

# ♦ AFTAC ALUMNI ♦

Volume 2 Issue 4

September 1994

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 14 - 1994

It is that time of year once again! October 14, 1994 at the Patrick AFB, Golf Course - 17:30 hours General Membership Meeting.

Please come and help support your organization. We are planning on a very busy new year, we will need some help, lots of support and your inputs. Denver is planning another reunion in 1996 and we are planning on hosting the 50th anniversary of AFTAC's Long Range Detection System (LRDS) in 1997. There are many new issues that must be decided at this meeting and we want to serve YOU, and without your votes we may not be doing what YOU want. Our preliminary slate looks this way, but nominations can be mailed or telephoned to us if received before the General Membership meeting. We also will take nominations from the floor as usual.

Call: [407] 259 - 8140

President: Clark Creery

Vice President: Frank Hall

Secretary: Judy Milam

Treasurer: Carl Gailey

### Appointees:

Membership: Mary Welch

Publicity: Swede Swansen

Activities /Sales: Ron Ellingsworth



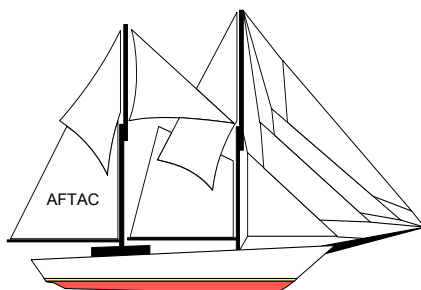
## CHANGE OF COMMAND

Highlights are contained within this newsletter.....Colonel Shaffer replaces General Jaeger at AFTAC.

## CRUISE '95

### NASSAU and PORT LUCAYA

Our Activities Chairperson has arranged a special Cruise 1995 aboard 'The Big Red Boat', the SS Atlantic. Mark 4 May 1995 with a departure from Port Canaveral, Florida. A deposit of \$100.00 per person will be required by 1 Nov 1994. See inside for the complete details of this adventure.



## GOLF

Attention Golfers!!!!

Mark down Friday, October 14th on your calendar. This is the day for our annual Aftac Alumni Association Golf tournament. The golf outing is open to all active duty, retirees, and civilian personnel.

This year, as usual we will have a shotgun start at 1300 hours. The entry fee is \$15.00 (Which will cover the golf cart, prizes, food & beverages.) Green fees are extra and are payable at the golf course on the day of the tournament. Please sign up by October 13th, at the course, if possible.

You can sign up as teams or individually. However, we will need your handicap. We have added a new twist to this years golf tournament. Since there is always concern over sandbaggers loading up a good team, we are trying to make it a level playing field for everyone. Therefore; handicaps will be figured as follows: (example)

Player	Handicap
#1	10
#2	14
#3	18
#4	<u>35</u>
	77

Divide 4 players into 77 total handicap = 19. Then 19 will be divided by 2 = 10. Your team handicap will be 10.

Hopefully, the above procedure will give everyone a fair chance to win. (This team will therefore, start with a 62.) Come on out and have a great day. It should be a super afternoon of golf.

## President's Corner

Another year has rolled around and it passed much too quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful staff that I had this year. They make the job so easy even I can cope with it. Being President of your association is very gratifying and without the support of the staff, it could be a real nightmare. This year Mary Welch has managed to publish a Worldwide Directory, find people that we have never dreamed could be found, and she has boosted our membership roles to over 500.

Judy Milam has worked silently behind the scenes and as a secretary, she has my vote as a true professional. She just does what has to be done and lets me know that she did it.

Carl Gailey, acting as treasurer and automated list keeper is responsible for our funds, their keeping and security. This job may look timid, but with our staff, it is almost a full time endeavor.

Frank Hall has given me more support than I really deserve. Without his guidance, assistance, and patience, the Association would not be what it is today.

Ron Ellingsworth, became the stuck'ee when we decided to purchase items for sale. His time and his efforts are appreciated.

Our newcomer, Swede Swansen found out just what it is to fold over 500 newsletters and without him, your news would not get to your homes. Plus there are so many more to thank for a wonderful year. I want to say as outgoing President that the opportunity to serve you, humbles me. Thank you all for a wonderful year!

Clark E. Creery

## Godspeed Sir!



### Brigadier General James A. Jaeger

Brigadier General James A. Jaeger is the outgoing commander, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla.

General Jaeger was born Aug. 22, 1950, in Milwaukee, Wis., and graduated from Watertown High School in 1968. He earned a bachelor of science degree in international relations from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., in 1972 and a master of arts degree in management and supervision from Central Michigan University in 1978. He was a distinguished graduate from Squadron Officer School in 1976, and Air Command and Staff College in 1983, both at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. He graduated from the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. in 1987.

The general was commissioned a second lieutenant after graduating from the Air Force Academy in June 1972. He then attended the Signals Intelligence Officer course at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. In December 1972, he was assigned to the 6931st Security Group, Iraklion Air Station, Crete, Greece, as a flight commander. In July 1974 he was reassigned to the 6908th Security Squadron, Nakhon Phenom Royal Thai Royal Air Base Thailand, where he supported the S.S. Mayaguez recovery operation and the Phnom Penh and Saigon evacuations.

Continued on Page 4.....

## Our New Commander



*Col. Glen D. Shaffer*

Colonel Glen Shaffer is the incoming commander, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla. He was previously the commander of the U.S. European Command Joint Analysis Center at Royal Air Force Molesworth, United Kingdom. He has served most of his career as an Air Force intelligence officer in strategic, tactical and joint commands.

Colonel Shaffer is a 1970 graduate of Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, where he received a BA degree in Government along with his Air Force commission as a Distinguished ROTC Graduate. His education includes a master of science degree in administration from the George Washington University.

He is a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, the Air Force Target Intelligence Officers Course and the Basic Imagery Intelligence Officers Course. Colonel Shaffer is a 1990 graduate of the National War College.

His early assignments as an intelligence officer were to Strategic Air Command units including the 17th Bombardment Wing at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and the 43rd Strategic Bombardment Wing at Anderson AFB, Guam. He also served as a photo interpretation officer for Headquarters Eighth Air Force on Guam during Linebacker operations in 1972. In the late 1970's, he was assigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command where he worked intelligence applications, unit support, radar prediction and interpretation and targeting programs.

Colonel Shaffer's first joint assignment, 1980 to 1983, was to Headquarters U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Virginia, as a target intelligence officer. He was also a sea launched cruise missile mission planner, completing USCINCLANT's first SLCM live operational evaluation sorties. Another joint assignment followed, this time to the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt AFB, Nebraska, where he was a nuclear plans and policy staff officer.

He spent the next three years, 1986 to 1989, outside of the Intelligence business in Strategic Air Command Plans, Requirements, and Acquisition. He led a division responsible for coordinating SAC activities - particularly systems acquisition and architecture - for developing capabilities to attack strategic relocatable targets. His division was also responsible for managing and advocating all SAC space systems requirements.

After his SAC tour, Colonel Shaffer attended the National War College and in 1990 was assigned as deputy commander for the Joint Intelligence Center Europe at

Continued on page 4.....

## COMMANDER

Continued from Page 3.....

Stuttgart-Valhingen, Germany. He was designated as the first director for the Joint Analysis Center in October 1991.

Colonel Shaffer's decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

Colonel Shaffer and his wife, Kathryn, have a son Michael, and a daughter, Eryn.

We of the Alumni Association welcome you as our commander sir and hope that we can make your command a very enjoyable one. You are now part of one special group of people, bar none!

## 1996 AND BEYOND

**Ben Says:**

Quote:

"Colorado in 1996, or Florida in 1997, or both? Some folks are saying one or the other; others say both. A survey and discussions in California indicate many people want to come to Denver (a popular location with or without a reunion). Some people will attend one and not the other while other people will attend both - regardless of what year or what occasion. I will be in close contact with the Florida Chapter and a survey of Colorado members will be conducted."

**Let us know what you think?**

**AFTAC Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 4892  
Patrick AFB, Florida  
32925-0892**

## General Jaeger

He returned to the United States in September 1975 and attended Squadron Officer School. General Jaeger was then assigned to the National Security Agency where he was selected to participate in the Junior Officer Cryptologic Career Program which included work assignments in five different intelligence functional areas.

General Jaeger was assigned to Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va., in December 1978 as an intelligence staff officer responsible for signals intelligence planning and collection management. Upon completion of Air Command and Staff College in June 1983, he was assigned to Sembach Air Base, Germany, as the director of operations, 6918th Electronic Security Squadron. In August 1984 he assumed command of Detachment 1, Headquarters Electronic Security Tactical, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The detachment supports the U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Warfare Center electronic combat programs, and the Blue Flag and Copper Flag exercise series.

Jaeger then attended the National War College where he received the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Distinguished Strategy Essay Award. Following graduation in 1987 he was assigned to the Joint Staff, Operational Plans and Interoperability Directorate, J-7, as chief, JCS Exercise Programs Branch and member of the Joint Military Commission responsible for implementation of the U.S. - Soviet Agreement on Prevention of Dangerous Military Activities. He assumed command of the Headquarters Pacific Electronic Security Division, Electronic Security Command, Hickham Air Force Base Hawaii, in July 1990.

Continued Next Column.....

The general's military decorations and awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal.

General Jaeger is married to the former Diane Nuckolls of Phoenix. They have two children: a son, J.B., and a daughter, Jenna Beth.

As the General departed Patrick he was awarded the Legion of Merit and the citation follows:

*Brigadier General James A. Jaeger distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as Commander, Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, from 25 July 1991 to 28 July 1994.*

*During this period, the exemplary ability, diligence, and devotion to duty of General Jaeger were instrumental factors in the resolution of many complex problems of major importance to the Air Force.*

*The unit's focus was expanded to coincide with the new realities of the 1990's and a new set of mission priorities were created to provide the Air Force and our national leadership with technical answers to a complex treaty monitoring environment.*

*His nurturing of the newly evolving Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty verification requirements resulted in a carefully thought out strategy which, when presented, was totally accepted by the United States government as the basis for its negotiating position in international discussions.*

*The singularly distinctive accomplishment of General Jaeger reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.*

## SHOPPING CENTER

### Ron Ellingsworth reports:

All items (coaches jacket excluded) are with the 6-color AFTAC logo with the words - AFTAC ALUMNI over the left chest.

**Unlined Coaches Jacket** - with white logo imprint only. 100% Nylon Taffets, Byron collar, raglan sleeves, snap front closure, Drawstring bottom, elastic cuffs, patch pockets, water repellent.

Colors: Maroon, Navy, Royal Blue

Sizes: Large, X-Large (\$14.00)  
Note: XX-Large (\$16.00) and XXX-Large (\$18.00)

**T-Shirts** - 50% polyester/50% heavyweight cotton.

Colors: Ash, Light Blue, Mint, Fuchsia, Navy, Purple, Royal Blue.  
Note: Jade and Red in X-Large only.

Sizes: Large, X-Large (\$7.00)

**Jersey Golf Shirt with Pocket** - 50% polyester/50% cotton jersey. Two button, pocket, ribbed polo collar and welt cuffs, Hemmed bottom, tubular body.

Colors: California Blue, Royal Blue, navy, True Red, Maroon, Teal.

Sizes: Medium, Large, X-Large  
NOTE: XX-Large in Royal Blue only. (\$14.00)

**Baseball Cap** - Polymesh sides with white front panel. Cap bill and mesh come in the following colors:

Light Blue, Royal Blue, Gray, Kelly Green, Navy, Red.

One size fits all.....(\$6.00)

XXL and XXXL available at additional cost and by special order. Special requests will be taken for other colors or sizes. (expect delay)

We also have access to some of the following AFTAC items:

**Briefcase** (\$17.00) - Black fabric with handle and shoulder strap. Full color AFTAC logo embroidered on the side. Zippered compartments, light weight, durable nylon.

**Large Gym Bag** (\$12.00)

**Small Gym Bag** (\$8.00)

**Beer Mug** - (plastic) - (\$2.00)

**Coffee Cup** - (Ceramic with logo) - (\$4.00)

**AFTAC Logo Pin** - (\$3.25)

**Wooden Nickel** - (with AFTAC logo) - (\$1.00)

Please add \$3.00 to cover shipping and handling. Logo Pins and Wooden Nickel add \$0.50 and Beer Mug, add \$1.50.

Please make your payment to:

AFTAC Alumni Association

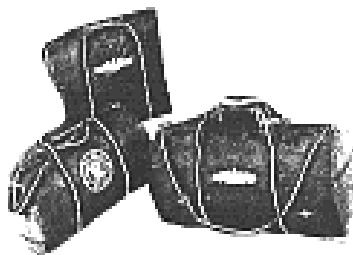
Mail Orders to:

AFTAC Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 4892  
Partick AFB, Florida 32925-0892

ATTN: Ron Ellingsworth

Allow us several weeks to process your order or send airline tickets and we will personally deliver your merchandise.

Thanks folks!



## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our General Membership meeting this year needs to accomplish several things. Throughout the year items pop up at our monthly executive meetings that we really do not know how to handle. This year is no exception. We have spent numerous hours covering how we can support you, our membership. Our last meeting on 8 August 1994 was filled with talk of raising dues and adjusting the fee for Lifetime Membership. We plan to have a general discussion at our meeting on the 14th of October and need your input.

Currently, your newsletters consume about \$2.64 of your \$5.00 yearly dues. This includes printing and mailing costs. This is based upon our current membership. Publication/ mailing of Chapter Directories and general correspondence/queries to our members extracts another \$1.00 of those dues. Our staff continues to search for those personnel who were a part of AFTAC sometime in their career. Searching costs money and we are not sure where we should stop. The majority of the board feels that we should search to the ends of the earth and give our fellow AFTAC'ers the opportunity to belong and contribute. We need your input.....help us decide for you.

Lifetime membership is another issue. We have decided that it is in the best interest of the Association to increase the lifetime dues to \$100.00 starting in January 1995 provided the general membership agrees. Lifetime memberships have exceeded our fondest desires and we are glad that we have them. Our worries are those of continued support in days when the postal rates continue to increase. We are due another increase in 1995. The mail system is our link to you.

**COLORADO REPORTS**

Mary -

We had the picnic. Did not have the crowd we wanted but those that came really enjoyed themselves. We were on a lake at Buckley ANG base. First time we have used the place and it won't be the last.

I'm enclosing a check which will cover the items we used or sold plus postage.

Again, thank you very much for coming through with the goodies. I appreciate and I know the people that won door prizes were quite pleased as well! Ben V.

**ALUMNI of the QUARTER****CA Reunion Committee**

We of the staff did not have to search very far to pick this quarter's alumni. Having been placed into the position on several previous occasions, our Membership still cannot get over the coordination, finesse, and professionalism that was demonstrated during the California Reunion. The committee members are to be thanked and praised for their teamwork and professionalism. It requires the fine tuning of a watch to pull off a reunion for that many people and to do so with the appearance of ease. Our hats are off to you folks in California who dedicated so many hours to making the reunion one that will be talked about for a very long time. We thank you from the bottom of our AFTAC hearts.....

Job very well done folks!

**Worldwide Directory**

The directory is expanding at a rapid rate. With the incorporation of Change 2, you will find more than 5600 names listed, and a significant number of address changes.

Although Change 2 is dated 1 July 1994, some of the information is even more current - Every attempt has been made to include address or name changes received after 1 July, before the directory was reproduced.

Orders for the directory in the last two months were delayed until Change 2 was completed. If you ordered a directory in that time-frame and have not yet received it, watch your mail.....It is on the way!

New photo available - In addition to the three photos previously available to directory subscribers, we now have a photo of the new Russell Building at McClellan AFB. The Russell Building now houses the majority of the Technical Operations Division (formerly known as the 1155th TCHOG or 1155th TOS).

We're trying to expand our selection of photographs to include other field units - As we add them to our supply, we'll let you know. If you would like to update the photo you selected for the rear of the directory notebook, let us know. We will try to accommodate your request.

The directory subscription cost is \$13.00 and updates are free.

If you are not yet a subscriber and would like to become one, then send your order to our address as shown on page 4.

**BY THE WAY**

Florida Membership = 584

Lifetime Members = 166

Lifetime Complimentary = 13

**TEMPO Circa 1951****Attention: Historical Section**

When I received my reassignment orders at Tachikawa Air Base, Japan in August, 1951, they said in effect "Assigned to 1009th SWS/AFOAT-1, Washington, DC". (No one knew what that was!)

I spent about three days at the "REPLEDPO" in San Francisco. All four engine pilots I talked to were getting their orders changed to SAC. I started wondering to which SAC base I would be assigned? (I had about 2500 hours of 4 engine time by then.) When I arrived at the assignment desk, they said; "Go to Washington". Incidentally while I was there, a civilian airliner crashed in the San Francisco Bay.

When I reported into Washington, the 1009th SWS/AFOAT-1 offices were located on G Street about two blocks west of the Whitehouse. I "think" the address was 1712 G Street - 4th Floor. As I recall it was late 1952 or early 1953 before we moved to the Temp T building at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, where we stayed until after I departed in August 1955.

I went into Washington as a Staff Supply Officer. When I arrived, they advised me that the Staff Civil Engineer had died in that San Francisco Bay crash, and that I was to replace him. For the next year and a half, I was in the most interesting job in my 26 year Air Force career. Then a **real** Civil Engineer, Guy J. Hugunin, was assigned to replace me. The Staff Procurement Officer, Major Long (First name and whereabouts unknown) was leaving, so I was the Staff Procurement Officer for the next two and a half years.

A year or so ago, I was talking to someone on the 16th tee at the Patrick AFB Manatee golf course (It was an AFTAC Tournament) ....pg 7

# LETTERS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 for the following items:

WW Directory  
1995 dues  
Coffee Mug  
Shipping & Handling

Thank you for carrying my name in your Get Well Wishes column. I had what I hope and pray were my last operations on 17 June 1994 and I feel that I'm on the road to recovery.

Sincerely,

Dennis 'Kelly' Driscoll  
California

**ED Note:** Kelly, it is super to hear from you.....Glad you are feeling better ! Now for the readers, let me tell you about Kelly's motorcycle at TOD a few years back. It seems that he had purchased this wonderful bike and between Jerry Wehling, Tony DeMarco, and I we managed to put training wheels on it and steal his tools. I still wonder, to this day, what he felt like riding around Sacramento with training wheels on his Harley? Plus, I wonder if he still bets on Football Games and pays his debts in pennies?

Dear All,

We wish to thank each and every one of you for the support you gave us in getting started on this Reunion. It was greatly appreciated by one and all.

We wish to thank each one who attended the Reunion, and hope that you had as much pleasure as we had in seeing all of you.

Enclosed is a check to repay you for the 'advance' you gave us in.....

April of 1993. It was certainly appreciated.

If there is anything that we can do in the future, please remember us - and if we can be of assistance, we certainly will help.

Sincerely,

James S. Lucas  
Treasurer, WFO/1155th/TOD  
Reunion Committee

**P.S.** We are trying to get the younger generation interested in setting up an Alumni Association here in California. We are keeping sort of 'associated' to give them any assistance we can. Sure hope it works out to everyone's advantage.

**ED NOTE:** Jim, you folks are most welcome. For those who really do not know it, money to fund the planning is almost paramount these days. The Post Office still does not give us free mailing. We appreciated what Colorado did for us and we decided to carry on the tradition as long as funds are available. Reunions are not cheap and a seed is required to get things off dead center. We thank you for the return (it was \$500.00) and it is now in holding for Colorado if they intend to have another bash in '96.

Dear Mary,

Was real nice meeting you and renewing acquaintances at McClellan.

Sorry I am late and getting this off to you but have been on the road since the reunion.

Enclosed are my dues for a lifetime membership and also an old Special Order which should tie in 1009th, Tempo T, and 14th and Constitution. Hopefully this will put the bit to rest.

Chet Harris  
Ft. Worth, TX

Continued from Page 6.....

and discovered that I was an Alumni! I joined and received a copy of the Alumni membership. Many names were somewhat familiar. One of the best bosses I have ever worked for, Colonel Francis R. Fee, Santa Rosa, CA, was on the list. I wrote him a letter, and just before Christmas last year, he called me - How gratifying!

For a couple of years, I car pooled with Dewey N. Weiford, Las Vegas, NV and Chuck (I think) Reed. Reed was one of the better fast pitch men that I ever caught. I managed the 1009th SWS Softball team three of the four years there. We played in the Alexander Softball league which was a FAST pitch league.

Sincerely,

Marvin T. Ross  
Melbourne, Florida

**P.S.** Marvin tells us that Guy Hugunin is located in Arnolds park, Iowa.

## MONITOR

**The "MONITOR" is back!**

After more than a year, AFTAC's news magazine - The **Monitor** - is back in business. An issue is at the printers, and should be ready for distribution before the end of September 1994.

The **Monitor** provides a variety of information to the Active Duty members of AFTAC, concerning today's activities, and what the future may hold for the organization.

Periodically, we will extract pertinent articles from the **Monitor** and include them in this newsletter. We think our Alumni will find some of the current events interesting.

## ALUMNI RAMBLIN'S (Verbal and Vehicular)

Recently (7/94) we made a trip from Florida to points mid and far west. One of our stops of possible interest to some alumnus was Pinedale Wyoming - but first.....a little background for perspective.....this was my first field assignment (1/59) and I was in the initial cadre of personnel after the opening of this detachment (actually, Team 162, at the time). Chris and I met here, she being a Pinedaleite, married and spent several more years here. We have been back many times (vacation/tdy) and plan to continue doing so (Chris's Mom still has a home there).

The town has not changed that much over the years, a small western town with fantastic scenery all around; the entrance sign still shows the population of around 1,000. Our location has been there on a continuous basis except for a period from 1986 to 1988 - it closed for a lack of manpower and money, and reopened as a research facility, and as Detachment 489. It is, as you would expect, very well kept and the detachment personnel (pictured below) were very hospitable in showing us around and said they welcomed all alumni.....so, if you're in the area, stop in and say howdy.

Also, while we were there, we visited with a couple of other alumni, Mike Lauger and Jim Cwikla. They are insuring the smooth operation of the Pinedale golf course and seem to be enjoying themselves (Note the precision golf-cart parking in the picture.). See next page!!

Earlier in our trip we paid a short visit to Ray and Marva Brust at Rogers Arkansas; they are doing well there with Ray involved in a new business venture and Marva working at the local elementary school.

All in all, we had a wonderful time and certainly enjoyed our AFTAC connections along the way. We would also enjoy hearing of your continuing "AFTAC" adventures as Alumni.

John and Chris Horsch



Left to Right:

SSgt	SSgt	TSgt	Maj	me	MSgt	SSgt
Brady	Ash	McCauley	Benedetti		Maimier	Albert

## ENCAMPMENT

Many of our Denver Alumni members have been associated with the 'B' System (seismic) and over the years (1952-1972) have either been assigned to Detachment 142 or have been TDY there or just visited for the outstanding hunting and fishing. Three years ago (1991), AFTAC retirees installed a Benioff seismometer and some other memorabilia in the Encampment Museum complex. The display was well received and since the general public did not know (for sure) what those Air Force boy's really were doing, considerable interest has been raised.

One AFTAC'er, Leonard Clark, retired in Encampment and was Mayor for ten years. He encouraged us to expand the display and during the intervening three years, we managed to obtain additional equipment. By trading with the Colorado School of Mines, the National Earthquake Center, the school at Lowry and WFO-McClellan, enough equipment was saved from salvage yards to build up a "symbolic" rack and to set up a develocorder with training films for display.

Several volunteers came forward to help clean and assemble the equipment and Friday morning (July 15), Rudy Rudolph loaded the rack and develocorder into his 1/4 ton pick-up for the trip. On Saturday (July 16), we met at the museum. Jack and Wanda Kimball came from Texas, Ski Nargoski came from Pennsylvania, Desmond, Feakes, Vlassick, Braukman, Ed Gardiner, Norm Metcalf (and, where applicable, significant others) made the trip from Denver. TSgt Randy Vlassick and family also made the trip.

A steak cook out at the Saratoga Inn on Saturday night included the  
Continued Next Page.....



## September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

12th Alumni Meeting - Set up Gen

## October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

10th Alumni Meeting

## General Membership Meeting

## ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT AT PATRICK AFB

### More Letters.....

I am enclosing a check to pay for my lifetime membership in one of the finest Alumni Associations in the world. My wife and I have attended all of the Reunions in California, Denver's in '89 and the '92 Reunion at Patrick. Due to my job we were unable to attend the first HQ's reunion in Florida, but we will not miss anymore.

We would like to thank you for your Newsletter that continues to bring back memories that are very pleasant. I hope that you will be able to continue this for many years to come and that the next reunion to celebrate AFTAC's 50th is the largest ever. I know that you will put on a good show and fun will be had by all. Keep up the good work and if we can provide any assistance from our area, please contact us.

Sincerely,  
William C. -Connie- Robinson  
Denise J. -Dennie- Robinson

**Ed Note:** Connie, I am not sure I am gonna survive this, but thanks for the vote of confidence, we all appreciate it!

Thelma and I really enjoyed the California reunion. Hope to be in Florida in '97. Enclosed are my lifetime dues. Thanks for keeping in touch with us.

Art S. Reinhart  
Boise, Idaho



Jim Cwikla, John Horsch, and Mike Lauger  
I would just bet that they are telling Golf Stories to each other?

**Continued from previous page.** Museum President, Ron Wolford and his wife, as well as Vera Oldman, President Emeritus. She is a very active 91 and cleaned up her 14 oz. New York strip before any of us. Retired Forest Service Ranger Bob Mulvaney and his wife came up from Lakewood, Co. Leonard Clark suggested that we get together more often. Encampment will celebrate its 100th year anniversary in 1996, but all the local people said the 'Air Force' boys and their families are always welcome. Later in the lounge at the Saratoga Inn, stories flew fast and furious. As far as we know, everyone made it home safely on Sunday. We rather imagine that the Inn needed a front end loader to remove the leftover B.S.

This article was pruned from the AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado Newsletter, Volume 4, Number 2 (July 1994) with no permission what-so-ever.....By the way Bill, nice article.....!

### \*\* B Troops deal with earthshaking events!

**Editor's Note:** Several newsletters past I noticed the name Charles Heckman and Mary Welch managed to dig up the real scoop on this exceptional AFTAC'er. Here is the article by SMSgt Ron Pobieglo of Detachment 460 as printed in the Monitor, November 1991. It is worth reading!

Eielson AFB, Alaska - Charlie Heckman was a special equipment operator assigned to this detachment in the early 1960s. He was a hard working noncommissioned officer. No matter what time of day or night you came to the detachment, Charlie was there. Late at night he could often be found fine-tuning the initial assay equipment in the laboratory, or typing a report on flying operations. He was always friendly, and had the knack of giving you a cheerful or encouraging word when you needed it the most. He loved his work and it showed.

We were flying daily 'ptarmigan' sampling tracks over the icecap during this period, using WB-47 aircraft. Thursday of every week was Charlie's flight. One week Charlie decided to fly on a Tuesday. His aircraft crashed on takeoff, and Charlie and two other crew members were killed.

About a year after the accident, people working in this building late at night began to take note of unusual happenings. Most notable were the sounds of doors opening and closing, and the sounds of footsteps in the hall. - and no one was ever there! Speculation said it was Charlie, but I didn't believe it.

One cold December night in 1966, I was working late in the Air Operations Office, now the supply area. I was alone in the building. The sound of a door closing at the far end of the hallway caught my attention.

"Aha", I said to myself, "maybe a heater fan came on, and the air pressure pushed the door closed".

As I sat quietly at my desk, the hair on the back of my neck began to stand up - I could clearly hear the sound of footsteps echoing down the hallway.

As I reluctantly got up from my desk to see who was there, the sound stopped. When I looked down the hallway - no one was there. I searched the whole building - all the doors were secured and I was the only one here.

Off and on, other people continued to report similar experiences. Over the years since then the people assigned here changed, but their stories didn't. Charlie became an unexplained, but accepted anomaly by the members of the detachment.

The frequency of strange happenings seems to have decreased over the years. People are often reluctant to discuss this sort of thing. But the reports never entirely disappeared.

You can draw your own conclusions from this story. I do not believe in this sort of thing as a rule. But I do know what happened there on a cold December night in 1966.

Heckman Field was dedicated July 18, 1991 to honor TSgt Charles F. Heckman who lost his life in an aircraft accident on April 21, 1964.

Heckman was the noncommissioned officer in charge, Airborne Operations of Detachment 202, now Detachment 460. He'd been assigned to McClellan AFB, Ca, and Team 407 prior to his assignment at Eielson.

During the ceremony Col. 'Tipp' Simpson, host installation commander, spoke of the long history of AFTAC and Eielson AFB and the close relationship between the detachment and the host base.

Col. Tom Niquette, former Pacific Technical Operations Area commander, described the

dedication and devotion to duty of Det. 460 in particular and AFTAC personnel in general that was symbolized by Heckman.

The guests of honor were Gerald R. LaBarre and his wife Terry. LaBarre retired as a senior master sergeant in 1975 after a 27-year career with the AFTAC Airborne Program.

LaBarre spoke of his long friendship with Charlie, his wife Patricia, and their children. He told us that the day of the accident was not Charlie's day to fly but the mission was scheduled to be flown by a special equipment operator deployed from McClellan. That operator was not feeling well on that day, so Charlie volunteered to make the flight.

LaBarre pointed out Charlie's diligence, enthusiasm for accomplishment of the mission, and his abilities as a leader to make subordinates feel at ease.

At the end of the ceremony LaBarre and Niquette unveiled a plaque dedicating Heckman Field.

**Ed Note:** The plaque shown below is not the copy of the Heckman plaque, but is the Det 407 commanders listing that we thought you might find interesting as well as



## MORE LETTERS

This note was received:  
Lindsay & Mary Miller  
429 Old Sawmill Cir.  
Pagosa Springs, Co. 81147

Thanks so much, Lindsay & Mary Miller.

Keep up the 'Great' Newsletter!

**Ed Note:** Lindsay never was one to mince words.....thanks Lindsay.

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for your Alumni letter. I am saddened to inform you that Harvey died July 18, 1994. He had ALS.

There are several people that Harvey often wondered about, will there be a follow-up newsletter?

Annie N. McGee  
1601 Mary Ellen St. N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87112

**Ed Note:** Ann, thank you for the information concerning Harvey, he was quite an AFTAC'er and he is missed. The follow-up newsletters have not ceased, we publish 4 per year god willing and the creeks don't rise.

Dear Mary,

Here is my FY 95 dues, and I would like to have a copy of your AFTAC Worldwide Directory with the front entry shot of the HQ building at 6801 Telegraph Road, with the tulips, in bloom.

I spent 12 years in AFTAC and retired from the AF in 1983, and just retired from the Civil Service Dept of the Navy.

Please keep up the good work.  
William Fiala, Jr.  
Foley, AI

Staff,

I read with interest the letter from Don Clemens in the June 1994 newsletter. I too was in Ground Operations at 'TEMPO-T', being assigned as clerk in June 1957. We had Capt May and Sgt Fernandes in 'B', Capt Downing and Sgt Tucker (and later Sgt Ralph Jones) in 'Q', and Capt Hall in 'I'. I was there when the Secret Service made us vacate the building during the Constitution Ave motorcade of President Eisenhower, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip. I remained in Ops through the moves to Guam Hall and then to the Telegraph Road building. My subsequent assignments were:

60 - 63 Det 329  
63 - 66 1155th  
66 - 70 1157th

The time I spent with AFTAC leaves many fond memories of proud service by a dedicated people.

Sincerely,

Donald B. MacKay  
Newport News, Va

Dear Mary,

Please find enclosed my check for my 95 dues and enough to purchase an AFTAC Logo pin. Like many others who have written you, I was pleasantly surprised when I received your letter asking me to join the Alumni.

I was stationed at Hqs in VA from April 64 to Apr 68. I was a Personnel Technician and served in the In/Out processing section. David Rogers was my NCOIC, George Reeve was NCOIC of the Data Control Branch, Capt Philip Frederick was OIC and Col William Miller was Chief, Personnel Division.

I was assigned to the 56 CSG, 56 ACW, Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai

Air Force Base in the Eastern part of Thailand. I served there as NCOIC of the Airman Records Unit until May of 69. I was then reassigned to 3504 Recruiting Group at Lackland AFB, TX. Unbeknown to me, I picked up a disease in Thailand that caused my adrenal glands to fail during the fall of 69. After several months in the hospital, I was medically retired on Dec 3, 1969 after 15-1/2 years of service.

Since leaving the Air Force, I worked for several months as a store security clerk (not up my alley at all), managed the office and shop for a home improvement contractor until he went out of business. I then worked as a salesman for a lumber company but quit due to poor health.

I presently am living (or trying too) on my pension, and am active in club work.

Sincerely,  
Phil Elliott  
Bridgeport, OH

## JOBS

This will be the last issue that this is used due to the lack of interest.

## Get Well Wishes

We did not receive any names for this column, it is good to know that you are all well!

## IN MEMORY OF

*In Memory of:*

**Harvey McGee**  
Albuquerque, NM 18 July 1994

May each and everyone of them  
**Rest in Eternal Peace!**

# CRUISE '95

## 4 May 1995

Nassau, Port Lucaya/Freeport, in the Bahama's. Thanks for the survey response, the unanimous choice was the Big Red Boat (Premier) for 3-nights departing Cape Canaveral on Thursday, 4 May 1995, at 7PM. Boarding begins at 12:30 PM with lunch being served at the Satellite Caffe and Pool Bar.

Day	Port	Arr	Dep
THU	Canaveral		7pm
FRI	Nassau	Noon	2am
SAT	Lucaya	930a	6pm
SUN	Canaveral	7am	

Due to clearing immigrations and customs, actual debarkation will be circa 9:45 to 10:00 am if you are making travel arrangements.

### Cruise Only Group Rates:

The following rates may change slightly when the final contract is written with the cruise line. Only 32 cabins will be reserved at these prices. Late bookings may or may not have a price increase. Rates are per person, double occupancy.

Category 3/4 Standard Inside \$299  
 Category 5/6 Standard Outside \$359  
 Category 7/8 Deluxe Outside \$429  
 3rd/4th person sharing cabin \$205

Category 3 and up have at least two lowers, some with double or queen size beds.

Port charges at this time are \$84.50 per person including the Federal Departure tax.

### NOT INCLUDED

Not included in the Cruise fare are gratuities, port charges, Splashdown programs, medical services, bar beverages, soft drinks, optional offshore activities, all taxes and

any other items not specifically stated in the cruise rate.

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$100.00 per person will be required in order to secure accommodations and is due 1 November 1994. Make deposit checks payable to AFTAC Alumni Association.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** The final payment must be paid 90 days prior to sailing ( 4 Feb 95). **NO REFUNDS** can be given after 4 Feb 95 due to the group rates. Final payment can be made to Voyager Travel by either check or major credit card.

**MINI REUNION:** If interest can be generated, a Mini Reunion may be held on Wednesday evening, pool side at the Howard Johnson's (Cocoa Beach) like the one we had for the last Florida Reunion. Any Alumni Cruiser or Non-Cruiser that would like to attend this function please contact the Alumni Association by 1 November 1994 for planning purposes. Information will then be published giving details and prices.

A bus may also be provided to and from the port, if we have enough people to take advantage of this offer. Please let us know if you will need this transportation.

**VOYAGER TRAVEL** in Cocoa Beach (owned by Andy Anderson, AFTAC Alumni) will be the agency handling this cruise. His agency will be happy to assist you in anyway they can:

**Cruise only - Rental Cars - Premier Fly/Cruise Program - Hotel Accommodations - Air Travel - Or other service.**

**SHIP INFORMATION:** Atlantic, 36,000 tons. Registry - Bahamas and Liberia, overall length 671 feet. Cruise speed 24 knots, crew size 500. Rooms have closed circuit TV, piped in music, telephones, wall and

floor safes, 110 Vac available. Theatre featuring first-run movies, Fitness and Health center, massage room, beauty salon, duty free shops, casino, showroom, pool and various bars.

**The Ship:** The Big Red Boat is a floating resort. One with every imaginable service to cater to your every whim. From your Cruise Director to your waiters, from the Maitre d' to your stateroom steward, the dedicated friendly staff makes the extra effort and makes your every wish with their command.

You'll find that sea air enhances your appetite. And there's no better place to indulge than aboard ship. Because when it comes to dining, your options are almost endless. Mouth-watering delicacies are offered throughout the day. Three elegant meals are served every day in the main dining room. Dinner each evening is a celebration of the culinary traditions of a different country. For those health-conscious diners, special, low-fat, low-cholesterol entrees which meet the American Heart Association guidelines are available.

A bountiful breakfast and lunch buffets are served in a more casual atmosphere. There's afternoon English tea's and to end your evening there's the fabulous Midnight Buffet, featuring food specialties from around the world. How about the Insomnia Service, idea after a late night ashore? There is even a make-your-own Sundae Shop. Like they say "come aboard as passengers, depart as cargo!"

**Ports of Call:** Although gambling and shopping are the main attraction in Nassau and Port Lucaya, we would like to provide some information that might be helpful for an enjoyable visit to the islands.

Continued on next page.....

Freeport/Port Lucaya on Grand Bahama Island. The best known attraction on this island isn't the two casinos or the duty-free shopping, but Unexso (Underwater Explorer's Society) Dolphin Experience. The world's largest training and observation facility for dolphins. Visitors can take a boat to Sanctuary Bay, where dolphins, not held in captivity, will swim up and rub against your legs. While concerned with preserving a healthy and environmentally protective world for the dolphins, this program still allows you to interface alongside these fascinating creatures. It's a fabulous and enlightening experience for everyone for a nominal fee. Unexso's facility is near Port Lucaya on the south side of the island.

For landlubbers, there's the 11 acre Garden and Groves, which has 5,000 species of tropical flowers, fruits and trees, and the Lucayan National Park and the ancient burial grounds for Arawakan Indians. Beachside and trail rides depart several times a day from Pinetree Stables. The island also has three golf courses.

Also available along the pristine white sand beaches and crystal-clear water are sailing, windsurfing, para-sailing, jet-skiing, pedal-boating, all for a nominal fee.

Of course, there's duty-free shopping at Port Lucaya Marketplace or the International Bazaar, which offers 10-acres of shops selling goods from dozens of countries.

NASSAU on New Providence Island. Here you can see the old port discovered by Columbus, as well as many other historical attractions.

New Providence Island and its next-door neighbor, Paradise Island, are a fast-track paradise built and visited by the fabulously rich .....

as well as those who aspire to get rich in its casinos.

Julio Iglesias, Mick Jagger, and Paul McCartney record at Compass Point Studio west of Nassau. Millionaire Howard Hughes once rented the top floor of the Britannia Tower for three months, and the Shah of Iran took over the entire hotel for six weeks when he went into exile.

The island boasts two of the Bahama's four casinos - The Paradise Island Resort and Casino and Carnival's Crystal Palace Resort and Casino. Carnival's Crystal Palace, a pink and purple maze of buildings, includes a high rise 867-room hotel complex, eight restaurants and five bars.

Visitors might also choose Club Med, which has New Providence's only topless beach.

Visitors who don't like the high-rise hotels on Paradise Island would surely enjoy the Graycliff, a 250-year old antique-filled mansion in downtown Nassau. It has the country's only five-star restaurant.

Get a box lunch and take it along to the 18th century Fort Charlotte off West Bay Street. Complete with a moat, drawbridge, ramparts and dungeons. Built on the top of a hill the fort offers a good view of Arawak Cay (pronounced Key) and Nassau Harbor. After a picnic, visitors can explore the fort's ramparts and dungeon. Guided tours of the structure are offered Mondays through Saturdays.

Close by the fort in Ardasta Gardens on Chippingham Road. here you can stroll through five acres of flowers and shrubs and a zoo of exotic animals.

Horse-drawn carriages offer a relaxing, shady way to explore Nassau's out-of-the-way places and stately English architecture. Offering slightly more horsepower, taxis.....

and minibuses are on hand to help you discover this captivating island. While in town step right up (or down) the Queen's Staircase, with 65 steps carved out of solid limestone.

The island has three golf courses and several riding stables that offer beachside rides.

#### **PRIVATE ISLAND (Salt Cay).**

This used to be Premier's private island but is now shared with all cruise lines in port. If you like to break away to an idyllic, uninhabited island. An excursion is offered to gorgeous Salt Cay, as you arrive you may just recognize it as the setting for Gillian's Island and the Touchstone movie Splash. Once ashore, you can spend time exploring the island, including the five sugary beaches that surround it. Search for your own private cove, or simply soak up the sun in one of the hammocks strung between the island's palms.

For a separate fee. The cruise line offers *SPLASHDOWN*, an easy-to-learn snorkeling program. In a world as enchanting as the island above, you'll snorkel through schools of brilliantly colored fish and delicate coral gardens, an experience you'll treasure.

We hope that after reading this you will join us for a fun cruise aboard Premier's cruiseship Atlantic.

#### **Extra Extra**

Our thanks to Ron Ellingsworth who is ramrodding this affair. Ron also has been taking care of our 'Laundry' and has managed to sign on a new supplier of AFTAC shirts, hats, and jackets. We gave him quite a time while he was searching the bushes for the best deal. Thanks again Ron, we know that it has been a tough job but someone had to do it!