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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 65 years  
of service to our country  
16 September 2012  
**1947 – 2012**

A 65TH COIN WAS NOT MINTED



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## \*SAGE SALUTE\*

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
PROUDLY PRESENTS

**ALUMNI OF THE YEAR, 2013**

**MSgt (Ret) Lonnie Gibbons**

Announced at WorldWide 2013

Hosted by the Colorado Chapter



Col Parker, AFTAC/CV, presents the 'Space Coin' Certificate of Recognition and John Horsch the 'Traditional T.' Below, Ginny joins Lonnie in this honor. Write-up below from nomination submission.



Lonnie and wife, Ginny, have been active members of this chapter since its establishment in 1991. Lonnie has participated in practically every membership meeting and served on numerous chapter event working committees during the last twenty-two years. His work especially

assisting with arranging and coordinating social events including annual picnics and dinners, golf outings, and worldwide reunions held here in Colorado, has greatly contributed to sustaining this chapter's longevity. For many years he has been the key person obtaining refreshments, ice, coolers and other supplies, and then hauling them and setting up at picnics and (pg 3 >>>)

## \*SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP\*

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK SAGES AND ACTIVE-DUTY TO 'REPORT IN'

**SEP 13, 1145-VI ANNUAL 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER'  
Membership/Elections Meeting at the Tides Club**

EDITORS



The election meeting is held on **second Friday at lunch time** to encourage attendance by all AFTAC active-duty, assn members and alumni. Attendance is always up for this important meeting so be there! >>>Page 3

**OCT 18TH, 1300-XXIV ANNUAL ASSN FALL**

**Golf N'Getogether, Manatee Golf Course, Patrick**  
MAJOR ARRANGER, DAVE MELTON



This LRDAAsponsored event, on a Friday, has a check in time of 1100 and a shotgun start at 1300. Cost is \$40 for Alumni Members and \$45 for non-members. >>>Page 3

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## \*ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS\*

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK ACTIVE-DUTY AND SAGES TO 'REPORT IN'

## ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED

FROM THE WEBSITE CALENDAR



**Dec 13, Center Winter Social, Hilton Melbourne Rialto, Sage Contact, Carol Snyder, [carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil](mailto:carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil). See Active-Duty pages of this newsletter for more information**

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**NOTE:** Alert updates/changes are posted at the assn website:

['http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/'](http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/)

**Page 01:** 'Breaking News/**Page 05:** 'Schedule of Events.'

You can also **'Auto-Receive'** **'eALLerts'** (deaths, breaking news, etc)-contact your editors, ['chrisjohn2@gmail.com.'](mailto:chrisjohn2@gmail.com)

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## \*SAGE EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF\*

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

'Event' reports, if any, follow 'Alert' reports later in this issue.

## ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

(Deceased members are identified with a 'D')

### Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (17)

**Gene & Dee Melchoir/2012**-Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10 Jack Jackson/09-Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06-Mike Black/05-Joe Goldian/04-Pat Snyder/03 Joe Johnson/02-Jim Payne/01-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-John & Christel (D) Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97 Carl Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

### Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring Center people and its history exist: Two, '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, and plans are ongoing to add LRD artifacts at HQ, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. (AFISRA).

**ASSOCIATION HISTORY** A group of retired & 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 (chartered, 1986). **Originally 'AFTAC Alumni Assn'** a name change was necessary in mid-2001 due to AF rules to continue operating 'on base.'

The assn provides 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 AF-TAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

### There are three chapters.

**1. Florida (FL):** (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Most monthly meetings are at 1700, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. Details, see 'Sage Calendar' at back of issue. Contacts: Clark **Creery**, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & multi-page Website, '<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>,' with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification at '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>.'

**FI Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09.

**2. Colorado (CO):** Formed 1991, **\$5/year**, publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes', and has several meetings and social events a year. See website at '[www.aftacco.org](http://www.aftacco.org)' for additional information and email contacts.

**3. West Coast (CA):** Formed 1999, **\$10/year/\$75 lifetime**; for information-email, [TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org)-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, '[www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org).'

"FROM THE HORSCHES MOUTH"  
ACTIVE-DUTY, 58-87, BYLINE



## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



1985 BYLINE COINED BY COL CIAMBRONE (D). LEFT PICTURE BY SUSAN A. ROMANO, AFTAC/CC/PA, WINTER SOCIAL, 2011. RIGHT PICTURE BY BOB WILEY ON HIS BOAT, 1982, I CAPTION THIS, "NOW I STEER ALONE!"

One more (last) time I thank all of you who have, and are, supporting me through this time, and, from a PoMo point of view, a special thanks to the 'Creery's' for the work they did on the last two issues to make sure it got into the hands of our readers as quickly as possible.

My drive to Kansas with my brother was quite an experience for both of us, a 'pilgrimage' of sorts, as Richard **Summers** dubbed the journey. Chris and I had done this trip innumerable times and it was another chance for me to 'get back into it.' We visited with friends Jerry and Billie **Brown** and Ron **Cook** (both in TX), and Godson, **Matthew** (OK), on the way to Kansas. Driving back I stayed with Ray and Marva **Brust** (AR), Richard and Rita Summers, and Don and Martha **Marcus** (both, LA), before going on to New Orleans to keep a 'trip promise' Chris had made to the kids.

--overall there was a lot of 'sad and glad' seeing family and friends, some for the first time without Chris ... a lot of 'tears and tales' were shared and we all felt better because of the exchange

--also, those who know me well wondered how I was going to get from one place to the other without 'my prime navigator' ... well, Chris may not have been there in person but certainly in spirit, not to mention her Garmin and Cell phone always being at by side!!

--now, onto this issue and the 'Sage Life' there is to be lived and reported on.

We have to start with 'WorldWide 2013' hosted by the Colorado Chapter. What a job they did and, at the same time, announced our 'Alumni of the Year, 2013,' MSgt (Ret) Lonnie **Gibbons**, as you read earlier in our 'Salute.' It was my honor to be asked by the chapter to make the announcement. Lonnie will also be recognized at next years SnowBall and the Center Annual Awards Banquet; our CA/CO selectee's for 2010/2011 traveled to Florida for these events and we will hope the Gibbons will be able to do the same.

A lot happened at this superbly executed reunion. So as not to leave anything out, I asked Bill **Schmied**, CO Treasurer and a 'Major Arranger,' to remind me of some of what went on.

Bill wrote: "On Saturday evening after the dinner, the first speaker was Col John **Parker**, the AFTAC Vice Commander. Next was (continued, pg 4, left column, center>>)"

**Sage Communicators-Newsletter Editor:** John Horsch; **Information/Proofing:** Judy Milam-Henderson/Susan A Romano/PA; **Executive Review:** Frank Hall; **Rovin' Cameras/Reporters:** Judy Milam-Henderson/Bob Wiley/Clark Creery; **Printing/Mailing:** Editors/Clark Creery/Jack Jackson/Terry Hammond/Curt & Eunice Harris; **Web/Electronic Media:** Editor/Clark Creery/Mike Black



(Alumni of the Year continued from pg 1) reunions. He has been the focal point for organizing and successfully managing the hospitality rooms at several of our hosted alumni reunions and especially the 2013 worldwide reunion here in Aurora, Colorado. When the calls go out for assistance, whether they be for help putting up decorations for the chapter's annual Veteran's Day dinner, providing food and refreshments after a golf outing, or any activity, Lonnie & Ginny consistently answer these calls - true AFTAC alumni team members.

Lonnie began his Air Force career in the administrative field enlisting in 1956. His first assignment out of basic training was a 12-month tour of duty in South Korea. This was followed by another hardship assignment lasting five years at the USAF Security Service Language School at Indiana State University. During this assignment he married Ginny and started a family. He got his introduction to AFTAC when he was assigned to SPINSTRAS at Lowry AFB in 1964. This was followed by an overseas assignment to Detachment 418, then back to Lowry AFB in 1968 being assigned to Detachment 57. He served one more AFTAC overseas assignment at Detachment 333 during the 1974-75 timeframe prior to being assigned to Air Force Logistics Command at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. After only a short time he was reassigned to Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs and then back to Lowry AFB where he retired from active duty in 1977. Lonnie signed on with the Defense Investigative Service in 1982 and is now living the life of a retired civil servant.

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#### \*ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP\* (continued from page 1)

#### SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION MEETING

**NOMINEES:** A Nominating Committee appointed by the President, Chair, Past President, Bob Wiley, attendees, Past President, Frank Hall and PoMo Editor/Publisher, John Horsch, convened, solicited and received agreement for the following individuals to run for office for FY2014: President, Lou Seiler, Vice-President, Dave Melton (continuing), Secretary, Sean Ryan (continuing), and Treasurer, Dan Gilb. In addition, nomination of willing individuals will be taken from the floor during the elections. **Details:** Tides, Oceanview room, Lunch (pay as you go optional) 11-1300; Members, \$8.99, Non-Members, \$9.99. Arrangements, Sean Ryan

#### XIII GOLF N'GETOGETHER (continued from page 1)



Please note annual assn membership is but \$10; you will realize that in savings if you are a golfer and play in the Spring and Fall tournaments. Check-in starts at 1100. Format is 4-person scramble (also known as better-ball). Fee includes golf, cart, and BBQ from Tides served for dinner. Mulligan's will be on sale 3 for \$5. Each mulligan is an entry into the drawing of door prizes. Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors are welcome to participate.

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\*ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF\* (continued from page 1)

#### APR 26-XXIV ANNUAL ASSN SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

ED LINDSAY, REPORTS:

MANATEE COVE GOLF COURSE, PATRICK AFB, FLORIDA, MAJOR ARRANGER, CHIEF (RET) DAVE MELTON, HOST ARRANGERS, CHIEF (RET) ED LINDSAY & MITCHELL "MITCH" ADDISON

A beautiful Florida afternoon greeted our stalwart cast of friends past and new. It was the '24th Annual' edition of this event and 88 fine adventurers decided to partake in the day's activities. The day's temperature and slight off-shore breezes could not have been more accommodating. It was sure to be a memorable event for all.

Our golfers were first met by the friendly faces of L>R



Brenda Clarson, Deborah Carson, and Dan Gilb, not pictured, Pat Snyder, and Ed Lindsay. They separated the players from a portion of their money and provided opportunity to purchase some additional gimmicks that went by the names of Red Bomb, Nolan, and Mulligan...sounds like a fine cast of characters that were sure to bring the team scores to a record low.

The teams had a wonderful day of golf and the pace of play was lightning fast. This was surely an indication that either erasers were being used or there were legitimate low scores in the making.

On the par 3 7th hole, John Horsch and Dan Gilb, gave players the chance to spend even more money, which most were kind enough to do, to purchase some additional golf balls and a shot at winning half of what was collected. In all, there were 54 golfers that chose to be part of this fun.

The day's challenges went on and our cart girl Chelsea made sure that everyone had plenty of opportunities to refresh their parched throats from the heated competition.

As the teams rolled in to the club house and turned in their scorecards, there were many murmurings of how well their rounds went and the posturing began.

All participants were treated to a BarBQue provided by

the Manatee Golf Course. Plenty of grub and people collected up their door prizes. Thanks to the shopping skills of Pat **Snyder** and Friends, all participants walked away with a Door Prize.

The scoring process was going slowly and therefore the highlights of the day's best shots were awarded. There were two closest to the pins won by: Roger **Hornsby** (4) and Larry **Olson** (12) (Dozen Golf Balls) Our long drive winners were: Keisha **Hardy** and John **Baker** (Golf Bag) . The scores were finally tallied and with some voodoo magic of a handicap system, Ed Lindsay read off some spookily low scores. The winners of this event were: **1st Place** earned each player a dozen Titleist golf balls and a round of golf at Manatee. With a score of 37, Jon **Green**, Mark **Lambert**, Addison **Mitchell**, Rich **Byers**; **2nd Place** earned each player a dozen RocketBall golf balls. with a score of 39, Don "Duffy" **Gilbert**, Dave "Mo" **Money**, Bruce "Nitro" **Snelgrove**, Ric "El Guapo" **Matus**; **3rd Place** earned each player a dozen Callaway golf balls with a score of 40, Jerry **McFadden**, Gary **Killian**, Jimmy **Vaughan**, Paul **Bertrand**

The final award of the evening was for the raffle of those that bought tickets on hole 7. The ticket was drawn and John **Mitchell** from RRI walked away with \$135 with the other \$135 going back to the LRDA.

Thanks to our **great sponsors** for this event, **Riverside Research**, \$250; **Great Eastern Group**, \$125 and **Kegman, Inc.**, \$125.

It was a good turnout and at the end of the day it seemed that everyone that participated had a good time, plenty of food, and beverages. Looking forward to the 24th Fall Event (scheduled, see page 1).

(Editorially Speaking continued from Pg 2)

Col Aaron **Prupas**, the Commander of the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NAISC) which is located at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Prior to his current assignment there, Col Prupas was the AFTAC Commander from Jun 2010 to May 2012. A third colonel was Col James **Denbow**, the AFTAC Director of Atmospheric and Space (AFTAC/TH). Col Denbow did not give a speech but did assist Col Parker with Q & A about AFTAC.

On Friday evening, we had several briefings. TSgt Steve **Schermerhorn** from Detachment 45 located at Buckley AFB in Aurora and TSgt Mark **LeDoux** from Detachment 46 located at Schriever AFB east of Colorado Springs gave a joint briefing about their detachment missions and how the two detachments interact. Mr. Jeff **Moore**, the Operating Location Chief at OL-GT located at Cheyenne Mountain AFS just west of Colorado Springs gave a briefing about their research and development laboratory mission. Mr. Moore is a former 99106 laboratory technician.

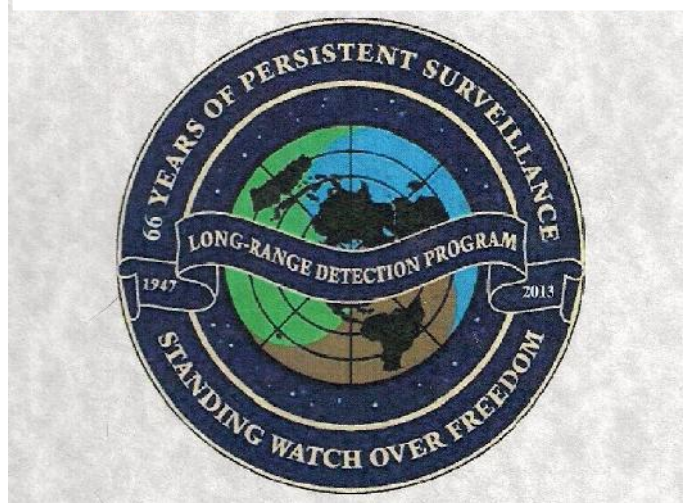
We also had a briefing by MSgt (Sel) Chris **Sutor** from the 566th Intelligence Squadron located at Buckley AFB. TSgt Sutor is one of many 9S100's (99's)

who are assigned to non-AFTAC units.

Regarding the Detachment 45 tour on Saturday, SSgt Aaron **Smith** was the primary NCO conducting the tours. He was assisted by several other active duty detachment members who drove the two vans and who set up the refreshments and briefings at the Leadership and Development Center staging area. (Editors Note: As a part of this briefing, Sgt Smith presented a video of interest to attendees that readers would also enjoy, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6TbIw2Ahl8&list=PLKWJsHM1d0ZsJ1rqTNfLBAtEDv> and mentioned several others, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3zJ5ik5Na60&list=PLEFFE6316B694B346> and, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6TbIw2Ahl8>. SSgt Smith also led the detachment members in the Presentation of Colors at the Saturday dinner."

Thanks, Bill, for these names and the quick rundown. There was also a golf outing and a 'Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum Tour' offered.

The speakers, across the board, were excellent and informative. At one point Col Parker asked Col's Prupas and Denbow to join him in a question and answer period with those attending the banquet. It was very enlightening to be present at such an open exchange between those serving the mission now and those of us who had served. (more on the reunion, with the logo, follows)



#### JUN 14-16, LONG RANGE DETECTION WORLDWIDE REUNION

June 13, Det 418 Mini-Reunion, see report following.

THE COLORADO CHAPTER HOSTED BOTH EVENTS. MAJOR ARRANGERS, WORLDWIDE, BILL SCHMIED-DET 418, FRANK CALENDIA

We asked 'Alumni of the Year-2012,' and fellow reunion attendees, Gene & Dee **Mechior**, to report on the WorldWide, Dee replied:

"Wanted to share with everyone that Gene and I had a great time in Denver. We offer our thanks to the Colorado folks for their great hospitality. Bill **Schmied** and his committee did a super job coordinating the affair. The hotel staff was great and I tip my hat to those responsible for the great breakfast buffet provided. Lonnie **Gibbons** and Al **Doughty** did a great job in preparing and tending bar in the hospitality room.

Everyone enjoyed the scheduled trips to Det 045, the Wing Over the Rockies Museum and the golf tournament, as well as "The Reunion within the Reunion" for



those who share such good memories of their time at DET 418. Frank and Edna **Calenda** should take a bow for bringing so many of those folks together.

Gene and I spent quite a bit of time in the hospitality room, and enjoyed visiting with old friends ( and making new ones ), while selling Alumni shirts, jackets, hats and etc.

A highlight of the banquet on Saturday night was the idea there might be an announcement of 'Alumni of the Year (AOY)-2013.' As a recent selectee for the 2012 honor I anticipated this event and wondered who it might be. At a point in the evening our Florida Chapter Newsletter Editor/Publisher, John **Horsch**, was called to the podium and I wondered if it was time. It seemed more likely when he called, and introduced, previous AOY's in attendance to join him in front of the podium, see picture below. John also mentioned those who had deceased, his wife, Christel, Jack **Smith**-2010, Ben **Vlassick**-2000 and Carl **Gailey**-96.

I listened as John read the multitude of reasons for selection of 'Alumni of the Year-2013' and asked at several times, "HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHO YOU ARE??" I remember thinking " It has to be Lonnie!" And sure enough, it was, Lonnie **Gibbons** was named 'Alumni of the year 2013!' Please do not forget I had not met Lonnie until 2 nights previously.

By the night of the banquet, having watched him as he tirelessly tended bar, and helped wherever possible, I had decided this was someone who "GAVE TO HIS GROUP." It was "Great" to hear he had been selected by his AOY Peers. Ginny, his wife and mate, not only had shared in many accomplishments, and stood with Lonnie as the artifacts of this honor, were presented.

I hope to see everyone we saw in Colorado, and more, at our 2015 Florida reunion. There is something "kin" to a sense of family in the AFTAC group. These reunions leave me "looking forward" to the next one.

### June 13, Det 418 Mini-Reunion

FRANK CALEDA REPORTS:

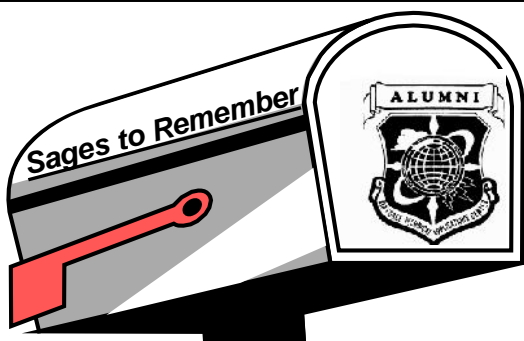
The Detachment 418 mini-reunion was held in conjunction with the Denver Chapter World Wide reunion on the 14th and 15th. This detachment was located at John Hay Air Base in the Philippines from 1961 to 1975, at which time it was deactivated. Thirty-seven former members and their wives, from around the country, attended the get-together. The event was a rousing success with many stories of good times, a lot of laughter and even a few tears. This get-together was testimony to the camaraderie and lasting friendships that are typical of our organization. **Editor's Note:** I was honored to be invited to this event and can personally attest to the success it was; a lot of memories were exchanged that night..



Above: the Det 418 Attendees pose in the hotel hallway for this shot.

Below, AOY Portrait: John Horsch-99, Ginny and Lonnie Gibbons-2013; Dee & Gene Melchior-2012; Dale Klug-2011; Bill Schmied-2007





## Personals ...

Wherein alumni report major events or turning points in their lives that are of interest to fellow Sages. Please send us information about awards, births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements, deaths and other events (military or otherwise).

**None Reported**

## In Memoriam

Frank F Pilotte	Wanda Kimball
Glen Allan Whitcomb	Duane Bracken
Orville John Hollstein	Guy 'Buck' Copland
Frederick Campbell	Pauline A. Buttery
Thomas W. Buttery	Gayle Johnson
Milton Deckard	Galen Pound
Nedra Szachta	



## Rest in Peace

### Frank F Pilotte

NOTIFIED BY DEBORAH CARSON WHO RECEIVED THIS NOTICE FROM FLORENCE MARTIN, "TO THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW DR. FRANK PILOTTE, THIS IS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT HE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 27. HE HAD BEEN STRUGGLING WITH RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS FOR QUITE A WHILE AND FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WAS IN A REHABILITATION CENTER. TO THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW HIM, HE WAS DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR TREATY MONITORING AT AFTAC FOR MANY YEARS. I TALKED TO HIM JUST BEFORE HE DIED AND HE WAS VERY WEAK AND WANTED SO MUCH TO GO HOME. PER DR. PILOTTE'S WISHES, THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOR FAMILY ONLY. HIS WIFE, MARILYN, IS IN AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN VERO BEACH. PLEASE REMEMBER HER AND THE FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS."

Dr. Frank F. Pilotte, 89, died March 27, 2013, in Vero Beach. He was born in Clifton, Kentucky, to Frank and Bessie (Crowley) Pilotte. Mr. Pilotte received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics in 1946 and his Master of Science in Mathematics in 1948 from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. He then completed his Doctorate in Geophysics at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. He served in WWII with the US Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 in the Middle East Command as a meteorologist and operations officer. After the war he returned to the academic world, teaching in the fields of meteorology and seismology while completing work on his doctorate. He was later engaged in a private business in Miami, Florida, before returning to military service in the Air Force. While assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center in Alexandria, Virginia, Dr. Pilotte served as chief of the Systems Development Branch in the VELA Seismological Center. He continued

in that position as a civilian after 1965 and became director of the VELA Seismological Center. In 1974 he moved with AFTAC to Patrick Air Force Base as assistant technical director for Geophysics, a position he held until 1985 when he became director of Geophysics; that position was redesignated director of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring in 1987. He was survived by his wife of over 60 years, Marilyn J. Pilotte, of Vero Beach, sons Frank T. Pilotte (Bjaye) of Palm Beach Gardens, FL and William F. Pilotte (Gloria) of Palm Harbor, FL, daughter Eleanor C. Torres, Baton Rouge, LA, sister, Inez Hunt of Taylor Mill, KY, granddaughters Bridget Hahn (Christopher), Kelly Skeins (Andrew) and Amanda Sander-son (Adrian), grandson William J. Pilotte, great-grandchildren Abigail & Madeline Hahn and Aiden & Gracie Skeings.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Tri county Humane Society, 21287 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton, Florida 33433 in memory of Dr. Pilotte. Arrangements are under the direction of Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach-Online guestbook:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tcpalm/obituary.aspx?n=frank-f-pilotte&pid=164073129&fhid=10595#fbLoggedOut>

Published in the TC Palm on April 7, 2013

### Wanda Kimball

NOTIFIED BY HUSBAND, JACK (RETIRED FROM AFTAC, 1970) JACK WROTE, "WANDA PASSED AWAY FRIDAY 5 APR 2013 IN GREENVILLE TX FROM CANCER - HER FUNERAL SERVICE WAS SUNDAY (04.07) AND SHE WAS CREMATED AND WILL BE BURIED HERE IN OUR LITTLE COMMUNITY. WE WERE MARRIED FOR 63 YEARS AND SHE SPENT THE 17 YRS I WAS IN AFTAC WITH ME. SHE KNEW MANY AIR FORCE FOLKS AND SHE LOVED THEM ALL AND WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH. JACK KIMBALL 1866 CR 2246 GREENVILLE, TX 75402"

*Herald Banner Staff* Obituary: GREENVILLE-Wanda Gay Kimball, 82, of Greenville passed away April 5, 2013, at her home. She was born Aug. 27, 1930, in Shreveport, La., to Lola Thompson Parker and Clay Edgar Parker. Wanda was a lifelong, loyal member of the order of The Eastern Star. She served as past Worthy Matron and Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Texas. She was beloved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Wanda married Jack Kimball on July 20, 1950, in Shreveport La.

She is survived by husband Jack, daughter and son-in-law Debby and Jim Maddox of Greenville, son and daughter-in-law Darrell and Julia Kimball of California, son and daughter-in-law Joe and Vickie Kimball of Greenville, eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, sister Joy Galbraith of Arkansas, and two nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother James Parker, and mother-in-law Irene Kimball Wyatt. The family requests that donations be made to The Eastern Star, Chapter 82, Caddo Mills. A memorial service was held Sunday (04.07) at Lynch Funeral Service in Greenville. Online condolences may be made at <http://heraldbanner.com/obituaries/x2015919682/Wanda-Kimball>.

### Glen Allan Whitcomb

NOTIFIED BY, AND PICTURE FROM, THE 2013.04 CA 'DEPOT FALLOUT' NEWSLETTER.



Glen Allan Whitcomb, Born August 16, 1955, in Key West, Florida, passed January 4, 2013, in Sacramento. He was a retired MSgt in the Air Force and an Antiochian Orthodox priest. He grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago with his parents, Les and Nancy. Upon graduating from Bremen High School in 1973, Glen spent a short time in College at University of Illi-

nois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, where he met his future bride, Lisa Moran. After that, he joined the US Air Force



in 1974, where tours of duty took him to places as far flung as Germany, where he also took his beloved bride after they were married on St. Patrick's Day in 1979. **In 1980, Glen was stationed at the Tech Ops Division of McClellan Air Force Base near Sacramento, CA, and he would be stationed there for the rest of his career, living in the area and raising his family.**

Soon after they moved, they would join a small community of Christian believers and seekers who would eventually join the Antiochian Orthodox Church under the patronage of St. Athanasius. Glen was ordained Deacon Polycarp in February of 1987, soon after he and his family were inducted into the Orthodox faith. After 20 years of service in the US Air Force, Glen retired with the rank of Master Sergeant in 1994. His family stayed in the Sacramento area to continue to serve St. Athanasius Antiochian Orthodox Church and to preserve the loving bonds they had built in the area.

Glen was a faithful and loving father and grandfather, taking a keen interest in his children's lives. He supported their hobbies and ambitions, and was well known in the Elk Grove School District for being an active and concerned parent while his children went to Florin High School.

He had a great love of Boy Scouts, joining the troop his sons joined as an Adult Leader, holding many offices up to the district level, serving as a mentor and merit badge counselor to many Scouts, and becoming a Vigil member of Order of the Arrow. He also received The Silver Beaver for his work with the local district, the Founder's Award for his work with the Order of the Arrow, and the Prophet Elias award for Orthodox Christians in scouting.

He was a faithful servant of the Church community, serving as a Deacon for many years, often the first to arrive at church before service, and the last to leave, only after making sure the church was left clean and secure until the next set of services. He had a hand in many church ministries and traditions, from youth education programs to church potlucks and barbecues. In addition, he was active in church leadership and ministry, both at the Deanery and Archdiocese levels, helping to organize meetings, retreats, and conferences. He also played a pivotal role in the organization and completion of the Orthodox Study Bible, an orthodox-faith focused bible which has become an essential tool for the preaching and spreading of the faith in the English speaking world, serving as a coordinator and assistant to Fr. Jack Sparks of blessed memory.

In 2007, he was ordained to the Priesthood as Father Polycarp by the order of his grace, Bishop Joseph. He stayed at St. Athanasius, but was often called upon to serve the needs of the many small mission parishes in the area. He would take over as head pastor of St. Athanasius after the death of the previous pastor, Fr. Richard Ballew of blessed memory. As head pastor, he redoubled his efforts to serve the community, and continued as a minister and councilor to many. He ministered to the sick and infirm of the community and headed many studies and youth groups for the edification of his flock. One of the greatest pleasures of his last few years was the birth of his first grandson, Liam. Glen always had a special affinity for children, and to see his grandson begin to grow, to share with him many favorite toys and movies and games, kept him excited and young at heart right up to his last days.

Glen Allan Whitcomb was a loving husband and father, and in the Orthodox Church Community, the Boy Scout Community, and every other circle he moved in, he was known as a kind and loving man, with a ready laugh and a sympathetic shoulder, and a tireless worker who was always ready to serve his fellow human. As he goes to his eternal reward, he leaves behind countless spiritual children and friends. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, his Children, Reader Daniel, Joshua, Subdeacon Stephen, and Monica, his Daughter-in-law Jillian, Grandson Liam, Mother Nancy, and Brothers Jim and Tom.

**Guest Book and more here:** <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?pid=162221040#fbLoggedOut>

### Robert 'Duane' Bracken 1940-2013

NOTIFIED BY JERRY LASBARRÉ WHO RECEIVED A CALL FROM FORMER SPOUSE, CATHY BRACKEN

Former Eagle River resident Robert "Duane" Bracken,



72, died March 22, 2013, in Columbia Falls, MT, of congestive heart failure. Duane was born on November 24, 1940, in Astoria, OR, to Robert O. and Carrie Bracken. He graduated from Annandale High School, Annandale, VA, in 1960, and attended Montana State College in Bozeman from 1960-1962. Afterward, Duane joined the USAF and for several

years during the heart of the cold war he worked with the **Air Force Technical Application Center** supporting its mission to detect nuclear detonations.

He then trained to be a Special Agent for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, and his duties brought him to Elmendorf AFB in 1978 where he conducted white-collar crime investigations until his retirement in 1983. Duane then immediately went to work as a Special Agent for the Alaska Railroad. In 1986, shortly after the State of Alaska purchased the railroad from the federal government, Duane was promoted to Chief Special Agent and held that position until his second retirement in 1992.

Duane was a life member of the Air Force Technical Application Center Alumni, a former member of the Alaska Peace Officers Association, Alaska Chiefs of Police Association, and International Association of Chiefs of Police.

In 1965, while Duane was assigned with the USAF in Alice Springs Australia, he met and married his first wife, Linda A. Stilling; she preceded him in death in 1967. In 1968 he married Catherine "Cathy" M. Morley and they remained together until 1997.

For many years Duane enjoyed hunting and fishing throughout Alaska, then he discovered golf. Soon after his retirement the Alaska summers became too short to support his golf habit so he packed up the motorhome and moved outside to follow the golfing weather across the west. Eventually he bought a home on a golf course in Kalispell MT, and golfed there until his golf swing out distanced his eyesight.

Duane was a true conversationalist and story teller. He scoffed at computers and the Internet, choosing instead to have "real" conversations either in person or on the telephone, and there was seldom a day when he didn't talk with family or friends on the phone. His family said that Duane was the link that kept his extended family connected with news and happenings. He had friends and relatives around the world, and loved to tell stories about his travels and the people he knew. He was a kind and generous man and many people, young and old, were the recipients of his generosity, which often meant an invitation to his home for "groceries" where he would cook up a wonderful meal.

Duane is survived by his sister Sandy Pease and her husband Don of Twisp, WA, niece Carrie L. Gerdes, her husband Dana and their daughters Taylor and Riley of Burlington, WA, nephew Brian Pease, his wife Pam and their children Jake and Morgan of Oak Harbor, WA, plus many cousins throughout Montana.

There are so many other family members and friends who held a special place in Duane's life it is impossible to list you all, but no recognition is really needed, you know who you are, and he knows how important each of you were in his life.

On Wednesday, June 12, at 4:45 p.m. there was a no host Celebration of Life, at Simon and Seafort's Restaurant in Anchorage. On Saturday, July 27 at 12:45 p.m., as requested by Duane, his ashes were scattered on the site of the family farm in Chester, MT, with a luncheon at Spuds Café in Chester. On Sunday, July 28 at 1p.m., there was a remembrance gathering at the Village Greens Golf Course in Kalispell, MT, and a luncheon hosted by the family

## Memoriam

RON COOK REMEMBERS

I can still picture Duane in the Zip Room where we shared many a shift. Sorry to know he is gone. So true, Ron, and he did a lot to make it a good shift.

### Orville John Hollstein

NOTIFIED BY DALE KLUG



Born: June 21, 1928, in Pioneer Ohio, Passed: June 3, 2013, Born to John and Viva Hollstein. Proceeded in death by brother (Harvey) and sister (Charlene). Survived by brother (George), sister (Janet), wife of 62 years (Betty), son (Robert) and his wife (Carol), grandchildren (Jon, Heather, David), great grandchildren (Natalie, Garrett, Nickolas, Alissa).

Graduated Morenci High School (Michigan) in 1947. Joined Army Air Corps in June 1948, becoming U.S. Air Force. Retired with 20 years of service as Tech Sergeant. Followed by retirement from the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier in Colton and Grand Terrace. Active member as a Master Mason of Inland Empire Masonic Lodge (Rialto), recipient of Hiram Award, a 32 degree in Scottish Rite and York Rite (San Bernardino), a Noble to Al Malaikah Shrine (Los Angeles), past President of the Paradise Valley Shrine Club and parade unit, member of San Bernardino Elk's, Past Worthy Patron of Tri-Star Chapter 211 O.E.S., Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughters (Rialto), Rainbow Dad for Rainbow for Girl's (Rialto), advisor of Order of DeMolay (Rialto). He and wife were self sufficient till a year ago when complicated by health conditions.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his honor to the Shriners Hospitals for Children (Los Angeles 213-388-3151) or San Bernardino Scottish Rite Center Speech Clinic (909-887-4415). Viewing was June 9, Funeral Services, June 10 at Montecito Memorial Park Chapel, Colton, CA. He will be given full military honors. Published in San Bernardino Sun on June 7, 2013. Website, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sbsun/obituary.aspx?n=orville-john-hollstein&pid=165188792&fhid=8510#fbLoggedOut>

### Guy 'Buck' Warren Copland

NOTIFIED BY JACK O'CONNOR

July 14, 2007, Guy Warren Copeland, 82, of Kailua (HI), a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and pilot, died in Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali Momi. He was born in Jonesboro, Ark. He is survived by wife Lyndell J., son Steve, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Private services. This information was found here, <http://archives.starbulletin.com/2007/07/24/news/obits.html> Reported in the Star Bulletin (Honolulu), 2007.07.24.

NOTE: Jack added in a later email, 'Lyn died about 3 years later. I kept in close contact with her after Buck's death. Buck came to the 1009th at WFO in Aug 1955 and spent many years in HQ, Hawaii and Wheeler Field.'

### Frederick A. Campbell

NOTIFIED BY GENE MELCHIOR, VERIFIED BY CLARK CREERY

Formerly of Cincinnati, OH, was the beloved husband of the late Shirley Campbell, devoted father of Belinda (Daniel) Bowersox nee Campbell, Robert (Cindy) Campbell and Tina Jo Campbell. Also survived by five grandchildren, James, Bobby, Stephen, Nicole and

Ryan; and two great-grandchildren, Alexis and Emma. Preceded in death by his parents, Bernard Campbell and Lucille Schuler; and brother, Robert "Bob" Campbell. 27 year career in the Air Force/Decorated Air Force veteran, passed away Friday, May 10, 2013, at the age of 75. Resident of Palm Bay, FL (Formerly of Cincinnati, OH). Visitation was held in Cincinnati, OH on May 17th, Funeral Service followed, Interment at Spring Grove Cemetery. Website, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/cincinnati/obituary.aspx?n=frederick-campbell&pid=164809019&fhid=5472#fbLoggedOut>.

### Pauline A. (Burgess) Buttery

NOTIFIED BY JOHN GRIFFITHS AND JIM DAVIS

Pauline A. (Burgess) Buttery, 92, Overland Park, Kan., formerly of Alexandria, Va., passed away Thursday, January 24, 2013. No services are planned. Interment is planned at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., at a later date. Pauline was born to Samuel and Willa May (Long) Burgess on Nov. 1920, in Telluride, Colo. In 1923 the family, moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where Pauline grew up. After graduating from high school she attended Fresno State College and the University of California-Los Angeles. She worked for Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica, Calif., where she met her future husband. In 1943 she entered the United States Marine Corps, qualified in control tower operation and served as a control tower operator at various bases in the United States and Hawaii, before being honorably discharged in 1946 holding the rank of Sergeant. In 1946 she married Thomas William Buttery in West Los Angeles, Calif., and the two moved to St. Paul; Minn., where they both earned bachelor degrees from the University of Minnesota. They raised two daughters while Thomas served in the United States Air Force at various bases in the United States and Japan. His assignments led to their settling in Alexandria in 1959, where they lived until moving to Kansas in 2007. Survivors include her daughter, Janet L. Buttery of Mission, Kan., her brother, John Burgess of Aiea, Hawaii, her Sister, Kay (Burgess) Davis of Sun Lakes, Ariz. and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, her daughter, Linda S. Buttery, -her brothers, Jean (Bud) Burgess, Charles Burgess, and her sisters, Lillian (Burgess) Rhew and Harriet (Burgess) Nehring. Memorial contributions may be made to Kansas Advocates for Better Care, an organization co-founded by her sister, Harriet Nehring, at 913 Tennessee, Suite 2, Lawrence; KS 66044, [www.kabc.org](http://www.kabc.org), or to the Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care, 10100 West 87th Street, Suite 100, Overland Park, KS 66212, [www.kchospice.org](http://www.kchospice.org). Arr.: Cremation Society of KS ~ MO, (913) 383-9888. ~ Cremation Society of Kansas & Missouri [WWW.kccremation.com](http://WWW.kccremation.com)

### Thomas (Tom) W. Buttery

NOTIFIED BY JOHN GRIFFITHS AND JIM DAVIS

Thomas (Tom) W. Buttery, 88, Mission, Kansas, formerly of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away Saturday, October 18, 2008. No services are planned. Interment is planned at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Tom was born to Thomas and Bertha (Rye) Buttery on September 12, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota. After graduating from high school he moved to Los Angeles, California, worked for Douglas Aircraft Company and earned his associates degree from Santa Monica Junior



College. Joining the Army Air Corps in 1943 he completed pilot training to later fly the B-24 Liberator. In 1946 he married Pauline Adelaide Burgess in Los Angeles, and they moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they both earned bachelor degrees from the University of Minnesota. Tom rejoined active duty military service in 1950; and while in the service attended Ohio State University where he earned his Masters degree and later did post graduate studies. He Served as a Staff Officer and Command Pilot in the US Air Force, stationed at various airbases in the US and Japan until retiring in 1972, having achieved the rank of Colonel and being awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of 'Outstanding service to the US in the Office of Chemistry Programs, Division of Physical Research, US Atomic Energy Commission. For the next ten years'. Tom worked in civil service program management of the US Atomic Energy Commission, later the US Department of Energy, in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Survivors include his wife Pauline A. Buttery and daughter, Janet L. Buttery, both of Mission Kansas, his, brother George D. Buttery of Largo, Florida, and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter ' Linda S. Buttery, his brother Allan R., Buttery and his sister Lois J. (Buttery) Hollingsworth. Memorial contributions may be made to .Kansas Advocates for Better Care, 913 Tennessee, Suite 2, Lawrence, KS 66044 ([WWW.kabc.org](http://WWW.kabc.org)). (Arrangements: Cremation Society of KS & MO, 913-383-9888) - **NOTE: John added** in his email, Major Buttery was the lab honcho at Det 401 back in the 1956-57 timeframe. I thought you would like to pass these obits of him and his wife on to AFTAC members that knew him.

### Gayle Johnson

07.11, NOTIFIED BY JOE JOHNSON AND BOB FITZGERALD, BOB WROTE, "RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM JOE JOHNSON THAT HIS DEAR WIFE, GAYLE, PASSED AWAY TODAY. I HAVE PUT A ONE-LINE NOTICE ON OUR [WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG](http://WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG) WEBSITE "HOME" PAGE AND A PHOTO AND BRIEF INFO IN A NEW ENTRY FOR OUR "DEPARTED" PAGE. I WILL UPDATE THAT PAGE WHEN I GET MORE INFORMATION FROM JOE BUT I WANTED EVERYONE TO KNOW GAYLE'S PASSING RIGHT AWAY SINCE SHE (AND JOE) HAVE BEEN SUCH A BIG PART OF OUR WEST COAST CHAPTER FOR SO LONG."

07.20, BOB INFORMS US OF THE OBITUARY IN THE SACRAMENTO BEE, LINK HERE, [HTTP://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/SACBEE/OBITUARY.ASPX?PAGE=LIFESTORY&PID=165924438#FBLGGEDOUT](http://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/SACBEE/OBITUARY.ASPX?PAGE=LIFESTORY&PID=165924438#FBLGGEDOUT)



Gayle Lee Johnson (née Martin) passed away suddenly on 11 July 2013. She was born 22 August 1934 in Powell, Nebraska. She lived for many years in the Roseville area and was a retail salesperson, quilter, mother, and grandmother. She was 78 years old when she passed away from natural causes after a long struggle with multi-

ple sclerosis. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, **Joseph Johnson**, her daughter Carol Bowman, and her son Robert Johnson, all residents of Carmichael; by her grandchildren Kristen Bowman and James Bowman, both of Santa Monica; and by her sisters Patricia Will of Woodburn, Oregon, and Kathleen Hall of Philomath, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her sister Dennis Freer and her brother Armond Martin. Gayle graduated in 1974 from Sacramento State University after a very active life as an Air Force wife. She particularly loved the family's posting to Wheeler, AFB, in Wahiawa, Hawaii, where she pursued her continuing education in Home Economics at the University of Hawaii. She was an avid cook and quilter, and

was a member of the Roseville Quilters Guild. Her zest for the domestic arts was infectious and was shared with all those who knew her. On Monday, July 29, after the private interment at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, family and friends (were) invited to a life celebration reception in the Fireside Room of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1615 Morse Ave, Sacramento, from 2:00 until 5:00. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

### Memoriam

JOHN HORSCH

It was with great sadness I read of Joe's loss. Gayle was a real AFTACer and Trooper, and we often enjoyed each others company at WorldWide Reunions.

AL AND ANN PAVIK

With our deepest sympathy to Joe and Gayle's family. Gayle was a special friend over the years and will be missed but always remembered.

### Milton Deckard

NOTIFIED BY DALE KLUG AND BOB FITZGERALD, 07.20. DALE WROTE, 'MILTON WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1155TH/MCL AS AN ENLISTED AIRMAN, 1964-1967. BOTH JOHN MINER & I KNEW HIM. JOHN WORKED WITH HIM & I WAS IN THE SAME BARRACKS (507). A SMART MAN WHO APPLIED FOR AND WAS ACCEPTED FOR OTS. SACRAMENTO BEE, 07.19, OBITUARY & GUEST BOOK, [HTTP://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/SACBEE/OBITUARY.ASPX?N=MILTON-ERWIN-DECKARD&PID=165906601&FHID=8303#FBLGGEDOUT](http://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/SACBEE/OBITUARY.ASPX?N=MILTON-ERWIN-DECKARD&PID=165906601&FHID=8303#FBLGGEDOUT)



Milton Deckard-Capt (USAF Retired), March 16, 1942 - July 10, 2013. Milton was the man who had family and friends in everyone's hearts. His saying in life was for everyone to celebrate theirs. He will be missed always and memories of him will live in all of our hearts forever.

We salute you Milton. Memorial Services with full Military Honors, Saturday, July 20, 2013, at the Garden of Sylvan Cemetery, 7401 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights, CA 95610. Reichert's Funeral Service - Directors.

### Galen Pound

NOTIFIED BY RICH SHADER, 07.29 - OBITUARY WAS PUBLISHED IN FLORIDA TODAY, 07.30. RICH WROTE: "... I'M SORRY TO REPORT THAT GALEN POUND PASSED AWAY LAST NIGHT (07.28). I ATTEND THE SAME CHURCH THAT GALEN AND DONNA ATTENDS."



**OBITUARY:** (Florida Today, 07.31)

Galen William Pound, Melbourne, FL, June 9, 1941 - July 28, 2013 Galen was born and raised in Grand Junction, Colorado. **He was a member of the Air Force from 1960-1981.** As a kid, he worked for local farmers and drove a truck for his dad. He married Donna Giles on

June 24, 1961. His hobbies were playing golf, bowling, and traveling in the RV. While retired he traveled as much as possible and if he was not traveling he was golfing or planning their next trip. He was a member of Pineda Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife Donna Pound; 3 daughters Renay Crouse, Colene Hewitt, and Tammy Bond; 6 grandchildren Amanda Rinehart, Matthew Rinehart, Sabrina Hewitt, Katlin Bond, Randy Bond, and Rachel Bond.; 2 great granddaughters Paige and Annabelle.; 2 brothers and their families, Donald of Idaho and Ronald of North Carolina; one sister and her family Mary Lou Ottman of Idaho. He was preceded in death by parents, Doc and Dola

Pound, two brothers, Estel and Gary. He was a wonderful husband, brother, and an awesome father, and we will miss him dearly. Viewing was August 1, at Florida Memorial Gardens in Rockledge; Funeral Services were August 2, a reception followed at Pineda Presbyterian Church. Memorials may be sent to Pineda Presbyterian Church 5650 N. Wickham Road, Palm Shores, Florida 32940.

Editor's Note: The website link to this obituary (guest book) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?pid=166134308#fbLoggedOut>

**Memoriam(s)** (see guest book for more postings):

JOHN HORSCH

Galen and Donna were in our lives for many years ... those years were some of the best of our lives.

JUDY MILAM

Galen and I worked in TD-1 (now TG) in Alexandria -- he was in TD-1C and I was in TD-1B -- and I especially remember a Halloween party at Ann **Roth's** house where Galen dressed as a girl in Donna's clothes. When he came into the party, ahead of Donna, no one knew who he was; it resulted in a lot of laughs, but I can tell you he looked pretty good as a girl. Another young airman from TD-1 -- I think his name was Jackie **Graver** (I'm not sure about the last name) dressed as a girl also -- it was very funny. By the way, I was dressed as an ape. Many years later, Galen and I were in a writing class together at BCC. Many alumni may remember that Galen played in our golf tournaments for many years, and I think his team even won -- or at least placed -- at some point.

#### Nedra Szachta

07.29 Major Frank Szachta (ret) reports that his wife, Nedra of 61 years of marriage died in her sleep on June 22, 2013. Her death happened while in St. Louis visiting her children's families. She was buried by Collier's Funeral Home, at Jefferson Barracks cemetery, a military site in south St. Louis county. Frank served in AF-TAC at McClellan AFB, CA from 1965-1967, and at McChord AFB, WA., from 1967 -1970. She will be missed by many family members and friends who knew of her sewing and embroidery skills that she performed for many childrens and veterans groups throughout her life. She was an exceptionally compassionate wife and mother as well as a prolific volunteer in numerous sewing projects throughout her life.



#### 'Scene Sages'

AT OUR WEBSITE, PG 4, CLARK CREERY, MAJOR MAINTANINER

#### Golf N'Getogether XIV/WorldWide 2013



Above, 1st Place, Jon Green, Mark Lambert, Addison Mitchell, AWOL, Rich Byers. Don Gilbert, hat, plans theft of Mitch's prize.

Middle, 2nd Place, Bruce Snellgrove, Rick Mans, Don Gilbert, In Charge, Ed Lindsay, Dave Money. Don now has his own prize.

Below 3rd Place Gary Killian, Jerry McFadden, Jimmie Vaughn, Paul Bertrand, Ed Ed making a point, Don Gilbert muses.



Below, Alumni of the Year, 2013, Lonnie Gibbons, relaxes with his wife, Ginny, knowing at any moment he will be called upon to take care of a major WorldWide 2013 crisis!! Photo by Bill Schmied





# MAIL - CALL



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**Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

Missives requesting no action may be mailed/mailed to the editor, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com.' Those may be edited for clarity and space but not normally for punctuation, wording, etc; opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy.

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**Thanks to all who contact us!** 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).



## FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'-FIRST 24-HOURS

SEVERAL 'SAGES' LEFT 'COMMENTS' AT THE 'BOX.COM' WEBSITE WHEN 'CLICKING' UP THEIR MOST RECENT EPOMO. EVEN THOUGH WE'D PREFER TO RECEIVE THE COMMENTS DIRECTLY, 'WE'LL TAKE EM ANY WAY WE CAN GET EM."

**CLARK CREERY SENT THE EPOMO LINK TO OUR ESUBSCRIBERS ON 03.11 AT 1414, EARLY RESPONDERS:**

**Jimmy Davis @ 1344**, 'Left at Box.com'-As usual, this is an exceptional edition. You're #1 again, Jim, good work.

**Jim Closs @ 1444**, Left at 'Box.com'-Forward Area Tech, 1979-1988, As usual, this is an exceptional edition of the POMO. Jim later added in an email, As usual, this edition of the PoMo is outstanding. It is a fitting tribute to the AFTAC family that with the unexpected loss of the co-editor, the mission is continuing. Thanks, Jim, your praise is well taken.

**Frank Calenda, 1532** Okay, okay, who edited this edition. Picture on page 4, bottom right, names. I don't think that anyone ever met an AFTAC couple by the name of Ed and Edna Calenda. I thought everyone in-

volved in this must know that there is a Frank and Edna Calenda. I know, I know, this was a quick publication effort. Frank (not Ed). Good catch, Ed, er Frank.

**Sean Ryan @ 1815** Clark, Ruth, another "Outstanding" issue and Teamwork ... once again, bar none! Right on! v/r Thanks, Sean

## MAIL-CALL

**John Horsch 03.12**  
 The issue looks good, Clark and Ruth **Creery**. Thank you for another 'fine finish and polish.'

**Jim Davis** Left at 'Box.com' **03.12**  
 JIM COMMENTS ON THE 'WALL OF HONOR' REPORT FOR JERRY/TERRY LABARRE  
 Good picture Jerry, don't remember you looking that young ... Good picture of Terry also.

**Frank Szachta 03.13**  
 FRANK SZACHTA, AFTAC, 1965-71, SENT AN EARLIER EMAIL THAT HE SURMISED HE MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONLY, OR AT LEAST ONE OF A FEW, RESERVIST WHO SERVED AFTAC. I ASKED HIM ABOUT THAT AND HE WROTE:  
 I think I was selected as a candidate to join AFTAC upon college graduation in 1965 (even though I was a reserve officer) was that the technical subject of my Masters thesis was "Improve the reliability of a radio receiver mounted in a Nike Missile nosecone." This thought came to me recently, since upon joining the R & D group at McClellan's/AFTAC group was acceptance of a highly technical J-System (placing of a large crystal detector) in belly of a long-wing RB-57 plane at Albuquerque Base in NM. My classmate's (Regular USAF Officer) thesis subject was quite non-technical, "the study of a small new-england's fish heartbeat." This Regular entrant to AFTAC was selected as an OL Officer at Thule AB, Greenland.

Since I was an Instructor Pilot also, my part-time duties were as an Operations Officer in Airborne Systems duties during Air Alerts and as an Auxiliary Pilot on Command long-range trips across the Pacific AFTAC Dets & OL's. I noted that most of my AFTAC compatriots were Regular Officers, while I stayed a Reserve Officer as I approached my 20 year retirement date. I do not know for sure, if these thoughts are valid or just surmised. I know, in reading many obituaries over the years many AFTAC members served much of their military careers within the AFTAC family. We were offered Regular Officer status at the 19 & 1/2 year service point, but declined because we had decided to retire.

These thoughts could be mere conjecture, but we do accept that our AFTAC experience was exciting, and very fruitful in all respects. We were proud to have served in such a prestigious organization, even though the classified nature of our missions required a closed mouth existence throughout our service with you all. Your fellow compatriots. Thanks for your thoughts ... maybe some of our readers will respond.

**Later Frank added (04.22):** I will try to be less wordy in future, due to possible postings. You folks all over the Alumni Assn's in FL, CO, and CA, are doing a great service for us past members of a super unit, we really

appreciate your work. Maj USAF (Ret) AFTAC alumni & proud of it.

### Sage Report(s)

ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES. HYPERLINKS, IF ANY, WERE ACTIVE WHEN CHECKED. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE AND RECOMMEND A WEB 'SEARCH.'

#### Clark Creery

04.17

This is fascinating ... the secret convoy that moved the A-12 (SR71 Blackbird) from Burbank, CA to Area 51 for flight testing. [http://www.roadrunnersinternationale.com/transporting\\_the\\_a-12.html](http://www.roadrunnersinternationale.com/transporting_the_a-12.html)

### MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

UPDATES BY CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

NOTE: APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE & THE LAST PAGE OF POMO.

NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATIONS IN FULL. WE GET SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

#### 'Serial Sages'

(New Lifetime Members)

Kenneth E Myers, James Hawkins, Eric Reynolds

#### 'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals)

Jack O'Connor, 1-yr; Walter Black, 3-yr;

#### Clark added this note with his update:

This past month, and previously, we have had numerous discussions concerning mailing PoMo to membership. We all know that the Postal Service continues to increase costs for mailing items. This is a primary reason we continue to ask, and remind, subscribers to consider electronic mailings to help us maintain our existing postal funding.

We currently support 622 members of the Florida Alumni Chapter. Our membership numbers are revised each year the new membership year approaches. This year the 2014 membership rolls will require the renewal of forty subscribers, twenty four have elected electronic e-mail addresses and they have desired that we provide information by their e-mail accounts. Twelve have e-mail addresses; however, they elect PoMo delivered via USPS; four do not have e-mail and will have to be notified by individual letter to their home addresses.

We want to, once again, remind you that there may come a time for an increase to offset our mailing costs if you do not consider e-mail. Innovative technologies have always allowed duties to be completed quicker, more competently, and more professionally than ever before. We of the Florida Chapter remind you that we prefer this method of communication vs additional costs for delivering your Post Monitors.

We thank you for your membership, now, please, go out and recruit a new member over the next year and show them the value of staying informed.

#### New/Renewal, Sage Shop and Notes of Interest

WE HAVE AN ONGOING REQUEST WITH CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR/MAJOR MAIL BOX' CHECKER, TO PASS ALONG NOTES HE RECEIVES DURING THE PROCESS. ALSO WE SOMETIMES RECEIVE MAIL WE BELIEVE WOULD BE INTERESTING TO OUR READERS.

#### John E. "Jack" O'Connor, CO Springs, CO:

1955---A2C, Stationed at McClellan AFB, 1009th Special Weapons Squadron, Western Field Office (WFO).

I was in the A99125A section flying in WB-29, WB-50 and WB-36 on debris collection flights. Flew routinely out of McClellan AFB but was TDY a lot.

Many TDY's to Eielson AFB, Territory of Alaska, Hickam AFB, Territory of Hawaii, with single TDY's to Indian Springs AFB, NV and Burtonwood AB, Warrington England with reflex to Keflavik AB, Iceland.

1958---SSGT, Transferred to the Territory of Hawaii (Ed Note: Hawaii became a state in Aug, 1959). I am (I believe) that **I am the only one to ever hold AFSC #A99125A (airborne) on flying status in the Islands.** The flying status was dropped when I left the 1009th to go to OCS in 1960.

Wondering if any others from "old days" will be at the reunion. What a great write-up, Jack ... O that all would be so forthcoming. I hope you found enough 'old timers' at the reunion.

UPON RECEIVING THIS I THOUGHT OF OTHER 'A' OLDTIMERS, JIMMY DAVIS AND JERRY LABARRE AND CONTACTED THEM. REPLIES:

**Jimmy Davis** wrote: Yeah, the name O'Connor does ring a bell, but I am not sure I was stationed with him at the same time...but think I knew him at McClellan AFB.....think he was a sorta blond with a little wave or curl in his hair.....best I can do for you .....it's been a long time ago you know..(55-60 years) and I guess my mind is slipping a little as well..... Jim, but you always have such interesting replies.

**Jack replied**, Well, I had a curl or wave, but it was black. I was about 5' 10" and 140 lbs---a skinny guy. I was at McClellan from June 1955 to June 1958 when I went to Hawaii with Buck Copeland. I arrived a 2 stripe and left a SSGT. I was in the flying section---can't remember what we called it.

If Jim was there ahead of me, perhaps he remembers MSgt **Hollingsworth**, TSgt **Brown**---killed in a WB-50 in Alaska, Gary Moles, Huebner, etc. Also Col Griffith, LtCol **Koerschner & Glazer**?. A Capt who was shot in a hunting accident, Capt **Coppage** (OCS) grad & Capt **Hoover**. Doc **Rock**?

I remember a Jerry **LeBarre**---One of the best operators---think he went overseas in about 1957? He kept in close touch with Buck Copeland who arrived from B-36's at Ellsworth in late '55.

Also kept in touch with Jim **Arnold** in Admin who went to Hawaii just before me then on to Anchorage as County Clerk or something like that after a medical discharge. Later, returned to Sacto where he passed some years ago..

Wait---a 58 year flashback. Jim---were you the one that had to go identify Brownie at the crash site? It's going to be interesting sorting out us old farts!!

**Jim replied**, Yeah, I remember all of those guys "Jack" (John) mentioned...the Capt who was shot was Capt **McMichael**...and no...I wasn't the one that had to identify Brownie...that was another Davis...**Guy Davis**.....yeah a lot of memories there....I left McClellan in July -August 1955 to go to overseas...but I do vaguely remember **O'Connor**...a lot going on back then when we were trying to develop and up grade our airborne



sampling equipment...man !!!! what an experience....and you must remember John **Lanigan**, Charlie **Heckman**, **McCulsky** (?) and a few others too numerous to mention all of them...a great crew of just plain ordinary people doing one hell of a job doing what was needed to get the job done...and what a great group of officers....**Koerschner**, **Sherman**, **MacMichael**, **Copeland**, **Cozine**, (all airborne section) and of course the others you mentioned as well. There was another one who I almost forgot....**Sharpless**.....yeah...all super people who were really a TEAM. maybe that is why the name TEAM was used before it became DET anyway we as I said did a lot of experimenting back then to see what would or wouldn't work to get the job done....one, of which I had a part of trying to develop something (in this case heated tracks in the E-1 Foil) where we could get the filter screens in and out when the foil was "iced up," and yeah going from the A-1 to the B-1....We didn't make a lot money doing all this....but I feel well compensated after being retired for 40 years in May!!!!!! just looking back ...and I think it was the C-1 foil not E-1 foil.....see how the old mind is slipping a bit...maybe there are other instances as well so you just have to read between the lines and try to figure it out as best YOU can remember !!!!!Yeah, and thank you for the memories !!!

#### **Pat Bonsall, Zephyr Hills, FL**

(Pat sent a 'Sage Shop' order and wrote on that order) Find my order on reverse side for a Traditional AFTAC Coin.

I worked for Pat Collins (TN) (AFTAC/TT) and then Walt Singlevich 1985-86 then Frank Pilotte (AFTAC/TG) 1986-1991. What a great group of characters - especially remember DO's Christmas Parties. Only saw AFTAC at Patrick AFB - you guys 'out there' did all the work. Look forward to adding to my coin collection. Wow, another great letter from one of our subscribers. Pat, thanks so much for this note with your coin order.

#### **NOTICE: JOSEPH MICHAEL GOLDIAN Sr**

NOTIFIED BY BOB WILEY

GOLDIAN Sr., Joseph Michael, 91, of Palm Bay, died Monday, July 1, 2013. Arrangements by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, Melbourne. Published, FL Today, July 4, 2013

**Joe Goldian, Jr, added:** Major (Ret.) Joseph Goldian Sr served in the US Army during WWII, earning the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with cluster, and the Korean War. Following a career as an auditor/analyst/manager in the U.S. Army Audit Agency, he retired to North Carolina in 1983 and moved to Palm Bay in 2010 . He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. There was a viewing on July 6th at the Ammen Facility in Melbourne followed by a service at St Josephs in Palm Bay. Joe, Jr., is our longtime treasurer of the FL Chapter. Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers go with him.

#### **Clark Creery, FL Chapter Membership**

FOR SOME TIME WE HAVE ENCOURAGED MEMBERS TO RECEIVE THE POMO ELECTRONICALLY, NOT JUST FOR THE MONEY IT SAVES YOUR ASSN BUT ALSO FOR THE BENEFITS TO YOURSELF, TIMELINESS, IN COLOR, FLEXIBILITY, ETC. WE THOUGHT PUBLISHING THIS NOTICE IN 'MAIL-CALL' MIGHT CATCH YOUR EYE.

"Electronic mail has revolutionized the ways of commu-

nication. The modern times have witnessed the technology improve by leaps and bounds. Instant messaging and response is the order of the hour!

This electronic mail is a powerful tool with immense capabilities apart from just correspondence. It comes with essential add-ons like address book, reminders, contacts & appointments manager, facility to send attachments in various formats, paperless communication, security of information & access, archiving, storage, search and retrieval functions.

The dependability and availability of email is based on the internet/ wireless connectivity. The software used for email (client) and the service provider (free or paid) also add value to the service. It is a postal address on the web and it has become necessity to have and use an e-id! Email is the lifeline for commercial establishments such as banks, marketing, multinationals, education, medicine, science, engineering and many businesses to conduct their works. It has saved time, energy, money and is environ friendly saving paper & ink while bringing in more vigor, life and value to personal communication." Please, if not already an electronic subscriber, give it a go!! It will help you and the assn.

#### **NOTE OF INTEREST: Frank Calenda**

FRANK ASKED THIS BE POSTED IN THE POMO, WE ARE HAPPY TO DO SO.

#### **The 2014 Disney Salute Program**

The Walt Disney Company has been offering an Armed Forces Salute ever since 2009. These fantastic Military Discounts apply to both the theme park tickets and resort rooms, and have allowed many military families to enjoy a great Disney vacation. Tickets can be purchased for either Walt Disney World in Orlando or Disneyland in California but are not interchangeable. Disney has just announced that this program has been renewed through Sep 2014. Here are the details, available to active or retired personnel and their guests. If you have any questions, Frank invites email queries at [fcalenda@aol.com](mailto:fcalenda@aol.com) and he'll try to find answers. <http://www.militarydisneytips.com/2014-Disney-Armed-Forces-Salute.html>

#### **More 'Scene Sages' from our Website, Pg 4**



WorldWide 2013, Det 418 Major Arranger, Frank Calenda and spouse, Edna. They know Chris and I always hated that they take such a great picture!! Photo by Bill Schmied

# PREZ Terry FROM Hammond THE TOP SEN

As I end my second (final) year as your LRDAAs President, I would like to take this occasion to offer some thoughts about our organization, and to thank everyone that I had a chance to work with over this period.

My first thought is that the LRDAAs is a great organization with active membership hovering around 620 for the past several years. Our organization enables us to keep in touch with a lot of old friends that we would probably lose track of otherwise. And our support and participation in the Chapter and Worldwide Reunions continues to bring our members together and to keep good memories flowing. The annual Snowball, bi-annual Golf N'Gettogether, and our participation and contributions to the Active Duty Winter Social, Picnic and WindDowns, make the LRDAAs a vibrant and meaningful organization. Our members' continued contributions and involvement in the AFTAC Cares Program demonstrates to the Active Duty troops that we care about them, and encourages Active Duty membership and involvement in the LRDAAs.

My second thought is that we have a dedicated CORE of members that keep our organization function smoothly and successfully. This group attends all the monthly meetings, and continues to volunteer their time and efforts to make all our activities work, they are the heart of the LRDAAs, and I would like to thank them for making my job as President so easy and routine. This group includes my fellow officers: VP Dave **Melton** (Dave has done an excellent job on the golf tournaments several years); Secretary Sean **Ryan** (who not only does a superb job with the routine meeting and minutes, but also is always thinking ahead and keeping things from falling through the cracks); and Treasurer Joe **Goldian** (who has "kept the books" for many years in spite of heavy family and job demands). Some (but by no means all) of the other key members are: Clark & Ruth **Creery** (membership and website); John **Horsch** (PoMo editor and chair of the Alumni of the Year committee); Judy **Milam-Henderson** and Deborah **Carson** (hospitality and social activities). There are many others in our CORE group that I haven't mentioned individually, but I would like to thank all of you for making my job easy and enjoyable over the past two years.

My final thought is that even though our membership is around 620, we have a CORE group of 15-20 active participants. As I have in the past, I would like to encourage more of you to join us for our monthly meetings (2nd Monday of each month) and to become more active in your organization. You can begin by joining us for the Annual Meeting on Sep 13, in the Tides at 1145. All the most current info is on the LRDAAs website (<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>). There is a lot of other useful info on that site and I recommend that you visit it frequently.

**Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories:** WW is an expanded listing of all who serve(d) we have record of-go to '<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>'-Pg 07.' Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Board Members

#### Elected

President-Terry Hammond Vice-David Melton  
Secretary-Sean Ryan Treasurer-Joe Goldian

#### Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Neri/CCS, Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/CC HO  
Hospitality-Judy Milam-Henderson, Web/Electronic Media-Mike  
Black, Clark Creery, John Horsch, Membership-Clark Creery Post-  
Monitor Editor/Alumni of the Year Coordinator-John Horsch  
Publicity-VACANT Sage Shop-Save Revels/HQ IG  
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### A Minute with the Minutes

**AFTAC Cares Program:** This ongoing program supporting deployed active duty AFTAC members continues to receive good support from Sages. (see PoMo active-duty section and alumni assn website for more). Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

**Golf:** Chief Melton/TM, 'Major Arranger' reports, pg 1.

**Hall of Heritage:** Mike Young/CC HO, We are moving slowly ahead with creating an AFTAC display at HQ, AFISRA. Right now we are in the process of planning the mock-up of a foil (to highlight airborne sampling) and procuring an older seismometer (to highlight seismic). Next steps will then be to work with the AFISRA HO display expert to put all of this together. It will probably be completed sometime this summer.

The design of the new building is 100% complete. I am satisfied at this point that our new 'Hall of Heritage' will have adequate space to tell our (your!) remarkable story and to preserve our heritage.

**Membership:** Clark Creery, WorldWide-4619, SEO-170, Deceased-467, FL/LT-623/562, ePoMo/USPS, 291/332.

**Post-Monitor:** John Horsch, as we went to print the 280+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the Dec issue posting at 'Box.com' a record number of times, 420 with 320 'Previews' and 120 'Downloads.' Thanks for that!!

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### 'Membership Musings'

CLARK CREERY, 04.09

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have paid attention to our requests to accept the Google Emails that you received telling you that your membership chair has made changes to the electronic accounts. It has been well over a year since we started the accounts-one is 'members only' and used to notify eSubscribers the latest ePoMo is available; the other is our 'eALLert' notification system for 'member and non-member' subscribers 'alerting' you to time-sensitive or important announcements (deaths, events, etc)-when we have your e-mail address we will try to place you in that account. Thus, when something needs to get out to the masses we have a way to notify you.

--additionally, our webpage keeps folks informed. Our Secretary, Sean Ryan, does a great job of keeping the



Active Duty and the Alumni personnel informed of events that will take place in the coming months.

FYI: We sent out 287 notifications for the electronic Post-Monitor last issue and I do believe, that we have solved our terrible e-mail address listing. Google still has not enabled us to ensure that you all are reading the issues but John, our editor keeps tabs on the site where he places the issue and we have a fair track record. Please, if you are a member and you change your e-mail address, take a moment and let us know so we can update the accounts.

Printed copies, 331, cost, about \$1.50 for printing and bulk mailing so you are getting more than you money's worth with that black and white issue. Note: The electronic issue is in color, where used, and for those techies out there with color printers, you can do double sided printing and carry that issue to the bathroom for your constitutions or the porch in the mornings .

Incorrect postal addresses result in the USPS sending us a change card that they could not deliver the issue- those notifications cost us \$0.50 each, i.e., that non-delivery raises the cost to about \$2.00 and the subscriber still does not have the issue!!

--we have managed to get the reject rate down from about 35 last year to 3 or 4 this year.

--our thanks go out to those who do keep us informed of proper addresses and addreses

--while I am on the subject of 'Membership,' I want to thank our Editor ,John **Horsch**, for permitting me to act in his place while he took care of personal business. He is one primo editor-I now know why he was selected as the Top Enlisted Advisor for the Command years ago!

Next I apologize to Frank **Calenda**. Frank has been working very hard on the Det 418 reunion planning for Denver and he was also an attendee at the 'Center Awards Banquet' this past Feb. I posted a great picture of the group celebrating our 2012 AOY's, Gene and Dee **Melchior**, and I named Frank and his wife in the picture as Ed and Edna Calenda-Frank, I formally apologize for the fat-finger mistake and my miss on the proof of the final document.

COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2013.03 EXTRACTS

## ECHOES

President, Steve **Clark**-Vice, Darrel **Kline**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>.

Membership: 87



**FL Editor Note:** Jerry **Moxley** (Moxi), ECHOES Editor, included many articles of interest about Tricare, DEERS, and other information. Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' issue via email, [mox@wispertel.net](mailto:mox@wispertel.net), on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter.

### Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) AND CONTACT BEFORE COMING

**General Membership Breakfast:** 14 Sep 2013 at 08:30, cost \$12.00, Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please RSVP to Steve Clark, 720-596-4147, or email, [president@aftacco.org](mailto:president@aftacco.org) on or before 7 Sep. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

--**Dinner/Social** November 10th, details in next issue.

--**Summer Picnic with the Detachments is pending.** We will advise locally by separate email/telephone when available.



Steve **Clark** & daughter Camille. Steve is the newly elected (Feb) President of the CO Alumni Assn Chapter of the Long Range Detection Program, formerly known as the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) Alumni Assn.



Darrel **Kline** & wife Wassana. Darrel is the newly elected (Feb) Vice-President of the Colorado Chapter of the Long Range Detection Program, formerly known as the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC). Details about Steve and Darrel were in the last PoMo, PM2013.04

### 'WORLDWIDE REUNION 2013, JUNE 14 & 15

**Florida Editors Note:** The AFTAC Alumni of Colorado hosted the 2013 Worldwide AFTAC-Long Range Detection Alumni Association Reunion at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver-Aurora and we look forward to their report on events in the next ECHOES.

As you read in our earlier pages, there was a reception Friday evening, 14 June, Flag Day, and a banquet on Saturday evening, 15 June. Other events on the agenda were a golf tournament and a tour of the Detachment 45 Operations Center at Buckley AFB on Saturday

Also reported on earlier was the **Detachment 418 alumni mini-reunion** on Thursday evening, 13 June, in conjunction with the worldwide on Friday and Saturday. Frank **Calenda** and Al **Derickson** were 'Major Arrangers' and contacted those for whom they had information.

The DoubleTree Hotel provided a special \$89 plus tax reunion room rate for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, standard king (one king bed) or standard double (two double beds), single or double occupancy. This rate included a complimentary full breakfast buffet and also applies for three nights before and after on a space available basis.



CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2013.07 EXTRACTS

# DEPOT FALLOUT

2012-13 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>. **Florida Editor's Note:** The First Page of this 'Fallout' is available at the website, full issues preceding this are also made available.



## Events Calendar

Business meetings are the **2nd Monday** of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. Meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome.

**Sat, Nov 9th, 2013, 11:30 am WCC FALL SOCIAL & ELECTION OF WCC OFFICERS**, China Buffet, Citrus Heights, CA, more details soon.

**Mon, 09 Dec 2013, 7:00pm Quarterly Business Meeting & Installation of Officers**, Lionsgate Restaurant (O Club), newly elected officers take over.

*(Always check our 'Events' page at [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)*

## A Word from the President

The WCC Alumni that attended the AFTAC Reunion in Denver had a great time. The Colorado Chapter did a great job hosting the event. Accommodations, tours, food, briefings and presentations were top notch. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to the Colorado Chapter Alumni.

Election time is upon us and Bob **Fitzgerald** and his team has compiled the nomination form. Please join us for the election of officers that will take place at our Fall Social on 9 November.

**Speaking of the Fall Social, it will be held at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights on 9 November from 11:30-2:00, price is \$13.00 per person.** The required registration form will be available on our website "**Forms**" page and published in our October newsletter. The deadline for registration will be Nov 3rd

Our business meetings and social events are open to the entire AFTAC family. Put the dates on your calendar

and join us if you can.

## Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AS OF 2013.07

Total Active Members = 153 Life Members = 136

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster" from our website "Forms" page. Life memberships are available for \$75. You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of (the CA) newsletter or the one from our web site "Forms" page to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse. Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists. *(See our web site "Forms" page, "WCC Roster" link to check your status.)*

**FLORIDA EDITORS NOTE:** This 2013.07 issue of the Fallout also contains a very good report on the CO Chapter Hosted WorldWide, 2013 on June 14-16.

## ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC – 11 MAY 2013

FIRST TWO PICTURES BY BOB FITZGERALD, LAST ONE BY EVA BREITWIESER



Joe Johnson, George Thompson, Steve & Donna Fritts, and Laurie & Butch Kemna



Al & Ann Pavik, Peggy Armintrout, Mary Esping, Cal Brown, Laura Horne, Virginia Chamberlain and Alice Brown  
Below, Chefs: Dennis Nolan/George McAlister backside of Ken Breitwieser)





# MONITOR *ing Active*

## *Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC world*

### Command Section



Col. Christopher  
A. Worley

**Commander/CC/2012.05** The Col served the AF in many capacities before AFTAC. Recently chief, requirements & assessments, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance at the Pentagon. He was commissioned in '92 from the Officer Training Group and was a distinguished graduate.

Complete Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



CMSgt Craig  
A. Neri

**Superintendent/CCS/2012.12/AF1991/AFTAC2012**

The Chief grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has served in various positions in the communications field at locations in Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and Alaska. Additionally, Chief Neri served as a First Sergeant for a force support squadron, medical operations squadron and a security forces squadron. He has had several combat deployments. Education: All NCO Academies. Complete Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



### Change of Superintendent (CCS)

CHIEF NERI WAS KIND ENOUGH TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF LAST ISSUE ... WE ASK CHIEF NEDERHOED, WHO SERVED AS SUPERINTENDENT (2008-2012) AND RECENTLY RETIRED, TO LEAVE US A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS. HE REPLIED:

It's strange how fast 30 years go by. It wasn't long ago I can remember picking up my bag and setting it back down in the middle of the night at Lackland Air Force Base. After graduating high school I was working multiple jobs, trying to go to college, attempting to stay out of trouble, and realized I needed some direction. I knew I needed something to get my life focused, so I seriously looked at joining the Marines. But I always noticed the Air Force recruiter was never there and the Marines joked and said they were out on the golf course or having a burger burn. Since I always liked flying and was willing to learn to play golf, I signed on with the Air Force but had a delayed enlistment of nine months. The original plan was to enter the Air Force to save money for school for four years and separate.

But life happens; I met my wife Shelley, who I have to credit for making it as far as I did. I also had some great supervisors who expected more of me than I did of myself and pushed me to archive more than I thought I ever could. A few of the great ones were my first supervisor, Sgt Lenny **Ross**, who set the foundation for a new Airman; Col Mike **Creedon**, who decided to take the time to invest in a troubled Airman and demonstrated how to take on the system and fight for your people; MSgt Bill **Fairbairn**, who showed me the ways of AFTAC; and CMSgt Steve **Herrick**, who provided the posi-

### AFTAC HQ 'a Building'

EDITOR: WE HAVE REPORT CONCERNING THIS PROJECT AT THE WEBSITE AND A REALLY SUPER PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRESS THANKS TO MSGT'S (RET) MARK SMITH (SON OF SMITTY FOR THOSE WHO KNOW HIM) AND CLARK CREEZY, OUR MEMBERSHIP GUY, AS HE CALLS HIMSELF, AND ALL AROUND 'DOER.' CHECK ALL OF THIS REGULARLY TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE.



From our 2012.04 issue

"Progress continues on the \$158 million, three-building complex that will include its headquarters, a laboratory and a parking garage for its unique and highly specialized mission — the largest construction project in the Air Force when announced last year."

tive encouragement and support when I went off to be a Detachment Chief. Somewhere along the way one of them convinced me that I wasn't working for a paycheck but working for the Air Force. I realized I was doing something worthwhile, I made a difference, and I was part of something much bigger than I ever imagined. Basically being in the Air Force and being an Airman is a profession and not just a job.

The majority of my Air Force career has been working various AFTAC missions. I've been privileged to see it from the front end of training students and bringing new systems on line. I was able to see Tech Ops be built and experience moving the mission into a new facility. I think the most time I spent was running Mass Spec samples in the lab where it was never a dull moment. I won't forget the drudgery of the paperwork, but realized the value of TIs/TOs/Lab Procedures/PIPRs and Equipment Accounts. I've spent time in the field with technicians and seen the issues they face to take on the Center's bureaucracy to make it better and provide them top cover. I've also seen the end products provided to those in senior government positions and always had that feeling of accomplishment when events unfolded due to the work members of AFTAC performed.

As I transition to the next phase of my life, I want to say thanks to everyone at AFTAC who has supported me over the years. Be proud of what you do each and everyday; you are the frontline keepers of America's freedom. v/r CMSgt John Nederhoed





## AFTAC Cares

### Packages for Deployed

Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link.

<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftac-cares-program-support-our-deployed>

**'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder**, Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil, Carol provides this update: We currently have nine AFTAC/members/family/ & friends deployed. And, over this period, we received several **very desirable phone cards**, and 'notes of appreciation.'

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes and we post them at the association website (URL above). These 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience.

**\*\*Several of those 'Thanks You's' follow:**

**07.12 Posting. Major Hamilton**, HQ/LSC passes this along, "Capt Walker wanted to pass on his appreciation of the morale package! Thanks for supporting our deployed!"

**07.12 Posting. Capt Walker** USAF AFCENT CAOC/A63, writes, Please send my thanks for the morale package! All is great here in Mad Max land! Hope all is well over in the swamp!

**07.12 Posting. Col Jay Bruh**, AFTAC Spouses (and Alumni), You're the best! I just received your care package yesterday and it really raised our spirits in the office. I'm sharing "some" of the items with my staff. It looks like we'll be going to partial MRE's in October so the snack items and food are very nice to have. Also, thanks for the magazines, we'll place them in the library when we finish reading so all can enjoy.

**06.20 Posting. Maj Will Dalton/TC** Thank you so much! I received my deployment care package today. The whole office enjoyed the variety of snacks. Very thoughtful and kind.

**04.24 Posting. Calvin D. Dixon**, 45th Wing Chaplain, AFTAC Chaplain Thank you and all the wonderful people for the delightful care package I received on 1 April. It is encouraging to be remembered by a great group of individuals while deployed. Please convey my deepest and sincere appreciation to all of those responsible for getting these goodies to me. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and strong support of me and

all of our military personnel. May God continue to richly bless each of you and your families.

**03.21 Posting. CALVIN D. WILLIAMS**, CMSgt, USAF, 12 AF (AFSOUTH)/CCC Please pass on my thanks to the AFTAC Spouses Club, the Alumni Assn and the AFTAC Family...they provided great support during my deployment with monthly care package.

### The Boosters Club Prez Reports (Elections in Nov)

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT; **LT PASTOOR** VICE: **SSGT ENNESSER**-TREAS: **SSGT JORDAN** SECRETARY: **MSGT PYLE**, PUBLIC AFFAIRS: **LT DELORME**, HOT DOG SALES: **A1C HUNT**, TOP BANANA REP: **TSGT SANGER** CLOTHING SALES REP: **SSGT PAYTON**

THIS MONTH'S REPORT IS TAKEN FROM OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR

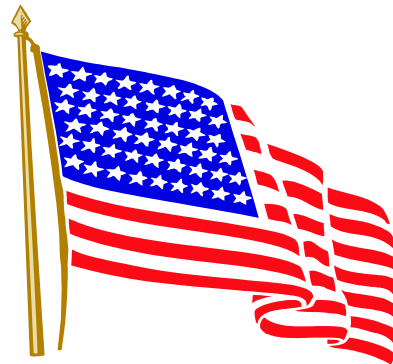
### 'CENTER WINTER SOCIAL'

**Friday, Dec 13, Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place**, Melbourne, FL, 32901, 321-768-0200, Website, <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hilton-melbourne-rialto-place-MLBMHHF/index.html>

**Sage Contact, Our 'Intrepid Insider'-Carol Snyder**, carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil. Times: Social: 1730; Chimes: 1840; Dinner: 1900; Entertainment: 2100; Dress: Formal/Semi-Formal/Coat/Tie/After-5/Cocktail (Note: Please, No Jeans, Shorts, Flip Flops/FL Casual) Room Cost: TBD; Ticket Cost: TBD; 2013 Winter Social POC: 2Lt Brian **Wolff**, 321-494-9091; Directorate Ticket Sales POCs: TBD Note: Ticket Sales Start: TBD; End: TBD or Until Sold Out.

To follow events at the Center see the NOTE below.

*PoMo NOTE: We pass on information we receive via eALLert's to subscribed members (open to all) and at the alumni assn website, (URL, Front Page Banner) 'Breaking News' and/or 'Active Duty Schedule/Booster's Club Newsletter,' Page 05. Check there often.*



### Headquarters' Active Duty Schedule: \*\*\*NOTE: Sages are invited to participate\*\*\*

PREPARED/PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, JEANNINE KEPNER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER ALSO PROVIDES DATA

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outback	Various
LRDAA Monthly Meeting	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1700 or other designated time	1645 HQ's Outback or other Venue	Alumni Website, URL listed below.
Burger Burn	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	Outback	Various
Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops	Bi-Monthly/1830	Various, contact POC	aftacspouse@yahoo.com

**Ed Note:** this lists only recurring events ... for a complete list of all events, current and recurring, see the 'Schedule of Events' kept up to date, and complete, at the website, <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule>.



## AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA, PROVIDES ITEM OF INTEREST ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WE POST THEM AT THE ASSN WEBSITE, 'BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW,' PAGE, <https://sites.google.com/site/LRDALUMNIASSNNEEDTOKNOWNOW/1D-ASSOCIATION-NEWSLETTER-POST-MONITOR/5A-BREAKING-NEWS-UPDATED-07-30> --CHECK THERE OFTEN. AS SPACE PERMITS, ABSTRACTS FOLLOW WITH A LINK TO THE COMPLETE STORY, OFTEN WITH PICTURES. LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING. MANY OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE.

**03.14 Posting. AFTAC's future home gets mocked** By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – When does being mocked come in handy? When that mocking comes in the form of a full-scale model that tests the functionality of a multi-million dollar building design. The Air Force Technical Applications Center here is undergoing a \$158 military construction project for a new headquarters building, which includes a radiochemistry lab that will be used to identify radiological or nuclear debris in support of AFTAC's Nuclear Debris Collection and Analysis Program. AFTAC is the only organization in the federal government whose mission it is to detect and report technical data from foreign nuclear explosions. As such, AFTAC monitors signatory countries' compliance of nuclear treaties like the Limited Test Ban Treaty, which prohibits all nuclear tests (except those underground). The new radiochemistry lab will analyze samples to assess compliance with nuclear weapons testing in support of the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123340200>

**03.15 Posting. A day of mud, sweat, tears – and 10,000 volts** By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Some describe it as the ultimate challenge. Others call it insanely harrowing. But unanimously, they call it the greatest example of teamwork they've ever experienced. A team of six Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center here participated in a Tough Mudder event, an intense obstacle course that is riddled with fire, ice, electricity, water, barbed wire and of course, mud. Billed as the toughest one-day event on the planet, the 12-mile event was held at the Homestead-Miami Speedway March 2, and the AFTAC team made the trip south to test their mettle, strengthen their endurance and conquer the course. Unlike marathons, Tough Mudders are not measured in time increments, and for most, are far more daunting. Participants take a pledge that reads: I understand that Tough Mudder is not a race, but a challenge. I put teamwork and camaraderie before my course time. I do not whine; kids whine. I help my fellow mudders complete the course. I overcome all fears. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123340409>

**05.03 Posting. Scouts 'merit' visit to Treaty Monitoring Center** By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – A group of 35 Boy Scouts from troops across Brevard County visited the Air Force Technical Applications Center April 27 to complete requirements for earning Scouting's Nuclear Science Merit Badge. In addition to earning the badge, the goal of the event was to educate the scouts about nuclear

science and the mission of the treaty monitoring center. AFTAC is the sole agency in the Department of Defense that operates and maintains a global network of nuclear event detection sensors, and employs nearly 1,000 highly trained scientists, engineers and analysts to accomplish that mission. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123346865>

**04.23 Posting. Fifth CMSAF visits Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Center** By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. –The fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force paid a visit to the Air Force Technical Applications Center April 19, giving Airmen and civilians the opportunity to showcase the center's vital mission. **Chief Master Sgt. Robert D. Gaylor**, who was appointed to serve in the highest enlisted position in the Air Force from 1977 until his retirement in 1979, came to the nuclear treaty monitoring center to get an up-close look at the organization responsible for operating and maintaining a global network of nuclear event detection sensors. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123345510>

**05.04 Posting. AFTAC officer racks up 700 volunteer hours, earns medal** By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. Putting others before himself is something that seems to come naturally to **1st Lt. Nate Amsden**, a computer engineer with the Air Force Technical Applications Center. His altruism did not go unnoticed by his chain of command, who recently presented him with the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal April 26. The medal, which was introduced and authorized by executive order in 1993, is awarded to members of the U.S. armed forces who perform outstanding volunteer community service "of a sustained, direct and consequential nature," according to the medal's eligibility requirements. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123346955>

**05.15 Posting. AFTAC wife earns Spouse of the Year accolades** By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Military members are constantly undergoing training to become educated and skilled in their Air Force specialty, starting on the first day of basic training and continuing throughout their career. They're taught how to fire a weapon, how to wear their uniform appropriately, when to render proper military protocol to senior personnel, and are exposed to an acronym soup each and every day. But where does the spouse of a military member go to get his or her training? Where can they get educated on what acronyms mean, gain an understanding of military protocol or find information on what 'semi-formal dress' means on an invitation? That's where the Air Force Key Spouse program comes in. The program is a unit-based volunteer outreach program designed to enhance awareness of & connection to installation resources, and is made up entirely of spouse volunteers. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123348397>

**NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE, AND BELOW, DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS. We list them in the hope it will trigger a *Sage or two to sit down and share a tale or two*. It is also a powerful reminder of *our dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!* Send inputs to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column)-'Categories/Last Input' follow:**

1. **"Commander's reCall"/2007.09**
2. **"I Remember ... "/2013.04**
3. **"A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD/2007.09**
4. **"Sage Stars"-Post Service Success/This Issue**
5. **"BS Tales"/This Issue**
6. **"Where In The World Is"/2012.08**
7. **"Tom's Trivia"/2012.08**

## SPECIAL TO THE POST-MONITOR

### *Reflections from an Honor Flight Volunteer*

LOU SEILER, JR. AT THE END OF A RECENT MEETING OF THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE LRD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION THE SUBJECT OF VETERANS CAME UP WITH THE TRAVELING VIET NAM WALL MEMORIAL. I BROUGHT UP THAT THE SAME WEEKEND OF THE WALL'S FINAL WEEK IN MELBOURNE WAS ALSO THE WEEKEND OF AN HONOR FLIGHT WITH WHICH I WAS A VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER, INVITING EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO WISH THE WWII VETERANS A FOND AND ENJOYABLE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. I HAVE BEEN WITH THE SPACE COAST HONOR FLIGHT SINCE OCTOBER OF 2011. THE ENSUING DISCUSSION RESULTED IN ME BEING ASKED TO DO AN ARTICLE ON HONOR FLIGHT FROM A VOLUNTEER WORKER'S POINT OF VIEW. SO, HERE IT IS.

Honor Flight is an organization originally started to bring WWII Veterans to see their memorial in Washington, D.C. This "single person, single private plane" activity soon blossomed into a network of over 120 hubs around the country, taking veterans from any time period, WWII, Korea, etc., that are not able to visit on their own. Priority is given to WWII veterans and to others who are in rapidly deteriorating health.

With all that stated, why would one want to volunteer for such an organization? I have several reasons that encourage me to directly support this activity. One is of course that I like photography and videography and this gives me lots of opportunity to practice this. The other is the interaction with the veterans. I have always watched

the History Channel on TV with the "Untold Stories of WWII", "The Last Days of WWII", etc. But somehow these just don't hold a candle to actually talking directly with these veterans who are called "The Greatest Generation". How about talking with someone who actually landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day and hearing of the personal feelings during the landing? And the veteran who states that his job was simply typing, or he was an ordinary seaman, or just a gunners' mate. Or hearing another say "I was part of the Bataan Death March."

And the veteran B-24 tail gunner who brings the aerial maps of Saipan that he used in strafing attacks on the beaches supporting the invasion and then talking to a Marine veteran on the other side of the room who says his landing craft was spared by a B-24 taking out a shore battery just in the nick of time! And the stories from those in the 82nd and 101st Airborne on D-Day.

Then there is an AAF veteran, working photography/counter-intelligence, interrogating German prisoners, interviewing survivors of Dachau concentration camp and then testifying at the Nuremburg trial later on the conditions in that concentration camp. Then there was the radio operator who was there at Omaha Beach and later in the Battle of the Bulge, who says the worst was going into Buchenwald concentration camp. The smell and stench is with him still today! And the stories of the Marine on Iwo Jima who carried a flame thrower clearing out hidden caves.

Cannot forget the women veterans, like the one who had been married only two months when her husband was shot down and lost over the Pacific. She subsequently joined "to fill out his service". These and many, many more stories make each of our Honor Flights (we do 7 every year) a unique exploration of feelings and emotions. And I haven't even mentioned standing there and watching a veteran pausing at a spot in the WWII Memorial staring down at a carving of the name BATAAN, SAIPAN, SCILY, or ITALY and see a little tear roll down from his eye. The stories are seemingly endless, but hopefully these few mentioned leave you with a taste of why I volunteer. Equally surprising, is finding





out how many of our younger generation have never spoken to a WWII veteran.

Over 16 million men and approximately 350,000 women served during WWII with less than 1.2 million of them still with us today and leaving at a rate of about 900 a day. So Honor Flight is on a mission against time to show appreciation to those that earned the recognition of "The Greatest Generation". It's time to spread the word and raise a cheer for our WWII veterans.

It is worthy to note that Col **Worley** and/or Col **Parker**, Chief **Neri** and many other active duty AFTAC'ers are in regular attendance to bid a glad sendoff in the wee hours of the morning for our Honor Flights 7 times a year. A special thanks to all of them for their support.

One of our volunteers stated in an interview that "Volunteering for Honor Flight will change your life!" With what I have encountered, that is somewhat of an understatement. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to Honor Flight please visit our local web site [www.spacecoasthonorflight.org](http://www.spacecoasthonorflight.org).

The experiences are very moving, producing a range of emotions from deep sadness, to very deep pride in our older generation, to great happiness seeing the appreciation in the veterans' faces, and most importantly, gaining a fuller appreciation of the awesome sacrifices that were made so that we younger veterans would still have freedom and liberty to defend today. We stand on their shoulders. As we in Space Coast Honor Flight say...."It's all about the Vets!" Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you. **If you'd like to come out for our next flight, it is Saturday, 24 Aug 2013. We will depart from the Wickham Park Senior Center at approximately 0300, hope to see you there.**

## 'SAGE STARS'

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

Stories that exemplify the spirit of a 'Striving Sage' going above and beyond the norm.

Honor Roll (submitters) Judy **Milam**, John **Horsch** (4 Reports), Clark **Creery** (2), Frank **Calenda**, Bob **Wiley** (2) 'Sage Son,' Shane **San Miguel**/Robert **San Miguel**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'SAGE STARS' REPORTS**

**Bob Wiley, 'Sage Stars,' 'Sports,' report and photos**



These two photos are of the '**Awesome Alumni**' bowling team that won the **AFTAC & Friends** league this year. In fact we had it 'in the bag' 4 weeks before the season ended. The '**Champs Photo**' is the team members who bowled on the last night, Tony **DeMarco**, Bob **Klibowitz**, John **Caban**, Wally **Jones** and Bob **Wiley**. The other is the whole team taken when the league got together for a 'fun' night' and handing out awards-the '**Awsome Alumni Team**,' Tony, Howard Dibble, John, Terry & Patty **Hammond**, Bob K, Wally, Bob W-the only member missing is Rick **Manley** (in Cyprus at the time).

Also keep in mind that this photo has the 1st, Howard, the current, Terry, and 2 past presidents, John and Bob W, of the LRDA so it is indeed an "Alumni" team.

## "BS TALES"

**PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS.** We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people, recognizing anecdotes may be, 1. '**Barely Substantiated**' and/or 2. '**Boldly Stated (BS).**' Forward yours' to us at 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (page 2, left column) - 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 **Vlasick**, (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (6), Ron **Cook** (3), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick** (3), Frank **Szachta** (4), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (2), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal**, Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7), Clark **Creery** (4), Richard (Alkie) **Summers** (2), Les **Miller**, Jon **Richardson** Mike **Higgins**, Kenneth **Stanford**, Dick **Grim**, James **Gindleperger**, Bob **Chadwick**, Harry **Joseph**, Brent **Braud**, Charlie **Penn**, Joe **Johnson**, Bill **Moran**, John **Griffiths**, Dave **Jarman**, Guenther **Lang** (this issue)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS, AND, WE ALWAYS LET OUR READERS DECIDE THE MIX OF '1' AND '2!'**

## Guenther Lang files this report entitled, 'Nazi Birds'

CLARK **CREERY** PASSED THIS STORY ALONG FROM GUENTHER WHO AGREED WE COULD PUBLISH SAME WHEN WE INQUIRED:



One of the fond memories of the old days was the true story of the Nazi birds at Det 329. I bet you haven't heard that one. The first one was when a swallow came to meet our beloved Squadron Commander, Col **Brim**. He came to visit us from Wiesbaden and after looking around a bit, he turned around and left, saying: "I'll be back in a week and hope to see this place looking like my Det."


He was back in a week, and needless to say, we'd been down on our knees scrubbing and buffing till the ops room shone like a mirror, pencils were squared on the desks, and so on. Well, after he went through the main building, he wanted to see the generator located in a small building nearby. So I led him outside and

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## "20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"


#18 and 19 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ.  
 Formatting/standardization-MSgt (Ret) T Highsmith/AFTAC/DAFC, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt (Ret) S Revels/AFTAC IG



		
<b>CMSGT ROBERT A. (TONY) BALENTINE</b>		
<b>(1965-1971; 1973-1995)</b>		
MAR 65 JAN 66	**	LOWRY AFB CO STUDENT
JAN 66 JAN 69	**	DETACHMENT 430
JAN 69 MAR 71	**	1155 TCHOS
APR 73 SEP 78	**	1155 TCHOS
SEP 78 SEP 81	**	DETACHMENT 407
SEP 81 DEC 86	**	1155 TCHOS
DEC 86 AUG 89	**	DETACHMENT 415
AUG 89 AUG 92	**	HQ PACTOA & DETACHMENT 419
AUG 92 DEC 95	**	SUPPORT COMMAND

Two Gentlemen, whose assignments speak for themselves.  
 Between them, our mission was served from 1949 to 1995.



		
<b>SMSGT EDWARD T. GARDINER</b>		
<b>(1949 1970)</b>		
1949 1951	**	1009 SWS (SUITLAND MD, NAVAL ORDNANCE LAB, FRONT ROYAL VA, ARLINGTON FARMS VA)
1951 1954	**	DETACHMENT 301
1954 1955	**	DETACHMENT 142
1955 1957	**	DETACHMENT 139
1957 1960	**	DETACHMENT 204
1960 1966	**	HQ (VIRGINIA)
1966 1968	**	DETACHMENT 207
1968 1970	**	SPINTRA LOWRY AFB CO



\*\*\*\*\***SAGE SCHEDULE**\*\*\*\*\*

1. **WindDowns**-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place behind the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'The Outback.'

2. **Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings**

**Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1700 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1645 for escort into the building.

A. If a Federal Holiday, the meeting will be the next day --other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Dining Facility) may be considered for any meeting

B. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted above.

**NOTE:** Venues/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website.

**Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.**

**BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE**

**AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITORS**

**'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'**

**September**

**06, 1530-WindDown** at the Outback

**13 (Fri vs. Mon), 1145-Board/Membership/Elections**

**October**

**04, 1530-WindDown** at the Outback

**11, 1700-'Off-Site' Board/Membership Meeting, TBD**

**November**

**01, 1530-WindDown** at the Outback

**08, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

**December**

**06, 1530-WindDown** at the Outback

**13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

3. **Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes**

(**Bold Dates are tentative**-others for planning only)

**A. January-April, four events**

1. SnowBall XVI, PAFB Clubhouse, Theme, TBD

2. Center Annual Awards Banquet

3. Center Annual Picnic

4. 25th Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogether

**B. May-August, one events**

Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication

**C. September-December, 4 events**

1. **Sep**, Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September VI**-'Tides' Club, will be held on an announced day/time to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty

2. **Oct/Nov**, 24th Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether

3. **Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**

4. **Dec**, Center Winter Social

**WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions**

Normally scheduled on an 'every other year' basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Lastly, CO-2013.06, before that, CA-2011.05, and FL-2009.06

The next WorldWide is scheduled to be hosted by the Florida Chapter mid-year, 2015

\*\*\*\*\***SAGE SHOP**\*\*\*\*\*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** MOST SHIRTS CAN BE ORDERED IN ANY SIZE. CONTACT SHOP MANAGER (INFORMATION BELOW) FOR AVAILABILITY.

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, Steve Revels/IG, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892, Phone: 321-494-6867/Email:

steven.revels.1@us.af.mil **Add \$5.00 for shipping and handling plus \$1.50 for each additional item.** No s/h charged on logo pins

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2013.07)**

**GOLF SHIRTS - 50/50 w/pocket and collar, \$18**

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	0	0
Jade (medium green)	2	5	0	2
Forest Green	0	2	2	0
Navy	1	0	0	0
Red	2	2	3	2
White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	3	3	2
\$5 each Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	2	4	0
Teal (dark aqua)	1	0	0	1
Maroon	1	2	3	0
Black	1	1	0	0

**Golf Shirt - Dri Fit, w/pocket - \$24**

Navy	1	0	3	2
White	0	2	2	2

**Golf Shirt - Dri Fit, w/o pocket - \$22**

Navy	0	1	2	0
Red	0	1	2	0
Royal Blue	0	1	2	0
Maroon	0	0	2	0

**T-SHIRTS, - 50/50 - no pocket - \$7.00**

Light Blue	1	1	3	3
Royal blue	2	0	2	1
Navy	2	0	2	1
Ash Gray	2	0	2	0
Purple	1	1	2	1
Red	2	1	3	1
Fuchsia	1	0	2	0
Stone Washed Green	1	0	0	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	1	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3

**T-Shirts - DriFit, no pocket - \$13**

Royal Blue	1	2	1	0
Navy	1	2	2	0
Red	1	2	2	0
Maroon	1	2	2	0
Tropic Blue	1	2	2	0

**SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15**

<b>JACKETS</b> - All Royal Blue, \$20, colored emblem, w/'AFTAC Alumni'				
Nylon Jacket (Auburn) - \$20	1	0	0	1
Nylon Jacket (Kariban) - \$24	0	2	1	0
Nylon Jacket (Auburn) - \$10 white emblem w/'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0

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**HATS - \$8.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#**

Red/White 0 **-50th Commem Coin** \$3.00/49

Blue/White 30 **-60th AF/LRD Com Coin:** \$4/122

(60th Coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th; vendor refused to change)

**-Logo Pin:** \$3.25/202

Sale items continue Below

'Sage Shop' orders, merchandise from others: **Top -3 Assn** - AFTAC Top-3 Coin, \$7. **Booster's Club** - Traditional Coin (HQ w/ aircraft/motto/logo on reverse), \$8.00; **99/9S Coin**, \$8.00; '**New Building**' Groundbreaking Commemorative Coin, \$10

**AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin** - contact SrA Chris Hayes, 'Christopher.Hayes1@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9182' or TSgt Wilkens, 'matthew.wilkens@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9146.' \$7 each. Shipping, \$1 a coin, up to \$5, then on an as needed basis for more.

**\*SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP\*** Continued from pg 3.

**OCT 26, 'ALL MILITARY WOMEN'S' LUNCHEON**

MARY D SMITH, AFTAC, 1991-1996

Mary, a 'Life Time' Member of our Assn, attended the Aug Monthly Meeting and asked us to alert everyone to this event. It is hosted by the 'Women's Army Corp,' Chapter 64 and 'Women in the Air Force,' Chapter I. It will be held on **26 Oct, 1030 -1100 Sign-In, at The Indian River Colony Club, 1936 Freedom Drive, Viera, FL 32940.**

The Program includes an Honor Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and more. The Guest Speaker is Evelyn **Valenzuela** with Entertainment by **Dick and Doc Duo**. There will be a Raffle & 50/50. You are asked to bring a framed picture of yourself in uniform to display.

**Cost is \$20, Contact, by 10.15, Christy Good, 321-255-1850/Mary at 321-777-2682, email m.debbiesmith@juno.com.**

**FEB 2014—SNOWBALL XVI, "WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL-SAVE THE DATE"** Don't miss out on 'The Best!'

'MAJOR ARRANGER,' SEAN RYAN

Since 1999, the Alumni Association has 'thrown a themed Snowball' at the start of the new year. We like to have an event when our 'Sage Snowbirds' are in town and we might all be in a festive mood. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the September elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion, and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. In addition we recognize our 'Alumni of The Year (AOY)'.

It is tradition that the AFTAC Commander, Vice Commander, Chief Scientist, Director of Staff, Superintendent, Directors, active-duty military and civilian, and any visiting detachment members attend and share the camaraderie and unity.

This year's theme will focus on the **"Grand" opening (in March) of the new AFTAC building** joining previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska, Colorado, Alaska, and Japan; locations where AFTAC had or has a presence. We may even get a seek peek at the new building, tour hosted by the Commander, Colonel **Worley**.

Our Sage, Sean **Ryan** (FI Chapter Secretary), is working on arrangements with a number of venues (to find the best) to host us this year and with help from other members (like fellow Sages, Dee and Gene **Melchoir**, Deborah **Carson**, and Pat **Snyder**), will have the place lookin' festive for another outstanding Snowball! We always have so much fun.

So Save the Date, 8 February 2014 (Sat), Cost: TBD. Details Provided as Confirmed/Posted on our website, <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/Home>, pg 1. Cash Bar, 5:30-6:40 PM in the Lounge; 7:00 PM Dinner served in the dining room Menu: Salads, Meats/Starches/Vegetables/Rolls & Butter/Iced Tea/Coffee/Water/Dessert.

**For further information please call/send email: Sean, 321-591-9053/oceanblueview@yahoo.com**

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opened the door of the generator house. But as it goes, a swallow had a nest inside the generator building and came flying through the door, dive-bombed and bird-dooed right on the Col's shoulder, right beside the "bird." Col Brim looked at me, smiled and said: '... must have been an old Nazi bird.' Needless to say we passed inspection.

The second one, not much later, was a falcon. We were on swings, when clonk, all power was gone. Ran outside, started the generator, did some checking and found that we had no incoming power. Called the local power people who came out just before dark and replaced a fuse on the high-voltage tower about a hundred yards from us. They also brought us a dead falcon, who had shorted himself out at the top of the tower. We had him stuffed and called him our second Nazi bird. Well that was a small part of: "fond things to remember."

**Editor's Last Word:** I've come to learn, without Chris, emotionally speaking, the 'first is always the worst' (meeting family/friends, attending events, etc). This is my first PoMo, end to end, where her presence and touch were not with me-especially critical for the finishing touches. And, it was a very difficult undertaking without her by my side. Now, I move forward from this first PoMo and continue my trek of 'getting used to, but never over,' this loss. I do have this strange feeling she is using her influence for someone to help with the next issue!! I will let you know.

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