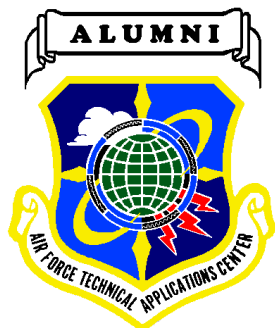


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The Alumni Anthem

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 60 years
of service to our country
16 September 2007
1947 - 2007



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



The FY2010 Board

Elected at 2nd Annual
Sociable September

General Membership meeting & Elections



Office (Tenure) Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last active-duty position (rank); Assn position(s)

ELECTED: President (09-10) Lloyd French, AF/AFTAC77-07, AFTAC Superintendent, CCS (CMS); Activities, 04-07

Vice (06-10) Addison Mitchell, Civilian, AF83-03/AFTAC98-03, Supt, Systems Ops (MSgt)

Secretary (10) Sean Ryan, AF82-08/AFTAC98-08; NCOIC, Information Management, DO (MSgt)

Treasurer (03-10) Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty Monitoring Operations Prog; Vice, 99

APPOINTED: Activities (09-10) CMSgt John Nederhoed, AF-83/AFTAC 87, Center Superintendent

Hall of Heritage-Need a Volunteer

Hospitality (01-10) Judy Milam, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11); Sec 90-2000 and 06-09, Pres 04

Internet (97-10) Mike Black, AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analysis Branch (MSgt)

Membership (10) Clark Creery, AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95; Internet Current News, 04-07

Newsletter (96-10) John (and Christel) Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMS); Publicity, 87-90

Publicity-Need a Volunteer

Off-Line WorldWide Database (06-10) Clark Creery (see above)

Sage Shop (96-10) Pat Snyder, Civilian, AF74/AFTAC90, Investigations & Inquiries, IGQ; Vice 04, Sec 05

Al umni Al erts-What's Comin' Up

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

Coming soon

Center AnnuAl AwArD BANquet, FeB 4, tides
Center annual spring piCniC, tBD

PAT SNYDER

The '**Annual Awards Banquet**' honors active-duty members, military and civilian, and a Sage 'Alumni Of the Year.' Additional details, and information about the '**Annual Spring Picnic**' will be published, as available, at the alumni website-see banner above.

Coming very soon

Al umni SnowBAll Xii 30 JAnuAry, TideS cl ub
DEBORAH CARSON, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL"

Since 1999, it has been customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at the beginning of each year. As you all may have heard before, this is done for several reasons to include an event that does not involve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the October elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion (pg 3)

Al umni EvEnts-What's Gone off

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

Event Data, when applicable, begins on page three.

Keep Updated-visit 'www.aftacalumni.org,' and its links, often. Update/add your Sage information and **register your email address** to 'auto-receive' updates (eAllerts).

IS THIS YOUR LAST ISSUE? ARE YOUR DUES DUE? Here's how to know: **Hard-Copy:** Check address on the envelope-'Name Line' shows when dues are due. If reading "FY Dues Due in Oct 09" your dues have not been paid for FY 2010 (began 1 Oct 09). If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or digits are greater than 09, your dues are current. **eSubscribers** are notified at the time of sending the electronic Post-Monitor.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Robert 'Bob' Wiley 2008

Bill Schmied 07-Deborah Carson 06

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

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

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

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

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

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

There are three chapters.

1. Florida: (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Clark **Creery**, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftacalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, newsletters and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; a 'Need to Know Now' link contains current event & 'Sages to remember' data-for link update notification, 'http://twitter.com/lrdntkn.'

Florida 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 89-00/since 06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09.

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

3. West Coast (CA): Formed-1999, **\$10 year/\$75 lifetime**; for information-email, Webmaster@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 a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org.'

Sage Communicators, Florida Chapter: Newsletter: John/Christel Horsch; **Information/Proofing:** Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson; **Executive Review:** Frank Hall; **Rovin' Cameras/Reporters:** Judy Milam/Bob Wiley/Clark Creery; **Printing/Mailing:** Editors/Jack Jackson/Terry Hammond/Curt & Eunice Harris
-Web: Master, Mike Black, 'NTKN' Link, Editors

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Boo's and Boo Boo's: Pat **Snyder** noted we had gotten a very important name wrong on page 3 of the last issue-a LT Alumni Assn member and a 'Super Sage Supporter.' We had spelled 'Jim **Whidden's**' last name as 'Whitten.' We immediately apologized in a personal email ... with his usual grace, Jim replied: ...thanks for the e-mail...no worries...the Whitten clan are probably long lost cousins!! Our 2nd Annual 'Sociable September' was a success ... not only did we do the important business of electing/appointing the FY2010 Board, but we also had a larger crowd than usual and got in a lot of 'socializin' and seeing those we had not seen for awhile.

We very much want to recognize Randy **Vlassick** and Judy **Milam** who stepped down from their respective positions of 'Membership' and 'Secretary.' Both had filled these positions for years, and, in Judy's case, for a second 'group of years!'

As they stepped down, Clark **Creery** and Sean **Ryan** stepped up. Clark has served the assn in many positions over the years (see 'Perennials' to the left), while Sean takes on the Secretary position for the first time. We hope both will serve on and on, as most of us do. We should note here Clark is also our '**Off-Line Database (OLD)**,' **Worldwide maintainer**-in that capacity he has toiled many hours to add/correct Sage listings, whether assn members or not, and has added numerous categories, e.g. Leadership, SEO #'s, etc).

Clark, in his position as membership, maintains the 'Florida Membership' listing-starting with this issue he will correspond directly with our hard-copy mailers and our eSubscribers; providing mailing data and disseminating the ePoMo via email. This relieves your editors of these tasks-**Mucho Thanks, Clark**.

We'd also like to mention we have started a '**Twitter.com**' account for those wanting to know when the Alumni Assn website (www.aftacalumni.org) 'Need To Know Now' link is updated-this account is at 'http://twitter.com/lrdntkn.' So far, we have two followers, Don **Trombley** and Joe **Goldian**! In some manner they found us-Don wrote, "had2c what this twitter wz about." We will see if there is interest in this service over the next few months as these two grow to?

Clark taking over the eMailing reminded us of those who signed on for the first issue, **Charter ePoMoers**, as we call them-we have them to thank proving this is a viable option which, in several ways, is better than the hard copy (available several weeks before the hard-copy, in color where color is used, etc). And, importantly, saves around \$1.50 per issue.

—Thank you, Sage 'ePioneers:' Donald **Bartram**, Terry **Hammond**, Clark **Creery**, Dale **Klug**, Gayle **Joseph**, John **Coffey**, Clifford **York**, Clark **Wilberg**, Jerry **Sandage**, Tony **DeMarco**, John **Schroff**, Delbert **Leter**, and Bob **Fitzgerald**-12 has grown to over 250!!.

Alumni Alerts-What's Comin' Up, from pg 1

Snowball XII-30 January-Tides Club and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. In keeping with past years, a highlight will be the announcement of our '**Alumni of The Year**'; this person will also be honored at the Center's Annual Award Banquet on February 4th.

This is **SnowBall's 12th year**, and, each year attendance grows. We were swamped last year with a great bunch in attendance. Don't get left out this year, make your reservations early. It is also a tradition that the **AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, Directors** and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

SnowBall always has a Theme. In the past, themes have been Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, and Korea-honoring locations where AFTAC had, or has a presence. This year we will honor our new **Detachment 1, Offutt AFB, Nebraska** – the home of our WC-135 fly boys. (Maybe goggles and a bomber jacket are appropriate?) Anyone who would like to contribute stories, memorabilia, photos, etc. please contact the individuals below. The Center's Chief, Knowledge Operations Branch, Deborah **Carson**, has made arrangements with the Patrick AFB All Ranks Club, 'Tides,' to host us again this year and Deborah, with help from other members (like Judy **Milam**, Sage, and Pat **Snyder**, AFTAC/IGQ), will have the place looking very appropriate.

Pertinent info:

Theme: Wings, Detachment 1, Omaha, Neb
30 Jan 2010 (Saturday), \$25 per person, tax & gratuity included. Cash Bar, 6-7PM in the Ocean Lounge, 7PM Dinner also in the Ocean Lounge.
Menu: Omaha Steaks w/Béarnaise Sauce, cole slaw, baked potato, corn on the cob, baked beans, and dessert.

For reservations:

Call Deborah Carson at 494-6537/ email deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil or Pat Snyder at 494-6867/ email, Patricia.Snyder@patrick.af.mil.

Once again we plan to have a great evening with a lot of camaraderie and catching up. Go to the Alumni website to look at pictures of previous SnowBalls. We are sure you'll recognize many of the faces; make sure you are one of them this year!!



Sagey Sez, 'See You There' for the melting and melding!!!

... and it was great seeing so many of you out for golf!!>>>>>

Alumni Events-What's Gone off, from pg 1

Sept 11th, 2nd Annual 'Sociable September'

General Membership & Elections Meeting

'Sociable September' was held on a Friday @ 1130, and at the Tides Club Ocean Lounge, to encourage attendance by all AFTAC active-duty, assn members and alumni. The nominee slate for the FY2010 Executive Committee contained those who have served before and one new adventurer, Sean Ryan. The slate:

Lloyd **French** - President (also served FY09)
 Addison **Mitchell** - Vice Pres (serving since FY06)
 Sean **Ryan** - Secretary
 Joe **Goldian** - Treasurer (serving since FY03)

Results, and a short bio of each board, and appointed, member, is on page one, left column.

Oct 9th, Assn 19th Annual Fall
 golf n'getogether

BRUCE SNELGROVE, MAJOR ARRANGER

This annual fall event took place on October 9th at the Turtle Creek Golf Course. 118 golfers enjoyed the warm weather. It took 6 holes to separate 2nd and 3rd place.

3rd place team: Group 17A, Thomas Highsmith, Leroy McDuffy, Darvin Moore, Lester Simon; 57-3=54

2nd place team: Group 5A, Lee Cote, Judy Ellingwood, Mark Klayman; Jeff Pearson, 56-2=54

1st place team: Group 8B, Rick Matus, George Scardino, Tim Scott, Rob Underwood, 58-6=52

Men's Long Drive, hole #7: George Scardino

Women's Long Drive, hole #12: Marsha Wierschke

Closest to the pin, Hole #6: M. Klayman

Closest to the pin, hole #15: Larry Silhanek

Thanks to our sponsors: AIS Engineering Inc., BAE Systems Technology Solutions & Services, Riverside Research, and Hippo Roofing

Thanks to prize contributors: Hensel Phelps Construction Company, Manatee Cove Golf Course, Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department, BCC Planetarium & Observatory, and Turtle Creek Golf Course. **Also thanks** to Jimmie's Restaurant for feeding everyone after the tournament

A Big thanks to our volunteers: Deborah Carson, Richard "Swede" Swanson, Eileen Best, Brandy Hunter, Trish Love, Thomas Highsmith and especially Pat Snyder the hardest working volunteer in AFTAC.

Also thanks to Addison Mitchell for answering numerous dumb questions from Bruce Snelgrove!

Photo's on following page.



'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'



3rd place team: Group 17A, Lester Simon, LeRoy McDuffy, Thomas Highsmith, Darvin Moore



2nd place team: Group 5A, Mark Klayman, Lee Cote, Jeff Pearson, Judy Ellingwood



1st place team: Group 8B, Tim Scott, Rick Matus, George Scardino, Rob Underwood

Dec 11, center winter social

BOB WILEY-ARTICLE AND PHOTOS

For some Sages, it just doesn't seem like Christmas without the AFTAC Winter Social. The 2009 edition occurred 11 Dec at the Holiday Inn at Wickham and I-95. Once again, the staff there accommodated a sold-out crowd with outstanding service and a delicious buffet dinner. Judith and I were lucky to be among the first tables to go to the line, but there was still dessert on the tables at intermission so I think there must have been plenty for all.

Col **Onaga**, AFTAC CC, complimented her troops on their year's accomplishments – making 99% overall on their inspection, AFTAC boots on every continent, and providing national leadership vital support as needed. There was some of the same 'games' as last year. One involved trying to open a complicatedly wrapped present that had to be passed around the table. It started with Judith and ended about halfway around with Lloyd **French** uncovering chocolate candy. The other was a scavenger hunt that involved one trip out of the ballroom for an item - toilet paper.

There were a number of door prizes announced with one of the top four (a Wii) won by alumni, Mark **Smith**. I believe that everyone made the 10 minute deadline for claiming so there were no forfeits. Winners of the gift basket raffle, one of which was donated by the alumni, were announced last. Dancing closed out the evening's program.

Sages I saw there included President Lloyd **French**, Secretary Sean **Ryan**, Dr. Dave **O'Brien**, Dr. **DeForest**, Doris **Bruner**, Larry **Silhanek**, Mike **Dobrin**, John **Loftis**, Dave **Merker**, Bill **Cooley**, Jim **Whidden** and Steve **Herrick**.



Alumni Assn Gift Basket

(up) Our writer, photographer, and AOY 2008, Bob and Judith Wiley (Down) The Dobrin's with Chief's Melton, Herrick (ex-CCS) (spouse, Barbara), LaGasse (First Shirt), and Nederhoed (CCS)





Personals ...

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

In Memoriam

Jim Salus
Charles Cushion
Lois Johnson
Florence Jackson
Franz "Herb" Dettmer
Jack Dorneden

Rest In Eternal Peace

James W. Salus

NOTIFIED BY GENO WAGNER; BELOW, TIMES LEADER 08.23



James William Salus, 70, of Fairfax, Va., passed away at Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at

10 p.m. Jim grew up in Wyoming, Pa., and in 1957 left his home on East Fourth Street to enter the U.S. Air Force, serving his country for more than 30 years. During that time, he served with the Strategic Air Command, HQ USAF, **Air Force Technical Applications Center**, the Inspector General, and Air Force Systems Command.

In these assignments, he was stationed all over the world – including the Ascension Islands, Thule, Greenland; Reykjavik, Iceland; American Samoa; Fiji; Japan; Guam; the Philippines; Thailand; and Australia. He was a graduate of Troy State University.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vincent George Salus of Wyoming, Pa.; and a daughter, Marie Salus. He is survived by his wife, Susan Cuffage Cooksey Salus, of Fairfax, Va.; his mother, Ann Veronica Yakobitis of Wyoming, Pa.; two sons, James (Holly), of Altamonte Springs, Fla., and Brian (Kenza) of London, England; two stepsons, Norvel Perry Cooksey III. (Maggie), of Lothian, Md., and Sylvester Pritchard (Deb), of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Joan Conaghan (Tom), of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; a brother, William

(Lena), of Wilmington, Del.; four grandchildren, Amir and Zaki, of London; Brock, of Altamonte Springs; and Tristan, of Lothian; and a host of nieces; nephews; and cousins. A memorial prayer service was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the Robert J. Murphy Funeral Home in Falls Church, Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia, on November 18, 2009, at 10:45 a.m. with burial immediately following at **Arlington National Cemetery**.

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

Jim was a LT member of the LRD Alumni Assn. We knew him well serving with him in Pinedale, WY, he an admin guy and me an operator ... became good friends and saw him again at the headquarters in Florida. Jim called us several times over the years and we would talk for a long time. He was fun loving and always ready to share and start a laugh.

He was one of the best admin people I ever knew ... and served on the IG team for awhile. He was really proud to be an AFTACer!! We will miss him a lot as we get used to him no longer being here.

Sage Signer's, 'Guest Book'

ED MASEK-HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was my friend for over 40 plus years. He was truly a "good guy" and will be missed by all who know him. May he rest in peace.

GENO WAGNER-JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Anyone who knew Jim can verify that he was one great guy. Also, he was a great bowler (he beat me all the time). He had many good traits. We'll miss him.

FRANK WINTER-BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

I am sad to learn of Jim's death. Some of my memories include the small house in Boulder, WY, next to the even smaller post office. Also seem to remember a would-be house fire that was actually a skunk under the house.

CLARK CREERY-MELBOURNE, FLORIDA (ALUMNI ASSN DATABASE BOSS)

Although I did not personally know you, I knew you. As a member of the Aftac alumni family we salute you and thank you for being a lifetime member. You have earned your reward to reside at Detachment 000. God Bless.

GENE ROSS, COLONEL, USAF (RET)

I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Take comfort that he had a good life and MANY friends.

He and I go back to a tour together in the Philippines in the 1960s. We shared many good times and a few sad ones. I will miss him. NOTE: 11.18, Gene added, Jim was laid to rest today in Arlington Cemetery. I attended and like to think I represented his many AFTAC friends around the world. The service was well attended (as you would expect) and included "full military" honors...horse pulled caisson, small AF band, Color guard, volley, taps, etc, !!! Military funerals are always somber yet beautiful....and this was no exception. I enjoyed serving with him in the P.I in the 1960s and his friendship over the years. He will be often in my thoughts. He was a good person !!!!!

Charles Cushion

NOTIFIED BY DON WOLFE (RET MARINE FRIEND); BELOW, FLORIDA TODAY 10.15

Fairfax, VA - Charles William "Bill" Cushion, 67, passed away Saturday, October 10, 2009. Beloved husband of 34 years to Dorothy Cushion; loving father



of Stephanie Hammond Yanas (John) of Indialantic, FL, Melanie Hammond Billingsley (Carl) of Charlotte, NC, and Natalie Cushion Whitehead (Eric) of Ashburn, VA, dear brother of Mary Cushion Batdorf (William) of Chittenango, NY, and cherished grandfather of Nicholas and Heather Yanas, Kindell and Courtney Billingsley, and Joshua, Matthew and Ashleigh Whitehead. Colonel Cushion retired from the U.S.

A.F. in 1992 after 26 years of service. He spent several with the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB in Cocoa Beach, FL. Bill was currently employed as an Administrative Officer with the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA). The family will received friends at Everly Funeral Home, Fairfax, Mass of Christian Burial at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Fairfax. Interment with Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Family requests contributions to the charity of donors choice.

Sage Signer's, 'Guest Book'

JOHN HORSCH

I worked for 'Capt' Cushion at the AFTAC HQ's in the 70's in 'B' Systems Operations. Great guy to work for, listened to his troops and respected them; looked at every angle before making a decision.

FRANK AND EDNA CALEDA

I worked with Bill at AFTAC in the 70's. He was easy to work for and was a fine officer. Never had a problem with his decisions. Although I haven't been in touch recently, I will always remember him. Our condolences to his family.

KEN BREITWIESER

I was a young airman and Bill was our Operations Officer, while stationed in Spain in 1969/1970. Have wonderful memories of working and having fun with him. Also had a "catch-up" reunion with him years later on a visit by him out here to McClellan AF Base in Sacramento. I am sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to your family.

JOHN AND ANITA DAMIANO

I worked with Bill Cushion in Spain at the same time as Ken Brietwiser. He was a good man then and it sounds like he continued to be one as his life progressed. I am sorry to hear of his passing.

Lois Johnson

JIM "JR" JOHNSON EMAIL: 18 AUG 2009, CA NEWSLETTER, 2009.10.

Dear Ones, Just a quick and belated note. My wife, Lois O. Johnson, died peacefully here in Granite Bay, CA, on July 3rd after a lingering illness and over six months in Hospice Care. Please advise any others whom we both know and for whom I have no e-mail address--- in case they do not already know. I wish to keep in touch with all of you and see you again sometime when I am more able, and inclined, to travel. John R. (JR) Johnson. jjloj2@gmail.com

CA NEWSLETTER, DEPOT FALLOUT, 2009.10 ISSUE

JOHNSON, Lois O.- Granite Bay, CA, born in Frankfort, Ky., on August 21, 1926, passed away at home on July 3, 2009. A Kentucky native most of her life she

came to California in 2004. She is survived by her husband John R. Johnson, her sister Dorothy Taylor of Mt. Washington, Ky., daughters Vicki J. Wingate (Mike) of Sanford, N. C., and Patricia "PATTI" Maynard (Mike) of Hickory, N.C., grandchildren Robert Warren Wingate of Dallas, Ore., and Kelli M. Wingate of Greensboro, N.C., plus several nieces and nephews. A retired former employee (statistician) of the Kentucky Dept. of Education and longtime Methodist, Lois was an Associate Member of the Cornerstone Community U.M.C. of Rocklin, Calif., while maintaining permanent membership in her church in Kentucky. She was active in many Frankfort and Rocklin church and community functions and activities and was a member of the United Methodist Women for over 50 years. She enjoyed traveling as a hobby. Her memorial service was held at the First U.M.C. of Frankfort, Ky., on July 18. Donations may be made to her Rocklin church, in lieu of flowers. Published in the The Sacramento Bee on July 12, 2009

Paul Wayne Lindy & Robert & Jean Berard

HAL HOWARTER

Hello. I served in AFTAC from 1963 into 1970. I was reading "Sages to Remember" and noticed that a couple of old friends were not listed. Paul Wayne Lindy died in the late 1980s. Robert Berard and his first wife Jean have both passed away, but I can't recall the dates. Wayne Lindy was in "Z" systems. Bob Berard was an SEO for several years in the 60s and, perhaps, on into the 70s. Hal, thanks so much for these updates.

Florence Jackson

JACK JACKSON, EMAIL 11.05; FOLLOWING OBITUARY FROM FL TODAY, 11.08

Melbourne. Florence Marie Fife Jennings Jackson passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, November 5, 2009. Florence was born in Washington D.C. She was a resident of Melbourne for seven years coming from Riva, Maryland. Prior to retirement, she was a secretary at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis. She was a seamstress at Joann's, a homemaker and loved playing bingo with her daughter, Angie, at Ascension Catholic Church. Florence is survived by her husband, Walter "Jack" Jackson Retired USAF of Melbourne, FL; sons, Timothy and Richard Jennings; daughter, Angela Jennings; brother, David Fife; sister, Mary Lou Espenschade (John); and a grandson, Patrick. A gathering was held at Beach Funeral Homes Melbourne/Suntree, 4999 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 from 4 - 5 p.m.; a memorial service followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Health First, 1900 Dairy Rd. Melbourne, FL 32904.

Sage Signer's, 'Guest Book'

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH, VIERA FL

We are truly sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

CLARK CREERY, MELBOURNE FL

Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and may you take solace in knowing that we are all behind you.

MICHELLE AND SEAN RYAN

God Bless all of you. Please let us know if you need anything. Your friends and neighbor in Deer Lakes.

'NEAR SAGES,' DON AND JANE WOLFE

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Florence was a very special lady.

Franz "Herb" Dettmer

BOB FITZGERALD (FROM EMAIL, CATHY ZAHM) 11.16

Franz "Herb" Dettmer was a dear friend to my family and to a lot of

other AFTAC families so I'm very sad to pass along this news: Darlene & I just received a message from Cathy Zahm, Herb Dettmer's daughter, telling us that Herb passed away this morning. Note: Obituary follows:



Col (USAF Ret) Franz Herbert, Herb, as he was fondly known, passed away at home on November 16, 2009, at the age of 89. Born in Oslo, Norway, he immigrated to the United States with his parents at the age of two. They settled in Seattle, Washington. He attended West Seattle High School and the University of Wash-

ington where he obtained his degree in Chemistry and Physics. In 1942 he met and married Anne Jane Beckman who would be his sweetheart for 63 years. Herb proudly served his country for 34 years in the United States Air Force. He received his masters degree in Physics at the Navel Post Grad School. He spent his final years of service in the Commander position at Eielson AFB in Alaska, RADC in Rome, New York, and FDT at Wright Patterson in Ohio. He was honored to be recognized with many Air Force medals and awards. Herb was most proud to be awarded the Legion of Merit medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

Upon retirement, they were happy to return to the Seattle area where they enjoyed family, church activities, Lions club and numerous hobbies. They especially enjoyed traveling across the country visiting family and friends. In 1998 Herb and Jane moved to Folsom where they became active in the Pinebrook community. Herb is survived by his sister, Marion Stenberg of Bellevue, Washington; three loving daughters and sons-in-law: Lannie and Jim Hayes of Folsom, Cathy and Wayne Zahm of Arvada, Colorado, and Connie and Martin Dourte of Albuquerque, NM; as well as four grandchildren: Stephanie Moss of Folsom, Michelle Hanson of Arvada, Colorado, Krista Dourte of Austin, Texas, and Katie Dourte of Nashville, Tenn.; and three great-grandchildren: Katelyn and Austin Hanson and James Moss. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Jane, his daughter and son-in-law, Krista and William Martin and grandchild Sara Jane Martin. The family would like to thank Esther Rogoyawa for her loving care of Herb for the past five years. Services were held at Christ the King Lutheran Church November 24th. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Christ the King Memorial Fund for Herb Dettmer. Published in the The Sacramento Bee on November 21, 2009

Jack Dorneden

CAMILLE DORNEDEN EMAIL 2009.11.30

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that on November 20th my Dad, Jack Dorneden, passed away unexpectedly in his home. After growing up with the AF and then the 3 of us kids all going AF we know how close our AF family can be. (older brother Chris is in Afghanistan as we speak) Thank you for all of the smiles and great memories you shared with my Dad.

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRIS HORSCH

We recall 'Jack' with fondness. We worked, and played, with Jack for years at HQ's, Telegraph Road, VA; even bought a 'hand' lawnmower from him back

in the days when that was the best we could afford!

Jack taught us a lot at work, and how to have a good time. He found the alumni assn, and this newsletter, a few years back and was an ardent reporter to some of his 'AFTAC Times.' We will remember him for many things but mostly his quick laugh and sense of humor.

Memorials

NOTICE/OBITUARY IN PREVIOUS ISSUE(S)

Jack Allison

KENNETH SMITH EMAIL: 18 SEP 2009, CA NEWSLETTER, 2009.10

Major Allison interviewed me for Special Weapons in March of 1965. He told me that there were more qualified people for the four slots available. I told him I could get through any Air Force school with flying colors. He believed me. I spent 9 months at Lowry, 14 months at Det 207, and 4 years at AFTAC headquarters where I met my wife of 39 years. The officers I worked for at AFTAC encouraged me to get out and go to school and helped me find a job in Santa Barbara. I got a degree in physics from UCSB and have been a research scientist for the last 32 years. Thank you Major Allison for setting the direction of my life. I am sure you did the same for many others. SSGT Kenneth S. Smith, 99125 (E) Feb 1965 - Mar 1971, Senior Scientist Metatech Corporation, Goleta, CA

Clifford 'Bo' Ferris

DEANNIE FERRIS EMAIL: 21 SEP 2009, CA NEWSLETTER, 2009.10

Thank you for the hard copy of Bo's obituary in the Depot Fallout. Thank Orv for requesting it. Bo had full military honors at his service at the Veterans' Cemetery at Igo, CA, with a live bagpiper and bugler. He would have enjoyed it. Our family and friends were accompanied by the Freedom Riders motorcycle club. Bo was a man of honor and my best friend. I miss him so deeply. If any of his friends desire, they can email me at deannie@deanniemeyer.com.

TAPS

**In Memory of Those We
Knew Well, Now Gone
But Never Forgotten**

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862

Day is done; gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh,



MAIL - CALL

Any requests for action should be sent to
Long Range Detection Alumni Association
PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

Missives requesting no action may be mailed/emailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@gmail.com. They 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.

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

Email/mail

HELP ... SAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDED ... HELP

The Electronic Post-Monitor (ePoMo) Subscribers (eSubscribers) address(es) have failed 1 or more times in the past ... Hard-Copies were mailed

David **Reynolds**, fets6442@mypacks.net

Bobby **Richardson**, RCCorp.net

Robert **MacManus**, RMacManus@att.net

James **Young**, by2@alltel.net

Please send correction to 'ccreery@cfl.rr.com'

First eSage to 'Report In'

Wayne Reece

@ 1830



I received the e-POMO, thank you. I thought I was about due for more dues, so I will send a check for 3 more years. I mentioned before that I am no longer comfortable with Life-time as this does not allow for inflation. I was very pleased with the article on the 'Land of Morning Calm' aka land of

funny smells.

I was there during the transition from Chun Chon to Wonju. I painted the detachment sign; it later was changed to the Wonju 452 location. Thanks for your early reply ... you are our 'First Responder' for this issue. Congrats. And thanks for the "sign story and picture. We too served there., 71-72.

Bob Fitzgerald

@ 1900

Great job again! I don't know how you manage to keep the bar so high, but you do it every time. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard efforts. You are always so kind-thank you for the complimentary words.

Bob Long

2009.08.12

Read it- Great Stuff - sad to see us old folks passing -

a lot of history - Glad we have you and others accumulating data...

Tidbit for one SSgt Harry **Joseph** of old Det 207, see he went on in his career and is now a new "bud" from reunion..... You might ask him about his dance partner once upon a time in Fairbanks, Alaska...and I will leave it at that.. We all make mistakes. Rather than embarrass him Send this.. ha... We did have fun up there. Thanks for the reply and comments. We will let Harry read this in the next PoMo and see if he retaliates!!!

Clark Creery

08.14

Kudos for the August Newsletter! There was so very much to report and you folks did a tremendous job of getting most of it into print. The column written by the "Prez" says it all! The help that members gave to Bob **Wiley** during the reunion preparation and execution showed us all that everybody follows somebody. We are so thankful for a president like Lloyd who makes following so easy.

I was amazed at our August Executive Meeting at the HQ. Almost standing room only and that tells me that the Alumni are strong and going forward. Now we just need some of the old heads to stir up the younger folks or the new retirees. We are not just a golf organization we are a group of folks who bathe in the camaraderie of people we want to associate with. I am proud to have served as a member of AFTAC while in the service to my country and I am even prouder to be a member of the LRDA/AFTAC Alumni. Thank, Clark ... and thanks for joining our team as our 'Membership Chair,' er, 'guy,' as you like to say!!

Jim 'Red' Davis

08.19

Jim ALWAYS thanks us. After not hearing from him for several days, we inquired if he'd received the ePoMo. Per usual, Jim wrote a very thought provoking and gracious reply:

Thanks for your e-mail John.....Sorry I didn't or haven't responded to the PoMo newsletter sooner.....losing two very close and good friends so close like Bo **Feris** and Bobby **Jones** makes one to do a lot of silent thinking especially when things like that sometimes happens in "threes." There is nothing wrong with me except the infirmities of old age....when get up and over 80 anything can happen....so yes, you stop and think and ponder when things like this happens...it is good to know the PoMo always does a super job in keeping people informed and making sure people are recognized.

I did in fact receive the PoMo on time (ahead of time) and as usual read every word....I don't want to miss anything!!!! I still feel a part of AFTAC even though it's been 36 years since I retired...I can't get over the fact that many of those that are running AFTAC today were actually born after I retired !!!!! and some of those are approaching retirement themselves...Yeah, makes one proud to have been a part of such a wonderful group of people....I want to thank you again for all your efforts and especially checking up on me to see if I'm ok. Just keep the PoMo coming !!!!! Re-

gards. Jim, it is our honor and pleasure to do so, especially with Sages, and readers, such as yourself.

Bob West

08.28

I am Bob West, a lifetime member of the Alumni Assoc and just received my August copy of the Post Monitor via snail mail. As always, terrific even though I don't know most of the people in the articles anymore. I was a S/Sgt in the 1009th SWS/AFOAT-1 HQ at the 14th and Constitution location (1952-1956). I will send a little history as I remember it, in the near future. From now on, You can send the Post Monitor to me via email if it is available that way. Keep up the great work. We like to hear from the very early Sages!! Someone from the early 50's has got to have some good stories. Thanks for the compliments/eSubscription. Bob followed up; see picture below.

Tom Andler

08.29

Tom had reported he was 'missing the PoMo.' I got the paper copy today. A lot of good memory joggers in there. The Charles **Butler** photos makes him look quite young in the 1978 photo. I remember him showing us a photo of what looked like an outhouse, but it was one of the original AFTAC monitoring stations. Just goes to show that all good things start small.

My nine years in AFTAC developed many life long friendships and now that I'm retired, I need to stay more in touch. See ya at the Golf outing. Thank, Tom, and its great to hear from you, be reminded of our times, and welcome you to our eSubscribers.

Jack Wagley

08.31

(Jack has been a longtime writer to the PoMo, and many of his letters have been published in past PoMo's, either whole or in part. In this letter Jack brings us up to date on his life and health, and asks us to provide his address for contacting him: 2750 Waters Road, Rural Route #14, Ann Arbor MI 48103-9649) He also wrote:

Is Joe **Johnson** still an alumni? They were stationed at McClellan, while I was with Ground Electronic Info, 1963-65. If any of today's alumni remember me, let me know by mail. We have computer but about all I can do with it is play solitaire. I should go to school but I would rather watch the ball games, Pistons, Tigers, etc. Thanks for the letter/update. We posted your address above and contacted Joe about your query; Joe sent Jack a note.

Jerry Brown

09.03

Sure enjoyed reading the Post Monitor, and the article on Det 452 sure brought back a lot of good memories. I wasn't aware the detachment had only been operational since March 1969, I got there in August and some of the people I recall being there were Capt **LePAGE**, Bill **Benton**, Tony **Toth**, Art **Elsner**, Willie J. **Brooks**, and Lt **Pierre**. I had forgotten Mr **Shin** until I read his name under the photo. Thanks for identifying 'Willie' ... he was in that 'barbeque' picture with us. I'm sure we were in the first group of personnel to support the Chechon Children's Home, as I recall we took them boxes of kids shoes, chewing gum and candy.....it really made me feel good, as most of these kids had never had a new pair.

That photo was a surprise, do you realize it was taken about 40 years ago, when we both had a lot more hair.....in fact the picture of me looked just like my oldest son James, who just celebrated his 45th birthday. Hair, hair, speak for yourself.

Sorry we didn't get to come to the reunion, but something came up. We will try to make it next time. We will count on it!!!

Cliff York

09.12

(Cliff sent this notice-website link follows) I sent an email a short time back about the ACLU trying to get a cross removed. At that time I signed up to receive their newsletters. Thought you may be interested in the below newsletter explaining an effort to keep that and other monuments from being torn down. If you feel it is a worthy cause, please support it to the extent you feel is appropriate. Thanks in advance. **The Link is:** http://www.2dialog.com/freemarket/main.php/micro_sites/webviewmessage/id/182/package_id/533/contact_id/254105/domain_id/

Marvin Weber

note received, 09.11

(Marv sent this note with his Lifetime dues) My label says its time to renew my membership. This time - For Life.

I was a member of AFTAC from 1962 through 1972. The best 10-1/2 years of my Air Force Career. I



Robert 'Bob' West

10.08

I found a photo from my AFTAC days. This is one when the 1009th SWS softball team played in the Alexandria, VA city league and we won the title. I am standing in the middle row, far right end, A/2C Bob West. Can't find the trophy we all got, maybe there is one in the archives in your (AFTAC Historian) office. Thanks, Bob ... do you have names and year of this event? Bob responded: Back Row, L>R: LTC Glaeser, Pete Snipes, Jerry LaBarre, Maj Ross, Maj Rund, Col Hunter; 2nd Row: A/1C Jerry Linderer, A/1C Bill Bowen, A/2C Bob West, Maj Skardvet, Lt Figley; Front Row, T/Sgt Claude Burgess, Gen Canterbury, A/2C Wilbur Farris, S/Sgt Jack McGattigan. My first thought about the year is 1953,

HELP ... SAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDED ... HELP
Sage USPS Sends/Returns-No Forwarding info:
 Robert Friday, Charles Copeland, Gary Baetz, Raymond Lentz III, Ray Mallard, Leo Deville, Whitfield Martin, John Schmidt, Keri Robinson

We don't want these Sages to miss another issue!!
Please send corrections to our Membership Chair, Clark Creery @ ccreery@cfl.rr.com or to the Assn address on Page Two.

A 'Guess Who'

CLARK CREERY

Picture for the Pub. Dick Gullett on the Left, Bill Wettstein (deceased) in the middle and we want to know



Clark, we like that, 'picture for the pub' ... makes us think of many good times at places so named!!! Oh, now we get it ... betcha you're thinking 'publication!' OK, here it is ... anyone help Clark???

Scene SageS, worl dwide reunion, may 2009
 'COUPLES,' FRANK CALEDA ... CEREMONY, AFTAC PA, MSGT PAT MURPHY



Above-some 'do', others 'dither' ... L>R John Doberstein welcomes, the Herrick's are checked in by the Horsche's and Bob Wiley, the 'Major Arranger' discusses his 'internet search' with Deborah Carson, taking a break from her 'ballroom' duties.
 Below-Social night snacks ... hmmm hmmm good!!



Frank and Edna Calenda
 (down) Sue and Bill Schmied

Beverly and Frank Hall
 Alyson and Tony Ballentine



Fred and Mary Miller
 (down) Charline, friend of Don Mosely

Steve and Barbara Herrick
 Moira and Tom Eddleman



A bit of trivia, and a record we put up for challenge: Don has attended the most reunions!! He recalls missing the 2001 CO Reunion, and several of the early ones, but has attended all the others.



(above) AFTAC Honor Guard 'Present the Colors' on Saturday night. Following that, they took part in the 'POW/ MIA Table Ceremony'-http://www.gmasw.com/pow_table.htm has more about this subject.



PREZ

FROM
THE TOP

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The Holiday Season brings about many traditional activities we anticipate with youthful eagerness. As the last morsels of our Thanksgiving feasts make a steaming exit from the microwave, our thoughts rush ahead to the AFTAC Winter Social, the office party, and the deluge of gifts that magically appear under the tree. However, this year is different for a score of active-duty AFTACers. To our deployed members, I extend my heart and my hand.

The heart is the source of affection. It is that place within us that feels hollow when we are sad and so full when we are happy. Our deployed members are working blistering schedules under extremely austere conditions, but their photos show only smiles or the look of determined satisfaction that they're doing something important...something worthwhile. Their heart is in their job—their duty—but you just know there's a little of the sad, hollowness that accompanies the knowledge that they will be apart from family during the holidays. To fill that void, I send you a piece of my heart.

The extended hand says much. It is the most "verbal" of our non-verbals. It is a greeting; so, to you who are away from home, I extend my hand across the wide expanse and say, "Hello." The hand is used to seal a deal; so, to those who tread in Harm's way, I promise to keep your support up from this end. "Care Packages" and letters to Congress will ensure you have some measure of top-down concern while you protect our borders against those who would do violence upon us. The hand is a gesture of thanks—we thank you with all our hearts for your patriotism, devotion, and honorable service.

Those of you here—safe, warm, and at home—take a moment to reflect on the generations past who spent holidays away. Whether it was France, or Midway, or Korea, many of you walked the walk. Remember what it's like to be remembered...to be appreciated...and keep our many comrades in your hearts. This holiday season is ours to enjoy because of what you've done what they do. Happy Holidays to all!



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

ElectedPresident-**Lloyd French**Vice-**Addison Mitchell**Secretary-**Judy Milam**Treasurer-**Joe Goldian****Appointed**Activities-**CMSgt John Nederhoed**Hall of Heritage-**Vacant**Hospitality-**Judy Milam**Internet-**Mike Black**Membership/Off-Line Database-**Clark Creery**Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**Publicity-**Need a Volunteer**Sage Shop-**Pat Snyder**

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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 active duty section and alumni assn website for details) Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

Membership: Clark **Creery**, reported Membership at 631 w/571 Lifetime, 238 eSubscribers. Complete listing w/deceased, 4516-Deceased, 367. Changes since last PoMo, 123. See Clarks' article following.

Post-Monitor: On Schedule

***Hall of Heritage:** Position vacant ... no new report.

***Golf:** The 20 Annual Fall Golf N'Gettogether is being worked ... see website for details, as available. Also, we need a '**Super Sage**' to head up this event.

***Publicity Chair:** Another '**Super Sage**' needed to fill this position.

*Please step forward if you can help your association in these important posts. Thank you for your consideration of these offerings.

Membership Chair Report

OR, AS CLARK PREFERS, 'DA MEMBERSHIP GUY' REPORT!!



This past summer I attended several meetings of the Alumni Association and I realized that our membership management needed a shot in the arm. Randy **Vlassick** who was up to his armpits in official work just did not have the time to devote to keeping track of membership roles. Thus, I decided to volunteer to take on this task. I thank the executive committee and Randy for the opportunity to serve you.

I have maintained a worldwide listing since the days when Mary **Welsh**, Jim **Payne** and Carl **Gailey** kept the rolls and, although I know it is not complete, we strive to make it as accurate as possible. Mike **Black**, our webmaster, maintains the website where information is available and he provides me with updates as changes are made.

Since I was handed the scepter of membership custodian I have contacted both Colorado and California and they were kind enough to share their information with me. Overall statistics as of this first day of October are: Worldwide Listing—4,576 including deceased

Chapter Listings: CA-159; CO-87; FL-642; Deceased Listing- 69

EDITORS: WE LIKE TO CALL CLARK'S DATABASE 'OLD' - FOR 'OFFLINE DATABASE'. THE 'SAGE SHOP' (LAST PAGE) LISTS TWO PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM CLARK FOR PAID-UP MEMBERS, A **FLORIDA MEMBERSHIP**, OR A **WORLDWIDE, DIRECTORY** VIA EMAIL, PDF ATTACHMENT.

In August we distributed our newsletter (electronic and hard-copy) and we have found that we have had to spend some of our hard earned dues when some deliveries were rejected. Please ensure that your email address and your postal address are current. 16 Postal Forms were returned as undeliverable. We had 39 folks with dues due now (2010) and 15 of those had email addresses so we sent out a reminder on 1 October. We have had a slow response and I hope that folks have just not remembered. We will cycle through one more mailing and if e-mails fail or the PoMo cannot be delivered your status will be placed into the pending file so you will not receive the newsletter or announcements any longer. I will keep trying to remind you when things are due.

This year I am pushing electronic mailings of the PoMo because it is so much easier. John will have to explain the logistics required (follows) to meet our service to each one of you via snail mail. Once again, thank you so much and please help me help you.

Clark Creery, Da Membership Guy

EDITORS: SNAIL MAIL REQUIRES BETWEEN TWO AND THREE WEEKS TO ARRIVE OUR SUBSCRIBERS; WE EMAIL THE POMO TO THE PRINTER AND ABOUT A WEEK LATER IT IS READY FOR DELIVERY TO THE MAIL DISTRIBUTION CENTER (CONINCIDENTLY OPERATED BY BOB AND PAT **CHADWICK**, HE A SAGE HIMSELF!!).THIS SEVERAL MILE TREK IS INVARIABLY DONE BY ONE OUR MOST 'SUPPORTIVE SAGES,' JACK **JACKSON**. FOLLOWING THAT IT IS PREPARED FOR USPS MAILING (ONE OR TWO DAYS) AND THE MAILING OCCURS TAKING ABOUT 3-7 DAYS FOR DELIVERY DEPENDENT ON THE DAY IT IS MAILED.

California newsletter extraCts, #2009.10

DEPOT FALLOUT

Jack **Allison** (now deceased), President; Dennis **Nolan**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); Orville **Pritchard**, Asst. COB; Dave **Tarquino**, Director At Large; Charlie **Penn**, Treasurer; Butch **Kemna**, Asst. Treasurer; Ken **Breitwieser**, Secretary; Bob **Baker**, Asst. Secretary, Dave **Price**, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**-Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>.
Membership: 158/133 are Lifetime

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING
Meetings, 1st Tuesday quarterly at the LionsGate Restaurant at McClellan Park; confirm before coming-call ahead to our Vice President or check 'Events' page at <www.aftacwcc.org>.

#Complete issues are now posted 'online' at the CA website listed above. Visit this website for this, and previous issues, pictures, mail, and much more. Herein, and in other parts of this newsletter, we extract some articles recognizing that not all Sages are internet users. **FYI: John Lanigan has a great 'Way Back When' in the current issue.**

Mail-Call

John Shampo Email: 25 Aug 2009. <http://www.awra.us/gallery-feb09.html> I am not sure you have seen the above link, but take a look. AFTAC, 1962-1966

Ralph Simonton Email: 24 Aug 2009. I just read the entire online article. (on the Antarctic TDY) Thanks for the heads up. It is obvious that the quality of AFTAC personnel has not diminished in the last 37 years! Fascinating reading.

Florida Editor's Note: And finally, this picture/text from the CA Newsletter
Anyone Looking To Set Up A Small Business??



Colorado newsletter extraCts, 2009.10

ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice, Earl **Pierce**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-
Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>.

Membership: ~105

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING
2010-General Membership Breakfast, Aurora Hills
Golf Course, TBD.



Carl **Raines** (photographer) was nice enough to send along some old pictures from Det 301. These photos were taken in 1953 outside the operations building in Ankara. Ed **Gardiner** is on his way home. Also pictured, Bill **Brownlow**, Willie **Johnson**, Bob **Fernandez** and his wife. The Air Attaché's C47 was parked there. Bill Brownlow is in the photo and was one of its pilots. He was very generous taking det personnel and families on trips. The day of this photo Ed Gardiner was leaving to come home to US. His new assignment was det 142, Encampment, WY.



Florida Editor's Note: The CO Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley** (Moxi), publishes many articles of interest to retirees concerning Tricare, DEERS, and other information. Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' copy via email, mox@wispertel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter also.

August Breakfast, 'Local' AFTAC CC's Speak



Det 46 Commander Major Bradley Graves



Det 45 Commander Captain Paul Muller

Colorado Chapter AFTAC Alumni Golf Outing

COMMON GROUNDS COURSE, 6365 YARDS (WHITE TEES), JULY 23RD, 2009

From Left to Right: Earl **Pierce**, Bob **Sladek**, Bill **Burroughs**, Pat **Burke**, Jack **Smith**, Lanny **Fahlenkamp**, Burt **Cedarvall**, Lonnie **Gibbons**, and Kent **Gibbons**, (down front right - Mark **Gibbons**).

MONITOR *ing Active* *Duty Doins'* from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col Lisa Ann
Onaga

Commander (CC), 2008.08. AF1985/AFTAC2008.

The Col has served the AF in many capacities before coming to AFTAC. Most recently she was Director, Collection Management and Dissemination, Multi-National Forces - Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq. Col Onaga has an MAS from Embry-Riddle and has attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB Ala.



CMSgt John
Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987.

The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO at HQ. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Academy) and has earned several Associate of Science Degrees.



Patrick AFB, FL, AFTAC HQ's Building Update

THIS APPEARED IN THE FLORIDA TODAY, 2009.11.14

Over the years, and from time to time, because so many of us lived, worked and visited Patrick we have provided updates to housing and other areas of the base. This one, in particular, is interesting as it pertains to the new HQ's building process discussed and presented at the recent Florida Alumni Association Chapter's 'WorldWide reunion' (2009.05).

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force Technical Application Center (AFTAC) in partnership with the 45th Space Wing (45SW), as the Executing Agency for the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC), offers for public comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Construction of the Air Force Applications Center Facility on Patrick Air Force Base, FL. The EA assesses potential impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, water resources, hazardous materials and waste, health and safety, infrastructure and transportation, noise, and environmental justice. Copies of the Draft EA and FONSI are available for review through December 3, 2009 at the 45th Space Wing Public Affairs Office at 45 SW/PA, 1201 Edward H. White II, Bldg 423, Rm C-129, MS 4500, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, 32925, as well as the Public Library in Satellite Beach, Florida. Comments regarding the DEA and FONSI may be addressed to Ms. Keitha Dattilo-Bain, 45 CES/CEAO, 1224 Jupiter Street, MS 9125, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, 32925-3343; (321) 494-5286; or Email to keitha.dattilo-bain@patrick.af.mil.



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

POC: Gay Ann Bedard, 'birdiebedard@gmail.com.' Shortly after we went to press last issue, Birdie sent the following 'thank you's'

2009.08.16 Birdie Bedard, email. I just received these. I know they won't make it in for awhile but I wanted you to have them. The AFTAC Spouses group could not do these boxes with out the help of All the Alumni. Thank you for remembering our deployed AFTAC family members. **Gay Ann Bedard**

AFTAC Spouses, I just wanted to thank you for recent care package I received. It was definitely a great surprise to 1) actually get mail, and 2) have some good snacks and things. The phone card was awesome too! It beats the 15 minute time limit for DSN morale calls. Also, if you could give my thanks to Starbucks for the coffee. The guys out here opened that up right away and started grinding. Anyhow, all is well out here, and it's good to know there is a lot of support from home. Once again, thank you for all your support! Very respectfully **DAMON R.M. WONG, 1st Lt, USAF 887 ESFS/S2 OIC**

AFTAC Spouses,

Thank you very much for the care package that you sent me. It is greatly appreciated! Full of goodies and reading materials that will help pass the time.

Weather is hot, dry and dusty....there's a constant dirt smell in your nose. Attacks have picked up...even during daylight hours now but for the most part, no one seriously injured. 3 Months down with 3 to go in the "Sand Box".....can't wait to come home!

Thanks again for the package!

v/r

TSgt Milburn

332 ECS/SCONS

Joint Base Balad, Iraq

Thank you for the recently received package of goodies. Again, as has been the trend for each of your packages received, the team gathered around my

Booster Club Officers

President: MSgt Jerry Rice

Vice President: MSgt John Sutton

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Secretary: SrA Christopher Dale

Public Affairs Rep: SSgt Brian Ferestad

Hot Dog Sales: TSgt Glenn Estes

Top Banana Rep: SMSgt Gerald McFadden

Clothing Sales: TSgt Rob Christman

desk to grab their favorite treat. The Starbucks coffee is always a special treat and enjoyed by all. Thank you again for thinking of me. I look forward to my return home in the Fall. Tom **Thomas C. Donnelly, LT USN**

Dear AFTAC Spouses,
Thank you so much for the care package. The thought and the effort are very much appreciated. All the snacks disappeared very quickly between my coworkers and myself. You don't know how much it brightens a person's day, hearing that you've received mail! Please keep it up, it means the world to us to know we're not forgotten over here.
Thanks Again!

Nicholas J. Anderson, SSgt, USAF

TSgt Smallwood,
I received the AFTAC Spouse's Group Care Package. The night shifters were very excited about the coffee. I will see if I can get some pictures for the Starbucks wall (no cameras allowed in the area). The group out here made a comment about how some of the Units that have troops out here don't do this kind of thing. Could you pass along my thanks to the Spouse's Group for me? **SSgt Kappel, Nick**

Honoring Pearl survivors

PAFB pays tribute to 10 survivors of Pearl Harbor

BY R. NORMAN MOODY • FLORIDA TODAY • DECEMBER 8, 2009, EXTRACT

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE — Young airmen from Patrick Air Force Base stood in formation Monday to pay tribute to 10 Pearl Harbor survivors.

It didn't matter to the airmen, **most from the Air Force Technical Application Center**, that there were fewer survivors to honor this year. The dwindling numbers made it that much more important, they said.

"We really appreciate what that generation did," said Capt. Joel **Neuber**, 30. "It's sad to see their numbers dwindle."

About 200 airmen and others gathered Monday at AFTAC for the 15th annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony to remember the raid, which for 60 years -- until the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks -- was the most horrific attack on American soil.

"Twenty years from now, or 10 years from now, we won't have the opportunity to do this," Neuber said. "It's well worth the time and effort."

Last year, 15 local Pearl Harbor Association members participated in the ceremony, which may be the only one sponsored by an active-duty military unit. There were 17 survivors the year before. Survivors are 85 to 95 years old.

Pearl Harbor survivor Jim **Fulton** said even though fewer survivors are able to attend the ceremony each year, most looked forward to it and are honored to be part of it.

"I wonder who the last guy will be when it all ends," said Fulton, 89, of Cocoa Beach.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY:

The ceremony Monday followed the military tradition of 21-gun volley. It also included a fly-by by members of the 920th Rescue Wing and a historic photo display from the personal collection of Elwood "Pappy" Neener, a member of the Pearl Harbor Association Space Shuttle chapter.

Maj. Gen. Paul **Dettmer**, Air Force Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, told the crowd at the ceremony that the survivors were owed a great debt of gratitude.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," said **Dettmer**, who as a colonel was commander of AFTAC in 2000-01. "Thank you for being such an inspiration to all of us."

CRAIG RUBADOUX, FLORIDA TODAY PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS TAKE A GROUP PHOTO.



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:

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"I Remember ... "

LRD History by those who were there
PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.).
HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman** (deceased), George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy**, Tom **Dunn**, Bob **Long**, John **Bright**, Vern **Mikkelsen**, Brian **Swan** (deceased), Bruce **Deffler**, Les **Miller**, Clark **Wilberg**, Lloyd **French**, John **Bright**, Tony **Balentine**, Wayne **Myers**, Clark **Creery**, Gary **Warfield**, Clentis **Bailey**, Dr. **Romney**, and this issue, Bob **Chadwick**.

We look forWard to your inputs

Bob Chadwick checks in

BOB SENT US TWO STORIES IN APRIL-THIS 'MEMORY' AND A FOLLOWING 'BS.' WE DID NOT HAVE ROOM FOR THESE STORIES IN THE AUG ISSUE. THANKS FOR THE TALES AND YOUR PATIENCE.

Thanksgiving, Far Far Away

In early 1962 I was assigned on my first overseas tour, to Perth, Australia. I was part of a detachment of about 12 Air Force enlisted folks, led by one Lieutenant (Paul **Kollas**). We were all pretty new to being overseas; only the three senior NCO's had been in long enough to have overseas experience. Most of us were kids, (Early 20's) fresh out of Tech school. Our Lieutenant, in spite of his position as Commander, was only a bit less homesick than the rest of us.

It was a pretty good place to be. People were friendly, and the group was pretty closely knit. Several of the guys had brought their wives and kids down; this made it much easier on them and even provided us single troops some of the contact with a family environment that frequently is lacking on a military assignment in a foreign country. One of our group, Elvin **Hartman** (from the area of Golden, Colorado), was a member of a family that are members of the Nazarene church. After we got to Perth, Elvin's Dad, as parents are wont to do sometimes, communicated with the lo-

cal Church of the Nazarene pastor in Perth, who in turn kept in touch with Elvin and family.

In addition to the members of our group, we found the Australians to be just exactly as advertised, a fine bunch of friendly people who did not mind having us "Yanks" around at all. Just a terrific bunch. It helps to be in a country where Americans are liked.

However, regardless of the aforementioned factors, the Holiday season was approaching, and Thanksgiving is not an Australian holiday, so there was a twinge of foreignness that was still there. Several days before Thanksgiving, the word went out in the detachment that there was going to be a Thanksgiving dinner, Turkey and all the trimmings, under the auspices of Reverend **Spall**, the pastor, and the Hartmans. They were looking for volunteers to provide food, etc, and attendance was open to all in the group who wished to come. Now, to those of you who are used to Thanksgiving in the 'good ole USA,' or even those who remember Thanksgivings overseas where there was a big commissary nearby, this may seem like a pretty ho-hum task.... "Hey, we do that every year...what's the big deal??".

But remember, we were in a city 12000 miles away from the USA in any direction, and at the very end of anyone's supply lines. We were almost the sole American population of Perth, let alone the only American GI's in Western Australia and, for that matter, we were probably half of the US military presence in Australia at that time. No commissary. No BX. No APO Mail. No MAC Cargo planes once a week.

Thanksgiving is not an Australian holiday. I would also note that although the concept of a thanksgiving celebration was easy to grasp, Rev Spall, an Australian, had nothing to go on except a willingness to participate and to try to help. Once again, this is not a holiday celebrated there; he had no precedents.

He provided the turkey. For the life of me I have no idea where he found it. Turkey is not something you could go to the Aussie equivalent of a Publix and pick one out of thousands. There were not even supermarkets there in the early 60's. And none of us had EVER seen a turkey during our travels in the country. Alive, dead, frozen, stuffed or whatever. Somewhere in Western Australia Rev Spall found us a turkey. I don't know how he did it, but that made the dinner. Leads me to believe that one of the training aspects or qualifications for Nazarene pastors is ability as a magician...??..

Some judicious searching around located Cranberry sauce, Pumpkin pie filling, and almost all the other goodies needed. The day preceding the feast was a flurry of activity amongst the assorted wives, and on Thursday at dinner time we all sat down to a feast that I will remember forever. The food was superb and the company was excellent. If Rev Spall and the Hartmans had not organized this celebration of thanks for our good fortune, I'm sure we would have all survived,

but it would have been nowhere near as nice.

I don't know what happened to the Hartmans. We all came back from Australia after a few years; last I saw of them was in Washington, DC around 1968. I'd expect Rev Spall is still in the area of Perth. I hope they all are doing well and are happy; they all deserve that.

Well, there it is. Not a story of Great Earth-Shaking Import. Just another nice thing done by good people; the sort of thing that keeps the world sort of on the right course. I just wanted to let someone know that it didn't go unnoticed. Even after 40 years or more.

Just as a postscript, I shared this story with the local paper (Florida Today) several years ago and got a call from a local lady who knew Rev Spall. That resulted in a call from him, from his home in Queensland, a few days later. He had changed careers, and was a doctor now, but remembered. And a few years after that, Elvin Hartman resurfaced along with several others in attendance at the event (Paul **Chesnut**, Don **Humphries**, Ernie **Girard** as a result of a search for old Det 426 hands on the Internet.

"BS Tales"

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be '**Barely Substantiated**' and/or '**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 **Vlassick**, (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (5), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank and Nedra **Szachta** (4), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (2), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal**, Ray **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**.

We look forward to your 'bs' inputs.

This issue we have a landmark four stories. We continue with Gindy's tale below, Bob's bs follow his memory article above, and Clark and Frank favor us with continuing recollection, #4 for Clark and #5 for Frank.

James Gindleperger checks in with Part Two (Part One was in the Aug issue).

Christmas, Far Far Away!

JIM SUBMITTED THIS EXCELLENT TALE IN JANUARY AND HAS BEEN VERY PATIENT AS THE PUBLICATION PROCESS ENSUED. THANK YOU, FOR BOTH THE STORY, AND YOUR PATIENCE. WE NOW FINISH A TALE WE STARTED LAST ISSUE. RECALL JAMES HAS REPORTED THEIR SEO ABODE IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO BEING WELL EQUIPPED. HERE WE CONTINUE THIS WELL DONE TALE ABOUT 'THE LIFE OF AN SEO' IN FAR AWAY PLACES. IN PART TWO WE READ OF THEIR CONTINUING PREPARATION FOR BOTH WORK AND 'FUN.' ... AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON PLAYS A BIG ROLE AS THE RESIDENT 'CHRISTMAS

ELF,' KATY (TODD) (LEGETT), NUDGES THEM TOWARD THE SEASON!! JIM CONTINUES,

"Once all the furniture was located several of the SEOs head back to the main hanger (work). It's now time to make sure all the equipment arrived and is in working order. Someone heads off to help the lab set up the clean room, someone off to preflight the aircraft ARE equipment another to check with Col (then Major) **Perry** to see if he needs anything and get his bags and take them to his room. The next few hours is constant activity and it is nice when word comes down that there is no mission tomorrow. Now we know we have another day to get ready so things slow immediately. Off to the chow hall and back to the house. There is still one critical thing that has not been taken care of REFRESHMENTS. Off to the class store for booze, beer sodas and whatever snacks we can find. Now it is finally time to sit and relax with a cold beer.

The next morning several people head to work to see if anything else needs to be done. Kathy opens a big A-3 bag to expose CHRISTMAS. Kathy is always the Christmas elf. It doesn't matter where you are Christmas will go on. Decorations, stockings cookies and homemade fudge all start to appear. The house does not seem ready for it. There is no fireplace for the stockings. A quick walk around the area reveals cinderblocks and bricks. It doesn't take long to remove some of the patio and construct a fireplace. Insert one space heater, 'bingo' a fireplace ready for stockings.

Word from the office is that nothing is going to happen for a few days. The weather is good and the beach is nice but the Christmas elf is not happy "We need a tree." This poses a problem as although there are a lot of trees the fauna and flora are protected and they take a dim view of removing trees. Taking that in mind I started walking on the golf course and happened upon a dense thicket of Norwalk pines. So dense that I determined that removing one would assist in the growth of the remainder.

But since I was not sure that the powers to be would concur with my assessment it did not seem wise to remove the tree during daylight hours. I am not sure why there was a bow saw in the SEO equipment container but there was so about 3 am I decided to go for a walk. In the morning I awoke to happy laughs from the Christmas elf. Everyone helped in decorating the tree and hanging the stocking of course under the watchful eye of the Christmas elf.

Kathy had brought small gifts for everyone I remember Joe got a bottle of olives full of gin. Tom Bressan got socks, someone got sardines. It didn't matter what the items were but there was still going to be Christmas.

A couple of weeks pass and still nothing is happening. During these long lulls Col Perry always had a habit of putting in too many hours and worrying too much. It was on these occasions that we would invite him to the SEO house to watch Animal House. Yes

the SEO kit included a TV, VCR and games. By the time Col Perry arrived at the house we had set out a tray of snacks and popcorn. As he sat down Joe ask him what he wanted to drink? His reply "a little of everything." The movie was started and Joe went off to the kitchen to make his drink. "A little of everything" Huh So that is what Joe did. Vodka, gin, rum and even a little Baileys Irish Cream topped off with some 7 up. Perry to a sip and didn't say a word. Now Col Perry really loves Animal House and is always about 10 seconds of the gag when it comes to laughter. He would laugh and we would laugh. Sometime you laughed because you knew what was about to happen and sometimes you were just laughing at Col Perry. When the movie and the lights turned on Perry finally ask Joe what was in the drink. Just what you ask for Sir, "a little bit of everything". Joe named the drink chocolate Perry. I doubt that it has been made since.

Finally on Christmas Day we were told that we would start flying the next day. We flew the 26th and 27th and it looked like things might be over. There was always this I want to get home attitude right after a real mission occurred. The realization that we could be home for New Years got shot when we were told more missions to come in January.

Days pass and there are more poker games, beer, stories, mission days and spending time together. I don't remember exactly when I got home but it was sometime in mid January. These trips though not enjoyable to all made a lifelong bond. Seeing everyone at Las Vegas brought back a lot of fond memories."

Bob Chadwick checks in

The Fridge

Reading Frank **Calenda's** story about '**Bad Brad**' set off a couple memories that deserve recording (or at least, I think so...) So here goes.

Back in the early 60's we had a det In Hawaii. The crew lived "down below" in the valley, and worked at the summit of Mt Haleakala. It was a 1.5 hour drive up, and the same back, over a really bad road. Day workers did it every day, and operator shifts were 24 hours. This meant that you had to bring your own food up. We had "inherited" a building that was previously used by Sandia Corporation as a observatory during the "Hardlook" atmospheric testing in 1962 in the South Pacific; had sleeping facilities and a kitchen with a large fridge. Nice place.

Those of you who've been on the ops crews at dets I am sure are familiar with the rules and conventions that govern food, supplies, personal effects and space in a small group of guys who have to live and work closely. There are a set of conventions that are learned early, and ARE NOT BROKEN. You each have a designated space, you don't touch the other guy's stuff; if there's an emergency you can eat the food out of his "stash", but you better (1) let him know

and (2) replace what you took as soon as practical afterward.

Well.... This is a good system if everyone follows it; occasionally a new troop would miss, and get set straight by the gang. It generally only took one gentle reminder. Except....

One of the troops, his name escapes me, let's call him Rich, never 'got the Word'. He got told many times, but it never seemed to sink in. I guess he thought his needs were more important than the others'. Invariably, after a shift of his, someone would be missing a pint of milk, at TV dinner, a couple candy bars, or the bag of chocolate chip cookies. Repeated and sometimes sharp reminders just rolled off his back. Resentment grew, but for a long time no one could figure out what to do.

One fine morning, the day workers and relief crew arrived and shift relief took place. We noted that Rich looked a little green around the gills and wasn't saying much, and immediately hot-footed it to the truck that was headed down the hill.

"Gee, he looks a bit rocky and seems in a hurry to leave."

His shift buddy: "Yeah, he's not feeling good, I guess. He was OK till about 9 PM; from then on he seemed to be spending most of his time in the latrine. Guess he got the runs or something." "Oh, hope nothing happens on the trip down; that's a long way between toilets." The night crew left, and as we were getting ready for the day's activities I noticed that one of the operators (name escapes me, must be the Lipitor again; we'll call him Fred) had a "cat that ate the canary" expression on his dial.

"OK, what are you grinning like a mule eating bumblebees for?" sez I. Fred replied, "I know what Rich's problem is." OK. You gonna tell us or do we beat it out of you?" The day gang, hearing this exchange, swooped in like buzzards over road kill. You could almost hear the ears perking up.

Turns out that Fred had been an unwilling donator to Rich's midnight raids. He kept a stash of Hershey bars in the fridge, and there were always a couple missing after ole Rich's shift. Fred, getting tired of this and being a Highly Skilled and Qualified Special Weapons Systems Operator, the top 2% of the Air Force's talent, started meditating on the situation. He recalled that a Hershey Milk Chocolate bar and a bar of chocolate flavored Ex-Lax were approximately the same shape. Realizing this, he bought several packages of Ex-Lax and proceeded to rewrap this material in the wrappers from his candy bars. It worked perfectly. Our Lad wolfed down Fred's candy bars just like always, and spent the next 12 hours sitting on the porcelain chair considering his misfortune.

He never stole another thing from the fridge. Guess some folks need stronger lessons than others.

Clark Creery Checks In

Det 205/461

My assignment at Detachment 205/461 was actually the best assignment I had in the Air Force and when I received notice that I was going on this Remote I was sure that personnel had a vendetta against me. I later realized that they were just doing their jobs.

I have so many thoughts when I think back to how we worked as a team. Our commanders were individuals who were suited to the task. Captain **Bandy** and then Captain **Jackson** (both of whom went on to function as Colonels in various capacities) were persons of great stature – they put up with all sorts of things. Chief Operators were John **Royer** and Jim **West**. John was one who put up with us and Jim was a musician who taught us well, down home country music.

Our smokehouse was one of many visits by base personnel and we took pride in everything we did. Even the radio and player we had to put inside a wire cage to keep the beats of the Radar from up the hill from annoying us. In the August issue we show a picture of the base operations terminal welcoming General **Goade** for a visit. I loved those visits because we would permit the staff to stay in our barracks near the detachment. Those places were built around the time of the WWII activities and to keep them from blowing away in the high winds they were located in gullies that were made by excavating soil or perma frost and building them so the roof was not sticking up in the wind stream. When it blew we creaked. To keep shower water and toilet water from freezing we would pump hot water into both areas. We never told the full-bull types that there was hot water in the toilets and we always snickered when they were taking their morning constitutional. When flushed, steam would well up and, I am sure, flash a few bums.

Brian **Swan** (deceased) and Wally (John **Wallace**) helped keep things on an even keel. I am still told that they fabricated the sign over the mud puddle that stated: "Caution Submarine Crossing"! This puddle had a pipe sticking up in the middle and it looked just like a periscope. A woman behind every tree resulted in someone fabricating a plywood silhouette that looked just like a Christmas tree.

During an IG inspection, I remember just how surprised I was when Chief **Anderson** found a cigar butt inside one of our electronic racks. Duh- a remnant of Bill **Bridges**? There are many more tales but this is just to show you how much we did as a team. When we worked, by golly we worked – and when it was party time (look out).

In a parting shot, we always had a departing gift for those of us who had served. We each received a plaque showing that we were members of an elite lo-

cation. We had a very talented woodworker in our midst in the form of Walt **Wein** who made these plaques. We coveted these more than any formal award during our service. I always wondered where the brass items on the plaque were obtained. I finally discovered that the brass door kick plates in the C-Building needed constant replacement! Walt you done good!

Frank Calenda checks in

EDITORS NOTE: CLARK AND FRANK STARTED SHARING BS A FEW WEEKS BACK; FRANK PUT ONE OF HIS IN WRITING AND WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT.

When we were stationed at John Hay we got to know everyone because there were only 97 Americans. Everyone was everyone's best friend-or worst enemy.

Well, we had a friend, John **Revels**, that was an ex-Green Beret. He was tough and answered everyone in a tough tone, never mincing his words. He was a lovely guy to know; **Edna**, of course, was one of his best buddies.

He also had a lovely wife and the two of them would often golf together. The entire John Hay Air Base was literally a golf course. Edna and I were doing the course one day and since John Hay is also nothing but hills and valleys, we were walking over one of the fairway hills and saw two people not far away. As we got a little closer, we noticed one of them, a woman, was laying on the fairway on her back and the other was leaning over her. She wasn't moving and we could hear him talking to her.

We ran closer, thinking the worst had happened. It was our friend John leaning over his wife. He was trying to bring her around because she was totally unconscious. "John," what the hell happened." John looked up at us with a very pitiful face and said, "I was driving from the fairway to the green and I hit her square in the head." and turned back to to reviving her. Then he looked up at us again, still with much grief on his face and said, "You know, if she hadn't been standing here, I would have made the green." Now THAT was a Green Beret.

We promptly waved a passing security guard vehicle and he radioed the clinic and we had a medic there within 5 minutes. Later, when his wife had recovered and we were all laughing about it, Edna told her what he had said that day. Good thing the medic was still there because it was now John who had to be revived.

Well, the end of that story might be a little stretched but the rest of it is true. Everyone on the base never let him live that down



"The Way it Was ... and The Way it is"

The mission, over The years

Prepared by the Center Historian, Mr. James **Moyers**. Mr. Moyers (he prefers Al) has kindly agreed, as he can find the time, to prepare articles concerning mission entities ... how and when they started and what their status is at this time. Thank you, Al, and we look forward to your participation and inputs.

EDITOR'S NOTE: 11.02, AL EMAILED-"ATTACHED IS MY ARTICLE FOR THE POMO. THIS WILL BE MY LAST. I'VE ACCEPTED A NEW POSITION TO START UP A HISTORY OFFICE FOR THE AF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CENTER AT KIRTLAND AFB, NM. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY I COULDN'T TURN DOWN. I EXPECT TO BE LEAVING AFTAC THE FIRST PART OF DECEMBER. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. I'M CONFIDENT YOU'LL GIVE MY SUCCESSOR THE SAME."

WE REPLIED: WE HAVE KNOWN A LOT OF AFTAC HISTORIANS AND NO ONE SERVED US BETTER, EVEN WHEN WE WERE ACTIVE-DUTY. A THOUSAND THANKS IF YOU CAN MOTIVATE YOUR SUCCESSOR TO GIVE US 25% OF WHAT YOU GAVE. GOOD LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE AND EXPECT TO SEE YOU AT THE PENTAGON SOON!!

A Brief Look at the Roots of Aerial Sampling

AL MOYERS, AFTAC HISTORIAN

On February 21, 2007, Air Combat Command managers issued Special Order GB-60 **activating Detachment 1, Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center**, at Offutt Air Force Base, near Omaha, Nebraska, effective July 1, 2007. AF-TAC leadership requested the activation of this detachment in order to co-locate the operators and maintainers of WC-135 aerial sampling equipment with the two WC-135 CONSTANT PHOENIX aircraft stationed there with Air Combat Command's 55th Wing.

Prior to the on-and-off cancellation of the WC-135 program in the 1990s and the inactivation of the Technical Operations Division in 1999, AFTAC's Special Equipment Operators and maintenance personnel had been for several decades co-located with the Air Weather Service operated WC-135 aircraft at McClellan Air Force Base, near Sacramento, California. However, the roots of today's Detachment 1 are entwined with the heritage of long range weather reconnaissance.

Weather reconnaissance is arguably as old as military aviation; but, according to the research of Mr. Jerry **White** published in the booklet "The Roots of Army Air Forces Weather Reconnaissance in World War II: A First Look," prior to World War II there had been little need for long range weather reconnaissance. At that time, military pilots generally didn't fly very far from their base and, with few exceptions, local weather flights were sufficient for military flying operations. World War II changed military aviation roles and the need for long range weather reconnaissance. Knowing that Europe's weather was influenced by systems over the North Atlantic, the British and German air forces were flying weather tracks as early as April 1941. On November 28, 1941, General "Hap" **Arnold** signed a memo recommending that long range weather re-

connaissance units be organized to assist in the safe delivery of combat aircraft to Great Britain via the dangerous North Atlantic air route.

In the summer of 1942, American B-17 crews began flying dedicated long range weather reconnaissance flights over the North Atlantic. However, the first Air Force weather reconnaissance squadron was not activated until August 21, 1942; and was not ready for route reconnaissance until June 1943. By the end of World War II, weather reconnaissance squadrons were assigned to every combat theater. From the necessities of WWII developed the resources and experience to provide the platforms for aerial sampling.

During the United States' first nuclear detonation test, Operation TRINITY, conducted near Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945, no aerial sampling was conducted. In the summer of 1946, during the second series of nuclear detonations, Operation CROSSROADS, unmanned Army Air Forces B-17 drones with filters fitted on top and bottom of the forward fuselage completed the initial aerial sampling of debris clouds. Most sources credit Lieutenant Colonel Paul H. **Fackler** and his crew as the first to fly a manned aircraft through an "atomic cloud." On May 15, 1948, during Operation SANDSTONE, the RB-29 Colonel Fackler and crew were flying penetrated the test debris cloud. Subsequently, Air Force leaders concluded that a manned platform would more efficiently obtain aerial samples.

In 1946, Army Air Forces headquarters assigned all weather reconnaissance squadrons to Air Weather Service. The nation's military leadership agreed in the summer of 1947 the Air Force was best prepared to conduct long range detection of nuclear detonations. And, by early 1949, Air Weather Service crews flying filter-equipped RB-29s from Alaska, California, Guam, and Bermuda conducted aerial sampling in concert with long range weather reconnaissance tracks.

On September 23, 1949, President Harry Truman announced that the Soviet Union had become the second nation to develop and detonate a nuclear weapon. An Air Weather Service RB-29 crew on a weather track between Japan and Alaska on September 3 had signaled the event with the collection of radioactive debris. It's not clear from the record when uniquely trained sampling equipment operators first accompanied long range weather reconnaissance crews or when the term Special Equipment Operator came into use. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Thomas R. **Richardson** stated to an AF-TAC *Monitor* reporter in 1991 that he had flown the 1949 Soviet detonation detection flight "as a master

sergeant radar observer performing the duties of what we now call a Special Equipment Operator.” Clearly by the mid-1950s the predecessors of today’s SEOs were routinely members of the weather reconnaissance crews.

One of these, Technical Sergeant Richard K. **Brown**, was killed with the rest of his crew when the Air Weather Service WB-50 *Golden Heart* crashed into the Susitna River, near Willow, Alaska, on August 30, 1956. According to Air Weather Service records, Sergeant Brown was listed on the flight crew manifest as an Auxiliary Crew Member.

Air Force leadership selected the WC-135 to replace the aging WB-50 in the 1960s. In January 1966, Air Weather Service received the last of ten WC-135s. Soon thereafter, the WC-135 became the primary platform for aerial sampling. As part of the major reorganization of the Air Force in the 1990s, Air Combat Command became the WC-135 operator.

Then AFTAC’s senior Special Equipment Operator and superintendent of the Current Operations division, Chief Master Sergeant Clark N. **Wilberg**, summed up the role of SEO in the previously mentioned 1991 *Monitor* article. “We often times have considered ourselves in a role similar to a firefighter. We respond to the call knowing that we’re putting a certain amount of our lives on the line even though the long-term effects haven’t been fully documented.” Chief Wilberg might have been speaking today when he summed up the SEO operation rather prophetically for that 1991 article. “Everything we do from now on will have to be balanced against fiscal constraints and the new force requirements we’re going to see. We’re going to have to do things even smarter.” A few years after Chief Wilberg was interviewed Air Force leadership concluded that the WC-135 program was no longer sustainable.

The WC-135 program was eulogized at a termination ceremony in 1993; but before it could be permanently delegated to the “bone yard,” the program and two aircraft were re-instated. AFTAC’s chief scientist, Dr. David F. **O’Brien**, was quoted in a 2000 *Air & Space* magazine article, “At the 11th hour and the 59th minute something happened. If India and Pakistan hadn’t [each detonated nuclear explosions], that aircraft would be retired and sitting in the desert outside Tucson, Arizona.”

Colonel Mark W. **Westergren**, commander of AFTAC from August 2006 to May 2008, officiated the ribbon cutting ceremony opening **Detachment 1** at Offutt Air Force Base on November 27, 2007. As part of the ceremonies, Major Bryan V. Rogers ceremonially assumed command of Detachment 1 having officially been appointed detachment commander on July 2, 2007. These brief, yet auspicious, ceremonies began the latest branch in the long heritage of aerial sampling.



Picture One - Aircraft 667, WC-135W CONSTANT PHOENIX, on parking ramp

Picture Two - Col Westergren, AFTAC/CC, 2006-2008, and Maj Rogers, Det 1/CC, 2007-2009, cut ribbon at "grand opening" of Det 1, 27 Nov 2007

Picture Three - Col Westergren, AFTAC/CC, 2006-2008, passes Det 1 guidon to Maj Rogers, Det 1/CC, 2007-2009, at Det 1 assumption of command ceremony, 27 Nov 2007

Editor's NOTE: As a matter of interest, readers recall that Det 1 is the detachment we will be recognizing at the 2010 SnowBall!!!

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-Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
-Association Board/Membership Meetings
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—WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'
WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building
HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd
—Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'

WHEN: 1700 (5:00PM)
WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building
HOW: come to rear entrance

January
2, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
12, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

February
6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
9, -Board/Membership Meeting

March
6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
9, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

April
3, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Traditional Annual Event Timeframe(s)
 (some tentatively scheduled [**Bold**]-others for planning only)

January—April
 -2009.01.31, **SnowBall XI**, Tides Club, see pg 1
 -2009.02.04, Center **Annual Awards Banquet**, pg 1

May—August
 -Center Annual Picnic, pg 1
 -Assn 20th Annual Spring Golf n'Gettogether

September-December
 -'Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting,'
 designated, 'Sociable September' and held at the
 'Tides' Club (vs the HQ's Building) to encourage atten-
 dance by all members and alumni
 -Assn 20th Annual Fall Golf n'Gettogether
ANNUAL FY DUES DUE (DUE 1 OCT)
 -AFTAC Winter Social

WorldWide Alumni Reunions
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White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	2	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	9	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	3
Maroon	2	2	0	0
Black	1	1	1	1

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

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

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White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0

HATS - \$8.00	#	MISCELLANEOUS	Cost/#
Blue/Gray	7	-50th Commemorative	
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Blue/White	23	*NEW: 60th AF/LRD Commemo	
		rative Coin	\$4.00/132

*Flawed: AF Date imprinted 12 Sep vs correct date of 18th. We tried a solid year with vendor to correct to no avail

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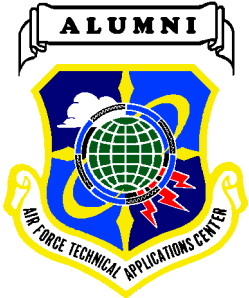
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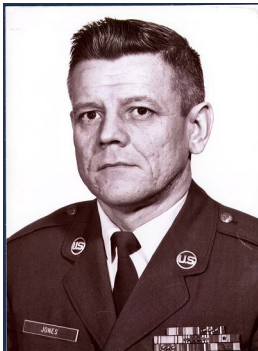
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 Bushnell, Florida

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JUL 56	APR 59	**	HQ (VIRGINIA)
MAY 59	JUN 61	**	DETACHMENT 162
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