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

But now we've 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, 2007 WILLIAM "BILL" SCHMIED

In a first for the association, the AOY selection was made in May (usually, Dec-Jan), and announced prior to the annual SnowBall (Jan-Feb). We broke precedent to recognize a most deserving individual in front of peers he serves so well and at an event with a large, varied audience, the 2007 Colorado sponsored, WorldWide reunion.

The Colorado Chapter President, Jack **Smith**, in a ceremony during the reunion banquet (6/10), noted the many accomplishments Bill rendered as a member and in serving on the board.

"He is a member of both the Colorado and Florida chapters, where he is a Lifetime member. He joined the CO chapter even before he retired in 1991 and since that time has served our chapter very actively and has been a board member for almost 15-years. He has been critical in the success of our chapter since he first signed on and has been deeply involved in every reunion, to include this one, and every other facet of our chapters operation."

The ceremony concluded with the AFTAC Commander, Col **Westergren**, making the actual announcement of Bill's selection and presenting the 'Traditional T.' (see pictures, page 4)

Other AOY's in attendance included Frank **Hall** (98), John **Horsch** (99), Joe **Johnson** (02), and Ginger **Vlassick** representing Ben (00, deceased). See more about the AOY process later in this issue's editorial.

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

LONG RANGE DETECTION PROGRAM 60TH ANNIVERSARY, OCT 11-12TH

Be There! See additional details, page 5

17TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE, OCT 12TH

Cocoa Beach Golf Course, more details as available. Held in conjunction with LRD 60th Anniversary recognition (see above).

SNOWBALL X-JAN 26 (SAT)-THEME, AUSTRALIA

Patrick AFB, FL, Tides Club

More details as the time draws nigh

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, MARCH 24TH

EDITORS

See information and details on page three.

17TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER MAY 4TH, COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE

CAROL SNYDER AND DEBORAH CARSON, REPORTING; JUDY MILAM PREPARING

See information and details on page three.

WORLDWIDE REUNION, JUNE 7-11, 2007

The Colorado Chapter hosted the 2007 World-Wide Reunion in Denver. Many Sages were in attendance and we look forward to receiving reports about this event. Your editors attended, as did Frank and Bev **Hall**, representing the Florida Chapter. I (John) was even lucky enough to be given the opportunity to assist in the 'Alumni Of The Year' proceedings (story at left and in the editorial).

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

William 'Bill' Schmied, 2007-Deborah Carson 2006

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

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

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

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

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

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

There are three chapters.

1. Florida (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:00pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, RVLASSICK@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this quarterly newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftacalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, newsletters and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; the 'Need to Know Now' section contains current event and 'Sages to remember' information. There are over 650 Members, 565 lifetime. **Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, from start-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-00/05, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Tres 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04

2. Colorado-Formed in 1989, dues, **\$5 year**, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes' and supports a website, 'www.aftacco.org.' They meet several times a year-for information, Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625. There are 105 members.

3. West Coast (California)-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org.' There are 152 members-127 lifetime.

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"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Boos, Boobos and Bulletins:

Wow! . What a great reunion and what an ending. We had selected our 'Alumni Of The Year' (AOY) early in order to recognize the selectee in front of 'his crowd.' And boy was he recognized. No less than the AFTAC Commander was there to make the presentation. (salute, page one)

Congratulations, Bill, glad we were there.

A few lines about the selection process. In '95, then CC, Col **Shaffer**, asked the Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association to select an 'alumni association supporter' to be recognized at the annual 'Center Awards Banquet,' normally held in the Feb-Mar timeframe. Since that time, the tradition has continued and 12, now 13, alumni have been recognized since that inception.

From the beginning, this has been considered a 'Center' award and intended to include alumni supporters from every chapter. Twice before we have selected members of other chapters for recognition, Ben **Vlassick** (deceased), CO Chapter (2000), and Joe **Johnson**, CA (2002), and now this time, 2007. Normally the selection is made late in the calendar year just before the 'Center Annual Awards' Banquet, and the initial announcement made at the Florida Assn's Annual SnowBall in Jan or Feb.

And now a note about a service your assn performs and the member who makes it happen. We print additional copies of every PoMo so we might make distribution through out the directorates and to active-duty units. Our intrepid 'Insider,' Pat **Snyder**, (AOY '03) makes this distribution with each quarterly issue. Thank you, Pat.

If you are in a directorate or active-duty unit, and not receiving the 'PoMo, let us know (chrisjohn2@earthlink.net); if you are receiving them, let us know what you think of the newsletter. We attempt to make them pertinent to pre-sages, as much as practicable, and would appreciate your comments/suggestions.

Finally, we mention the June 7-11 Worldwide reunion in Denver hosted by the Colorado chapter of the Alumni Association. They did a great job and we look forward to passing on some of their reunion reports in the pages of the next Post-Monitor. Read our reflections on page five.

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC (from pg one)



Bob Wiley & Tom Dunn plot ... their game.

Another great day and another great picnic. All the ingredients were there, the young, the old, and 'tweeners.' Sages and Pre-Sages mingled and enjoyed all that was offered, the food, the beverages, the games and, most importantly, the 'seeing' of each other.

As has been recent tradition, it was held at 'Chevron Park,' the old survival area to some of us. And, as usual, the Sages were on the lookout for 'horseshoe bait' to challenge. When the dust settled, the plans Bob and Tom made (see pic), worked out for them, and, after a tough series against all comers they were victorious. Along the way, I personally am aware they whupped up on this editor and his partner, Frank **Calenda**, and the perennial 'shoe champs,' Howard **Dibble** and Tony **DeMarco**.

Another Sage tradition is to man the BEVERage wagon. On hand to do this, at various times, were many 'seated and standing Sages' too numerous to mention. We do know that Curt and Eunice **Harris** started the manning but are not sure who ended it.

Along the day, faces got covered with pie and bottoms got wet with water. It was a fun day for all ages and we thank the active-duty who put this event together and always remember to include 'us of the past.' Please show your appreciation by being there next year.

'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'



GOLF N'GETOGETHER (from pg one)

It was a great day for the association's 17th Spring outing. The weather was warm with a nice breeze and we had a record number turn out to golf; 133 golfers teed off! WOW what a turn out!

We'd like to thank our sponsors, without them

we would not have all the great prizes to give away. **AIS, Orange Business Services, MTC Technologies, SAIC, Riverside Research Inc, General Dynamics, ENSCO**, and last, but not least **SJTS** (a company run by one of our very own, Mr. Steve **Cook**). Once again, thanks for all the support.

We'd also like to thank all of the active duty, civilian, and alumni volunteers who came out to help us this year: Natalie **Yacoub**, Regina **Crompton**, Andrew **Nunn**, Jeremy **Hollingsworth**, Aaron **Molock**, Sidney **Johnston**, Deborah **Carson**, Pat **Snyder**, and Carol **Snyder**.

Smokin Joe's and the Cocoa Beach Country Club were excellent as usual. Thanks to them for all the hard work they do. Last, but not least, we'd like to thank Addison **Mitchell** (Mitch) and Pat Snyder for all the hard work they did putting this tournament together. Mitch stepped up once again and did a fantastic job. And, without Pat's efforts, this tournament would not come together. (I know their selfless efforts are what made the attendance so great)! And of course congratulations to all the golfers who had a great time.



1st place (in no order and an AWOL)-\$50 each-Jay Crow, Suzette Kachmaryk, Pat Smetzer, Tod Fortin



2nd: \$40 each (in no order)-Tom Courtney, Paul Bertrand, Cody Peck, Matt Mohler



3rd: \$30 each (in no order)-Renee Uzee, Roger, Marcellus, Jim Parry, Jeff Genteel

And, 17th Place, \$20 each- Joe Marshall, John Porterfield, Greg Sanders, Cal Palfrey (no picture available but we did give them a larger font for their names!!!)

Longest Drive – Male – Matt Mohler; Female – Judy Ellingwood

Closest to the Pin – Chuck Tice – Nike Plat Ball; Roger Hornsby – Nike Plat Ball

Other Prize Winners

Putter/Utility Club – Mike Baker, Frank Hall, Tony DeMarco, Terry Sandefur, Andy Anderson

Wedge Set – Gary Killian, Steve Mowery; Golf Cart – David Kabboord

Blue Bag – Dee Sheffield; Black Bag – Matt Plunkett

Driver – Adams Red Line RPM – Wally Murray

AF Ball Marker – Greg Sanders

Ball Marker – Mike Baker; Charlie Brennan; Joe Blahovec; Don Gilbert; Ed Henry; David Kabboord; Bob Scabarozzi; Patrick Smetzer; Frank Walker

Golf Ball Marker – Steve Mowery; Jim Parry; Charlie Rolfes; Sam Sorice, Chuck Leathers

AF Golf Towel– Terry Hammond; AFTAC Golf Towel - Brian Quillen
Golf Towel – Tony DeMarco; Latricia Dulaney; Jeff Genteel; Terry Hammond; Don Jackson; Gina Karol; Brian Quillen; Terry Sandefur; Terry Williams

AFTAC Towel – Ed Henry; Bo Howard; AFTAC Coffee Mug – Gaylen Drape; Gerry Stephens; Rene Uzee; Wally Murray

AFTAC Coin – Lee Cote; Tom Donnelly; Tod Fortin; Brad Neihart; B. J. Provoncha; Ball Retriever – John Howorth; Larry Silhanek; Brush “T” – Dick LeLerc

Bucket of Gifts – Al Siegel; Chipper Golf Net – Vern Lester; Electric Putting Cup – Randy Pomeroy; Dave Sorter

Golf Ball Water Globe – Glen Bream; Alex Sorice

Golf Balls–Doug Colbary; Lee Cote; Ron Couch; Arlene Dolphin (2); Tom Donnelly; Joe Gooch; Dave Hall; Steve Hall; Terry Hammond; Jeremy Hollingsworth; Andrew Jackson; Todd Jackson; Dick Johnson; Rob Kempinski; Vern Lester; Cal Palfrey; Steve Parlefsky; Sam Reagin; Roy Sallions; Bill Scarbrough; Dee Sheffield; Bruce Snelgrove; Gerry Stephens; Chuck Tice; Rene Uzee; Bob Wiley

Golf Balls (Pink) – Bruce Snelgrove; Golf Ball Monogrammer – Todd Jackson; Travis Meyers; Kevin Moran; Guy Turner

Golf Club Cleaner – David Kabboord; Joe Marshall; Chuck Tice; Golf Club Cleaning Kit – John Mitchell;

Golf Club Head Cover – David Jones; David Kabboord (Horse); Matt Mohler (Tiger); Bruce Snelgrove (Bear); Terry Williams (Tiger)
Golf Glove–Tony DeMarco; Joe Dreher; Andrew Jackson; David Kabboord (3); Suzette Kachmaryk; Lisa Matsubara; John McDonough; Jim Short; Patrick Smetzer (2); Gloria Uzee; Marsha Wierschke

Golf Kooler – Bob Klibowitz; Golf Shirt – Andy Anderson; Carl Carlsen; Marv Crumpton; Mike Higgins; Tom Highsmith; Mark Lambert; Steve Parlefsky; Matt Plunkett; Bill Yockey

Shirt – Tom Andler; Jack Jackson, Jim Rhodes; Charlie Rolfes; Norman Urbanski

Shirt/Hat Combo – Glenn Burgess; Joe Blahovec; Jared Knoble; Greg Sanders; Golf “T” – Phil Adair; Bill Scarbrough

Hat – Mike Baker; Lee Cote; Cal Palfrey; Marty Urbanski; Frank Walker; Joe Gooch; Janice Gray; Jim Franzke; Dave Hall; Don Jackson; Judy Ellingwood; David Kabboord

Iron Covers – Steve Mowery; Roy Sallions

Ladies Socks – Tom Lehnerz; Tammie Morlock; Arlene Rolfes; Natilie Yacoub; Men’s Socks – Paul Bertrand; Tod Fortin; B. J. Provoncha; Jim Rhodes

Oil Change – David Kabboord; Roy Sallions; Oversize “T” – Don Gilbert; Picture–Dick Johnson; Arlene Dolphin; Sam Reagin; Rob Kempinski; Puttin Pal – Charlie Brennan; Jim Parry; Putting System – Steve Cook; Shoe Carrier – Ron Couch; Frank Hall

Umbrella – Steve Hall; Mike Hoy; Cody Peck; Karen Puckett

Video – Caddie Shack – Jay Crow; Jerry Dulaney; Gator Champ – Pat Lynch; Greatest Game – Eric Eldridge; Jeff Genteel; Grid Iron – Rob Loveless; Visor – Carol Snyder; Tammie Morlock; Men’s Visor – Jeremy Hollingsworth; Wet/Dry Club Brush – Mark LaFond

From Page 1, AOY Ceremony



Col Westergren, AFTAC CC, has announced Bill's name and presents him with the Alumni Of The Year 'Traditional T.' Bill was very surprised and visibly moved by his selection.



And, if you think we surprised Bill, isn't this a great picture of how Sue reacted!!

'Great Moment' caught by Frank Calenda!

LONG RANGE DETECTION PROGRAM 60TH ANNIVERSARY, OCT 11-12TH (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

At a recent alumni association meeting the AFTAC Superintendent, CMSgt Steve **Herrick**, provided information about plans to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Long Range Detection Program on 11-12 October 2007.

"Plans are to have an open house (tentatively 1 to 3 or 4 PM) on Thursday, 11 October, with a dinner that evening (tentatively set for 6 PM).

Visitors will be invited to participate in the Alumni golf tournament on Friday, 12 October, at 1 PM. Suggestions for a guest speaker are being solicited. One suggestion was Lt Gen Clapper, former AFTAC Commander."

Suggestions for Alumni help/participation are encouraged.

Later, we received the following notice:

Fellow Sages,

MSGT MURPHY, AFTAC PA, 2007.07.03

Mark your calendars! AFTAC and the Alumni are planning to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Long Range Detection program on 11 and 12 Oct 2007. Committees are already putting the "pedal to the metal" to ensure that we honor the great accomplishments of the many military and civilian members associated with LRD. We're arranging for an open house/tours at AFTAC followed by an anniversary dinner on Thursday the 11th. Then, as a wrap-up to the anniversary, the Alumni will hold a golf tournament on Friday the 12th. Stay tuned! This info is posted at the alumni website, NTKN link. Check that site for the latest!!

Editorially Speaking (continued from page one)

Reflections on a Reunion

This reunion was one of the best organized we have ever attended. The camaraderie began on Thursday, June 7th with a golf tournament and the registration process being started and the hospitality room being opened. We did not play golf, but did drop in on the hospitality room while the golf prizes were awarded and the stories started (we did join in on a couple of the stories).

Friday and Saturday the Colorado Assn Sages offered windshield tours of the 'Rocky Mountain' Arsenal area and the 'new' Lowry. What memories as Sages tried to recall where the school house was located at both sites and tried to locate remembered barracks and homes.

Friday night (June 8) was the social and boy was it ever. Old friends and stories were abundant and memories were renewed, rehashed,

and enlarged, the 'best made even better!' A highlight was the 'Center Briefing' conducted by the Commander and Superintendent of Det 045, Major Robertson and SMSgt Woodard.

The banquet was held on Saturday night (June 9th) and the company and the food was the best. Jack **Smith**, Colorado Chapter President, kicked things off with a great introduction recognizing some of the attendees, i.e., the active-duty there from Det 045 (see names above), the retired Colonels and Chiefs in attendance, noted that this was the first reunion with all the Chapter Newsletter Editors in attendance, Dale **Klug**, CA, Bruce **Deffler**, CO, and yours truly. There was also a 'Table of Remembrance.'

Sage, and Deacon, Ray **Brust**, the Master of Ceremonies, then gave the invocation. After the meal, Ray gave us a few stories and introduced Colonel **Westergren** for his keynote speech (read that in this issue, 'Active-Duty' Doins').

Following the keynote, Ray introduced yours truly for the 'Alumni Of The Year' ceremony. This is also covered elsewhere in this issue. From a personal point of view, this was a very enjoyable moment. We totally surprised Bill (**Schmied**) with this recognition because it was done 'out of cylcly' and kept in strictest secrecy. It was very heartwarming to see Bill's reaction and his attempt to speak afterward ... he did gather himself quickly and then we thought he'd never stop thanking everyone and how others also deserved recognition.

Sunday morning (June 10) was a day of departure for most people. We left so early we did not see any other 'early risers.' We bid adieu to Denver and headed south for a trip that was not to end until June 21st. Memories of the reunion will not soon be forgotten ... thank you Colorado Chapter, and all Sages involved.



Along the way ... Pinedale WY. We stopped here for 3-days and were lucky enough to enjoy a Detachment visit. In the picture, you see me on the left, fellow travel, Ray Brust on the right and Fender Allison (a fellow Sage) in the middle. He was the sole assignee at the time and our host. Fender gave us a great tour of the building and brought us up to date on this facility ... thanks, Fender..



Personals ...

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

Transitions

Someone who served AFTAC both as a military officer and as a civilian employee retired this past April. Those he served with sent us the following recognitions to be posted in the Post-Monitor.

Charles F. McBrearty, Jr.
Citation to Accompany the Award
of The Outstanding
Civilian Career Service Medal



This special recognition is awarded to Mr. Charles F. McBrearty, Jr. for his outstanding contributions of exceptional federal service as Director of Materials Technology, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, from 11 January 1993 to 30 April 2007.

During this period, Mr. McBrearty led the way to dramatic improvements in the verification of nuclear weapons test monitoring and test ban treaty verification at both the national and international levels. His innovative plans for international cooperation in treaty monitoring provided key technical foundations for the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency's nuclear proliferation monitoring efforts and contributed significantly to their winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. His exemplary leadership and constant vigilance of the material programs ensured the United States National Authorities, Department of State, and Department of Defense were always mission ready. In October 2006, his programs provided the only "smoking-gun" evidence that the Republic of North Korea had tested a nuclear device, culminating in a demarche by the President of the United States and issuance of significant sanctions by the United Nations Security Council.

Mr. McBrearty's exceptional foresight, dedication, commitment to excellence, and innovative technical approaches have provided the United States national defense and the international treaty monitoring communities with critical and actionable treaty monitoring information on a scale and timeline unavailable through any other means.

The exceptional contributions of Mr. McBrearty culminate a career in service to his country and reflect great credit and honor on the United States Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America.

Mrs. Linda A. McBrearty

'The Military Spouse Medal'

included the following:



-McClellan Air Force Base, 1974: formed a church-sponsored baby-sitting co-op that gave young wives and mothers support and much needed respite from "the toughest job in the world," raising their children.

-Patrick Air Force Base, 1980, honored as the Base Spouse of the Year for her selfless service to the base community and children's programs.

-New Delhi, invigorated the support programs established for the American community. Recognized for "Outstanding service to the US Mission and the American and Indian communities."

-Patrick Air Force Base, 1985, overcame any preconceived notions, transcended political issues, and cultivated the most active and vibrant Cub Scout programs in Brevard County.

-Hawaii, as the Wheeler Air Force Base Wives' Club vice president, she wrote "A Guide to Oahu," a widely used document that provided essential information to newly arriving Air Force families.

-Patrick, 1998, (her) initiative turned what many considered a worthless spoil island into a unique recreation jewel that is now the pride of the county.

Linda has made a profound impact on military support programs, school initiatives, county and base libraries, and charity programs across the globe. She leaves all of us a legacy centered on caring for those in need. She is, indeed, one of the "angels" who walks unnoticed among us.

Editors Note: See pg 8, following our 'In Memoriam' pages, for Mr. McBrearty's 'open letter' to AFTAC; Also, you will find in the 'Mail-Call' section, a song/verse that was written for his retirement.

In Memoriam

Hobart "Bart" **Carter**-Leon 'Ski' **Nargoski**
 Sue **Doberstein**- Bill **Wettstein**
 Lyle E. 'Mike' **McMichael**
 Bill **Wettstein**-Gerald J (Jerry) **Baran**
 Lolita P **Meharg**

Rest in Eternal Peace**Hobart "Bart" Carter**

JOE JOHNSON-EMAIL, 03.13



Edmund, Lt. Col. USAF (ret.)
 A member of the greatest generation passed away on February 9th at the age of 85. Bart was a veteran of World War II, the Berlin Airlift, Korean War where he served with the Black Jack Squadron, and the Vietnam War. Bart was the loving husband and best friend of Virginia "Gin" Carter who preceded him in death in October, 2002. Father to Douglas Carter (Jean); Virginia Lee Rose (Doug) and Lori Simmons (Bryan). Grandfather to Joshua Rose, Craig Simmons, Sean Simmons, Zachary Rose (Karen) and Brad Rose (Laurie) and great grandfather to Orion, Chase, Taylor, Dylan and Lauren. Bart's brother George "Bud" Carter and his sister-in-law Shirley reside in Odessa, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father Cyril Carter, mother Lorraine Carter and his sister Peggy Carter. Friends and family attended a memorial service and reception at the Pleasant Grove Community Church in Roseville, CA, on March 17, 2007 at 11:00 am. Donations may be made to the National Federation of the Blind or the American Cancer Society

Sacramento Bee, 3/13/2007.

Leon Nargoski

JACK SMITH EMAIL, 04.07

With sadness I am forwarding the only information I have about losing one of AFTAC's great pioneers. Another good man has left our house.

George Waters sends:

I regret that I will not be able to attend the AFTAC reunion. AFTAC lost one of its finest alumni last Wednesday, April 4th, when Leon Nargoski died of a heart attack at his home in Pennsylvania. He and I had discussed attending just a few weeks ago. He served with me at two detachments, Dets 142 and 415.

He was my friend and I will miss him deeply. It

is as if part of my life has been torn from me. He was one of the best technicians I knew in AFTAC. He was the first outstanding airman of the year selected by AFTAC back in, as I recall, 1964. He was always there for me whether it be personal or professional. He never tolerated mediocrity and I was proud to know that he tolerated me. He and I shared birthdays and we stayed in touch over the years. In fact last year we renewed our tradition of having a pig roast on our birthday; June 3rd will not be celebrated this year. It will be a sad day. I salute him as a friend and an equal. I loved him. George, we are sure Ski agreed with, and guided, your later decision to attend the reunion.

John and Christel Horsch add:

This is very sad for us. I went to 'Special Instruments' training with Ski and he was very important in guiding us 'youngsters' as we made our way thru the classes, and life. We did not get to be classmates in seismic 'sets' as AFTAC beckoned him back to work, in what I recall was his specialty at that time, generators. He did return later to finish and became a proud 99125. He took me home one year for Thanksgiving and met my family; after that time, he never failed to ask about them when we later crossed paths, and was saddened by my father's death in 1980.

While he was at Encampment, WY, my 'girlfriend,' Christel Carmichael, and I stopped to visit him when we were returning to Pinedale from a trip to Cheyenne. While there, and having a nip of the brown, we discussed getting married. Ski asked us 'what are you waiting for?' Later, after we had left Ski's house, I proposed to my girlfriend and we will have been married 47 years this September.

Ski never failed to support AFTAC, and the alumni, in every way he could. He was at every WorldWide reunion his health would allow. I recall, at one of the Florida Chapter Reunions, he presented the current AFTAC Airman Of The Year with a monetary award. Ski did this to pass on the baton of being the first Airman Of The Year to the current selectee. I am sure he intended to do this more often if his health would have allowed. Goodbye Chief, and we appreciate that you are helping get things ready for us in another place.

Obituary extract, Citizen's Voice, 04.05

Leon E. Nargoski, 77, of West Ashley (PA) passed away Wednesday morning at his home. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Georgianna Rumer, on May 11, 1994. Born and

raised in Ashley, he was the son of the late Theodore and Adeline Nartowicz Nargoski. He was a 1947 graduate of Ashley High School. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served his country for 28 years, retiring as a chief master sergeant. He was a member of Holy Rosary Church, Ashley. He was also a member of the American Legion, Ashley; the Catholic War Veterans, Post 274, Ashley; and the Disabled American Veterans Post 32, Plymouth. He is survived by a daughter, Roxie McCann, Jacksonville, Fla.; son, Leonard Brock, California; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Doris Nargoski, Ashley.

Interment will be in Fort Indiantown Gap VA National Cemetery, Annville.

Sue Doberstein



"What God ordains is always good, This truth remains unshaken." On Tuesday evening, April 10, 2007, God, in his infinite love and wisdom, chose to swiftly and gracefully call his true and faithful servant, Suzanne Marie Doberstein, home.

Sue, as she was known to most, was born March 31, 1946, in Ann Arbor, MI to John and Janet Covach. She was baptized into the Christian faith as an infant, and was a lifelong member of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Sue graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1964 and went on to Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. In 1967, Sue took an emergency call to teach at Grace Lutheran School in Eau Claire, MI and it was there that she met her husband John. They married November 29, 1969, and most recently celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary together. At the time of their wedding, John was a member of the United States Air Force. Sue and her family spent time in the Washington D.C. area, as well as Merritt Island, Florida, Sonseca Spain and Saginaw, MI. Sue and John retired officially to their "Up North" home in Prescott, MI, in 2005. This is an extract and the complete obituary is available at the posting website: <http://www.casefuneralhome.com/>

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

We will miss Sue even though we had not see her over the years except once last year when she and John visited. We sat for hours at the 'Pelican Point' restaurant and caught up on each others lives. I had been an attendant at their

wedding and they lived about a block from us in Woodbridge, VA, for years.

We came to know Sue well in those years and the profound effect she had on John. She was a very gentle, caring, person and made this world a better place and 'lit it up' with the smile you see.

Mr Bill Wettstein

CLARK CREEERY-EMAIL, 04.18



Mr Bill Wettstein of Prince George, Va., passed away yesterday (4/17) at his home. Bill was just shy of 75 years of age and had been in a battle with cancer for a few years. Bill was my maintenance technician at 3XX, 1966-68. He was a class act. The Obituary was received later and is extracted here.

Bill Wettstein 1932 - 2007

Bill Wettstein, 74, of Prince George, died Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at his residence. Born in Appleton, WI, he was the son of the late Roman E. and Markolita Fish Wettstein. Mr. Wettstein was a US Air Force retiree, and a veteran of the Korean War. He was later an electronics technician with Philip Morris and Brown & Williamson. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Joan. Arrangements by the Colonial Heights, VA, Chapel of the E. Alvin Small Funeral Homes & Crematory. Condolences may be registered at www.ealvinssmall.com.

The complete obituary can be read at <http://www.arrangeonline.com/Obituary/obituary.asp?ObituaryID=69641890>

Colonel Lyle E. 'Mike' McMichael

BOB SLADEK, EMAIL-06.14



Born: February 09, 1920, Died: June 12, 2007.

Colonel "Mike" was a Command Pilot and had served in the Army Air Corps/Air Force for thirty-three years including WWII, Korea and Vietnam. His military decorations and experiences are most imposing.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor McMichael, daughter, Gail Ringelberg of Grand Haven, son, Maurice McMichael of Lansing, four grandchildren, a sister, Lois Busse of Niles. Colonel 'Mike' was a member of the Daedalians (fraternity of military pilots), Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAV), Masonic Lodge of Dowagiac, Sons of American Revolution and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Holland, MI.

Gerald J (Jerry) Baran

GENO WAGNER EMAIL-06.14

'Jerry' passed away April 17, 2006. in Tucson AZ. He had quadruple bypass surgery 9 years ago and never recovered fully. He was very sick for about a year before he passed away. He died from severe heart and lung problems. His major organs just gave up. This information came from his wife, Winnie. She still lives in Tucson.

I knew Jerry and Winnie in D.C. in 1967-69. He worked in Admin. They bowled in the AFTAC mixed league. Jerry was a funny, funny guy. I enjoyed his company greatly. He and Winnie made a great couple.

Lolita P Meharg

FRANK/BEV HALL, 06.20 ALERT, OBITUARY EXTRACT FOLLOWS:



Lolita P. Meharg, 80, died peacefully Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at her home in Satellite Beach, FL. Lolita was born on November 7, 1926, to J.C. and Ima Lolita Peel in Sarasota, FL. She graduated from Florida Southern in Lakeland with honors in 1948. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, William Bryan Meharg; and other family

members.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vitas Hospice, 4450 West Eau Gallie Boulevard Suite 280, Melbourne, FL 32934. Local arrangements by Beach Funeral Home East Chapel. Condolences may be sent to www.beachfuneralhome.com Published in FLORIDA TODAY on 6/24/2007. Complete obituary, <http://www.legacy.com/floridatoday/Obituaries.asp?Page=Lifestory&PersonId=89532075>



Editor's Note: Following the information presented on Page 5 concerning Mr. and Mrs. McBrearty we received this 'open letter' to AFTAC. We present it here in the 'Transitions' area as Mr. McBrearty moves from AFTAC to retirement.

An Open Letter To AFTAC

CHARLES MCBREARTY

I want to ensure all of you are aware of my decision and I wanted to give you a little rationale behind it.

First, despite some rumors, I am not deathly ill. I did not get mad, throw in the towel, and decide to say "adieu" over some unidentified issue or senior-level run-in. The major factor is "FAMILY". My

folks are still with us, our grandchildren are growing all too fast and it's time for Linda and me to spend more time of our remaining time together with the family and each other.

Secondly, in my 32 years with this outstanding command I have never seen it stronger or its missions so highly respected.

We...because of all of you...are on the top. We are recognized throughout the community and the world as the very best in what we do. The mission is strong and growing. Most importantly across all our mission areas we have the people, and in Col. Westergren the commander to lead the organization to new heights to carry this command into the 21st century.

About retirement they say "you will know it's time to go when it's not fun to go to work any more ". Let me assure you all...every day I walked into the doors of AFTAC and have the honor to work with people like you and the opportunity to accomplish the things we do for this nation....every time I'm able to pick up the phone and call upon leaders and friends from the Washington Community and the good friends of AFTAC like those here today and know when the chips are down you are there...you can bet it's still fun.

I'll miss that and all of you. While I hope I can continue in some ways to support AFTAC and its noble mission there are other things I must do now:

There are grandchildren I need to teach the finer points of surfing, fishing, and skin Diving. There is the need to catch a few more Redfish and Sea Trout at the "Secret Spot," and to check a few more lobsters out of their hotel in the Keys with my best fishing and diving buddy, my son. There is a daughter who keeps bugging me to get my crazy invention ideas patented so she can Market them...Billy Mays look out!!

There is our family who needs our attention in different ways.

And there's a wonderful wife who has yet to see Yellowstone...So I need to get on with it.

To each of you THANKS for the wonderful jobs you do for AFTAC and the nation. Thanks for the opportunity and the memories, and thanks for the honor it has been for me to lead many of you in those endeavors over the past years

Well, everyone who knows me knows I like to talk...and I have proven that again today... thanks for listening one last time. AFTAC I wish you well.

MAIL - CALL

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

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

LETTERS/EMAILS

Electronic Post-Monitor (ePoMo)

First Sage to 'report in'

Clark Creery-email 2007.03.13

Very Very good - nice touch. (Clark is referring to the fact we now send most ePoMo's as a 'link' vs a PDF attach) I remember when I brought this up some worried about folks getting the paper for free..way to think outside the box. When it was decided we would offer the option of receiving the PoMo via email, it was recognized that receivers could, theoretically, and at no cost, forward the PoMo on to their friends. We trust this is not happening as it would deny the assn a member; the most valuable resource we can have!!

Tom Dunn-email 03.13

It worked really great. Quick download.

Pat Debenderfer-email 03.13

Very good. Fast download, clean pdf. Thanks for helping me get connected. Glad we have your email corrected, thanks to one of our database managers, Clark Creery.

Jim Champoux-email 03.13

excellent method, worked well. thank you.

Michael Clark-email 03.14

Your system worked like a charm. The link appeared, was accessible, and offered a download in very short order. I just wanted to give you a bit of feedback on the 'testing cycle' to let you know the OCE led to an FMC system! :-)) Thanks for all the hard work you guys do to produce the PoMo! And thank you for reminding us of some '99' lingo w/OCE and FMC!

Jim Davis-email 03.14

(we 'tested' with Jim [Canada] by sending him the link; he replied) Terrific !!!!!!!!!!!!! what a great way to receive the

PoMo. I guess that this is a new way of sending it because I had no trouble receiving it. You mentioned you think of me every time you send the PoMo that I am still one of the few (maybe the only one) that still gets the PoMo via the postal service (our note: we have approximately 500 members who still 'go postal' and about 120 that currently 'go electronic' with more joining each day). Maybe I shouldn't request the PoMo be sent to me through the computer because you might not think of me any more, (never happen, Jim. We get cold every time we use your email address) but I do want to get the Po Mo like you sent today. (you got it)! like the color that come with it also (I noticed that Chris's picture was in color but yours was in black and white, could it be that you are a little like Jim Davis and resist change???)

(don't poke fun, Jim, that is my color) Anyway, its super and I would like all future PoMo's be sent in this manner. Say John, is there a way I can get an up-dated list of the AFTACER'S who have died? (glad you asked, go to our website, 'aftacalumni.org' and click the 'Need To Know Now' (NTKN) link, and click 'Sages To Remember.' Recent' or 'Sages To Remember' for a complete listing). Can't remember the last update I got. It is always nice to have people like yourself that look after the best interests of us old timers. (you took care of us 'back then' and now it's our turn) Take care and give my regards and best wishes to ALL the ole gang.

Carl Raines-email 03.18

Me again. I tried it again and it worked!! Have read it through and as usual thoroughly enjoyed the read. Thanks and hope to see you all in Denver. Lookin' forward to that, Carl. And, it was good.

Pete Wigington 04.04

Sorry I have neglected to change my Post Monitor to the E-Mail version. When we get up in years, things are easy to forget. So please make the change for me from Mail to E-Mail version. Thanks, you will appreciate the timeliness, color and flexibility of the PDF version.

Joe Johnson-email 04.10

(Joe is President of the CA Chapter). It is sure getting expensive to mail our Depot Fallout Newsletter. So far, we have managed to get a bit more than 15% of our members to go for E-mail delivery. I see that your group has looked at continued future snail mail delivery costs and didn't like the picture. Same deal here.

Lets continue to urge all alumni to sign up for E-mail delivery where ever possible. Quote any or all of this message if you think it might help convince others to go the E-mail route.

Since we started E-mailing the Depot Fallout, I

have concluded that the E-mail copy is far superior to the snail mail copy. The photographs appear in color and can be enlarged on the computer screen so that one can identify many of the old heads in the various pictures. Accordingly, please E-mail my PO-MO in the future. Gotcha, Joe, and thanks for saving us at least a buck fifty a copy. And your plug is presented here; hopefully many members will give 'ePoMo' a try.

GENERAL MAIL

Bruce Deffler-email 03.14

I'm pretty sure picture on pg 14 that I am in the back row 5th from the left (I had a mustache then). I was part of the I system team that had just completed the transfer from the army in 1970. Thanks for your quick reply to this puzzle. With this email, we pass this on to Dale (Klug), CA editor ... he'll be glad to receive this and probably send each of us a \$100 prize. Dale, mailing addresses will be provided, upon request (for the checks).

Bruce followed up with: 'yep, that's definitely me. The picture had to be taken prior to June 1970 which is when I was discharged. What's messing with my mind is Dale Klug is just to my right. Also I worked with SSgt Wisely on the I System Signal Correlator which was similar to the old VCR rotating head that in essence sampled the VLF signal and sped it up so it could be analyzed. I can remember systems, but not names!'

Edward Conley-email 03.15

Bob's email regarding Team 165 brought back memories of my earliest times in the Air Force and how small an Air Force it is. In late 1957 I was going through supply tech school at Warren AFB, Cheyenne, WY. One of the few privileges we had was being able to go to University of Wyoming football games in Laramie. One weekend during or after a game I was wandering around Laramie in uniform and chatted up a young lady and we became friends. On another weekend she, I and one of her girl friends met an Air Force guy assigned to a "hush hush" unit in Laramie. The girl friend and this guy hit it off big time, got married and eventually went to Turkey. In 1964 I was assigned to AFTAC, Det 3XX, in 1966 to the 1155th, 1969 to Det 5XX, 1970 to 1158th then back to the regular Air Force for the rest of my 33 year career. Of course while I was in AFTAC I was able to figure out what the "hush hush" unit in Laramie really was. As I said it is a small Air Force. I did not keep contact with the couple from Laramie so I have no idea where they went in AFTAC after that. It would not surprise me to learn they are still associated with AFTAC through one of the alumni groups. Great letter, Ed. OK 'Couple,' fess up! Let us hear from you.

Les Miller-email 03.02

I was stationed at O'Hare Int'l Arpt in the Reserve Training Squadron, until selected in 1955 for the

1009th SWS. I thought I still had the letter from Gen'l **Hooks** welcoming me to the 1009th, but must have lost it somewhere along the way.

Reading about the Wyoming team/det, I think when I was back at FE WARREN AFB in 1954 for 7-level Supply School, I might have wandered upon the det site (Encampment). One of the fellow students was from a base in OKLA, and we used to travel the back roads on the week-ends. I remember coming upon this place that had a Sign, USAF something or other, RESTRICTED AREA, Keep Out. None of us could figure out what the AF was doing in the boonies of Wyoming, as we had never heard of a base other than FE Warren in Wyoming.

Dale Klug-email 03.27

Enjoy getting your picnic & Snowball notices via email. Would you e-all ours?? In a 'first of its kind,' and with thoughtful creativity, Dale (CA newsletter, 'Depot Fallout') asked us to 'e-all' their picnic notice. His email request was dated the 26th at 930PM. I read it the next day and forwarded to our Web-Master, Mike Black, at 810AM. Mike sent the e-all at 927AM, just a little over an hour later!!! How's that for service.

James Gindleperger-email 04.01

Deborah, 04.09

Last fall I decided to take a trip to Glacier National Park. Living in Bend Oregon I would be driving through Spokane Washington and having been stationed at Fairchild AFB (Det 175) I decided to spend a night at their FamCamp.

I got the urge to see if anything of Det 175 still remained so I headed out "Rambo Road" in search of. It had been almost 40 years (68/69) since I was stationed at the Det so I was not quite sure how far the CRB might be. The once open farm fields were now houses and nothing looked very familiar and it wasn't long till I knew I had driven too far. I turned around and headed back to base.

Soon I spotted a white cinderblock building that looked like the old generator shed but no CRB. Instead there was a brand new brick building with large letters "National Weather Service." The place was open so I went in and inquired if anyone could remember the old CRB. One of the techs was part of the original NWS set up crew and said that NWS was given the site and they had planned to use the CRB but it was contaminated with asbestos and had to be torn down. They gave me a nice tour of the facility and off I went. By the way, Glacier is beautiful and worth the trip.

Thanks for the update, Jim.

Clark Creery-email

04.24

This is an internet link I came across reviewing some information put together several years ago. I thought our readers might be interested in reading some 'early history.' The link: 'http://home.att.net/~sallyann4/bob-mann-column.html.'

I found it interesting and I'm sure it will energize some of our membership. Thanks, long but interesting.

Joe Johnson-email

07.03

(Joe passes along information received from other Sages)

"The old AFTAC group is fading away. **BeAbout's** daughter sent the attached (newspaper clipping) today. She lives at Van Alstyne, TX where her father lived. Editor's Note: we will carry obituary in next issue. Col **Kaiser**, MGen **looss**. Lt Col **Harris**, and I don't know how many others have passed away. I talked to Col **Granahan**. He is 92 and still lives in Virginia. Sam **Schwab's** daughter sent an e-mail 4 days ago that Sam had a heart operation on the 20th of this month to replace an Aortic valve."

Carol Snyder-email

McBrearty's Song

(without musical notes) Tune, 'Bye Bye American Pie'

Written by Paul M. **Pinnick** AFTAC/XP, and a Sage, who also wrote the 'AFTAC Song' which was published in a previous issue.

NOTE: We recognized Mr. McBrearty's retirement earlier in the 'Sages to Remember' section; here we provide a special song and verse written for the occasion and emailed to your editors:

McB Retires

A long, long time ago—An S-E-S that we all know, was just a young lieutenant then—He came to us degrees in hand—He'd earned at Texas A and M, and maybe he'd serve five years, maybe ten—But Cold War testing made him shiver shiver, with each report that he delivered—Bad news on the doorstep, another foreign test prep—40 years have passed him by, It's been a long, productive ride—But now its time to say goodbye—Today, Mc-B retires

So bye, bye Chuck McBrearty Good-bye—From your 6-1s and 9-S's and civilians Good-Bye—And your S-E-O's in their 1-35 are singin'—this will be the day that we fly, this will be the day that we fly

Did you write the book of chemistry—When you taught at the Academy, back in 19-70?—Do you believe in arms control?—Can treaties save our mortal souls or is 'trust but verify' the way to go?—Well I know you served at T-O-D 'cuz Its there in your biography—Your chemists sang the blues, they got the BRAC Closure news—You've been around the world in your career, to Dets and OLs far and near—But now your day is finally here, the day Mc-B retires, we started singin'

So bye, bye Chuck McBrearty Good-bye—From your 3-Cs and your 6-2s and 3-Alphas Good-Bye—Weather's running models so that they can decide if this will be the day that you fly, this will be the day that you fly

Now for three years you went on our own—To State

Department up in Washington, but we knew you'd be coming back—'Cause some things were just meant to be—Like Jaeger sweating on T-V, and C-E cutting down that tree Outback—Now another chiller's plagued with leaks, you better call a tech in C's and D's—But some things never fail, things like Linda's ponytail—Now you've seen commanders come and go, from Hall to Jaynes, O'Lear and Goade—We've gathered here 'cause we all know, today Mc-B retires, we started singin'

So bye, bye Chuck McBrearty Good-bye—From your 6-1s and 9-S's and civilians Good-Bye—And your S-E-O's in their 1-35 are singin—this will be the day that we fly, this will be the day that we fly

Last verse Knew a colonel dressed in blues—Who changed to suits and shiny shoes, but now it's time to change again—Like Don Quixote's noble fights—You've bravely battled voodoo science, but now its time to put all that aside—our Austin's waiting to be driven, There's squirrels to catch and stop from livin'—It's time to set on fire, your "Pearl Harbour" file—And the three things we ad-mire most, you, your family, and your boat—Were last seen sailing down the coast, the day Mc-B retired,

Final Chorus So bye, bye Chuck McBrearty Good-Bye—All of AFTAC's gonna miss you and your family, Good-Bye—Your S-E-O's are drinkin' whiskey and rye Singin' now we're all too wasted to fly.

Sage Wit, Clark Creery-email, BS Cubed

-BS SOMEWHAT SUBSTANTIATED-BRIAN SWAN VIA CLARK CREERY, SUBJECT 'DEAD ANIMAL'

My mother-in-law calls me this morning. "Brian, there's a dead animal out by my front steps. Can you come over to take care of it?" Off I go. As I pull in the driveway, Charlotte is looking out the picture window at the dead beast. I prepared well for this. I put Vicks in each nostril, got my shovel, and some thick gloves. I really hoped it wasn't something once cute, but now mangled. As I approached I thought maybe the animal was concealed by the Christmas wreath lying on the ground. So as I picked up the wreath to look, I saw Char do one of those 'Oh, pffftt, is that all it is' expressions. I went inside and assured her that the wreath was, indeed, dead. Then I put it in the trashcan and went back home. I made a mental note to be prepared for a flying monkey invasion in the event that happens concurrent with the arrival of the springtime birds. The roving reporter submits this substantiated tale, Clark

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL MAIL

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

'Serial Sages'

New Lifetime Memberships, None received

'Sustaining Sages'

Annual Memberships, new and renewals, None received

FROM THE TOP

We had two big events since our last issue, the Spring Golf Tournament and the Reunion in Colorado. In fact, this issue was delayed so that Chris and John Horsch could attend and get some reunion news in before going to press.

The tournament was very successful with a large prize fund (thanks to the efforts of Addison Mitchell, 'Mitch,' and Sam Sorice) and large participation. Thanks to all the Alumni and active duty who supported this event either on the course or at the clubhouse making things go smoothly. Winners and photos in related article.

Several Florida members made the trek to Denver to "show our colors" at the Worldwide Reunion. I know of the Horsch's and Hall's, but there may be others. Your board selected the "Alumni of the Year" early so that it could be announced at the reunion since it was a Colorado Chapter member, Bill Schmied. Bill was very surprised at the announcement by Col Westergren, AFTAC Commander, and Jack Smith, Colorado Chapter President. This information was posted on the alumni assn website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Need To Know Now' link immediately after it occurred (6/10). Check that link often for the latest information on your association. Known, deceased alumni, past and present, are also listed on this site.

I suggest you read the article describing the "AFTAC Cares" project the AFTAC wives have started and ask for alumni support. It's the kind of thing that makes AFTAC and it's people a special unit. It is also the first time a commander's wife has submitted something for publication in the alumni assn newsletter; thanks for thinking of us with this information, Mrs. Westergren.

Some of you remember our big "Five Oh" reunion. Hard to believe that it's been 10 years, but please pay attention to information published in this issue on a planned Open House to commemorate AFTAC's 60th anniversary in Oct. It will be in conjunction with our Fall Golf Tournament.

Hope you had a great 4th of July.

Bob Wiley



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

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

Appointed

Activities-**CMSgt Steve Herrick** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black**
Membership-**Randy Vlassick**
Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**
Publicity-**Need a Volunteer** Sage Shop-**Pat/Carol Snyder**

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A Minute with the Minutes, March, April, Membership: Chair, Randy Vlassick reports membership is 655-565 lifetime.

Post-Monitor: This issue was delayed while your editors attended the Colorado reunion. We will pass on any information we receive about this event in the next issue.

Hall of Heritage: Chair, Dave Merker, reported the upgrades are progressing and changes will soon be noted. The front lobby is changing in appearance to reflect the worldwide mission. Plans are underway to approve space for a Hall of Heritage in the new building, if and when one is approved for AFTAC. The timeline of the mission will be reflected in the Hall of Heritage. Judy Milam mentioned that she has a number of photos she would be willing to donate to the Hall of Heritage. Dave also reported plans are underway to display a WB-50 at the USAF Museum at Dayton, OH. He will submit an article to go in the PoMo asking alumni members to submit any pictures, drawings, parts, etc, that could help reconstruct the sampler.

LRD 50-Year Commemorative Coins: We continue this project of trying to associate our remainder of these coins with the space program, as was done with a previous set. These coins will be awarded to deserving alumni.

SnowBall, SnowBall X has been scheduled for 2008.01.26 at the Tides, mark your calendars! The theme for this 2008 event is Australia.

Golf: see 'Alerts' and 'Events' articles, page one

New Meeting Location, Our new meeting place for the monthly Alumni meetings will be in the AFTAC XP conference room. We'll meet at the Outback, as usual, to be escorted. Thank you Chief Herrick for arranging these improved digs.

Activities: Chair, CMSgt, Steve Herrick (AFTAC Superintendent) reported AFTAC will celebrate

the Long-Range Detection Program's 60th Anniversary this year and plans to have a dinner as part of the celebration. AFTAC would like to have Alumni participation in the festivities. The celebration will be advertised on the alumni web site and in the POST-MONITOR. See Pg 5.

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

SagE-News

YOUR EDITORS

We remind you of our new 'quick check' site, 'Need To Know, Now.' There you will find current events and a listing of 'Sages to Remember.'

At last count, we have over 130 electronic subscribers; most to the Post-Monitor (ePoMo) and Florida Directory (eFLDir) and additional members for the directory only.

These members receive the publications some two-weeks or more before the mailed copies, in color (where color is used), and have all the benefits of a 'Portable Data File' (pdf) file (smaller data size, formatting, searchable, printable, etc). This method also saves your association more than a buck a copy. We'd appreciate your consideration of 'switching' to this mode of 'mail.' If you just want to 'try before buy,' drop us an email and we'll send you a sample issue via email.

OTHER CHAPTERS

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2007.04

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WORLDWIDE REUNION 2007

DENVER, COLORADO, 7—11 June

Florida Editors Note: At press time for this Post-Monitor, information about the reunion had not yet been published by the Colorado Chapter. This should be available for the next issue.

Alumni Of The Year Announced

FLORIDA EDITORS

The Colorado Chapter hosted 'WW2007,' and what a grand event it was ... made even grander by the surprise 'early' announcement of the 'Alumni Of The Year.' This announcement, which is not normally made until the Florida Chapter's Annual SnowBall (Jan/Feb), was done at this time to recognize the selectee during an event where many were in attendance, and in front of

peers he had served so well.

During the banquet the AFTAC Commander was asked to come forward and make this important announcement. Very few people knew, until this time, who had been selected. When Col **Westergren** read Bill **Schmied's** name he was caught totally by surprise. But Bill, in his usual 'Chiefly' way, made a swift recovery and his acceptance speech was very well done with him sharing credit with many of the chapter members.

Other Events, Plans and Schedules

RSVP to Jack Smith 303 428-1812

or email COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM

General Membership Breakfast 22 Sep 0830

Aurora Hills Golf

Club Dinner/Dance 10 Nov 1730

Aurora Hills Golf Club

See the CO Website for updates.

Mail-Bag

I am interested in knowing more about the world-wide reunion scheduled for Denver in June. I was with 1009th in 1951 for the Buster-Jangle Test series and subsequently operated a seismic station in Korea. Some of our group who are still with us had previous reunions in Las Vegas and Biloxi. Meeting again in Denver seems to have some possibilities to me.

We have about 30 people, including wives, who, I am certain, would attend your reunion. I am primarily interested in knowing what you have planned for the wives as they have heard our "War stories" several times. Among our buddies who you might know are Bill **Braukman** (deceased) and Joe **Johnson**. Any information you can provide would be appreciated. Thanks, Jerry Collins, email, JJC8HEARTH@AOL.COM

Jerry later wrote: So far i don't know of any of our Buster-Jangle 1009ers who have made any reservations for the Reunion. Several, including me, have to await doctors visits to determine if we can travel to Denver. In my case, my wife has a few medical issues that must be attended to before we can commit. I'll keep you updated on our efforts to get our group together again.

Memoriam, James Hall

MINNIE MAE HALL

I thank your association for the recent newsletter. It is addressed to Jim and Minnie Mae Hall. Jim passed away Oct 16, 2006 and I suppose I failed to notify you. In the issue I received, in the "Lest We Forget" there is a account of Jim's obituary

from the Fort Worth Star Telegram Paper - I appreciate that - BUT—in reading this, his combat missions in B-29's does not sound at all impressive (listed as) "3".

He and his crew flew the "City of Flatbush" - a B-29 from Guam over Japan through 35 missions - the airplane sustained many Japanese fighter and antiaircraft flak holes - but all were repaired and they continued to fly their scheduled missions. None of his crew was ever injured. Jim wrote a "Reminiscing with Jim" account of all of the many choices he had to make during his life time. Pointed out how those decisions patterned his career and life. He volunteered so often I wondered sometimes if he didn't like me - But I guess he did (*joke*) - We knew each other 66 years and were very happily married for 64. Hope you will correct the 3 into the correct 35.

Thank you so much! Minnie Mae Hall

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2007.04

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Quarterly Membership meetings are held the 1st Tuesdays at the Lions Gate restaurant on McClellan Park.

Next meetings are: 4 Sep & 4 Dec

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

Way Back When

Editor's Note: We had no submissions for "Way Back When" this issue. The missing name in last issue's photo of the B, O and I systems Engineering Section is Bruce Deffler and SSgt Wisely's first name is 'George'. I sent Bruce a clearer copy of the photo & here's what Bruce had to say: (PoMo editors note-you are not losing your mind if the following seems familiar. Some of it appeared in Bruce's email entry in the 'Mail-Call' section.)

Yep, that's definitely me. The picture had to be taken prior to June 1970 which is when I was discharged. What's messing with my mind is Dale Klug is just to my right. Also I worked with SSgt Wisely on the I System Signal Correlator which was similar to the old VCR rotating head that in essence sampled the VLF signal and sped it up

so it could be analyzed. I can remember systems, but not names! Thanks for your copy, much clearer. I remember Capt Haase & Ed Chase and I worked with SSgt Wisely. At the time I was a short timer and not paying too much attention to those around me. In fact you're standing next to me and I'm embarrassed to say I never picked up on the fact we had have known each other, at least in passing.

Looking at the picture has jogged a few memories and I'm definitely looking forward to talking to you. What is so ironic is that we both ended up associated with publishing newsletters for the alumni. The time frame for the picture is between April – June of 1970. Over the years I've tried to track down some that I was stationed with, but all were single enlistment airman and none that I've been able to find in the Alumni roster. I doubt if any even realize the organization exists.

Editor's Note: Bruce is the editor of the Colorado Chapter's newsletter, "ECHOES".

In Memory Of HORNE, Stephen Michael



Born June 4, 1959, passed away March 23, 2007. Loving son of Lewis and Laura Horne, brother of Lewis Jr. (Lisa), David (Carol), and Douglas (Kirstin). He was uncle to eight children. Steve was a graduate of Rio Americano High School and Sacramento City College. He also attended California State University at Sacra-

mento. He was an active member of the Boy Scouts and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He served in the US Army in the 15th Infantry Division and the United States Army Europe and the Seventh Army. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, Overseas Medal, and the NCO Professional Development Medal. A memorial service of remembrance will be held Friday, March 30, at 4pm at Lind Brothers Mortuary, 4221 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA. His final resting place will be the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. Services entrusted to Lind Brothers Mortuary 916.482.8080. Published in the Sacramento Bee 3/29/2007. **Editor's Note:** Stephan was the son of Col Lewis Horne, USAF (Ret) a longtime member of AFTAC, 1155th & the Alumni Association.

MONITOR *ing Active* **Duty Doing'** from around the AFTAC world **Command Section**



Col. Mark W
Westergren

Commander, 2006.08 Previously, Director of Joint Operations (J-3), National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) Hawaii, Kunia City, HI. Education includes: 1984 B.S. in Chemical Engineering, cum laude; 1989 M.B.A. in Finance, Webster University; 1994, Masters in International Public Policy. His professional education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, USAF Intelligence School, and Joint Forces Staff College. He is married to the former Haywon Kim and has two sons, Benjamin and Evan.



CMSgt Steven
Herrick

Superintendent, 2006.12 AF: 1978-83/AFTAC: 1983 to current. Previously, Superintendent, Materials Technology Directorate, AFTAC, PAFB, FL. Education includes all NCO schools and academies, Distinguished Graduate each time; BS, University of Maryland. The Chief has served at numerous AFTAC locations and in many positions. He is, as he says, married to a 'military brat,' Barbara, and has twin girls.



Chief Herrick's Introduction Letter Greetings Fellow AFTACers,

It doesn't seem that many years ago when I called AFTAC/DP to inquire about retraining into the 99106 field. I was enjoying the duties of loading weapons on the F-4D, but felt there was more out there for me and that perhaps I could contribute in some other way. So when I asked AFTAC/DP what the 99106 job entailed, the response was something along the lines of "whatever you're reading in the retraining advisory is all I can tell you at this point."

Being somewhat curious, I asked where I could be assigned if I were selected for 99106 duty. The response was, "whatever you're reading in the retraining advisory is all I can tell you at this point." The intrigue drew me in like a moth to a flame. So, I took a leap of faith back in late 1982 and signed up to cross-train. Not long after that in 1983, I reported to Lowry AFB and, as they say, the rest is history.

It's a humbling experience for me as I walk down the command hallway at AFTAC. 10 superb Chiefs preceded me. Those AFTAC Senior Enlisted Advisors/Superintendents have left me some large shoes to fill, or more appropriately, grow into, so I plan to do my

best with the help from many here in AFTAC and those of you in the LRDA. I'm proud to have the opportunity to represent you as your Center Superintendent. Welcome aboard, Chief. We appreciate your support and attendance at our meetings, as you have already done. Support such as yours is irreplaceable for us because of the credibility, and access, you bring to us with the active-duty force.

Biography, CMSgt Steven R Herrick

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

Chief Herrick was born in Eau Claire, WI, and graduated with honors from Blair High School. He enlisted in the Air Force and reported to Lackland AFB, Texas, for basic military training in June 1978.

EDUCATION: **1985**-NCO Leadership School, Mather AFB, CA (Distinguished Graduate); **1988** NCO Academy, March AFB, CA (Distinguished Graduate); **1998**-Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL (Distinguished Graduate); **1988**-Associate of Science, Electronic Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force; **2006**-Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of Maryland University College.

ASSIGNMENTS: **1. October 1978**-June 1979, Armament Systems Specialist, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; **2. June 1979**-July 1980, Student, U.S. Air Force Academy, Prep School, Colorado Springs, CO; **3. July 1980**-July 1981, Student, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; **4. July 1981**-April 1983, Load Crew Chief, 35th Aircraft Generation Squadron, George AFB, CA; **5. April 1983**-April 1988, Air Sampling Equipment Technician, Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB, CA; **6. April 1988**-February 1991, Field Maintenance Manager, Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB, CA; **7. February 1991**-August 1992, Forward Area Technician, Headquarters European Technical Operations Area, Lindsey Air Station, Germany; **8. August 1992**-September 1995, Field Maintenance Manager, Detachment 319, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Ramstein AB, Germany; **9. September 1995**-September 1997, Station Superintendent, Detachment 301, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Ankara, Turkey; **10. September 1997**-July 2001, Superintendent, Special Instruments Training Flight, 312th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, TX; **11. July 2001**-July 2003, Detachment Chief, Detachment 319, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Ramstein AB, Germany; **12. July**

2003-April 2005, Operations Directorate Superintendent, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, FL; **13. April 2005-December 2006**, Superintendent, Materials Technology Directorate, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, FL; **14. December 2006-present**, Superintendent, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Korean Defense Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION: **Airman** 7 Dec 1978; **Airman First Class** 7 May 1979; **Senior Airman** 7 Jul 1981; **Sergeant** 7 Jul 1982; **Staff Sergeant** 1 Dec 1982; **Technical Sergeant** 1 Oct 1987; **Master Sergeant** 1 Nov 1993; **Senior Master Sergeant** 1 Aug 2000; **Chief Master Sergeant** 1 Oct 2003 (Current as of December 2006)



SUBMITTED BY HAYWON KIM (WESTERGREN): EDITORS NOTE: IN A FIRST FOR THE ASSN NEWSLETTER, WE HAVE THIS SUBMISSION FROM THE COMMANDERS SPOUSE. THANK YOU, MS WESTERGREN, FOR THINKING OF THE ALUMNI WITH THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The spouses of AFTAC have started AFTAC CARES – a project sending care packages bimonthly to deployed AFTACers and to deployed family members/friends of anyone working at AFTAC.

Using a list of items suggested by those returning from deployment, we sent off our first shipment of five care packages in May. We assembled a range of items from socks, baby wipes, Gold Bond powder to individual microwaveable brownies, drink mixes, and magazines in each flat rate priority mail box (thus ensuring that the packages would proceed directly to the military member and not be held up in a processing center).

We have already received feedback on our packages – “I wanted to let you know that I received a very special box today, packed by you! It is the AFTAC spouses club. I was so happy! That is just such a nice thing that you all do!...It was so jam-packed with goodies. I love it!” “The package they sent was the first mail I received! It was a fabulous surprise! And I'm sure everything will be useful to me or others in my area.”

We are continually in the process of preparing care packages and collecting the names and addresses of our deployed family members. Boxes have been set up at the front and back entrances of the AFTAC HQ's building for donations. Suggested items include:

Magazines	Socks – white, reinforced toe	Tuna packs
Jerky	Gum	Powdered drink packs
Hand Cleaner/ Sanitizer	Individual servings of microwaveable food	Puzzle books
Baby wipes	Gold Bond powder, travel size	Batteries (AA)
Hard candy	Individual packs of nuts	Paperback books

We will also have bake sales at occasional Burger Burns (at the Outback on Thursdays, 11am to 12:30pm) to help raise funds to pay for postage and the purchase of additional items.

If you would like more information, please email us at aftacspouse@yahoo.com.

HOW BETTER TO FOLLOW MS WESTERGREN'S ARTICLE THAN A SPEECH BY HER HUSBAND, COL WESTERGREN, AFTAC CC, AT THE COLORADO 2007 WORLDWIDE REUNION. WE THANK CAPT CAPPS FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING SAME.

Col Westergren's Speech at the CO Reunion

PROVIDED BY CAPTAIN CAPPS

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. What a great time we've had already... thank you all for coming. First, I'd like to extend my heartfelt greetings to all the members of the Long-Range Detection Program (LRDP) and AFTAC “past and present” with us tonight. What a great honor and privilege it is for me to be here... sharing together in keeping and building upon our incredible tradition. Thank you so much for what you all had a part in making – now referred to as a “storied” past or legacy – and now continue to have a part in carrying forward the story of one of our nation's unknown treasures.

The LRDP and its successor programs have had a long, rich history that stretches back to 1947. At that time, senior members of our government decided that it was in the best interest of national security to monitor the developing nuclear programs of other nations around the globe. General Dwight D. Eisenhower assigned the Army Air Forces the responsibility for developing a capability to detect atomic explosions anywhere in the world – 60 years ago this September.

This need could not have been more apparent than when the first foreign nuclear test was detected by a modified B-29 in August of 1949. This is so “self-evident” now but the multiple technical/funding/manning issues almost cancelled the program in the early days. Fortunately, the Soviet Union's timing and our detection efforts sealed the deal – and we can proudly note that the LRDP was singularly critical in detailing this newly developed nuclear capability.

Since that time, we have provided significant contri-

butions to worldwide nuclear detection and monitoring throughout the years. We have been the operational “tip of the spear,” collecting and informing our nation on worldwide nuclear events and foreign nuclear tests. Through the 1960s and 1970s, our mission continued to grow and we had a front row seat to many of the defining moments in history. The end of the Cold War brought on efforts to drastically reduce our mission because, as peace was breaking out all over the world, there was no need for this cold war legacy. Just like in the early days of the program, the future appeared murky. Others saw through the “smoke screen” and realized that nothing could be further from the truth... our mission was as vital as ever. Threats, perception of threats, prestige, and strategic realpolitik all were and continue to be driving reasons for nuclear weapons developments in countries like India, Pakistan, and most recently, North Korea. We have again proven to be a national asset that can never “sleep” and must evolve to ensure monitoring of emerging nuclear players.

Today we use a large network of sensors strategically placed throughout the globe to detect and monitor nuclear events. Applying evolving technology to our systems, we now get data from this worldwide network in near real-time. We have not just 24/7 coverage, but we also have improved collection sensitivities and responsiveness in maintaining a global network. We can now monitor the status of these system/networks at all times, and respond to problems as soon as they arise. As a result, we now enable quick-turn decision making by our joint and national decisions makers... and the decisions are made with the most current and accurate information. These advances in technology have also allowed us to lower our overseas footprint-the number of detachments and personnel-we need to maintain this global network of sensors. We are not yours or even your son’s or daughter’s capability-we have evolved and have become more relevant than some thought possible.

Despite these changing environments, the scientific underpinnings of our mission remain the same. AFTAC is working hard to improve across its mission areas along several thrusts – technology, techniques, timing, and thresholds – to stay well in front of these changes. We must also not forget the vast change to that environment on September 11th. On that day, our focus broadened to meet the demands of a new enemy to our freedom. With the rise of terrorism, the fear of nuclear proliferation becomes even more apparent. Rogue states that sponsor these terrorist activities are also a problem we must address, making the precision and responsiveness of our monitoring mission even more vital. I assure you that AFTAC is ever-vigilant... and, by taking a page out of the history of the LRDP, we have postured ourselves to meet this new threat in support of our national decision makers, joint service partners, and combatant commanders.

The most recent example of continuing excellence was the Center’s success in detecting the recent nuclear test by North Korea. Just like the first Soviet test, an airborne asset – the WC-135 – supplied the critical collection confirming the nuclear nature of the test. The information provided by AFTAC on this event aided national decision makers and enabled the United Nations to invoke sanctions on the North Korean regime. In this new post 9-11 environment and the developing nuclear nations of North Korea and Iran, the US government has instituted new guidelines for inter-agency cooperation and information sharing. This new dynamic opened up the interactions with AFTAC and increased our role in these cross-cutting efforts. AFTAC’s global mission is one that is becoming well known and highly sought after by the government community.

To get more “bang for the buck” and improve synergy across the AF, the AF has recently decided to realign many of its surveillance assets. AFTAC will be deactivated as a Field Operating Agency and realigned under the new Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. Bringing AFTAC’s persistent surveillance mission to the new organization, AFTAC will be combined into this new AF ISR Agency and into one cohesive AF-wide FOA. The long term vision is to transform this new Air Force structure into a pre-eminent military organization with the most capable personnel and the most valued ISR capability. Though the organizational charts have changed and we have a new patch on our uniform, AFTAC and the core of its mission has not changed.

We are as vital to our national security as ever and our commitment to it remains unwavering. You all have laid the foundation upon which all our current successes were built. It is through hard work over the years that we have ensured our country’s readiness to challenges, and we are prepared to respond now and into the future. As the Commander, I continue to be amazed and humbled by the importance of AFTAC’s mission and unparalleled quality of its people both past and present. I am extremely proud to be part of this great organization and excited that we can help write a chapter in our rich history. I want to thank you all again for each of your individual contributions that, when summed up together over time, have become historical accomplishments. Thank you for your support to AFTAC over the years and for this opportunity to share with you in your sensational alumni get-together. Let’s get on with the festivities! Thank you, Sir, for permitting this to be reprinted in the Post-Monitor. And, we reiterate appreciation for Capt. Capps efforts; he had to retype the speech for our use because of the way it had been produced.

Booster’s Club Update-Officers: SrA **Moosman**, Pres; TSgt **Halliburton**, Vice; TSgt **Jones**, Sec; TSgt **Grace**, Treas; TSgt **Thur**, Hot Dog Sales; SrA **Lineberry**, Public Affairs; Ms. Pat **Snyder**, Clothing Sales.

NOTE: SOME 'FEATURE ARTICLES' **DO NOT** HAVE INPUTS. However, all are listed as a reminder of our **dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!**

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) (reCall from 1970 speech provided by George Waters), **Silliman** (deceased), **Gordon** (deceased), **Clapper**, **O'Lear**, **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 Members' all: Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer, Horton, Bendorf and Turner

NOTE: *We have sent a personal letter to each of these commanding Sages soliciting their 'reCall.'*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'CC RECALL' INPUTS.
THIS ISSUE: NO INPUT

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your

unclassified career memories (events, people, etc.).

Forward these to 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (pg 2).
HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman** (deceased), George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy**, Tom **Dunn**, Bob **Long**, John **Bright**, Vern **Mikkelsen**, Brian **Swan**, Bruce **Deffler**, Les **Miller**, Clark **Wilberg**, Lloyd **French**

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

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT: LES MILLER, CLARK WILBERG AND LLOYD FRENCH

LES WRITES: FROM OUT OF THE PAST

MEMORIES OF AN OLD AFTACer

A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF A TOUR AT A FAR, FAR AWAY DETACHMENT (430) AND THE HAPPENINGS DURING THAT TIME.

This will probably be very boring to you, but then again, you might enjoy the articles about Det 430 the goings an many, many years ago. I've been going through some of my stuff and came across a folder

that contained the enclosed newspaper articles from the Marlborough Express, and the Marlborough Pictorial Magazine.

Editor's Note: Les sent many clippings and refers to these throughout the article; we have turned these over to our Hall of Heritage Chair for their use in the artifact exhibits.

Will provide a little background on my association with Det 430. When Major **Bowles** was chosen to be the new commander at 430, he asked me to go with him as his Supply NCOIC. I had worked with him at Hqs on supply matters for his office. At first I wasn't too interested as I was very content at Hqs. Then, when Gen. **Rhodenhauser** retired and Gen. Hall was picked at the new commander, word circulated that all us "Homesteaders" better find a new assignment, or one would be found for us. Since I had been at Hqs from Feb 59 (it was a standing joke with some of the officers who were there when I arrived, had put in a tour outside Hqs and were back and I was still there) I decided I had better accept Maj. Bowles offer. So I talked it over with the family, and I and volunteered.

Since the summer of 1966 was the French tests in the south pacific, Det 430 underwent an operational system increase. The "Q" system was installed, as was the Z-2 coming on line. Also, the Supply section was increased to 3, and a 7-level position was authorized, which meant I was now authorized. I was the last of the new personnel to arrive in Blenheim, and the AF quartered us in a local motel (referred to as Mrs. Bings Flats). It was more like a small apartment, 2 bedrooms, kitchen and living/dining area. Rentals were at a premium in Blenheim, and since I was the last to arrive, all the others had precedence when a rental house was found. The AF paid the rent for the first 60 days, and then I was on my own for another 30 days. Finally ended up advertising in the local paper that a YANK was looking for a 4 BR house, which resulted in a rental for me and family. I had 2 children, a son 10 and a daughter 11. As there wasn't any US schools in Blenheim, the children attended Kiwi schools. Rather a novel experience for them, since the boys and girls schools were separated. No co-ed schools in Blenheim, plus they were required to wear uniforms.

Fortunately, the majority of the townspeople accepted us with open arms. As did RNZAF personnel. One of my fondest memories is of my first Formal Dining-In at the Sergeants Mess. After we were all seated, and the meeting called to

order, a decanter of wine was passed around. As it got to you, you filled your own glass and passed it on.. This is where, were it not for a Kiwi Sgt, I would have committed a big blunder. I started to sit the decanter down before I poured the wine into my glass. The Sgt. stopped me and told me that the decanter was never allowed to touch the table until everyone had filled their glasses and the decanter was back at the head table. At that time a toast was proposed to the Queen of England, and then to the President of the United States. For the first several dining-ins after I arrived, the wives were not allowed to attend. Then thru the efforts of CMSGT **Lowery**, Station NCOIC, the rule was changed. This allowed the Det 430 wives and the RNZAF wives to get to know each other, which helped foster relations with the Kiwi's. Probably other than Det 421 in Alice, the relations between the Det personnel and the local community was one of the best. (As you look over the attached pages from the Marlborough Pictorial, you will understand why I say this). When the new facilities for the Det were built on the other side of the base, not only was a new CRS building built, but also a new supply/warehouse building built. Which was a great improvement from the RNZAF hanger where the Det was housed.

Another interesting feature of this tour is that all goods that came into NZ had to be inspected by the Dept of Agriculture. So I got to know the Dept Ag representative (If I recall his name was Roy) real well since that was part of the Supply sections duties. Co-ordinate all shipments with the Dept. of Ag. And the local NZ Customs office. So Roy was a frequent visitor to my supply room. One day Roy showed up, and wanted to know if we Yanks would like some lemons. So naturally I said yes. Found out that his job was inspecting all the orchards and taking samples. Same applied to apples. Roy showed up at the Det one day and again wanted to know if we would like some apples. Said yes we would, and said good, I have 10 cases on my truck and we off loaded them into the warehouse. Roy told me that when ever a shipment of apples was made to Great Britain, that a case was removed from each lot, and kept in cold storage until the ship arrived in GB, then they were opened and checked for quality. He then had to dispose of them. So for the entire 3 years I was there we would get apples and lemons delivered to the Det. The Dept of Ag was not allowed to sell them on the local market.

Back in the 60's, stereo was just starting to be the next big thing. Some how or other, Maj. Bowles arranged with the NZ Government and the Akai and Kenwood Companies to be the local distributor. We at the Det were allowed to order, tax and duty free, what we wanted. So Maj. Bowles would put a notice up on the bulletin board that he was going to place an order, and if you wanted anything to add it to the list. Since the shipment of Det personnel HHG and Hold Baggage was a function of the supply section, I had to in-

spect each shipment to make sure that all the equipment brought in duty free was in the outgoing I-ERG shipment, same as acting as a US Customs agent, making sure a Customs Form was attached to each shipment containing a list of all these items. Since the Det was located on the northern tip of the South Island, it meant that all our supplies were either brought into Christchurch, at the Navy Operation Deep Freeze base, or came in by ship at Picton. Same for all outgoing mail, and equipment being shipped back to the US. This meant that all mail, both classified and regular USPS mail had to be picked up at Christchurch. So once a week we had a run to Christchurch (about 200 miles south. We NCO'S took turns making the trip. A rather long day in a Carryall or Pick-up truck.

Now that I have bored you to death with the above ramblings, on to the newspaper clippings. Editor's Note: Les goes on to explain several of the clippings. I departed Det 434 in Aug. 1969, so I wasn't there when all this took place. I forget who mailed the articles to me. I left just as Col **Baines** was coming on board.

The pictures of Det personnel were all taken by a photographer from the Marlborough Pictorial. A picture magazine that covered all the local social happenings. And believe me, Blenheim and surrounding area had lots of social life. We Yanks fit right into the social life, had our own parties etc. Our 2 big events were the New Years Party and the 4th of July party. The Det rented a hall, and we hired a band, provided the drinks and food and everyone invited their Kiwi friends. Major Bowles and Mrs. Bowles always invited the Mayor and his wife, and the RNZAF Base Commander and his wife to the parties, plus the heads of all the RNZAF units that we did business with. We also made sure we invited the photographer and his wife from the pictorial to any event. The pictures he took were always available for purchase at the Magazine Office. So we all came home with tons of pictures of our good times in Blenheim. By inviting our Kiwi friends to our parties, we in turn were invited to theirs. We also would rent the halls for other events, such as when someone was returning home. A big Farewell Party was hosted by some of us NCO's and their friends, wishing them well back in the US. We could rent a hall for between \$25 & \$35 dollars. As you look thru the pictures, you will see pictures of Don & Pat **Trombley**. Don worked for me at Hqs, and when his time at Hqs was up, he came to work for me at Det 430. Our families were good friends, as were our children.

Hope I haven't bored you too much with the ramblings of an old Sergeant, who enjoyed all the wonderful times he had in AFTAC, and with all the great people he was able to serve with, and their families during his 13 1/2 years in AFTAC, starting with EFD overseas-1956 to 1959 then Hqs from 1959 to Aug, 1966, and finally Det 430-Aug 1966 to Aug 1969. Also the

trips I made to Dets 401,405, 422 and 408 and a wonderful trip to Det 421 in 1957 (another story), and the Det personnel I met. This is where I met Richard (Alkie) **Summers** at 405, and Carl **Gailey** at 401. And the good times we had when Carl was brought up to EFO for a visit, and when we closed 445 and Alkie was brought to EFO until his orders for B System school arrived. When I left EFO, 423 had not come on line yet. Did a lot of research on getting the mess hall etc equipment figured out, such as snake bite kits for all the vehicles, quarters and other Det buildings. Lots of fun memories.

I almost forgot a very memorial event that happened after I was back at Hqs. The IG team was split into two parties, and I was asked to go as the Supply inspector for one of the parties. So I also got to go to the CFO in Germany and some of the Dets in that theatre, including Iceland, Spain, North Africa and Det 329.

As a side note, Lorraine., my wife in the pictures, is deceased and I am now remarried.

A final word, keep up the good work you are doing with the Monitor I look forward to each issue, even though I don't recognize most of the people and events happening. Guess there aren't too many ancient history guys around anymore. One of these days I will try to get around to dropping you a line about what I still consider one of the best parts of being a supply man in AFTAC and our PROJECT SNOWBALL priority of I-18.

Lester W. Miller, received, Nov, '06

Special Equipment Operator (SEO) Numbers

Your editors have always been interested in this select group of airborne 99's who zigzagged across the skies. We hope our readers are also interested. To 'get the scoop' we corresponded with two SEO's we know well, Clark **Wilberg** (retired sometime ago) and Lloyd **French** (he the recent Center Superintendent). In emails back and forth with both, we have been informed about these numbers.

CLARK WROTE: SEO numbers came into existence in the mid-70s when we began compiling databases with information about various flights. Prior to that, we had just listed SEO's on a flight by Rank/Name. I don't remember the year, but I would estimate approximately '76-'77 timeframe. Prior to this, we had not tracked Operations Officers--they didn't typically fly except during deployments; we included Ops Officers in the list to enable tracking them on missions.

In essence, we listed all existing (at that time) SEO's and Operations Officers and arranged them in ordinal sequence by the last four of social security numbers. Rick **Edson** had the lowest SSN and he became SEO 001--although COL **Niquette** jovially claimed that #001 should be his. I think we had 30-some numbers in that first alignment. As subsequent SEO's and Ops Officers came on board, they were added to the listing in sequential order by date of assignment. Like you, I would be interested in seeing an all inclusive, current

listing. The last I heard, it was around 150 or so. We queried Lloyd for this listing and have forwarded same to Clark.

LLOYD WROTE: Indeed T **Niquette** and Erik **Edson** had an on-going battle about SEO #1. The truth is, Edson was the real SEO #1 and Niquette was 35. He did, however, insist that his presence on a mission be recorded as SEO #01 because RHIP! This created no end of confusion when tracking flight activity.

There are TONS of SEO stories out there, but frankly, SEO numbers were used as shorthand for who was on a mission and to identify someone on the radio. In fact, I once authenticated a mission tasking change--in flight--using just this phrase: "I authenticate Sierra Echo Oscar Zero Four Seven...I say again, I authenticate Sierra Echo Oscar Zero Four Seven." That was accepted by the aircraft commander and the mission profile was changed while the aircraft was flying a mission above the Arctic Circle. I did that from the comfort of my desk at HQ via phone patch through Anchorage ATC. In perusing the SEO listing Lloyd so kindly provided we did glean these interesting facts:

-at this point, there have been/are 167 SEO numbers assigned (skipping number 69) **Clark** added-SEO's were part of the Laboratory grouping--A99106--until we reached the magic-merging-rank that made us all 99105s.

-62 are assigned to Ops Officers; two to AMU/AXD. **Lloyd** added-The AMU/AXD folks were on board to test R&D systems that attached to the I-2 foil next to the console. They earned hazardous duty pay but did not have wings. To track their activity, they were assigned SEO numbers. The techs were all military... normally working in the engineering section at McClellan Central Lab. **Clark** added-AMU/AXD was the identification given to the folks out of the Laboratory who flew developmental projects; predecessors of AMU/AXD were TIGRASS operators--Richard **Lema** and Pat **Sutcliff**; Lema was the inventor/developer of the TIGRASS application which later evolved into the D-500. There was also a Quast-Pangborn project that evolved into the AMU/AXD process.

-two numbers were assigned to personnel who did not qualify

-it's a very diversified listing and many members with SEO numbers went on to various positions within the center: Directors, Detachment Commanders/Chiefs, Center Superintendents, etc. **Clark** added-Many of the Ops Officers served in other AFTAC positions. Several of the dedicated Ops Officers later served as Detachment Commanders, or as Directors of Operations, Vice Commander, etc.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

LRD FAMILIES ... OVER THE YEARS

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this

column we ask those families to share that history. Forward to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Family Affair column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

HONOR ROLL: These brave souls have stepped forth, Curt Miller, Tony Calenda (with a 'father's response' by Frank Calenda), and Mark Smith (with a response from dad, Curtis [Smitty] Smith). We hope to hear from the others we are aware of, Randy Vlassick, Curt Stephens, Nick Kappel. If you are aware of others, please let us know.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'A FAMILY AFFAIR' INPUTS.
THIS ISSUE: NO INPUT

SAGE STARS

'Sage Success Stories'

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'SAGE STARS' INPUTS.
THIS ISSUE: NO INPUT

BSTALES!

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be 'Barely Substantiated' and/or 'Boldly Stated (BS).' Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.
THIS ISSUE: NO INPUT

WHERE ... IS ... 'LOOKING FOR'

The Alumni Website, 'www.aftacalumni.org' hosted by the WebMaster, Mike Black, contains a link, 'Where In The World Is' wherein Sages attempt to locate each other. Understanding some Sages read the PoMo and not the internet, we share here.

Looking for Joe Knight, Q-Systems guy. I am also looking for information regarding Ben Vlassick's passing and history since 1963. I last saw him in Istanbul where he and Captain Neal T. McCloskey dropped Gary Merrifield and myself off at Yeslikoy to catch our flight to the land of the round door knobs. Ed Daugherty accompanied us as well. We all pledged to "keep in touch"; but, as with so many other good intentions, neglected to do so until the opportunity slipped away. Ben went to see Roger Kidd. I can

be reached at 256-227-5240/lochadro@aol.com/lochadro@aol.com

Looking for Arthur D. Clark, Admin, PI, 1964, Hawaii later. Geno Wagner, wchickendealer@aol.com.

Looking for John Holland a civil service employee at HQ AFTAC from approx 1975-98 in the seismic engineering division, and the acquisition directorate. olsonlp@hotmail.com

TOM'S TREASURE OF

TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

The 'trivia' concept was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone, who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send ideas for this series and to provide additions or corrections. We now hope those who remember Tom will provide **unclassified** content to continue what he began.

HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (2); Dale Klug, Bob Wiley

WE LOOK FORWARD TO '...TRIVIA...' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE: BOB WILEY

Answer at bottom of the 'Sage Shop' page

I ran across this old photo of one of the headquarters operations terminals. Maybe you could use it as part of 'Tom's Trivia. Thanks, Bob ... and hopefully your name is not too big a clue as to the answer to the first question. One warning readers, you probably had to work in, or around, the terminals to even begin to get any of these questions correct. In any case, it is a good history and learning lesson, even for a previous Superintendent of this terminal.



1. Which AEDS technique operations center is this?
2. What time period does this represent?
3. What is the name of the equipment in the center of photo?
4. What was the name of the teletype machine on the left wall?
5. What was the purpose of the typewriter in the left forefront?

SAGE SCHEDULE

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

VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER (321) 494-6867,
patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil **BEFORE COMING**

—WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'
WHEN: **1530 (3:30 PM)**

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building
HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd

—Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'
WHEN: **1700 (5:00PM)**

WHERE: **AFTAC HQ's Building**
HOW: come to rear entrance

July

6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

9, 1700-Board/Membership

August

3, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

September

7, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events, Upcoming Quarter's

EVENT CONTACT (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867

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-Oct 11, LRD 60th Anniversary Events, HQ's

**-Oct 12, Golf N'Getogether, Cocoa Beach Golf
Course**

-Jan 26, SnowBall X, Tides Club, PAFB, FL

Traditional Annual Events

(for planning purposes)

January—March

-SnowBall X, Jan 26, Tides All Ranks Club

-Center Annual Awards Banquet

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic

-Assn 18th Annual Spring Golf n'Getogether

July—September

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

October—December

-Assn 18th Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether, Oct 12th,

Cocoa Beach Golf Course

-Center Winter Social, December time frame

ANNUAL (FY08) DUES ARE PAST DUE (1 OCT)

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(normally scheduled on a biannual basis)

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White	0	1	1	2
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Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	2	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	2
T-SHIRTS , no 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	1
Fuchsia	1	2	2	1
Stone Washed Green	1	0	1	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	1
Jade Green	2	3	2	1
Black	4	2	0	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15	1	2	0	0
HATS - \$8.00 #				
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Red 4				
Royal Blue/				
White 24				
MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#				
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'Tom's Trivia' Answer

AFTER READING 'trivia' on preceding page

1. 'T' or satellite
- 2 probably early 70's when we first moved down
3. ARAM (AFTAC RADEC Analysis Monitor) The acronym could be another question as well.
4. TUDE (Teletype Users Data Equipment)
5. Maintain ops log. Since it was manual, you could still make entries when the computers and/or power were down.

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