) stepped away from their normal duties on November 8 to relax a little and reflect on their lives. Gen. Hal. **Hornburg**, former commander of Air Combat Command, designated the day “Wingman Day” and called it a time to focus on the “physical, mental, and spiritual fitness of our people.”

AFTAC labeled the day “Wellness Day” and personnel attended briefings on mental and spiritual health in the morning. Following a barbecue lunch outdoors behind the AFTAC building, personnel burned off the calories by taking part in sports including basketball, a three-mile run, volleyball, and bowling. “I need you to be healthy. I need you to be mentally aware. I need you to be physically fit to be able to do your jobs,” said Col. Guy **Turner**, commander of AFTAC “The focus today is to get back to a balance in your lives.”

The event featured a series of speakers in the base theater, beginning with a video from General Hornburg. He cited an increase in the rate of suicides, which he called a “permanent solution to a temporary problem” as a key reason for conducting Wingman Day. The same video included a segment with CMSgt. Rodney **Ellison**, Command Chief of Air Combat Command. He stated that it is the responsibility of supervisors to “provide a preemptive message of hope, self worth, and importance to the team.”

Col. Alan **Beck** of AFTAC also discussed suicide and provided statistics and information regarding individuals who typically attempt it. He urged anyone contemplating suicide to seek mental health assistance. He described a “new awareness of mental health issues” in the Air Force and

stressed that such assistance would be dealt with confidentially and not harm one’s career. He also reinforced General Hornburg’s statement concerning the purpose for the day’s events. “You need to build up the legs of the spiritual, mental, and physical tripod,” said Colonel Beck. “Take care of yourself.”

Chaplain Maj. Peggy **Wilkins** talked about the spiritual aspect of living a positive life.

“When facing problems, our vision is limited, and we need to know in advance who we can turn to for help,” said Major Wilkins. She added that maintaining a healthy spiritual outlook is an important part of doing well and added that Airmen who are coping well in combat situations generally have a spiritual background.

Maj. Bradley S. **Sears**, AFTAC Squadron Section Commander, discussed the Air Force Core Values and described his three expectations for all AFTAC personnel: professionalism, involvement, and teamwork. “Care enough about the person beside you to get involved in his or her life,” said Major Sears. “Ask what’s going on. The mission suffers when people don’t take the time to get involved.”



Col. Guy Turner, AFTAC commander, briefed personnel on the importance of living a balanced, healthy lifestyle.



Many AFTAC personnel played three-on-three basketball in the afternoon, while others relaxed at the base bowling alley (no pic).

Booster Club Announcements

REBECCA LEHNERZ, TSGT, PRESIDENT, EMAIL, Y5.03.07

AFTAC Spring **Picnic, 2 April** at Chevron Park (Patrick AFB). Events for all ages, from horse (Sage) shoes and volleyball to things for the youngsters. <4, free, 5-12, \$3, over 12, \$10, (\$5 before March 23). Alumni personnel should contact Ms. Pat **Snyder**, email, Patricia. Snyder@patrick.af.mil or call 494-6867 for tickets. Alumni **Sages needed** as ‘Beer Wagon Masters’ (check ID, set good example, etc).

Also, we will be looking for volunteers to work security for the **PEPSI 400 at DAYTONA** in July. More details to follow as event time gets closer. Thank you!

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COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is the command, and a desire to record the impressions of this process "from the top," we ask previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We have received these impressions from many commanders to include Gen's **Hall** (deceased, 1999) (reCall from 1970 speech provided by George Waters), **Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Leary, Bingham** and **Shaffer** and Col's **Meisenheimer, Wigington and Beatty**. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

*We anxiously await inputs from the remaining commanders, continuing 'Distinguished Association' members all: **Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer, Horton and Bendorf**.*

We feel confident they will write as they find the time and opportunity—in the meantime, we will 'stand-by' and be at the ready.

NOTE: Gen (Ret) Jaeger attended 'Reunion 2003' and agreed to file his recall

Gen **Jaeger**, in keeping us up to date, advises:

"... Rita and I got a very short-notice move to DC, so I am in the process of taking over a major contract ..."

He also noted the details of moving that we are all so familiar with (selling/buying homes, etc.). We will look forward to Gen Jaeger's 'recalls' in a future issue.

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** memories of your career (events, people, etc.). Forward these to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone**, Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman**, George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy**

Glenn Kennedy

PRESIDENT VEROTEK SYSTEMS, EMAIL, 2005.01.09, ALSO PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY 5TH COLORADO NEWSLETTER, ECHOS

"Z2 Forever" ☺ - Stories from a 99125er

Chapter 1, How I got here ☺: My brief association with AFTAC gave me technical skills I could never have received any other way, and those 4 years in the Air Force made a lasting impression on me. Based on the security emphasis pounded into us back in '68, I had despaired of ever hearing from the gang again, much less being able to talk about our contribution and then last year I found Pat **Synder** and the Alumni Association.

I never realized how much I missed not being able to proudly tell people (much less family) what I had done in the Air Force and what great skills and adventures I had encountered. Over the years, it just 'kinda' got pushed down below my conscious. Then one day I opened my San Diego Union Tribune, and my security

blood ran cold ... I turned so pale my wife actually ran over to see what was wrong with me. I was staring at an article about the installation at Burnt Mountain and problems with the power units. The article discussed the facility being part of AFTAC and the nation's seismic blast monitoring program. With shaking hands, I started an immediate Google search to try and find unclassified info about our unit. I found the alumni groups, and having now joined both groups, I thought I would jot down my memories of those four years in the hope they generated a smile with some of you. When I tell you some of the shenanigans us young airman got into, it's also a good thing time has passed and the Air Force might be forgiving of youthful vim and vinegar ☺

I was born an Air Force brat in March 1948 at Ladd Field. It was my Dad's first duty assignment after the war, and he sneaked Mom up there where he worked at the MARS site. How ironic, that it would later be my first duty assignment, right back to Eielson and Det 207 outside of Fairbanks.

Back in 1967 I was goofing off in college, and the local San Rafael Draft Board sent me an invitation in late '67 to join them on all expense paid tour of Vietnam. I immediately beat feet down to my Air Force recruiter, who placed me in the delayed enlistment program, and in March of 1968 I was off to Lackland ☺. I was Physics major in college and had always been good in electronics, so figured I'd end up in some computer or missile field. I was happily planning my rocket future when two of us in the flight got called to a "special" meeting. A civilian gentleman told us about a classified unit with tight requirements and a special mission and wondered if we were interested. Dad always told me not to volunteer ☺, so I went back to the squadron without committing. It only took a day before I was summoned back and given a little more information concerning the training, and I jumped all over it ... didn't know it then, but I was on my way to becoming a 99125KZ2.

Chapter 2, Lowry AFB and School: As usual in horror stories, we traveled in the middle of the night. When we arrived at Lowry, there were probably 100 of us sitting in a briefing room listening to someone tell us that Basic Training wasn't over it was "just beginning" and how we were 'his.' That was a low point in my life and believed I had really f&*%ed up. Then a guy walked in the room, called out the names of three of us, and told us to get our gear, and get in the station wagon. He drove us over to what would become our tech school barracks and on the way explained in the limited way he could, how our next six months would progress in training. It made for a lot better ending to that day.

It's hard to explain without sounding like a hopeless brown-noser, but the technical training I received over the next year in basic electronics and advanced systems was the best and most thorough program I've

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ever encountered. That training left me head and shoulders above the technical experience of anyone I've subsequently encountered ... degreed engineer or technician, and I can't say "Thanks" enough to the Air Force for that program. I can only hope I helped enough to pay them back, and I promise to stop all this warm, sensitive stuff and get back to the funny stories ☺

There's a theme that runs through a lot of my AFTAC memories, and it revolves around the people in our organization ... they were, and probably still are the best. But, ☺ we were also young, male (back then) maybe 18-19 years old, very smart, and frequently with too much time on our hands. Believe me that can make for some pranks ☺

We no sooner got to the unit on capacitors and time constants than our principle activity in the labs was to charge up a capacitor and check the "TC" when we tossed it to a friend so it would discharge in their hand. It helped reinforce the safety rule of keeping your hands in your pockets when troubleshooting high voltage circuits. It also trained us to accept really high voltage shocks without flinching ... 'cause the class rule was that when you got shocked, if you flinched you had to buy a round of 3.2 after class ... Wow, we got good ☺

Of course, an equally good variant from the next unit is tricking someone into unhooking an inductor that has a current running in it ☺ And to this day I remember ELI the ICEman, what leads what in capacitive and inductive circuits, and the newer, more PC aids like Biloxi Booze Rots Our Young Guts, But Vodka Goes Well, Get Some Now.

Our class had 5 or 6 of us newbie's and a TSgt transferring in from another unit. He was a great guy, but obviously we had a little bit of the young guy/old guy thing going. The very last unit in our program was the construction of a complete (albeit simple) oscilloscope. When we were finished, the instructor would insert bugs into the system and we had to troubleshoot and repair our scope. We all finished fairly quickly and had a day or two left where we terrorized each others' systems. The finale was a contest between me and the TSgt. He was great at troubleshooting and much more experienced than me, so I had my brain going overtime that last night for something to stump him. Fortunately my college physics "saved" the day. The next morning I pocketed a "memo magnet off our refrigerator. When he left the room, I pulled the reticule off the scope and pushed the magnet down between the magnashield and the glass tube. When he came back and fired up the scope it produced a really bizarre figure-8 that smeared off the scope. He trouble shot that scope all day, and then finally gave up and bought the beer I gave up the secret and he beat me to death (jokingly).

When we graduated from the Basic Electronics program, our clearances had been finished and we were

ready to be briefed and head to Systems school. The day of the briefing, we reported to a new classified facility ... and a Major came in and told us we would be involved with special programs information gathering and if anyone had a problem with that we should so indicate and leave prior to the briefing. I've never been in a room so quiet and a moment so filled (at least for me) with the gravity of a situation ... and I've also never been so proud to be part of something important. That day I also learned we would be only the second class going through on the brand new Z2 system built by EG&G ... I knew then we were hot stuff ... but wished I had paid more attention in optics class. ☺

In between the Basic Electronics school and Systems, I had gotten married and Pat, my wife joined me at Lowery. We rented a small (very) apartment right outside the gate in Aurora. The squadron let me drive to school each morning, and it made for really nice duty. Meanwhile, the Systems units seemed to zoom by, with all of us vying for "top" test grades because we had been told we would choose our assignments based on class standing. The one module I really enjoyed was the "Time System". The Z specs were for all systems to be coordinated within 2 usec so we spent a lot of effort understanding world time systems, cesium beam clocks, the Acutron watches in the sky cameras and the dreaded WWV backup ☺ To this day when I hear the WWV time signal, I'm mentally transported back to shift duty on my Z2 system.

At the end of Systems training, they wanted us to actually perform shift duty so when we arrived at the detachment we could step right into the duty roster. That made perfect sense except they didn't have any "extra" Z2 systems sitting around, so my class did our "duty" training on the older Z1 system. But, certain parts of it were absolutely great. Turns out we had established a miniature detachment out on the Army's Rocky Mountain Arsenal. It was better than a spy movie, 'cause RMA is absolutely flat barren fields with a single brick farmhouse out in the middle of nowhere. We would drive out to the house and then just like Agent Smart go through a secret door down into the basement and this super high tech Z1 System. Made us feel like the real deal. The scary thing was that 'after' we were out there we were informed that RMA was the Army's storage for nerve gas, and they had humongous jack rabbits out there to indicate if any nerve gas was leaking. I have never had such an unbridled interest in observing the continued health of those rabbits, I remain somewhat suspicious the old timers were 'getting' the newbies with the gas story, but I kept an eye on those damn rabbits anyway.

Graduation Day came, and I was fortunate enough to graduate at the top of the class. I took the opportunity to select Det 207 outside of Eielson because it gave me a chance to have Pat join me in Fairbanks. The rest of the class was scattered all over to the sites getting the new Z2 gear. So, off to Alaska and a real De-

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tachment

Chapter 3, Detachment 207: Description of the facility, old "White Alice" site, memories of learning the diesel generators ... "pushing" power to the base, our motor pool, climbing poles(gaffing) to string B System cable above the animals, the drives from town to the detachment, etc

Chapter 4, Black Dog: Our detachment dog, his three legs, his speed, his intelligence, his training, his burning desire to eat visitors, the time he "caught" the porcupine

Chapter 5, My First "Event:" My first time logging a Z2 "event", generating the paper tape, running it through the crypto gear and having the end fall into the fan sitting on the floor, ☺ realizing I was dumber than a stump, had failed America and probably would be court martialed ☺

Chapter 6, The Chena River Pack Rats: Our group of young guys at the detachment and the backpacking club we formed. The trips out from the detachment, moose chasing, spotting bears and wolves, grayling fishing down at the Chena river, trout fishing at the lake

Chapter 7 – Cross Training and 1000 point Hearts Games: Changing the access security codes so the "lifers" couldn't sneak in ☺ Playing 1000 point Hearts games, having to learn each others systems so we could cover for each other during fishing, card playing, etc. Making rubber band guns out of the "B" Systems Tygon tubing supplies and subsequent wars inside the ops center ☺

Chapter 8, The great SnoCat "Radiator" heist: Friday night taking the Det SnoCat Grayling fishing down at the Chena river when we probably should have been in the ops center. Driving over a stump and the radiator falls back in the fan. Skeeter "liberating" a radiator from the motor pool at Eielson, Saturday night quick change, dispose of old radiator in the chena. And, we didn't get caught. Wondering to this day what the base motor pool thought happened to their SnoCat.

Chapter 9, The Tanana River Race: The Tanana raft classic where everyone built rafts out of 55 gal drums and raced(floated) and drank beer down the Tanana. Our Capt and his raft. Our Raft, Pictures, Good time had by all.

Chapter 10, Burnt Mountain Survey: Asked to volunteer for the Burnt Mtn Survey. 4 people from HQ, a survival guy, Robert **Crow** and myself. Test run at Ft Yukon, Bears in the window scaring the S%& out of me, Base Alert and almost getting shot, Failure of the test gear, Bob and I solving the noise problem, Helicoptered into Burnt Mountain, 2 weeks in the wilderness, Officers latrine, Our latrine, Aurora, night sky, Good Test Data, Helicopter Back, Pictures, One of my best adventures

Chapter 11, Goodbye: Expected to be assigned as Instructor at Lowry, released to TAC, confused and broken hearted. 777 TAC Pope AFB, C130 outfit, new

unit is afraid of us, figure out way onto flying status and into the test program for the new AWADS system, leave the Air Force. 35 years later see the newspaper article, find the Alumni, write letters proudly display decal on car, and hope to work with AFTAC again on info security.

THE AFTAC I KNEW

MSGT (RET) CURTIS E. SMITH (A.K.A. SMITTY)

Smitty continues his outstanding series, reminding us all of 'our old days' with AFTAC.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

Continued: Part III

June 1962, Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado. About four days after we got to Denver, my wife and I got real lucky and found a furnished two bedroom house three blocks inside the Denver city-limits between Colefax Avenue and Stapleton Airport for \$100.00 per month. Now, I could relax (If that's possible on a training base) and learn how to be a 99.

Since AFTAC was in an expansion mode at this time, the Schoolhouse (SPINSTR) was running three shifts per day; six AM to noon, noon to six PM, and six PM to midnight and each shift had four to five classes. I got lucky and got the six PM to midnight shift, which I didn't mind since I was off during the day. Since I was married and living off-base, I drove from home straight to the Schoolhouse for the first few days.

Then I got the bad news. The training squadron I was assigned to said that since they were having an IG inspection all married personnel with three stripes or less would have to march in formation with the troops who lived in the barracks from the chow hall to the school, but after the inspection was over we wouldn't have to march anymore. Well, guess what!? The squadron didn't keep its word! After the inspection was over, we were now needed to fill up the flight. Since there was only about six of us, we knew that wasn't true. So, during the week break between Fundies and Systems, we all decided to start driving straight to school again and, believe it or not we got away with it. The only bad thing about not marching to and from school was not going to midnight chow when we got out of class each night. Sure did enjoy only having to pay twenty-two cents (\$.22) for all I wanted to eat and drink.

The first half of the course was Fundamentals of Electronics and the phase out rate was about forty percent. There were ten students in my class when it started and about a month later we picked-up four students who phased back from the class in front of us. Then, about a month later we lost four students for good. None of the other students in the class knew what they would be doing when they graduated and I used to laugh to myself about some of the questions they asked and some of the theories about what we were getting into. The instructor knew that I had been in the outfit previously, but he wasn't going to tell them that. It all became a moot point one day when, Harold

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Ashley, a guy I had been station with at Det 204 in Alaska walked into the classroom, saw me and said, "Smitty, What are you doing here"? I'm here to tell you it got so quite in that classroom that you could have heard a pin drop as the other students stared at me in disbelief. Then I heard, "We got a spy in our midst" and "He's a snoop" and I broke out laughing and explained to them that I had spent five years in the field as a supply man and decided to retrain into the technical field. They finally accepted me, but it took awhile. The course was pretty tough, but we all made it through the first phase and now the rest of the class would find out what they were getting into.

To say the least, most of them were quite surprised. But, imagine my surprise when they told me I couldn't start with the rest of my class because the school had no verification that I had the proper clearance. Talk about the left hand not knowing what the right hand was doing!! They knew that I had been a supply man at two dets, but they had to send a message to Hqs requesting verification of my TS which came in the next day. During our in briefing, Lt. **Pennyfeather** (deceased) who was doing the briefing, held up a copy of Scientific American and said, "Smitty, do you recognize this? So much for security! There on the front page was a picture of a full rack of the "B" technique seismic equipment. Never did read the article so I don't know what the write-up said but I imagine it was pretty explicit. During the next four months we learned to recognize seismic signals from different stations located all over the world, memorized the chart for all major phases of seismic signals so we could draw it from memory, and learned how to operate and calibrate the equipment at a seismic station. One good thing about this phase of our training was that we didn't have any homework. In April 1963, I graduated and received my PCS orders, not overseas as I had hoped, but to Det162 in Pinedale, Wyoming.

May 1963, Pinedale, Wyo. Guess what, folks? On the way into Pinedale with SMSgt (ret) Jon **Secoy**, I met another AFTAC legend as he was departing PCS or at least that's the way it was put. I heard later from some of the local "cowboys" that the Air Force was told to either ship him out PCS or they would "Run him out of town." Rumor was that they were ticked-off because he had "stolen" Chris from them. Yep, you've guessed it folks! That "gal stealing critter" is none other than the Post-Monitors' super editor CMSgt (ret) John **Horsch**. Honest folks, don't you think it could have happened that way?

During my tour at Det 162, I was to meet another AFTAC legend who is now deceased, CMSgt Charlie **Butler**. Charlie was one of the "first" 99125s to serve in the 1009th/AFTAC organization and he went through school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. I know it would be interesting to hear from some of those "old" "B" troops about some of the real early days when the outfit was first getting started.

Pinedale is located 100 miles north of Rock Springs, WY, (where my daughter Shawn was born) and 80 miles south of Jackson Hole, WY (where my son Mark was born) and has some of the best hunting and fishing in the world. Deer, antelope, elk, and moose are plentiful and the "Wilderness Area" (no motorized vehicles allowed) is only about ten minutes outside of town. There is a large lake about 15 minutes out side of town and one of the locals had caught a 41.5 pound Mackinaw trout in 1953 which was the state record until it was broken twice in less than a week a few years after I left there. There are quite a few streams where, with luck, you can catch some really big fish. In fact, one runs through town and went by within 75 yards of the one bedroom log house I lived in shortly after I got there and I saw rainbow trout in there that were close to 3 feet long.

When I arrived at Det 162, there was one channel of "H" system data being recorded along with the regular Short Period (SP) and Long Period (LP). In the next 3 ½ years, I was to see and be part of one of the largest changes that ever occurred at any "B" det. I'll try to recall the sequence of these events as best as I can.

In the latter part of 1963, they started to drill the "Deep" hole (10,000 feet) in which a 16 foot long, 600 pound seismometer (11167) would be suspended. A winch was installed close to the wellhead with a steel cable (data lines were inside steel cable) to lower the instrument into the hole. The instrument was lowered or raised very slowly, (so many feet per minute) in case it got hung up which could happen since the bore hole was not exactly straight down. If the instrument was all the way down, it could take up to 2 days to raise it to the top. Later, another drum and cable would be "dogged" off the existing winch and three shorter/lighter 23900 instruments would be put on each cable at various depths and there would be 6 instruments in the same hole.

I was one of the personnel chosen to attend the factory school in Ft. Worth, TX, to learn how to operate these winches. But, I was not allowed to operate the winch at the det until SMSgt John **McGettigan** (who had attended the same class I did) came out from the Sqdn in California to certify that I was qualified to operate same winch. Go figure!!!

Next, came the Multichannel Filter Processor (MCF) installed by Texas Instruments. The array data was digitized and summed together and "Beam" channels were formed. The channel with the largest amplitude was the direction that the signal came from. The Processor was programmed by the programmer using a "Thumbwheel" to enter the data. This took days to do the first time and later when it was time to perform certain checks the maintenance man would spend hours using that "Thumbwheel".

The subsurface array was next. Holes 250 feet deep were drilled and the surface instruments were removed and 11167 instruments were lowered into

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these holes. A 2 ½ ton truck with a winch mounted on the back was used to raise and lower these instruments. It got to be lots of fun when it was 20 below zero and one of these instruments had to be raised because the winch on the back of the truck did not have a cab to sit in like the one for the "Deep" hole.

During this time, a big hole about 30 feet deep and 30 feet sq was being prepared for the "STRAIN" equipment. This equipment consisted of quartz rods suspended with piano wire inside a pipe. One vertical and two horizontal rods were attached to huge, round magnets (about 4 to 6 feet in diameter). This equipment responded to the changes in the phases of the moon real good. What else it was good for I never figured out. Sometime during all this equipment installation, we lost the "H" system equipment. To my knowledge, the "H" had only recorded one signal and no one knew what it was so I don't think we lost anything of importance.

Now, as we all know, this data had to be recorded, calibrated, analyzed and logs kept after all that equipment was installed. When I left in the fall of 1966, we had five Develocorders operating all the time. This generated 28 reels of short period data per week plus one reel of Long Period. Since I was the Chief Analyst, it was my responsibility to QC these 29 reels of 16 millimeter film each week and write up the Operation Logs. Because the data was "ZIPPED" to Hqs I didn't have to QC the film for signal analysis otherwise I would never have gotten the job done. As it was, I sure did some quick scanning (fast forwarding) a lot of that 16mm film during my QC check. Did I miss anything that should have been written up? Probably!! Did Hqs ever catch me? NOPE! Not to my knowledge. Nowadays, I think they would probably call it "Prioritizing".

I was working swing shift on Good Friday of 1964 when the "BIG EARTHQUAKE" occurred in Alaska. I was watching the Develocorder screen when the blank film showed on the screen. My first thought was that the film had lost meniscus until I turned around and looked at the Helicorders and saw that all 3 pins were pegged to one side. When the pins didn't return within a few seconds, I decided to crank up the decibels (more dbs attenuate) on the Photo Tube Amplifiers (PTA) in an attempt to find out how big this event was. 6 dbs didn't phase it; 18 dbs likewise, so I put the PTAs on maximum db (I think 42 dbs was max). Still no difference. Now, I knew we had a "BIG" one. Next, my shift partner and I checked to see what direction it was coming from. When we realized where "IT" was coming from, we really got excited. One of our maintenance men, Chuck **Derosier** along with Pete Sherman were TDY and were doing a survey on Attu Island in the Aleutian Islands. By looking at this baby, we figured they might wind up floating on an island somewhere in the South Pacific. Chuck later told me he could actually see Attu Island moving/rocking

back and forth. It was finally determined that the size of this earthquake was 8.2 Magnitude on the Richter scale. A few weeks later, SMSgt (ret) Jon Secoy and I were shooting pool in the Cowboy Bar when one of the local cowboys walked in. He saw Jon right away and in a loud voice that anyone in the bar could hear, said, "Hey Jon, were your instruments sensitive enough to pick up that large earthquake from Alaska? And walked away laughing real loud. So much for the local townspeople not knowing that Det 162 was a seismic det. I heard later that one of our "security conscious" congressmen had briefed the townspeople on the type of installation the Air Force was putting in prior to the actual installation. Don't know how true this is, but it sounds about par for the course.

Now, we all know that 99s have a great sense of humor and sometimes they do crazy things to keep from being bored while on shift. It doesn't take much to get them started and once going they don't seem to know when to stop. The following incident got started shortly after a "brand new" 2nd Louie arrived to be the dets exec officer. The CO, EO, and Admin troop had their desks in the first room as you walk into the building and the execs desk was up against the Admin guys desk and faced it. Now, he didn't have much paper work to do so he only had "IN" and "OUT" baskets on his desk while the Admin guys had 5 or 6 on his along with a stapler, two hole punch and since he smoked, an ashtray, plus the Admin guys desk was a little larger since he used a typewriter. Now, we all know that 2nd Louie's want to appear important to other people and when his desk was compared to the Admin guys it was not very impressive. First, he took our stapler from the Ops Room although he only used one about twice a week, if that, and it ticked us off because we had to borrow one until we could get the supply man to get one for us. So to get even, we would walk around singing or humming. "My desk is bigger than your desk-----." Then, one afternoon he left a message for the mid shift guys, "I want an Executive Type Ashtray on my desk, NOW!" OK, Sir! You want an Executive Type Ashtray, you got it! Using an Embossing Tool (writes letters or numbers on different colored tape), we typed out "EXECUTIVE" on red tape and put it on one of the large, round, brown ashtrays and put it in the center of his desk. Never did find out what his reaction was when he saw that ashtray, but folks, I'm here to tell you that putting that piece of tape on that ashtray really got it started. It seemed like everything got labeled "EXECUTIVE" from then on. Devs, PTAs, Film Viewer, equipment in the racks, chairs---you name it. I know all of us involved had a blast labeling everything and I think we got our message across because he started leaving us alone.

Earthquake Prediction. Now, supposedly everyone (especially "B" trained killers) knows that there is no such thing as "Earthquake Prediction," but one new

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trainee we got in thought we had found out how to do that very thing. It all got started out innocently enough. We had been recording events coming from the east of the det and a few degrees away. Since the seismicity map showed no activity in that direction, we had queried Hqs about the signals and they told us it was none of our concern and not to worry about them. My shift partner and I were briefing this new guy and I guess we both got the idea about the same time because we both looked at the clock and got a big grin on our face because it was about time for one of those signals from the east to arrive. Casually, I mentioned that for some reason I had recently been able to predict earthquakes. Now, this new guy didn't believe a word that we said, but we insisted that it was true. To prove my point I told him that we would be getting a signal within the next minute, and he just looked at me and said, "Yeah, sure! And I'm the queen of the May." I said ok, just watch the helicorder pins because in about ten seconds they are going to start moving. Sure, ok, Ha! Ha! Man! You should have seen the amazed look on his face when those pins started going back and forth. His mouth dropped open, his eyes got big and he turned and looked at me with complete disbelief on his face. It only took him about ten seconds to realize he had been had because my partner and I were bent over laughing like crazy and then of course we had to tell him the truth. So much for earthquake prediction!!

Time flies when one is having so much fun, and in October 1966 I departed PCS to Det 415 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Now, if you think the above incidents were funny, wait until you hear the one about me switching to generator power during a power failure shortly after I arrive at Det 415 in my next article.

SAGE STARS

Articles/stories, submitted by our readers, of
'Sage Success Stories'

... stories that exemplify the spirit of a striving
sage going above and beyond the norm.

In this issue, Clark **Wilberg**, makes us aware of two 'Sage Stars,' two people who spent time serving AFTAC 'along the way'

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Carl Erwin Walz Status: Active. Trained as: Astronaut. Profession: Mission Specialist. Sex: Male. Marital Status: Married. Children: Two. Birth Date: 06 September 1955. Birth City: Cleveland. Birth State: Ohio. Birth Country: USA. Nationality: American. Group: 1990 NASA Group. Date Selected: 17 January 1990. Number of Flights: 3. Total Time: 34.73 days. Number of EVAs: 1.



Total EVA Time: 7.08 hours.

NASA Official Biography

NAME: Carl E. Walz (Lieutenant Colonel, USAF)
NASA Astronaut

SPECIAL HONORS:

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kent State University. Awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, the USAF Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the USAF Commendation Medal, and the USAF Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Distinguished Graduate from the USAF Test Pilot School, Class 83A. Inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Awarded three NASA Space Flight Medals and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal..

EXPERIENCE:

From 1979 to 1982, Walz was a Radiochemical Project Officer, responsible for analysis of radioactive samples from the Atomic Energy Detection System at the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron, McClellan Air Force Base, California. The subsequent year was spent in study as a Flight Test Engineer at the USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards Air Force Base, California. From January 1984 to June 1987, Walz was assigned as a Flight Test Engineer to the F-16 Combined Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base, where he worked on a variety of F-16C airframe avionics and armament development programs. He logged over 250 flight test hours in the F-16. In July 1987, he served as a Flight Test Manager at Detachment 3, Air Force Flight Test Center.

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Chief Master Sergeant Kirk P. Whitman is command chief master sergeant, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis Air Force Base, Calif. He advises the wing commander on matters concerning the morale, welfare, effective use and progress of about 7,100 enlisted personnel assigned to four groups, 25 squadrons, and nine wing staff agencies. Whitman was born in Oxnard, Calif., Aug. 6, 1956. He graduated from Hueneme High School, Oxnard, Calif., in 1974. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1975 and graduated from technical school, Lowry Air Force Base, Colo. He began his Air Force career as an inventory management specialist at Torrejon Air Base, Spain.

(AFTAC) Assignments:

1983 - 1984 - NCOIC, Supply, Detachment 452, 1156th Technical Operations Squadron, Camp Long, Republic of South Korea.

1984 - 1993 - Various positions culminating as chief, Material Storage and Distribution Branch, Technical Operations Division, McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

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WHERE ARE YA?!!!

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Where we attempt to get you to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin" - Forward these updates to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Updates column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
'WHERE ARE YA?!!!' INPUTS**

Clark Wilberg

EMAIL EXTRACT, CLARK WILBERG, 1/12/05, PER MY REQUEST TO HIS EMAIL (SEE 'MAIL' SECTION)

I'm still employed as a Dept of the Army (DA) civilian at FT Hood. I've had a couple promotions and increased responsibility added in the past couple years. In addition to supervising and directing the same tasks I previously was doing (budget and administrative functions), I'm now serving in a capacity of "comptroller" for our unit. I have also gained the responsibility of being the "Contracting Officer's Representative" for the service and support contract for our site. It handles all the functions that a normal base support contract would-security, facilities maintenance and construction (heating/air conditioning, electrical, vehicle maintenance), telecommunications-including computer support and LAN/WAN functionality, and logistics support (supply, shipping/receiving, property book accountability); they provide support for our site and our satellite facilities at FT Irwin, Ca; FT Lewis, WA; FT Wainwright, AK; Schofield Barracks, HI; FT Polk, LA; and Indiantown Gap, PA. The latter areas are locations where Stryker Brigade Combat Teams are developing.

Our prime unit function remains development, integration, and certification testing of the Army Battle Command System-the "system of systems" that uses embedded hardware in the Army's rolling stock (wheeled and tracked) and links it via radios and satellites to create a large-scale, wide-area network to relay command and control information in real-time to the front-line soldiers. They have total situational awareness on the battle field-information that previously was available only at division level and echelons above. The responsiveness to the dynamics of the battle field is incredible; platoon leaders and company commanders know where they are, where their buddies are, and where the enemy is. All of this information is linked to joint service elements-Air Force, Navy and Marines-for unified situational assessment and coordination of efforts. We have a growing number of Digital Systems Engineers who provide field support for all the digitized Army units when they deploy. We had to develop an "in-house" training program to provide them the knowledge and background they need; I put to good use the knowledge I had of AFTAC's training process for 99/9S technicians. Our DSEs are the digital equivalent of the AFTAC Cs/Ds technicians: go anywhere and fix anything computer/LAN related.

The work is fun; I enjoy it-and the mission, attitude, people, and teamwork remind me of AFTAC!

BS TALES**Sage Tales 'Barely Substantiated' or 'Boldly Stated'**

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD 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 in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

The 'BS' **HONOR ROLL**: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch** (4 articles), Ben **Vlassick** (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (2), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank and Nedra **Szachta** (3), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (3), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal** (2) Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7) Clark **Creery** (2)

Clark Creery

Association President, '94'95

BS that is CS (Certainly Substantiated)

We add Clark's name to our famous 'BS Honor Roll' this month with two stories, both of which are well substantiated but told with so much 'Creery Flair' that we just had to place them here; BS, in this case, is 'Boldly Stated.'

I had a few days off during the Christmas Vacation and I was determined to catch up on my reading, writing, and ryth-ma-tick. The December issue of the Post-Monitor is wonderful. All issues are packed with information and I will just bet that the normal AFTACer reads it cover-to-cover. My congrats to Jack **Jackson** who now takes the reins of command. Jack, what follows is a CS Tale based upon your belief that you were the first security policeman ever to hold the office of President. And Clark provides a picture and a copy of a letter substantiating his corrective measures. Even tho the letter (below) does not specify Clark as the recipient we have a tendency to believe him as he wears that 'SP look' so well and he has often demonstrated his talent of blowing a security police whistle without the need for a whistle!!

24 January 1961

**3628th School Squadron**

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

1. The Department of Air Police Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, is pleased to present to you this letter of congratulation in recognition of your achievement in graduating as Honor Student in Class 23110, Air Policeman Course.

2. By diligently and studiously applying yourself, you have established a standard which other students would do well to emulate. The attainment of such an

honor reflects credit upon you and is an achievement of which you may be justly proud.

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3. *Each individual assigned to the Department of Air Police Training joins me in wishing you continued success in the Air Police field. Good luck to you in your future Air Force assignments.*

signed"

W.E. Mullin, Lt. Col, USAF, Deputy Command for Air Police Training

Good luck in my future assignments? Absolutely - AFTAC, what wonderful luck!

We continue with a second 'Story' from Clark.'

I am not certain, but I think this may qualify for a substantiated tale rather than a BS tale? That remains in the eyes of the beholder. I remember back to 1972 - 1973 when the Depot thought that it would be awfully nice if I had another Remote. I had asked Headquarters for a nice spot in the Pacific. Many of our fellow Q personnel were returning from very nice Pacific Islands and I had decided that if I had to do another remote - a nice Pacific Island would do just fine.

I am known to think things through, however, on this one subject I forgot what I had learned in Geography Class in elementary school. Shemya Air Force Station is in the Pacific! It is out at the end of the Aleutian Chain and it is not the end of the world, however, on that one clear day a year you can see it. Poor Marty **Bandy** and John **Royer** were about to become my companions for about 6 months when Jim **West** and Matt **Jackson** would be their replacements. John **Odom**, Bill **McCune** and a host of others had to put up with me as their Maintenance Supervisor. I look back on those times and that had to be the best assignment I ever had with the best group of people ever. I consider myself very fortunate to have served with these folks and others that I do not have their names right at hand. The "C" building, the Smoke Houses, AFJOG, the GUFU, Reeve Aleutian Airlines, Rocky **Kean** and the civilian contractors. All are very vivid memories that bring a smile to my face.

Brian **Swan** and John **Wallace** were roommates down in the Contractor area and when they were off they managed to bring joy and panic to us on a daily basis. The Beatles had a song entitled: "The Yellow Submarine" at that time and by gosh, Brian and Wally managed to find a tip tank, paint it yellow and bring it back to the det. This was after they found that there



What is this???? Read on ...

were women behind every tree! They fabricated a tree from Plywood and put it out in front of our Smoke House. I never did find out if they captured any female companions with that stunt.

My most favorite stunt performed by these two is captured on film and I submit a picture of Detachment 205/461 and the submarine crossing (preceding).

I have been so blessed over the years with my involvement with AFTAC and I thank everyone for being such wonderful friends.

TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

TOM CIAMBRONE

This concept was suggested by our Ex-CV, Col/CMSgt (Honorary) (Ret) Tom Ciambone, who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asks all Sages to send ideas for this series and to provide additions or corrections.

OK Sages, we posed the trivia question in the editorial (pg 2). The answer is that these are AFTACer's who were selected for the honor of '12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year' - Tren Money, late 80's; Kathy Todd, mid-80's and Art Cole, early to mid 60's.

As a matter of fact, an internet search found at least one site with additional information to peruse:

http://www.afa.org/AboutUs/oay_history.asp

The following listing was extracted from this site by searching 'AFTAC' and 'Headquarters Command':

USAF OUTSTANDING AIRMEN

Year	Last-First Name	Rank	Org/other info, if known
1989	Acker Michael	SrA	McClellan AFB, California
1984	Todd Katherine	SSgt	Patrick AFB, Florida
1982	Flanagan Robert	MSgt	Patrick AFB, FL
1976	Lema Richard	CMSgt	McClellan AFB, CA
1975	Clemons Mearl	CMSgt	Andrews AFB, MD
1969	Chesnes David	A1C	
1968	Stewart Bryan	SMSgt	
1966	Mayne Roy	SSgt	
1964	Weaver Richard	TSgt	
1963	Pennington William	CMSgt	Alexandria, VA
1962	Cole Arthur	SMSgt	
1961	Merryman Harold	SMSgt	
1960	Thompson Robert	SMSgt	
1959	Baione Anthony	SMSgt	
1958	Gaiser James	MSgt	Bolling AFB, DC
1957	Lee Chester	MSgt	Norton AFB, CA
1956	Archut Leroy	MSgt	Bolling AFB, DC

Note that Tren Money's name is not listed; we have provided her to the appropriate website.

Some of the other names are familiar to your editor's, i.e., Pennington, Lema, Flanagan, while the others are not. Can any of you provide additional information about any of the people on this listing?

AFTAC-LRD Worldwide Reunions—History and Overview

Everybody loves a reunion – time to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent years. As most of you already know, for a number of years, we've tried to hold a reunion about every two years, alternating between California, Colorado, and Florida. In 1999, the reunion was held in California and coincided with the closing of Tech Ops Division (a great weekend with a somewhat sad ending). In 2001, the reunion was in Colorado (another great weekend). In 2003, the reunion was held in Florida (a super time was had by all and no hurricanes). **In 2005 the West Coast Chapter of the Alumni Association will host another reunion, and is taking reservations.** Included with this issue are the AGENDA and REGISTRATION (both Hotel & Reunion) FORMS. The agenda and registration forms will also be included in the Colorado and California alumni chapter newsletters and can be found on the West Coast Chapter home page (www.AFTACwest.org). Pass the word along to other LRD (AFTAC, AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, and 1035th FAG) alumni.

They have a terrific Reunion Committee, headed by **AL PAVIK & JACK ALLISON**, but can always use more help. If you would like to help out, please include a note with your registration.

To summarize what they need from you:

- Reserve your hotel room early by calling the Holiday Inn or by completing the following hotel registration form, and returning it to the hotel with your check or credit card information.
- Register early for the 12 - 15 May 2005 Reunion by completing the enclosed registration forms, and returning it with your check
- Volunteer to help - Pass the word along to others and encourage them to attend the reunion
- Attend the Reunion and have a great weekend.

AFTAC 2005 Worldwide Reunion at Holiday Inn Northeast, Sacramento California

The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Northeast, and Sacramento. They have 50 rooms reserved each night; May 12, 13, & 14, 2005 with checkout on Sunday the 15th; all rooms are "Kings" with possible switch to or addition of doubles, triples and double/doubles. Rooms are \$89/night plus 12% tax. Check-in: 4PM; Checkout: 12 noon.

2005 Reunion Hospitality at the Holiday Inn Northeast in the McClellan Suite.

As has been the case with previous reunions, we plan to operate a memorable hospitality room. We have a 3-room suite with a bar, which allows plenty of room for lots of bull sessions. This is the same facility we had for the last reunion and attendees spent many enjoyable hours there. We hope to have your favorite beverages and light snacks available for all. Of course, no charge other than what you might want to put in the can at the bar. If you have photographs or other memorabilia that you would care to bring, please do so; there will be lots of rooms for their display. Be sure to identify your property so it gets back to you when you depart. The reunion committee is leaving no stone unturned in turning out all alumni in this area. We urge the Florida and Colorado chapters to bring everyone. More people always equal more fun for all. We look forward to seeing you.

Golf Tournament at Diamond Oaks golf Club-Friday 13 May 2005, 10AM-?

Play will start with a shotgun start. Lunch can be purchased at the clubhouse when turning the front and back nines for those who opt not to drink their meal. We will have a short program awarding prizes immediately following play. Cost is \$44 which includes the round of golf, cart, and prizes. The format will be Select Shot (Scramble) with unbiased team handicapping done by the tournament director(s), if sober. If you do not have a team, that is not a problem. You can sign us as a single and be placed on an open team. In fact, we will like to have lots of single players as this will give us the opportunity to meet and greet our friend from the past. We will be limited to 144 players so reserve early. Reservations can be made by completing the registration for or by contacting **Butch Kemna** (major arranger). Phone: 916-722-8509, Email: jklk@mindsync.com or **Charlie Penn**, Phone 916-624-1067, Email: chas-penn@starstream.net. See you on 13 May. **Fees must be paid in advance.**

Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino – Saturday, 14 May 2005, 10AM-3PM.

For only \$14 you will get door-to-door service for a pleasant ½ hour ride from the reunion hotel to and from the casino on a luxury bus. On arrival, you will get a \$5 coupon for slot or tables play plus a \$5 food coupon. You will have four hours to play and enjoy this large Nevada style casino with over 2,700 slots and 98 gaming tables. Thunder Valley has many places to eat: A 24-hour All-You-Can-Eat Buffet with Latin, American, Asian, Italian and Seafood cooking stations; Five "Quick-Serve" outlets such as Starbucks, Villa Pizza, Fatburger, Gordito Burrito and Panda Express; plus Austin's Steakhouse and Shanghai Fat's restaurants. Join us for a fun day. *Note: We must have you pre-registered and pre-paid for this trip in order to contract for the transportation. So please make sure you include this item on the reunion registration form. Depending on available bus seating, we may not be able to accept last minute requests for this trip at the reunion.* Thunder Valley is on the web at http://www.thundervalleysresort.com/templates/tv_home.asp.

2005 Reunion Banquet Entertainment – Saturday, 14 May 2005, 7:45PM-8:30PM:

The "**Country Club Aires**" (CCA) Men's Chorus and Band will perform at our banquet following dinner. The CCA has been in existence for over 35 years. The CCA has a roster of 55 of whom a number are military veterans. They are known as a "sing-a-long" chorus who perform the "good old songs" and a lot of show tunes that we know so well.

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION**12-15 May 2005****Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave, Sacramento, CA****Reunion Updates**

Watch our web site <www.AFTACwest.org> for updates to this information and these forms. On the 'Reunion' pages you will find a link to the list of registered attendees. If your name is not on the list within two weeks of submitting your forms, contact Charlie Penn, Al Pavik or Jack Allison, the Reunion Chairmen. They are listed on the website 'Contacts' page. If you don't see your buddies on the list, contact them, if they don't have email, contact Al Pavik who will mail them the information. Don't delay, we must have all registrations by 20 April 2005.

EDITORS NOTE: Al Pavik, in a separate email, advises they have a small amount of wiggle room for those needing to register after 20 April. If this happens to you, give him a call. Al may be able to work something out for the banquet, but the main concern is to get the Hotel registration before 21 April to get the \$89 rate.

Agenda/Events Schedule**Thursday, 12 May 2005**

5:00PM–11:00PM: **Welcome!** McClellan Hospitality Suite Open. **Bring Photo Albums if you have 'em.**

5:00PM – 9:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., in the McClellan Hospitality Suite

Friday, 13 May 2005

9:00AM – 5:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc. McClellan Hospitality Suite Open

10:AM–?????PM: Golf Tournament @ Diamond Oaks Golf Club (Schedule posted in hospitality suite)

6:00PM – 8:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., outside the Aviator Room

6:00PM – 8:00PM: Cocktail Party Reception in the Aviator Room

8:00PM–12:00AM: McClellan Hospitality Suite Open. **Bring Photo Albums if you have 'em.**

Saturday, 14 May 2005

9:00AM – 5:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc. McClellan Hospitality Suite Open

10:00AM – 3:00PM: Chartered Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino, Lincoln, CA

6:00PM – 7:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., outside the Grand Ballroom

6:00PM – 6:45PM: No-host cocktails in the Grand Ballroom

6:45PM – 7:00PM: Posting of the Colors, National Anthem and Invocation

7:00PM – 7:45PM: Banquet Dinner

7:45PM – 8:30PM: Entertainment by the Country Club Aires Men's Chorus & Band

8:30PM – 8:45PM: Intermission

8:45PM–9:15PM: AFTAC update by Col Guy D Turner (AFTAC Commander)

9:15PM–11:00PM: BS time with old friends. Background music courtesy of the Hotel.

Sunday, 15 May 2005

9:00AM–12:00PM: Brunch Buffet (no host) at the Aces Restaurant in the hotel.

12:00PM: Hotel checkout time. Thank you for coming. Farewell until the next reunion.

Reunion registration cutoff date is 08 April 2005. After that date Contact Al Pavik or Jack Allison.

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841****1-800-338-2810 or (916) 338-5800 Local Sacramento***Send this form directly to the hotel or call them for reservations.*

Name (print): _____ # Adults: ____ (Children <16 stay free)

Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Phone#: () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Room (check one): ☐ King or ☐ Double-Double or ☐ Double. **Type:** ☐ Handicap ☐ Non-smoking

Reunion Rate is \$89/night if reservations are made before 21 April 2005. Use code "TOD".

Check-in date: _____ Check-out date: _____

(check one) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Other: _____

Card#: _____ Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Card Expiration date: _____ Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

**AFTAC ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION, SACRAMENTO, CA
12-15 MAY 2005**

The Reunion Registration and the Golf Tournament sign-up cutoff date is 20 April 2005. Send them to:
AFTAC Alumni Assoc. – WCC, Attn: Reunion Committee, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City, State ZIP: _____

Phone#: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

Reunion Administrative Fee (for Badges, Forms, Mailings, Reunion Programs, etc.) \$ 5/person x ____ = \$ ____

Golf Tournament (*also submit form, below*) (Friday, 13 May 2005) [Includes green fees & prizes] \$44/person x ____ = \$ ____

Cocktail Party Reception (with hors d'oeuvres) (Friday, 13 May 2005, 6PM – 8PM) \$15/person x ____ = \$ ____

Saturday 4hr bus trip to Thunder Valley Casino (*get \$5 cash back + \$5 food coupon at casino*) \$14/person x ____ = \$ ____

Banquet Sat. eve (enter # of each) ____ (Chicken) + ____ (NY Steak) + ____ (Halibut) + ____ (Pasta) \$36/person x ____ = \$ ____
(All Meals Include: Caesar Salad, Chef's Selection of Potato or Rice, Vegetables, Rolls, NY Cheesecake & Coffee.)

Farewell Brunch Buffet (Sunday, 15 May 2005, 9AM – ?) [*no host and no set time or agenda*] X ____ = \$ ____ (*pay hotel*)

Make your check for the total payable to "AFTAC Alumni Assoc. – WCC

Total = \$ ____

Contacts: **Al Pavik, 916-797-1472, apavik@flash.net** or **Jack Allison, 916-331-3891, jack@moller.com.**

**AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION GOLF TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP FORM
FRIDAY, MAY 13th (*times tbd*) @ DIAMOND OAKS GOLF CLUB – 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**

	Name(s)	Present Handicap	No Handicap
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

I/We would like to play with the following people:

I/We will need transportation from the Holiday Inn Hotel to the tournament and return: **Yes** **No** (*circle one*)

Fill out the tournament line item on the reunion registration form, above. Include the fee in your payment for the reunion.

Questions/comments about the tournament? Check our website on-line at <www.AFTACwest.org> and
Look for the foursome assignments, schedules & last minute info to be posted in the hotel lobby at the reunion.

Contacts: Charlie Penn <charliegrca@rcip.com> or Butch Kemna <jkklk@mindsync.com>

CALENDAR

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
Association Board/Membership Meetings
All Alumni are heartily invited to these events.

VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER (321) 494-6867,

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

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

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building

HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd

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

WHEN: 1700 (5:00 PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building

HOW: come to rear entrance

April

1, 1530 WindDown at the Outback

11, 1700, Board/Membership Meeting

May

6, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

9, 1700 - Board/Membership Meeting

June

3, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

13, 1700 - Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events

EVENT CONTACT—PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867

patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil

Apr 2, Center Picnic, page 11, bottom right

May 6th, Golf n'getogether, Cocoa Beach Country Club, see page 1 for information

12-15 May 2005

Worldwide Reunion in Sacramento, CA

see pages 20, 21, and 22

Traditional Annual Events, (for planning purposes only)

January—March

-Assoc SnowBall VIII, **January 28, 2006**

-Center Annual Awards Banquet, March time frame

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic, April time frame

-Assoc Spring Golf n'Getogether, May time frame

July—September

Summer time and the livin' is easy

October—December

-Alumni Assoc Fall Golf n'Getogether, Oct time frame

-Center Winter Social, Dec time frame

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JACKETS, Unlined/Royal Blue, \$20	2	1	2	4

GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket, \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	2	2	3	2
Jade (medium green)	2	6	3	2
Navy	2	2	2	1
Red	2	3	1	2
White	2	4	2	2
Royal Blue	3	4	2	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	3	4	0	1
Black	2	1	2	2

T-SHIRTS, without pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	2
Navy	2	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	1
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	2	4	2
Black	4	2	3	3

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15	2	2	3	0
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HATS - \$6.00 #	MISCELLANEOUS	#
Green 2	-50th Commemorative Coin, \$3	117
Gray 0	-Logo Pin, \$3.25	244
Red 7	-Logo Disk, \$5.50	4
Royal Blue 0	-Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue 1	\$10-nonmembers	4
Navy 0	-WorldWide Directory, \$25	2
Blue/		
Gray 15		

PURCHASED BY THE BOOSTERS CLUB - most say ALUMNUS rather than ALUMNI

	LG	XL
JACKETS -		
Unlined/Royal Blue - white logo, \$20		3
GOLF SHIRTS-		
Med. Blue/with pocket/White logo, \$14	11	7

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Membership Application

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

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

SPECIAL OFFER, For first time (new) members only, three years dues for \$20 _____

NAME _____ (Spouse) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

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

NOTICE: Membership information will be passed to other Alumni Chapters and members unless you state that this information is not to be released, and may be made available on the association website.

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IN GOD WE still TRUST - ALL OTHERS, WE used to MONITOR!