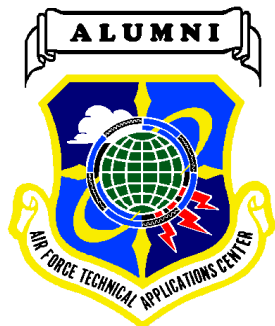


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The Alumni Anthem
Over the years and at
younger ages ...
'GS,' 'E' and 'O' were our
gauges

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

SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



FY 2007 Board Members



ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 13TH

Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last job (rank); Alumni Assn positions

ELECTED: President-Bob Wiley, AF64-85/AFTAC71-85, Chief, Space Ops Div (LTCol)-serves on AFTAC's Satellite Sys Review Panel and consults with SAIC on US Nudet Detection Sys support contracts; Assn Lifetime (LT), Digital Photographer/Rovin' Reporter

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Hospitality-Judy Milam, since 01, info above

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

-Clark Creery (since 97) AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Assn original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95

Membership (since 04)-Randy Vlassick, AF/AFTAC79-03, Directorate of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring (SMSgt)

Clark Creery, co-chair, 07, info above

Newsletter-John (and Christel) Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMSgt); Assn Pub 87-90, PoMo since 97

Publicity-Need a Volunteer

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Sage-Shop Dispatch-Carol Snyder, Civilian, AF/AFTAC96, Editorial Ast, TMN (GS-7); Assn Dispatch, since 04, Vice, 05, Pres, 06

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denotes and represents
all who served the
mission throughout its
inception and history

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



Alumni Alerts-What's Comin' Up

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

Snowball IX, Jan 27th, at the tIdeS
EDITORS, DEBORAH CARSON, MAJOR ARRANGER, (MORE ON PAGE 7)

Kantoke: *A Thai dining experience well worth trying. Thai food in the ambiance of a traditional Thai setting accompanied by typical Folk Dance and local music.*

Since 1999, it has become customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at the beginning of each year. (continued on page 7)

CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, mARCh 1
Support our Alumni Of The Year! (continued on page 7)

17th Annual SPRING GOl F n'GEToGETHER
May 4th, Cocoa Beach Course, mark your calendars, details in the next issue.

WorldWide reunion, june 7-11, 2007
The Colorado Chapter will host a 2007 World-Wide Reunion in Denver, see pages 15-18.

Alumni EvEnts-What's Gone off

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

Fall goLF n'getogether, oct 13th
cocoa Beach GoLF course

The Association's 16th annual **Fall Golf N' Getogether** was outstanding. As always, we had lots of fun, great food and great prizes. We thank our Corporate Sponsors (see following list). We were able to give away lots of great prizes due to their contributions. (**Golf N'Getogether** continued on page 7)

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Mike Black 2005-Joe Goldian 04-Pat Snyder 03-'Joe' Johnson 02
Jim Payne 01-Ben Vlassick 00 (deceased)-John Horsch 99
Frank Hall 98-Judy Milam 97-Carl Gailey 96-Clark Creery 95

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

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

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

There are three chapters.

Florida (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:00pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, RVLASSICK@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**-There is this quarterly newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftacalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; Clark **Creery** writes a 'Happening & Upcoming Events' section posting photos/information. There are ~657 Members, ~566 lifetime (~16 Distinguished). **Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, from start-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01; Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/05, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey-Tres 91-99; Swede Swansen-Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04

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

3. West Coast (California)-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org'; email, TODalumni@bigfoot.com. There are 161 members-125 lifetime.

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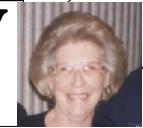
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'A TEAM'...OF HORSCHES'

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Boos, Boobos and Bulletins: None noted or reported.

We start this column with an old subject. As you Sages know, your association collected funds, and donated same, to the 'Air Force Memorial' foundation. Thus we received the invitations to the Oct 14 and 15 dedication ceremonies noted in previous issues and, now, we have received an exclusive offer for one to six of a special commissioned and minted 'Dedication Day' Coin (see left)-they are \$15 each.



We now make this offer available

to those members who donated to our fundraiser. Donators were not always known so requests will be on an 'honor basis.' And, to make the offer fair to all whether they be 'electronic' or mail, we will only accept requests via postal mail, and to have a fair 'open' period, only between Jan 1-15th. If you are interested drop us a note at our home address-515 Temple St, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-3324, and we will get back to you. We prefer to reply via email so include that address in your request, if not, please include a postage paid, return addressed envelope so we may reply.

We will respond to your request, and if you were one of the 'first six,' we will begin the process of ordering these coins and getting them out to you.

Staying with the subject of the 'Air Force Memorial,' Judy Milam and your editors have visited this tribute to our service. You can read our impressions, and view some pictures (see below), on page 11 in the 'Mail-Call' section.



One of your editors being reflective at the memorial, while the other editor snaps away.

Note the spires and the 'guards' also being reflected in this photo.



Personals ...

Wherein alumni let us know of events in their lives they want to share. Please send us births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements (military or otherwise), and other events.

Transitions ... none received

Hopes of Health for ...

Alumni share hopes for themselves or others

None Submitted

Also For Those Not Mentioned But In Our Thoughts

In Memoriam

Thomas Wayne Miller

Frank Kunz

James Milton Hall Jr

Bob Lyman

Richard Payne

Robert G. Benamati

Rest in Eternal Peace

Thomas Wayne Miller

FROM THE OCTOBER, '06, COLORADO NEWSLETTER, ECHOES



Thomas Wayne Miller, 68, of Aurora passed away 8/2/2006. He is survived by His Loving Wife Monique; sons Jeff (Becky) and Ron (John); grandson Thomas; brother Donnie and sister Jo Nell .Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.NewcomerFamily.com.

The following additional info is provided by his fellow Colorado AFTAC Alum and close friend, Lonnie Gibbons. "Tom suffered

a massive heart attack at his home on Saturday, 29 July. He never regained consciousness and passed away on Wednesday, 2 August. Tom was an admin specialist who served two tours at Det 418, John Hay AB, Philippines, 1964-66 and 1970-73. Between those

two tours and afterwards he was assigned to SPIN-STRATA at Lowry AFB and retired in late 1976. Tom has been a member of the Colorado chapter since its beginning in 1991 and for many years has provided refreshments and entertainment at picnics and in the hospitality room at the Colorado reunions. Monique may be contacted at the home address: 2338 S. Rifle St., Aurora, CO 80013.

Frank W. Kunz

CAROL KUNZ, EMAIL-10.13

Dear Gentlemen, It is my sad duty to inform you all that my dear, sweet Frank passed away here at home with Hospice after a long battle with lung cancer on September 8, 2006. I came across a few emails that went back and forth between the 3 of you or at least Bob Fitzgerald and Anthony Osborn when your dad "Chief OZ" died back in 2001, Anthony. Oh how he loved that man and talked about him so often.

I am Frank's second wife so I wasn't there thru his military career but there wasn't a day that went by that he didn't relate a story or two. (His wife Kathleen died 3 years ago) I miss this giant of a man every moment of the day but, Heaven is now enjoying one of the best guys that ever walked this planet.

Should you wish to view a Memorial Tribute to him on line visit the following: http://www.funeralquestions.com/obits/martenson/memorial.asp?Action=Post&listing_id=65879

Deepest regards, Carol Kunz The Proud Widow of SMSGT Frank W. Kunz" Carol, thank you for thinking of us with this information ... the on line video tribute to Frank was very thought provoking.

James Milton Hall Jr.

JOE JOHNSON-EMAIL, 2006.10.28

James Milton Hall has passed away. He was a member of the CA and FL chapters

THIS OBITUARY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM FROM 10/19/2006 - 10/20/2006

James "Jim" Milton Hall Jr. passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2006, at the age of 87. Memorial service: 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at First United Methodist Church in Grapevine. Jim Hall donated his remains to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Willard Body Program in Dallas. Memorials: may be made to the family cemetery in north Dallas, Merrell Cemetery Association, attention: Mr. Maurice Schnorr, treasurer, 4160 Northview Lane, Dallas, Texas 75229.

Jim Hall was born on April 8, 1919, to Farra Horton Hall and J.M. "Gabby" Hall in Greenville. He was raised in Dallas and was drafted into the Army in the first group from Dallas in November 1940, in preparation for World War II. He flew B-17, B-24 and 35 combat missions in B-29s. After

the war, he was discharged and lived in Irving while staying in the Air Force Reserves, flying airplanes from Hensley Field in Dallas. He was recalled to active military service for the Korean War in March 1950 and remained on active duty until his retirement from the Air force in September 1975. Through other distinguished and fulfilling assignments during his career, he attained the grade of colonel and served as the base commander of the following Air Force bases: England AFB, Alexandria, La.; Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah; and retired as the base commander of Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City.

Upon retirement, he and his wife of 64 years, the former Minnie Mae Crump of Dallas, settled in Granbury for 14 glorious years. There, Jim served on the Granbury City Council for three terms and was involved on many boards, commissions, committees and civic and church organizations, all oriented to the growth and betterment of Granbury and Hood County. In 1989, the Halls moved to Fort Worth to prepare for their older age. They bought a condo in the Lakewood Village Retirement Center to be free of all ownership and health responsibilities and to be able to travel on the spur-of-the-moment and without worries of owning a home. They found this to be the ideal life, and traveled extensively worldwide. Survivors: Jim Hall is survived by his wife, Minnie Mae Crump Hall; his son, James and wife, Annie Hall, of Brownsville; his daughter, Beverly, and Robert Campisi of North Richland Hills; grandchildren, James and wife, Jennifer Hall and great-grandchildren, James and Austin of Elburn, Ill., Jonathan Hall of Austin, Brandon and Sarah Campisi of Jackson, Wyo.; and Angela Campisi of Lubbock.

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Memoriam

BOB SMITH, EMAIL, 11.19

Jim joined AFOAT-1/AFTAC in 1958 and for four years served in the Operations Branch of the Headquarters. From 1962 until 1965 he was Chief of Operations at 1157th TOS, and from 1965 until 1968, he was Chief of Operations at 1155th TOS. During his time in AFTAC, he played a major role in its growth and the expansion and modernization of its' capabilities.

At the end of his tenure in AFTAC and assignment to Southeast Asia (for the first of two Viet-Nam era tours) he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Jim's wife, Minnie Mae Hall continues to live in their home in Ft Worth. Address is in the FL Directory.

Bob Lyman

BOB FITZGERALD, EMAIL, 11.12

"I'm very sad to report that I just got a call from our WCC Life Member, Peggy Rheault, regarding Bob Lyman. Jan Lyman, Bob's wife of 46 years, called Peggy to inform her that Bob passed away today at their home in Mesa, AZ, after many years of battling Leukemia and Parkinson's Disease.

Bob was in the Lab at McClellan (Chem) and at Det 202 at the same time my best friend, Charles "Ray" Rheault, and I were for a number of years (60's-70's). Bob & Jan were always very close in friendship with Ray & Peggy so at Jan's request, Peggy will be visiting her in Mesa in a few weeks.

Richard Payne

CLARK CREERY, EMAIL, 11.20

Just received word today that Richard Payne (SMSgt, AFTAC retired) passed away yesterday, after a hard summer battle with cancer. Clark adds, "Dickie B" Payne passed away yesterday! A very good friend, and I am glad that I was able to e-mail him on and off before he passed. (Obituary, Sacramento Bee, 11.24)

Richard Payne passed away peacefully on November 19, 2006. He was 64 years old. Beloved husband for 20 years to Joyce. Loving father of Christine, Teri, Mary, Becky, Sheryl, Del, and Tracy. Devoted grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of one. Beloved brother of Marvin, Germaine and Joyce. Mr. Payne retired from the U.S. Air Force after 28 years of faithful service to his country. An 18 year employee of the State of California his title was Senior Precision Electronics Specialist. Memorial Service was at Fair Oaks, CA



Memoriam

CLARK CREERY, EMAIL, 11.22; MEMORIES, CLARK, GEORGE CRONIN, RICKEY MANLEY, JOHN AND KATHY VAUGHT AND LARRY SILHANEK

Snippets about a wonderful human being

Dick took me and my family out on the boat fishing and having fun at Folsom Lake one day. Needing to relieve the "call of nature", I told Dick we needed to make a quick shore stop. Being the wise old sage he was, Dick banked the boat in the biggest poison oak thicket on Folsom Lake! Needless to say, I owed the next few days of absolute agony to Dick. I went to work on Monday with the worst "rash" I ever had. Dick took one look at my arms and legs and burst out laughing and sent me straight to the McClellan clinic. I'm sure today he is still laughing. Or the night Dick tore the oil pan off the vega racing me to the dart match out in Sacramento. We loved to play darts and played at the facility that was out

near the place where we had a test facility for our engineering group.

Dick came to me one day and had me order some resistors. However, those resistors had to be marked, not color coded like resistors are normally manufactured. I asked him why and sure enough he had an answer. "Cleve is color blind!" I had never heard of an electronics tech being color blind but he was. We used to laugh about that all the time.

Off duty, Dick and I used to work for Ed Thompson building model airplanes for RC Modeler. We would fly out at Folsom lake and all I could ever seem to do was crash. Dick was quite a pilot and he always helped anyone who was trying.

One day he took me and my son, "Quag" fishing on Folsom lake. We went late because we were going to catfish all night. The outing consisted of numerous beverages, several casts into several coves, and eventually climbing into the cabin to pass out. I placed my glasses out on the deck so we wouldn't roll over them during our sleep. Somehow Dick woke early, climbed over my son and me to get out of the cabin and then to the edge of the boat to do what guys do first thing in the morning. I woke to the sound of running water and Dick asking me an unusual question, "John, are these your glasses I stepped on?"

Dick was a Prophet! Most folks didn't know this. When he worked in Engineering, he and I had a disagreement about how a piece of equipment should be inspected and he said, "John, as God is my judge-YOU WILL WORK FOR ME AGAIN!" Some folks thought it was destiny that he would be put in charge of the QA section and become my boss again but I knew he and God had a good relationship.

Dick was a great supervisor, even when you didn't work for him! For instance, in July 1980 my son was due to be born on a Wednesday, well he wasn't ready to make his grand entrance yet so he waited. But he only waited until Dick, being the great supervisor he was, wrote him a Letter Of Counseling for being late! Yup, Dick wrote my not yet born son a letter of counseling on Friday and so Quag showed up Saturday.

Most of us remember Dick walking into a room with a coffee cup in one hand and a cigarette in the other. But only a select few of us will remember him walking into a classroom at Harris to grab his cup and turn it over but after we loaded it down with lizards ... Yes, Dick could dance!

He had a strange way of remembering things too! We used to go to Sutter's Bypass and catch catfish a lot. Seemed we were catching the same

small ones sometimes, and when I brought this to his attention his novel memory technique kicked in so he could tell if it was the same fish. He cut off the whiskers before he tossed them back so now years later if you catch a 20 pound catfish with ½ inch whiskers, know that Dick Payne already had that one!

Seriously, looking back over the past few years I'm regretful that I didn't communicate with him (and his family) more often than just Christmas cards/letters. I remember making his day one time when I called him on Father's day - I wish I did it more often. The last few days I've been getting teary eyed when I think of this friend of mine that first took me, my pregnant wife and a U-haul truck into his home (and garage) one Christmas 27 years ago. But I start chuckling when I think of time I told him that a JFS was John's Field and Stream. I'm thankful knowing his suffering is over and that he's baiting hooks with our loved ones and snipping heavenly catfish whiskers.

When he was in LGEQ (Engineering) at the 1155th he documented a "Tip" for the field. We used to add tips from engineering to various documents that were sent out worldwide. This particular tip involved using a paper clip that would be straightened out and then a loop made at one end that would fit your finger and just a small bend at the opposite end. It was a quick way to remove the 'grasshopper' fuses that were installed at the bottom of each rack of equipment. Dick forgot one small thing; fuses had 110VAC exposed and sticking a paper clip down into the hole to remove the fuse was dangerous. This was the first time we had ever sent out a life-threatening tip so we went into instant modification mode. "Heat Shrink Tubing" works wonders.

You know - a chunk of my life is gone. Dick has gone upstairs to prepare the dartboards for us in the future. I have so many stories about Dick and all of them are wonderful. He was a fabulous technician, a good rocket mechanic, a true friend and a good traveling companion. I, for one, am going to miss him even though it took an act of congress to get him to answer email. (Butch Overby later added) Signed the visitors book (online) and read the wonderful comments. The email brings back some of the best memories of my life (and) I have so many of Dick and his family, I wouldn't even know where to start. Dick and Larry were my first supervisors in the Air Force (and I should say, they brought me up properly:)). Our trip to Florida for J training was an experience I'll never forget (remember moon over the Eau Gallie) and the Denver install helped develop an entire list of sayings. Dick was the best and he will always be remem-

bered and missed.

Memoriam, William E. Braukman (last issue)

MARGARET A BRAUKMAN LETTER, 09.21

I would like to report the death of my husband: Major William E. Braukman, USAF (Ret). He died August 13, 2006. He spent his entire military career in the AFTAC organization.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, on August 4, 1931, and passed away August 13, 2006, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Margaret, and two daughters, Mary (Steve) Lindimore and Susan (Richard) Genero, and 5 grandchildren. He was buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO.

I would appreciate it if this notice could be placed in the next Post-Monitor. Thank-you

Thank you, Margaret, for this letter. We appreciate that you took the time to write us-as we mentioned in our last newsletter, we remember you and Bill very vividly.

LEW AND MARY JORDAN, LETTER 10.31

We were very saddened to learn that an old friend and comrade had departed on his final PCS move. We met Bill on my first assignment in AFTAC in Ankara, Turkey. I was Bill's Ops Officer. And he was indeed a spit and polish, by-the-book commander who inspired his co-workers with an unceasing gung-ho attitude. I have never met a man more devoted to his job and his organization. Ironically, I also served my last AFTAC assignment with Bill in Hawaii. Like Bill, I wanted to stay with AFTAC, but someone, somewhere decided I needed to broaden my career—so back to Kessler—retrained—reassigned. Over the years, we have stayed in touch with Bill and Marge and we will miss Bill. And we were lucky enough to serve with both these fine officers at Ankara; thanks for bringing those days back to our memories.

Robert G. Benamati

GENO WAGNER, EMAIL, 11.22

I just found out that Robert G. Benamati passed away in October 2003. He lived in Moreno Valley CA at the time. I spoke with his widow Jackie today. She said he had a massive heart attack sitting in his car waiting for a fellow employee to show up. They rode to work together.

I knew Bennie at Det 418 around 1965. He went from the PI back to the HQ in Alexandria VA. I believe that he went back to his previous AFSC after that assignment, a boom operator on refuelers. Don't quote me on that but he said his previous job was flying around laying on his belly, passing gas. He was a funny guy.

Jackie now lives in Grand Prairie TX. She seems to be in good shape. She has 3 sons and multiple grandchildren living around that area. That's why she moved from CA.

Memoriam: Rich Lema, Bob Justman

(previous issues)

MICHAEL LUBIN-EMAIL, 10.28

This is the first e-mail I've sent to the Alumni Association - I'm sorry that it took the deaths of two fine men to get me to take pen in hand (figuratively). With an AFTAC career that ran from 1955 to 1980, it's hard for me to recall everything, and even more-so the exact dates when things happened, but several things stick in mind.

Bob Justman was at Det 407 when I was commander in 1970-73. He was an excellent photographer and very interested in Japan and its culture, particularly the Sumo matches. Mary and I are still delighted to have copies of some of Bob's marvelous photos of the matches, as well as scenes from Mt. Fuji, the Japanese countryside, and temple gardens, hanging on our walls. At the time, Bob was also a slot-car racing enthusiast. We appreciated his willingness to share his savvy on the subject with our twelve-year old son. Mary and I extend our condolences to Lenore and Bob's other survivors.

I believe I first met Rich Lema in the 1967-70 time frame when he transferred from the "A" system to the laboratory. Rich was at Det 407 while I was commander and served as the electronic maintenance supervisor to the "L" system. For as long as I knew him, Rich was always knowledgeable of the latest in electronics. He helped me in several ways on electronic gizmos that I wanted for my off road motorcycles (although he was of no help in preventing me from breaking a leg). Rich served as First Sergeant at the 1155th, when I took command in 1976. However, he took medical retirement not long after, when, despite his apparently good physical condition, he was obliged to have coronary bypass surgery. In those days, a bypass was nowhere near as common as today. Rich and his wife Alice, and their girls, were always a delight to be around. We lost touch with Rich when he moved to Portola, and were saddened to learn of his death.

"ALERTS & EVENTS" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

SnowBall

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/appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. This is 9th annual 'SnowBall' and we hope for at least 90 attendees. A grand tradition is the announcement of our 'Alumni of The Year.' This person will also be honored at the Center's 'Annual Award Banquet' on March 1st (see below). It is also custom that the AFTAC CC and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, Directors and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

Past themes were Hawaii, Germany, Florida and Pinedale, WY; sites AFTAC had/has a presence. This year we will honor Det 415, Chaing Mai, Thailand. The Center's Chief, Enterprise Information Management Branch, Deborah **Carson**, made arrangements with the Patrick AFB All Ranks' Club (The Tides) to host us again this year and she, with help from others, will have the place looking very Asian and will arrange for special entertainment. If you have anything special from your tour of this part of the world that you wish to display or show at the event, please let us know. Pertinent Info:

Theme: Asian-Chaing Mai, Thailand, 27 January 2007 (Saturday), \$20 per person (Buffet Style), tax & gratuity included. Cash Bar Social 6-7PM, Dinner served at 7PM in the Tides Ocean Lounge. Menu: Tossed Salad w/ Choice of Dressing, Thai Cold Beef Salad (Very Spicy), Curried Chicken Breast w/Coconut Sauce and Ginger Pork w/Mango Salsa (Not Spicy), Jasmine Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, Rolls/Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Water, followed by Dessert, Peach Cobbler w/Whipped Cream.

DRESS IS CASUAL

For reservations, contact Deborah **Carson** at 494-6537/email deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil or Pat **Snyder** at 494-6867/email patriicia.snyder@patrick.af.mil, NLT Jan 23rd. It will be a wonderful evening with great food and a lot of camaraderie and catching up. Hope to see you there!!

Sawadee.

Center Annual Awards Banquet Details, when known, will be posted on the website, 'Happenings and Upcoming Events' and email notification (e-all) sent for planning, past events have been at the PAFB, FL, All Ranks Club, 'The Tides.'

Golf N'Getogether We also recognize all those who support this event 'behind and in the sand traps,' the volunteers and the 97 'Swingers' (golfers).

We are looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you (to include those who could not attend in the fall) at the 17th annual Spring 2007 tournament. More info after the New Year.

Place/Mulligan Prize Sponsors (info by Carol Snyder)

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Orange Business Services-Ms. Lisa Merson-Moses

SAIC-Mr. Mike Timmons

Volunteers: Major Arranger, Addison Mitchell (Mitch), Frank Hall, Judy Milam, Eileen Best, Deborah Carson, Carol Snyder, MSgt Nunn, TSgt Deckard-Diggs, and SSgt McGuffin.

Golf Tournament Winners (info by Judy Milam)

1st Place Team – Rene Uzee, Roger Marcellus, Jim Parry, and Jeff Genteel

2nd Place Team – Tom Andler, Don Beck, Paul Horsey, and John McDunnough

3rd Place Team –Jerry Dulaney, Anthony Francis, Kelly, and Luptina

Prize Winners

Shirt—Joe Napolitan, Ed Hollingsworth, Paul Bertrand, Frank Hall, and Lee Cote **Golf** USA Gift Card for Golf Lesson – Mark Lambert **Golf** Sox – Doc Kelley, D. Jackson, Jerry Dulaney, Glenn Breem, and Rene Uzee; **Set** of Golf Sox – Don Beck **Visor** – Ed Hollingsworth, Anthony Morris, Steve Hall **Ball** Cap Hat – Patrick Smetzer, Ryan Yocum, Steve Parlefsky, Joe Walker, and Ray Richards **Straw** Hat – Frank Walker, Jerry Dulaney, Bob Wiley, and Cliff Sulham **Ball** Retriever – Bruce Snelgrove; **Cleat** Brush – Wally Murray and Matt Mohler; **Cleat** Cleaner – Steve Herring and Dan Lefor; **Umbrella** – John Mitchell, Suzette Kachmaryk, and Brad Neihart; **Golf** Towel – Ryan Yocum and Bob Rutherford; **AF** Head Cover – Brian Chellgren; **Sleeve** of Golf Balls – Doc Kelley, Michael Baker, Ed Hollingsworth, Wally Murray, Wally Brown, Judy Milam, Bryant Philp, Jeff Gentile, and Bob Klibowitz; **Belt** – Matt Mohler and Mike Baker; **Cart** Mug – Eric Eldridge; **Shoe** Bag and Accessories Gift Pack – Bryant Philp; **Coasters** – Carol Snyder; **Ball** Stamper – Don Gilbert; **Pastel** Golf Balls – Paul Bertrand and Gloria Uzee; **Big** Bertha golf balls – Mike Higgins; **Golf** Glove – Mitch Mitchell, Jim Parry, Steve Parlefsky, Mike Hoy, John Holshey, Jeff Gentile, John Prokopowicz, and Keith DeVault; **Golf** Score Pad -- Larry Ballinger and Brian Chellgren; **Driving** Tips Book – Don Beck; **Short** Game Tips – Joe Walker; **Dinner**-My-Way gift card – Steve Herring, Michael Baker, and Patrick Smetzer; **Couger** 3 Iron with cover – Mike Baker; 5 Iron with Cover – Matt Mohler; **On**-Course Chipper – Jerry Dulaney; **MXD** Extreme 5 Iron with Cover – Ron Couch; **Big** Bertha Callo-way #1 Club – Dan Lefor; **Longest** Drive – Hole 4 – **Male** – Wally Murray; **Female** – Lisa Matsubara; **Closest** to the Pin – Hole 2, River – Chuck Tice

MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
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Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@earthlink.net
 Letters may be edited for clarity and space but not normally for punctuation, etc; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

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

Letters/emails

Electronic Post-Monitor (ePoMo) Replies **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS**

Two addresses failed when we emailed the Sept issue-**Tracy**, Wes, wtracy@cfl.rr.com and **Heffner**, Michael, mike.heffner@ionicenterprise.com. Wes, Mike, hard-copies mailed-please send corrected email addresses so we may provide the electronic version you requested.

Our First Sage Responder (FSR)

Dale Klug-email **2006.09.12**

I spent a limited time in AFTAC working with the seismic system, but I recognized the Benioff vertical instrument and PTA right off. Here's a trivia input on the system I spent 14 plus years working with. Dale, you are our FSR for this issue, and thanks for the supporting our trivia section with a second submission. We are sure Tom would be, and Terry is, as we are, pleased. We will use this in March. By the by, I thought at first you were going to write, 'I spent a limited time in AFTAC working.'

Following the trivia input, Dale went on to say, 'Sages Harvey Shaw and Galen Pound should recognize these right away. We will ask Carol and Donna to read your trivia to these two fine Sages and see if they recall.'

Frank Calenda-email **09.13**

Thanks again for a GREAT newsletter. Don't know what would happen to it if you guys ever stepped down. I'm ever afraid to think about it. In any case, I read the article about Lackland and wanted to let you know that Tony sent me a URL that shows photos of the graduating classes from basic training. Don't know if this will be of any use, but here it is. You really need the date of

graduation and the flight number to find any particular photo. Hope some of the members can use it. <http://www.lackland.af.mil/info/photos.asp>. Thanks Frank and Tony, and thanks for your nice words.

Brian Swan-email **09.13**

After reading yet another great POMO I am inspired to write something for your consideration – Memories of Shemya. Maybe this will prompt more inputs. Brian, you are always so kind to us, and one of our great readers AND WRITERS; see your article at 'I Remember' this issue. Wish we could inspire more Sages to write

Electronic Florida Directory (eFLDir) Replies **IMPORTANT NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS**

One address failed when we emailed the updated Directory-**Elliot**, Phillip, pwelliott@1st.net. Phillip, hard-copy mailed-please send a corrected email address so we may provide the electronic version you requested.

Frank Szachta-email **2006.09.27**

You are now on our MO computer. Our old one hit by lightning. (email address change). (Will send FL address) after we arrive there in late Oct. PS: we attended B-47 Assoc. reunion in Wichita, KS last week-end. had fun, met fellow crew mates unseen for over 40 years. Found out some of them at McClellan, CA, while we were there 65-67. They even flew our missions, and I was unaware. Strange? Fly safe Sage's Strange Saga's

John McGettigan-email **09.27**

Hi John & Christel. Great way to get the (directory and) monitor. I really enjoy keeping it in my file and I can refer to it as I need to. Keep up the great work. I really appreciate all you people do for us old timers. Say Hi to my old buddy Carl **Gailey** from way back. Mac Consider it done, Mac, and thanks for writing.

Lester Miller-email **09.27**

(see responses in parans) Keep up the good work you and Christel are doing. Did you visit Richard (Alkie) **Summers** and Rita during your trip this summer? They are a great couple, even tho I didn't get to know Rita too well. I handled the selling of their house in Woodbridge when they were transferred. (we did visit them in their 'new home')

Did Alkie show you pictures of the compound at Team 405. They had one of the best signs at the gate I have ever seen. Will try to locate my picture of it and will send to you if you haven't already seen it. (we have not seen; look forward to your send)

In 4 days I will have been retired from the AF for 36 years.....A long, long time. I often still think of all the great Airmen and Officers I had the pleasure to serve with during my 13 plus years in AF-TAC. In my opinion General **Rhodenhouse** was

the best commander AFTAC ever had. He was the commander during the big expansion in the 50's & 60's. (I liked most of the Division Chiefs because I used to bartend for them when they had parties in their homes.).

Enough reminiscing from an old Supply Sergeant. Again, keep up the good work on the Monitor. Wow, thanks for writing another complimentary email ... people like you make our job easy and worthwhile.

Bob Fitzgerald-email 09.30

Thank you very much for sending the Florida directory to me via email. I really appreciate getting it (and the PoMo) this way. Neither one get a chance to be mangled by regular mail delivery cross country and I am able to enjoy them long before I'd normally get them otherwise. PLUS, I GET TO KEEP THEM IN ELECTRONIC FORM so I can search them, refer back to articles in them instantly, and I don't have to fill my paper file drawers. (Of course I wouldn't want to lose them if my system crashes, so I backup my files to CD-ROM just in case.). Keep up the good work.(-) Thanks, Bob ... you are always most kind in your replies and we appreciate you taking the time to provide feedback. Your email highlights all the advantages of the electronic versions

Directory Changes/Corrections: Info is listed to immediately notify our readers. We have asked these writers to send changes to 'alumnidb@alumni.org' for automatic notification to database maintainers (this address is on the back of every PoMo).

L. Wayne Brasure-email 09.26

Change email to w.brasure@comcast.net

Joe Hauser-email 09.27

Email should read josephhauser@bellsouth.net

John Lanigan-email 09.27

The e-mail address and telephone number should be (530) 821-0529/lanigan@syix.com Thanks for your hard work. You are very welcome.

Carl Raines-email 09.27

... include my Email address, I got missed somehow. Thanks, carlrainesj@aol.com

Mike Gingrich-email 10.04

Although when I moved a year ago I changed my mail address in the AFTAC Alumni online directory, I guess I didn't change it everywhere I should have, as the recent published directory I just received contained my old address.

Since I have been unable to determine where it should be changed, I thought you might be able to get it into the right hands. It is now: Charles E "Mike" Gingrich, 2527 Greenlefe Drive Beaver Creek, Ohio 45431. Thanks

Bill Harris-email 10.12

...greetings from the 'Land of Enchantment' pres-

ently in the middle of the annual Balloon Fiesta. The street is Parkwest Drive NW (vs Parkway).

Jon Richardson-email 10.18

Please change email to mollyvj@paulbunyan.net.

Tom Niquette-email 10.20

Address is 707 Dungeness, other info correct.

Judy Milam-email 12.11

Email should read jem2415@earthlink.net

Post-Monitor Article Response

Inputs for Lackland Survey

Carl Raines-email 09.27

I attended basic training June to Sep 1947 at Lackland. I even recall the unit, Flight 2070, Squadron BN5. I was only 16 years old, so had quite a challenge. Would be happy to respond...

Carl, very interesting about being 16 ... we need that story, and your recall of details of basic is noteworthy.

Charles Schuster-email 09.27

Please send me the 40 questions. I took basic at Lackland from 6 January 1950-12 April 1950.

Thanks to both of you for supporting this program ...

Curt Riggs-email 10.19

Sorry I missed your e-all back in August. I was on an extended trip, and just saw in the new Post Monitor your information on the History and Traditions Museum at Lackland. Since I was there twice (first for basic training in September 1964, and then for Officer Training in February 1972 at the Medina Annex to Lackland) I thought it might be useful to participate in the survey for the museum. Please send me the pdf version.

Thanks for the great job you continue to do on the Post Monitor. It is really good to hear all that is going on with the illustrious alumni. Someday I hope to actually have the time to sit down and write some about my memories of my tours at McClellan and the HQ. Thanks, Curt, for your compliment and request for survey (we forwarded same). Now, get to typing some of those memories and send 'em in!!!

Charles Wright-Keeseville, NY 10.20

John McGettigan's note about the tar paper shacks at Lackland brought memories. I took my basic training also in those black tar paper shacks. I was in flight 4265. Basic then was 13 weeks so we were there for July, August and part of September of 1949. The story was that the shacks had been built during WWII to house prisoners of war. Boy do we enjoy receiving mail from our 'wisest Sages.' Thanks for taking the time to share this memory.

General mail

NOTE: Later in this issue you will read a most interesting 'BS' by Jon Richardson. In our email back and forth, we asked Jon several questions. What follows is his reply.

Jon Richardson-email

10.10

Planning on Denver (reunion) in 2007 with a visit to the B museum in Wyoming. I started out in B in 1964 but because I came out of a flying background (Airborne Radar Tech on the old AEW Connies) Major Marvin Johnson, OIC of F System called me in for an interview cause he needed an NCOIC. The last one had a heart attack. Anyway, I got the Job.

I spent 4 months in B then went to F for the next 5 years, then when I made MSgt they decided I could manage any system so went to Shemya for a year in Q-4. That was 1971 to 72. At that time AFTAC gave assignment priority to Shemya Graduates so I put in for Det 412, Bangkok, and beat out some rookie named Kenny **Myers** from Hqs (just joking Ken). Spent 2 years at Det 412 in the I Technique and they shut down the Big I and I was dropped from AFTAC.

That was 1974 and I went to Cheyenne Mountain CO as NCOIC of the closed Ckt TV section. This was great duty and we bought a new house on the bluff in Fountain and I had a code 44 assignment (3 years) and that lasted exactly 1 year and I was transferred to Det 1 Lamar as Det CC. Two years later, I was on my way to Karatas, Turkey, to a Tropo site as Maint. Superintendent. While there, the Commander surprised me with a message saying I had made CMSgt. While at Lamar I had a full Col writing my APR and BG Jonathan Wainwright Jr endorsing it and that was the key to my promotion.

But wait, there is more to come, about a week after the promotion list came out I got a phone call from, I believe, Carl **Gailey** wanting to know if I wanted to come back into AFTAC, which of course, I said yes and at the end of my year in Turkey I went back to the 1155 as Superintendent of MCL. So that makes 5 systems not counting B20-4, B20-5, and GFU.

Well, I have burdened you enough with Minnesota Trivia so will close for now. Take care and don't get sunburned. We are supposed to get 2 to 4 inches of snow from now to Thursday. Can hardly wait to start snowmobiling.

Almost forgot, I have my old F Troop checklist if you want it for the museum. Just let me know who to send it to. Thanks for all the info, and so interestingly written as is your BS later in this issue. Send the checklist and we will get it to the 'Hall of Heritage' boss, Dave Merker.

Jon replied on 10.18 ...

Will have the checklist on the way in the next day or so. It has all the systems that made up F Technique. The F was AFTAC's only real time diagnostic system. They used to tell us that within 6 hours of landing, the preliminary data was in

the hands of the President. Don't know if that is true but that was the rumor. The checklist for the systems labeled Brand X and Sandy were systems that belonged to University Research Labs that would show up at McClellan at the last minute before deployment and insist on having their equipment mounted in the aircraft.

We had to scramble like hell to try and get the base shops to fabricate-equipment racks that were half way solid and airworthy, then of course we had to squeeze in enough training to get the stuff turned on and operating. Equipment failure was resolved by shutting down the equipment. Those were the days when AFTACS high priority allowed us to get things done RAT NOW. And, we have received the checklist and passed it on; wow, it is large!

Lester Miller-Conway, SC

10.26

Thought you might enjoy these pictures from a long time ago and of a Team that no longer exists. I took these in the period of 1956-58. Team 4XX was closed in 1958. When it closed, **Alkie** and Jack **Turner**, the Admin clerk, were brought to await further orders. Alkie was waiting for orders to start "B" System school, Jack for reassignment to the Air Force.

I always thought the sign was the greatest, because of the contradiction it showed-Welcome-No Admittance. I don't know of any other Det having such a sign. The other picture is of the Team compound that I climbed part way up the mountain to take. As far as I know, it was the only Team to have a contingent of Army MP's to guard the compound.

I know in the winter it was a rather cold ride in the back of the Weapons Carrier that the Team used to pick me up when I went over for a visit. Lots of fond memories. Thanks for the additional pictures and information. As you know, the article you submitted earlier is being reviewed and we hope to publish soon.

Address Changes: Richard **Burry**, Lee's Summit, MO-James **Wooden**, Foresthill, CA

MeMbership application/renewal Mail

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

'Serial Sages'

New Lifetime Memberships

John **Allred**, Richmond, VA-Al **Davis**, Pasadena, TX (Thanks for the extra \$25 Donation)-Richard **McRae**, Clinton Twp, MI-Howard **Larinan**, Foley, AL-Curt **Anderholm**, Merritt Is, FL-Thomas **Gehman**, Colorado Springs, CO-Larry **Teynor**, Mims, FL-Richard **Gullett**, Palestine, IL-Ronald **Kane**, Satellite Beach, FL-

'Sustaining Sages'

Annual Dues Memberships, new and renewals

Alex (Dee) **DiSanto**-Melbourne, FL-Enclosed are my dues for '07. A word to those who are not life members-Quite a few years ago when I joined the Association I elected to not become a life member as I

thought I was too old and would lose money by paying the \$75. Was I ever wrong!!!! Here I am pushing 85 and still paying the \$10 annually. So to you younger members-do not make the same mistake I made!!! Alex, thanks for the advice-but the additional money you have provided your association is truly appreciated! And, thanks for the trivia, we will use that in a future issue; Tom smiles on you today for that contribution to his concept.

Vern **Mikkelson**, Iowa Park, TX-Keep up the good work! Looking forward to Denver in 07! Does anyone know the status of Col **Myers**, ex-CO of 1156th TOS? Thanks Vern, appreciate your compliment and maybe our fellow Sages can give a tip on the Col.

Edsel **Ward**, Grand Junction, CO-Fred **Campbell**, Palm Bay, FL-Edgar **Hollandsworth**, Melbourne, FL-J. BuFord **Clendenen**, Kingston, TN-Charles **Wright**, Keeseville,NY-Joseph **Florentine**, Huber Heights, OH -Chuck **DeRosier**, Orange Park, FL-Jacqueline **Might**, Bridgeton, NJ-David Whatley, Christmas, FL

NOTE: When we learned Judy was paying a visit to the memorial around the same time we were, we asked her to drop us an email about her impressions, along with some pictures; thank you Judy.

Located on a hill next to Arlington Cemetery and overlooking the Pentagon and Washington DC, the Memorial is an awesome site of three spires, with the center spire soaring some 270 feet into the air. It is bordered on one end with a marble wall with the Air Force mottos "Integrity First," "Service Before Self," and "Excellence In All We Do." At the other end, a marble wall reminds us of the Valor, Courage, and Sacrifice of Air Force service. To bring in the human element, a statue of Air Force color guard members stands proud. A clear Plexiglas plaque, etched with Air Force jets, adds a wonderful touch and brings the memorial together. The Memorial is certainly a representation of what the Air Force is all about.

Our (Horsch/Shaw) visit was several days later ... the memorial is an impressive sight and is beautifully lit at night. While there are listings of important AF names and quotes, we were disappointed to learn there is not an area where one can review an overall history of the AF, or view videos concerning the AF past and present and its achievements. There are civilian guards at the entrance, and other than that, there was no one available to answer questions or provide information. Hopefully, some of this history will be added as time goes by.

Air Force Memorial Mail

A Tribute To Those Who Serve, Past and Present

JUDY MILAM, EMAIL, MID-OCT



Judy shot 'thru' the Plexiglas 'Jet' toward the spires, see her email.



Chris took this shot as we walked away from the memorial. There are many more pictures at the memorial website and information about the dedication ceremony..

FROM THE TOP

Bob Wiley was elected at the annual meeting conducted, as is traditional, after the fall golf n'getogether. Congrats and thanks Bob!!!

Bob thanked members who worked hard to make the tournament a success, especially 'Mitch Mitchell,' who was in charge, and the volunteers and sponsors. He encouraged members to get involved the activities, attend the monthly meetings and think of ways we can improve and get more people involved. Bob thanked the officers who served during the past year and those who attend the meetings and arranged the activities.

This is my first column as your LRDA president. I appreciate the support you and our very experienced staff have demonstrated since the election and at our November meeting. It was one of the best attended meetings in recent times I was told.

I want to repeat the pleas previous presidents have made in this column for all of you to be active members. There are few requirements of membership in the association. First, is service with AFTAC or its predecessor and/or subordinate units. The second is paying dues. You have satisfied those requirements or you would not be receiving this issue. The nominal lifetime dues makes it very easy to make this a "join it and forget it" organization. Many seem to take this route.

Your board needs to hear from you to make this an effective organization. A few 'ole timers' have been making things run, but listening to discussions at the two meetings I have attended convince me that much could be gained with additional input from members. Simple things like keeping your info (addresses, email, phone numbers, etc.) up-to-date saves us time and money. Active duty that attended the Nov meeting provided current organizational data that helped planning for the SnowBall. One member suggested a service to be added to the website to improve communication and a first effort to implement that is up and running. I know there are more ideas out there. Come contribute at the January meeting.

Hope I saw you at the AFTAC Winter Social (Dec 15) and just know you will be at our Snowball (Jan 27).

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

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

Appointed

Activities-**CMSgt Lloyd French** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**

Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black** and **Clark Creery**
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** and **Clark Creery**
Newsletter-**John** and **Christel Horsch**
Publicity-**Need a Volunteer** Sage Shop-**Pat/Carol Snyder**
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A Minute with the Minutes, Sep-Dec

Membership: Randy Vlassick reports membership is 657-566 lifetime, an updated directory was mailed in September and over 100 were sent via electronic subscription (email).

Clark Creery agreed to assist (Co-Chair) membership. He wrote the original program for managing our member database and his help in this area will be invaluable (see following article).

SnowBall, 1/27, plans continue, see 'Calendar'

Hall of Heritage: Progress being made

Golf Mitch did an outstanding job setting up the tournament. It was suggested that we might raise prices slightly-expenses are increasing and we want to continue to offer 'super' prizes

WorldWide Reunion: see PoMo insert; sign up!!

Air Force Memorial see article in this issue and editorial for coin offer

New Commander Carol Snyder and Frank Hall met with Col Westergren. He's going to see if it's possible to have a link on the official AFTAC web site to the Alumni Association.

Sage Exchange/View has been added to the alumni website. Thanks to Clark Creery for instituting and Bob Morton for suggesting this method for Sages to converse back and forth 'online.'

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

Annual Meeting & FY2007 elections, followed the October tournament; Election results:

President, our 'newbie' to the board but not to the association, **Bob Wiley**, attendee of most events and the official newsletter digital photographer and Rovin' Reporter.

Vice, continuing in that office will be **Addison Mitchell** who served so well this past FY. He is an avid attendee of the meetings and a 'Major Arranger' of the recent 'Golf n'Getogether.'

Secretary, another one who has served so long and well, and is currently in this office, has offered her services again, **Judy Milam**.

Treasurer, another who has agreed to stay, **Joe Goldian**. He is quickly becoming our perennial treasurer.

-At last count, we had 121 electronic subscribers; 112 to the Post-Monitor (ePoMo) and Florida Directory (eFLDir) with an additional 9 for the directory only. These members receive the publications some two-weeks before the mailed copies, in color (where color is used), and have all the benefits of a 'Portable Data File' (pdf) file (smaller data size, formatting, searchable, printable, etc). This method also saves your association at least a buck a copy.

Lost and Found, Oct 13th Golf N'Gettogether

JUDY MILAM

Judy reports finding the pictured items (below). The 'blue bag' is marked 'Arctic Zone' and we believe you can read the beer labels.

Email us if you will admit to owning such a bag and such beer. We are confident the 'bag' survives but will not vouch for the 'beer.' Using the term beer lightly considering it is 'light' beer.

Your editors recommendation is that if no one steps forward we will consider this a donation for the next tournament's prizes. Again, using a term lightly, in this case, 'prize.'

**Other Chapters**

California newsletter extraCts, 2006, oCtober

DEPOT FALLOUT

Bob Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Board of Directors; **Orville Pritchard**, Asst. Chairman of the Board; **Ken Denbleyker**, Director At Large; **Joe Johnson**, President & Member of the Board of Directors; **Dennis Nolan**, Vice President; **Charlie Penn**, Treasurer; **John (Butch) Kemna**, Asst. Treasurer; **Ken Breitwieser**, Secretary; and **Bob Baker**, Asst. Secretary, Newsletter Editor-Dale Klug; and Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob Fitzgerald.

Website @ <http://www.aftacwest.org/>

Events Calendar

Business/Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays quarterly at the Lions Gate restaurant at McClellan Park, **5 Dec 2006 and 6 March 2007.**

-Nov 11th, Veterans Day Dinner, 'Buggy Whip' restaurant, cocktails, 6-7; dinner at 7PM

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

Membership: We have two new members, Tom Hickey (life) and Gerald Tenenbaum (2 years). Robert Dean, Dennis Tasto and George Hill renewed their memberships.

Words From The Prez
Riverboat Fun Cruise

Joe Johnson

Those members who went on the Sacramento

riverboat cruise the evening of 26 Aug had a fun trip. The weather was outstanding. After the very hot August days the trip on the river was just right. We traveled down river from Old Town Sacramento into the setting sun. Went past one of the major sites on the river where the U S Corps of Engineers is repairing the levees that protect Sacramento from flooding. Interesting work.

After the sun had set and it was dark, we turned around and came back up-river. Nearing Sacramento the view from beneath the Capitol City Freeway bridge was noteworthy. The lighted tower bridge and the lighted skyline of downtown Sacramento made me think that Sacramento, now is truly a CITY. Those of you that haven't seen Sacramento in a number of years would be surprised at the changes and growth of the downtown skyline.

Prior to the boat trip the cruisers met in the RIO CITY CAFÉ located right at the boat dock. Members ate, drank, and made merry. Dale and Rose Klug were unable to make the cruise but joined us at the café prior to our sailing. The only disappointing thing concerning the cruise was the sparse turnout. Those attending were: Joe & Gayle Johnson, Orv Pritchard, Satch & Peggy Saterlee, George Thompson, John & Dorothy Lanigan and Ken Breitwieser & Eva Stokes.

Membership News

By Dave Price, Membership Chairman

We have seven new members, David Paquette, Steven Westerlund & Gary Hamm (life) and George Damiano, Paul Dickson, James Hembree & Richard Charles (1 year). George Barnes & Paul Sears renewed memberships.

Mail Call

Don't forget our E-mail address: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

W Patrick Burke Email: 27 Jul 2006. (In response to Bob Fitzgerald's email) No, I'm not employed nor do I have much desire to do that again. The Hoaloha.us domain is my own and it is forwarded to the Comcast.net domain. I found myself chasing email addresses as I moved from service to service chasing good pricing so I finally decided to buy my own domain and forward it to wherever I was at the time.

Unfortunately I probably will not be able to make the dinner on August 26th since I will be in Colorado on an RV trip at that time but Veterans day is more promising. I will just be starting out on a trip to Washington so I can probably come on up. In August I am going to be checking out the Colorado Springs area as a potential retirement location. Patrick@hoaloha.us

Jim & Karen Phelps Email 2 August 2006.

Things are going fine for us. Our weather has been funny this year. 2 weekends ago it was 104 and then a couple of days ago Dear Park, a town just north of Spokane had a low of 32. We are talking about making the convention in Denver next year. Just in the talking stage right now. All from here. jimllp@cet.com

Gary Hamm Email: 21 August 2006. Well, I just printed out and filled out the membership application... And enclosed a check for \$50 for a lifetime membership! Glad to be aboard. I'll be mailing it out tomorrow. I'm happy to be able to support the West Coast Chapter. Additional info for the record: November 1962 - May 1963: SPIN-STR (Lowry AFB) 99125-L; June 1963 - May 1964: MCL; June 1964 - June 1966: Overseas Lab Location; July 1966 - Aug 1967: MCL; Sept. 1967 - March 1969: Eielson AFB; Discharged March 1969; And to all I served with: "Thanks for the memories" gchamm@comcast.net

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ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice President, Earl **Pierce**
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WORLDWIDE REUNION 2007

DENVER, COLORADO, 7—11 June,
Double Tree Hotel—Stapleton Plaza

The Colorado Chapter will host the reunion. Any and all personnel that have served with AFTAC, SWS, 1009th, AFMSW-t, AFOAT-I, 1035th FAG, WFO, Worldwide Dets, etc ... are invited and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. Questions, comments, plans of attending please contact: Jack Smith, e-mail coaftrmkt@aol.com or call 303-428-1812. REGISTRATION packets and AGENDA INFORMATION are available on the following three pages.

Members of Det-426, 1962-1967, will be attending the reunion. This group of veterans has formed an E-Det to share memories, stories, pictures, and renew friendships. E-Det 426 has over 20 active members, and is still looking for these Det 426 personnel: Harold Adams, Frank Barre, Art Davies, James Harris, George Kale, Ed McDaniel, John Nielson, Bill Thompson, John O

'Keefe and William Woodard. Contact Don Dike, e-mail msgdike@yahoo.com

Other Events, Plans and Schedules

RSVP, Jack Smith—phone, (303) 428-1812 or email COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM
See the CO Website for updates.

Dining Out at Schriever AFB

Members of the Colorado Chapter of the Alumni Association were invited by Major Barrow to attend their Dining In/Dining Out to celebrate their 20th Anniversary. In addition to Detachment personnel and Alumni, Colonel Larry Sills, Director of Atmosphere and Space for AFTAC at Patrick AFB was able to attend. Detachment 46 also reenacted their Activation Ceremony from 1986.

Major Barrow was able to arrange for a tour of the Detachment facility whose mission is to provide AFTAC and Air Force Space Command with state-of-health support for the GPS/NDS. Detachment 46 ensures the GPS/NDS provides continuous and reliable data to support AFTAC's U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System for the nuclear-treaty monitoring mission and United States Strategic Nuclear Force Management missions. Detachment 46 operators interface with the 50th Space Wing's 2nd Space Operations Squadron. 2nd SOPS is responsible for commanding the GPS satellite constellation and assisting Det 46 with identifying and resolving anomalies and optimizing coverage to detect nuclear detonations.

GROG BOWL

The event was held July 1, 2006 and we were able to enjoy a great Colorado day. Major Barrow invited the alumni to join him and his team to drink from the "grog bowl." While Detachment personnel were able to march in-step with proper military bearing and execute crisp 'about face' maneuvers, the same could not be said for the Alumni. Besides struggling to keep in step, our 'about face' had members turning in different directions and in less than perfect unison, all to the delight and entertainment of the Detachment and Alumni wives.



<Jack Smith, CO Chapter Prez, 'enjoys' some of the delicious brew from the traditional 'grog bowl.'

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Duty Doins' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col. Mark W.
Westergren

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



CMSgt Lloyd S.
French

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



To The Women and Men of AFTAC Worldwide,

CMSGT LLOYD FRENCH, CENTER SUPERINTENDENT

The day my father predicted over 30 years ago has finally arrived. I recall the scene when I told him I was quitting college to join the Air Force and all he said was, "Fine, you can quit college; but do me a favor, make the Air Force a career, because before you know it it'll be over." How right he was. Andy Rooney from CBS' "60 Minutes" really captured the effect. He said, "Time is like a roll of toilet paper...the older one gets, the faster it seems to go." When my DD-214 arrives it will show service for retirement: 30 years, zero months, and 24 days.

Service to AFTAC, the Air Force, and the United States of America is really indescribable. My good fortune to be raised by caring parents, mentored and led by passionate professionals, educated by insightful instructors, and trusted by responsible leaders culminated in a level of impact and success I never dreamed could happen. The association with the intellects, work ethics,

and personalities over the many years is the priceless memory I will carry forever more. Citing specific people here would likely serve to inadvertently alienate others who are equally important to mention...y-all know who you are though, don't you?

The reason for AFTAC's existence will continue in perpetuity. Whether it remains a military unit or takes on other forms, it will survive the cuts, realignments, politics, land grabbing, and other effects that cause other organizations to fade into obscurity. If we continue to leverage our single-most important assets—people and their ideas—we will remain (and likely grow) as a "Technical Applications Center" where the nation's toughest technical challenges meet the nations most technically adept and motivated problem solvers.

It is with great confidence that I watch AFTAC in my rear-view mirror. Confidence born from carefully developing capable replacements, placing skills where the job is loved and the member productive, and making calls that ultimately would have (or should have) been made elsewhere regarding performance, recognition, and advancement...perhaps the most difficult decisions in the world. Others, now, must make the same calls. Upon their shoulders will rest the same weight of responsibility to the higher cause.

On January 12, 2007, at 2 P.M., at the Tides Club across the street from the AFTAC building, I will retire. I extend an open invitation to all to attend. Emotions then will be unpredictable, but accept that as a sign of attachment to a cause—love, passion, and identity. It is truly self-actualization and an honor to have culminated this ride as AFTAC's Superintendent and Senior Enlisted Advisor. Thank you to all—past and present—who paved the way. Thank you to the officers, enlisted members, and civilians who work tirelessly to keep our mission strong and vibrant in the face of adversity. Thank you—in advance—to those who must (and will) keep our nation out of Harm's way. Godspeed...and God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely,

Lloyd S. French, CMSgt, USAF

Superintendent, Air Force Technical Applications Center And a Sage heartfelt thanks to you Chief, as you cross over into 'being one of the Center's Sages.' Your support of the alumni association was always there and lent needed support and credibility to our endeavors. We look forward to your continued involvement in our activities.

Agency to evaluate nuke test

Patrick-based center has diagnostic tools

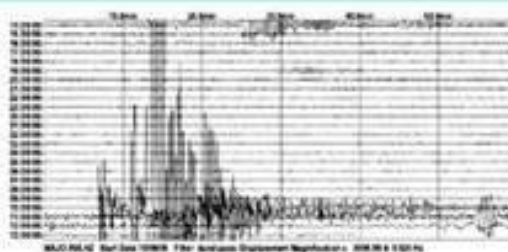
BY R. NORMAN MOODY, FLORIDA TODAY, October 10, 2006

North Korea made no secret of its nuclear ambi-

AFTAC keeps ear to the ground

Based at Patrick Air Force Base, AFTAC analyzes data from a network of world-wide sensors. AFTAC was aware of the apparent test of a North Korean nuclear device immediately after the test occurred. Here's how the system works:

Sensors can detect explosions in the atmosphere, underwater, underground and in space:



This image shows a seismogram chart of Matsushiro, Japan, during North Korea's reported nuclear test.

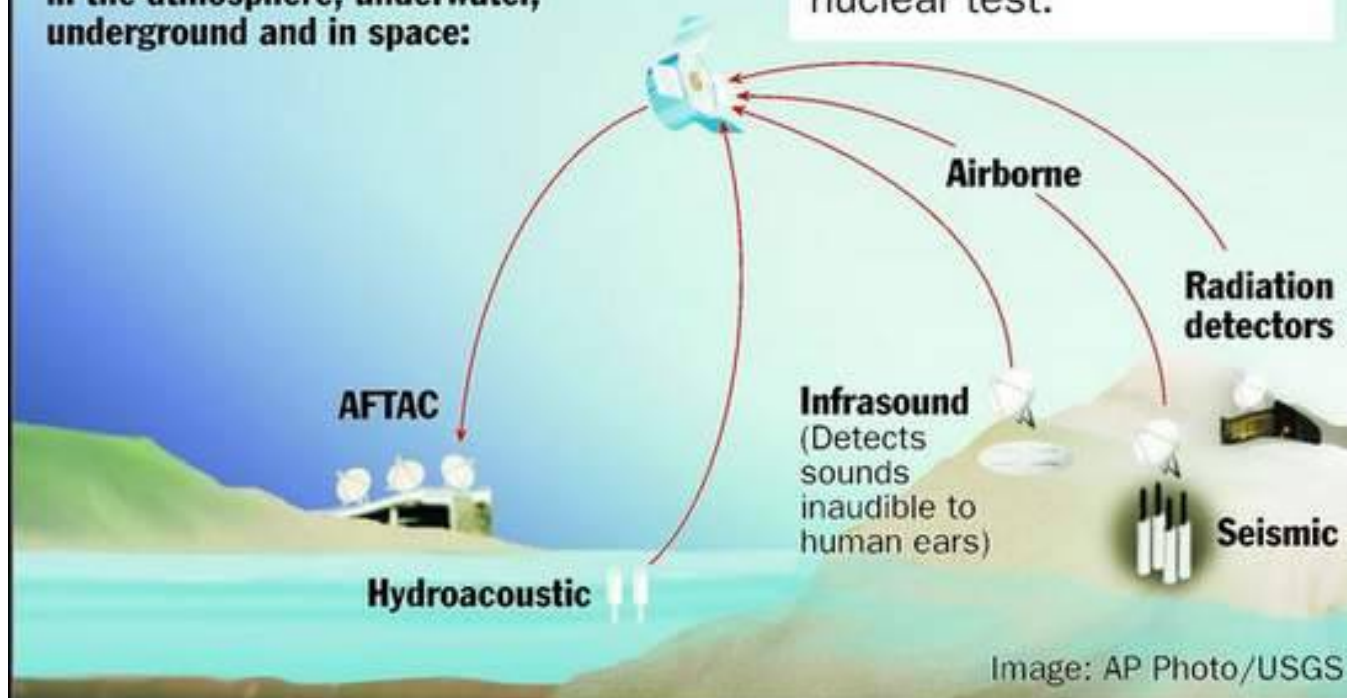


Image: AP Photo/USGS

Sources: Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base and www.tt.aftac.gov

T. Standish, FLORIDA TODAY

tions. But even if Sunday's nuclear test had been concealed, the explosion would have been detected at the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base. Within the building's steel-hardened facade, technicians would have immediately picked up seismic activity from the underground explosion through more than 80 sensors around the globe that are monitored here to help keep top commanders, including President Bush, informed.

"I would assume that they would have detected it right away," said national security expert John Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. "They would have had somebody on watch." Commensurate with

its task, AFTAC keeps to itself. Calls to the agency Monday were not returned. General details of the agency's mission are posted on the Internet, however.

The nuclear test puts North Korea in an exclusive group of nations in possession of the deadliest weapon, but also likely will isolate it even more. The test already has drawn a hardened reaction from China and South Korea and the wrath of other nations, including the U.S. "A nuclear North Korea poses a dire threat to peace and stability and all U.S. interests in Asia," U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Orlando, said in a statement. "That's why the international community needs to come together and make North Korea pay a

heavy price for what we all agree is an unacceptable provocation." The U.S. reportedly was trying Monday to confirm that the seismic event detected was indeed a nuclear detonation, and not an explosion of another type. Pike said there could be some ambiguity as to whether a seismic event was a nuclear or chemical explosion. Other data, including satellite image and airborne sensors, would help confirm the North Korean's claim of a nuclear test. Visually, a nuclear test likely would produce a crater 2,000 to 3,000 yards in diameter, Pike said. It's unknown what other data already had been gathered.

The Air Force will say little about the unique nuclear monitoring mission done at the four-story building at the edge of State Road A1A, across from the base's club for enlisted personnel and officers. It is the sole Department of Defense agency operating and maintaining a worldwide network of nuclear detection sensors. So important is the center that SR A1A was closed immediately after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and then restricted to two lanes while a barrier was built and the building's front strengthened. In the months before it was reopened, it remained restricted to small vehicles.

If the AFTAC system senses a disturbance underground, underwater, in space or in the atmosphere, it is analyzed for nuclear identification and the findings reported to National Command authorities through the Air Force headquarters. The system is designed to detect events, identify the source and even collect samples from the event if fallout drifts into a country that grants the U.S. access. After the seismic detection, AFTAC would continue gathering and analyzing data. In addition to seismic sensors, it has hydroacoustic monitors, and also gathers data from ground-based monitors and from airborne samples. "Then I think they go to work on it," Pike said. The seismic data can locate the general area of the detonation within 15 to 20 miles. Satellite images of the sub-crater created by even a deep explosion would give more data. "It will tell you the efficiency of the device," Pike said. *Contact Moody at 242-3651 or nmood@flatoday.net.*

AFTAC, Change of Command

MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY (SINCE RETIRED), CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Col. Mark W. Westergren assumed command of the Air Force Technical Applications Center during a change-of-command ceremony at the center Aug. 8. Colonel Westergren succeeds Col. Guy Turner, who commanded the center since July 15, 2004. Colonel Turner retired after

a 26-year career.

The newest AFTAC commander previously served as the director of joint operations for the National Security Agency Central Security Service in Kunia City, Hawaii.

As AFTAC commander, Colonel Westergren oversees the center's worldwide mission to operate and maintain the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System, which monitors foreign compliance with the treaties limiting nuclear testing. The USAEDS is a global network of nuclear event detection sensors that record disturbances underground, underwater, in the atmosphere and in space. NOTE: Other information in this article (schools, assignments, etc) was provided in the June, '06 issue.

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE OCT, '06, CENTER MAGAZINE, AFTAC FAMILY

MSGT MURPHY, AFTAC PA, EDITOR

Quarterly Award Winners

Third Quarter 2006

(July 1 – Sept. 30)

Junior-Level Civilian

Ms. Diaz, Logistics and Systems

Mid-Level Civilian

Mr. Redman, Logistics and Systems

Senior-Level Civilian

Mr. Fox, Nuclear Treaty Monitoring

Airman

Senior Airman Lineberry, Logistics and Systems

NCO

Tech. Sgt. Rice, Atmosphere and Space

Senior NCO

Master Sgt. Mantell, Atmosphere and Space

Junior Technician

Amn. Devine, Materials Technology

Senior Technician

Tech. Sgt. Ballinger, Logistics and Systems

Company Grade Officer

1st Lt. Dratz, Materials Technology

People Page Recognition

Promotions, decorations, awards, birthdays, welcomes, farewells, retirements and birthdays are just some of the forms of recognition on this page.

Command Section (CC)

Congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. Nederhoed** on receiving the Meritorious Service Medal.

Operations (DO)

Congratulations to **Senior Airman Scott** on graduating from Airman Leadership School. Congratulations and farewell to **Senior Master Sgt. McMiller** on his retirement. Congratulations to **Airman First Class McDaniel**, **Amn. Emmons** and **Amn. Gabhart** on their first year in the Air Force. Welcome to **Senior Airman Swanson**.

Logistics and Systems (LS)

Congratulations to **Capt. Navarro** on receiving the Meritorious Service Medal. Congratulations to **Senior Airman Martin** on graduating from Airman Leadership School and winning the Levitow award. Congratulations to **Staff Sgt. Beck-**

ett on receiving a recognition coin. Congratulations to **Airman First Class Carlson**, **Airman First Class Gunkel** and **Airman First Class Hawkins** on their first year in the Air Force.

Materials Technology (TM)

Congratulations to **Lt. Col. Wierschke** on his selection for promotion to colonel and to **Airman First Class Smith** on his selection for promotion to senior airman below the zone. Congratulations to **Airman 1st Class Porter** on her first year in the Air Force.

Nuclear Treaty Monitoring (TT)

Congratulations to **Maj. Deluca** on receiving the Aerial Achievement Medal. Congratulations and farewell to **Master Sgt. Brotherton** on his retirement.

Plans and Programs (XP)

Congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. Lambert** on receiving the Joint Service Commendation Medal. Congratulations to **Mr. Bothwell** on 10 years of civilian service. Welcome to **Ms. Bryson**. Farewell to **Capt. Daniels** and congratulations on receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal. Farewell to **Ms. Black** and **Senior Airman Swanson**. Happy birthday to **Staff Sgt. Cobarruviaz**, **Ms. Osterloh**, **Master Sgt. Morris**, **Mr. Rousseau**, **Tech. Sgt. Jackson** and **Ms. Engh**.

Detachment 319

Congratulations to **Senior Master Sgt. Revels**, **Master Sgt. McFadden**, **Tech. Sgt. Ellis**, **Tech. Sgt. Lloyd**, **Tech. Sgt. Dodson** and **Staff Sgt. Workman** on earning associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

Later, 11.03, MSgt Murphy, PA passed this on:

AFTAC scientist wins Air Force Science and Engineering Award

Capt. Krystal Walker of AFTAC's Materials Technology Directorate led a five-person staff in establishing an interim AF research and development laboratory and then successfully implementing a \$2-million construction plan that established a permanent facility.

"Teamwork is essential, especially when you have limited resources and unlimited requirements," she said. This project would never have been successful without my team. They deserve as much recognition for this award as I do." Captain Walker and her team tackled more than 200 action items to deliver the facility a year ahead of schedule and cut the unit's dependency on contractors in half while implementing stringent quality control procedures.



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"This was a huge project with lots of moving parts, and she handled it with the utmost professionalism," said Lt. Col. Scott Wierschke, Materials Technology Directorate deputy director.

The captain led her team through the complicated laboratory validation, passing all four tests in the first attempt.

She initiated weekly lab sterilization and contamination monitoring and certified the laboratory for use. She also prevented the lab from shutting down during an emergency situation. In a letter to Captain Walker, Air Force Chief Scientist Mark Lewis congratulated her for her noteworthy achievements, outstanding research management and commitment to service. He also wrote that this prestigious award is given to fewer than 1 percent of the research managers in the Air Force.

Despite the praise and attention, Captain Walker humbly remains focused on her daily duties. "I'm honored to have been recognized for my work," "Day to day, I try to remember all the things I did right along with all the things I did wrong and pass the knowledge on to others."

The captain's advice for someone working a similar project is to develop a good relationship with everyone, from safety to security, from communications to contracting. She worked diligently with government civil engineers and a local contractor to meet all requirements in spearheading the building modification that ingeniously converted an aging 1950's-era facility into a state-of-the-art laboratory. "Sooner or later you will need someone's expertise," she said. "Listen to advice but make your own decisions."

Booster's Club Update

TSGT JOHN OAKES, AFTAC/THO, BOOSTER'S CLUB PRESIDENT

The Winter Social was December 15th in the Imperial Garden at the Imperial Hotel.

2007 Officers have been elected: SrA Jennifer **Moosman**, President; TSgt Byron **Halliburton**, Vice President; TSgt Bernadette **Jones**, Secretary; TSgt Raphael **Grace**, Treasurer; TSgt Rob **Thur**, Hot Dog Sales; SrA Nicole **Lineberry**, Public Affairs; Ms. Pat **Snyder**, Clothing Sales.

Feature articles

SOME OF THE FOLLOWING 'FEATURE ARTICLE' CATEGORIES DO NOT HAVE INPUTS FOR THIS ISSUE AND AWAIT YOUR CONSIDERATION!!! We list them here as a reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND writers!!

Commander's reCaLL

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

We anxiously await inputs from the remaining commanders, continuing 'Distinguished Members' all: Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer, Horton, Bendorf and Turner

NOTE: We are preparing a personal letter to each of these commanding Sages soliciting their 'reCaLL.' We feel confident they will write as they find the time and opportunity—in the meantime, we will 'stand-by' and be at the ready.

We look forWard to 'CC reCaLL' inputs.

I Remember ...

LRD HistOry by tHose wHo weRe tHeRe
PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.). Forward these to at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

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

We look forWard to 'I reMeMBer ...' Inputs.

THIS ISSUE, brIan Swan

with a few Bold Statements (BS) for seasoning

I was playing around with Google Earth recently and found that Shemya (Detachment 205) is included in their excellent database of space-based photography. After spending a half hour combing the island and muttering "Hey, I remem-

ber when we did such-and-such there..." I decided to make a collection of fond, if not odd, memories. Hopefully I haven't repeated anything sent to you in the past.

The Fog. Anyone who has been to Shemya can't forget the fog, which is the distinctive feature of the summer months. When I first flew to Shemya the fog was so thick that I never saw the island on approach until about 50 feet from touchdown, and I really gained an appreciation for pilots, navigators, and luck. I also saw for the first time the remnants of a C-130 or some other airframe, unceremoniously left off the end of the runway, the victim of a landing that didn't quite succeed. I recall the first really clear day as the summer ended, and our admin troop, who had been there a few months longer than me, rushing into the CRB shouting "Hey, there's another island out there!!" That's when I knew just how much the fog prevailed.

The Exchange. One pitiful little room in the C-Building, something no larger than a 7-11, was the official Base Exchange. Despite that, many of us felt compelled to go to the exchange weekly, as if anything new would show up! I bought my first 35MM camera there, which provided me with reams of pictures of the barren tundra grass and a lot of spectacular sunsets. My wife often asked me why I was sending home so many pictures of the same subject. My response was "There's nothing else to photograph, legally." Another feature of the exchange was a limited supply of food for those that couldn't exist on chow hall fare. I was quite impressed with the packages of frozen bologna, all of which had an endless series of expiration dates stamped on them. I guess if the bologna was never thawed out it was OK to cross out the last date and apply a new one. I never bought any.

The Debris. I think I arrived not long after efforts to clean up the island started. The remnants of WWII could be found everywhere. In a place we called the Gravel Pit there was the cockpit of a P-51. I remember sitting in it envisioning a Zero in my sights. There were a gazillion rusty barrels by our CRB (which did affect the reception characteristics of our Q equipment). Quonset-style buildings were everywhere, most in stages of collapse, but all a source of possible treasure for us to rummage through. On one part of the beach we could find the rusting hulks of military vehicles, pushed into the sea after the war ended. On another part we could find the clustered casements of bombs and bullets. And there were the bunkers on one side of the island. If you were

Feature articles

perceptive you could locate the probable spot for the entrance door, dig the sand away, and go inside. In other places there were short tunnels, but we never trusted those so we didn't explore. And wire was everywhere in the tundra grass. I never found out if it was true or just a tactic to limit our travels, but we were told an airman died of electrocution when he touched one of those old wires. We didn't touch the wires, and we didn't wander through the grass.

The Barracks. We were "special" like most AFTACers were at all our locations and we didn't have rooms in the C-Building where the remainder of the military population was housed. We had two wooden structures in the midst of where the civilian construction contractors stayed. This was the typical building set in a hole in the ground with only the roof protruding above ground level. That cut down on the effects of the incessant wind that blew against the side walls. By stateside standards, this was close to being condemned. To us it was a palace. One room couldn't be occupied because of the gaping hole through to the outside. In another room the floor sloped quite markedly because the substructure had collapsed. I remember the day the Commander told us we could paint our rooms. John Wallace, always the rebel, read through the Alaskan Air Command regulation that governed barracks rooms. He promptly determined that nothing prevented him from painting a big stripe around the room. So he did that, and the 2-foot stripe wavered up and down the walls, and even went through a full circle in one corner, drifting onto the ceiling for a while. It looked like the inside of a clothing store at the mall. CC wasn't happy, but it stayed.

The Theater. Movies were one way to pass the time and we went often. A quick trip to the chow hall to smuggle some food out in the pockets of our parkas and we were ready for a good movie. John Wallace always liked the frozen blueberries – I always wondered if the pocket in his parka was permanently stained blue. The one annoyance in the theater was the interruptions from the alert recall for those guys on the island that flew the Snoopy plane. In fact, it was an annoyance anywhere when they had an alert. In the chow hall and the exchange if an alert was called, those guys went right to the front of the line, paid their money, and fled. In the theater the recall was announced by projecting a grease-penciled message on the screen beside the movie that was playing. Immediately a bunch of guys would jump up and hustle out of the theater. Of course,

everyone else stopped watching the movie to watch the commotion. One day some of us decided it was time for us to have a recall. After all, no one but the base commander knew what we did, so we had the chance to spoof everyone else. A bunch of us went to the theater, and about 20 minutes into the showing one of our guys back at the CRB called in a Det 205 (or was it the other one) Alert. Of course the movie operator had no idea what a Det 205 alert was, but he also knew not to question it. Up flashes the grease pencil note and an entire row of 99s jump up and sprint out of the theater. At the same time some of the fly guys started to jump up, and then realized it wasn't their alert. We hopped in the old Dodge 6-pack and raced down the hill, well over the speed limit just for effect. And to give it the final ending, we all leaped out of the truck and ran into the CRB. To us it was hilarious, but we never did it again.

The Beach. How can you be on an island 4 miles long and 2 miles wide, and not go to the beach? The fact that it was off limits didn't stop us. AFTACers weren't dumb enough to try to swim in the frigid water and we did respect the huge waves, except for one guy that wanted to "surf the curl" on the north shore. Again we exploited our anonymity and simply carried a PSM-6 multimeter with us. If stopped by the SPs we just told them we were "checking our data lines" and we were released. We spent a lot of time on the beach looking for those glass ball floats used to buoy fishing nets. I don't think we ever found any.

The Last Look. The day I left it was an unusually clear day for fog season. After being there for a year I finally saw the whole island from the air. Even on my mid-tour leave I didn't see much of the ground. But the day I left I got the whole view and I think I spotted a place that we never explored. At the time I had no urge to have the plane turn around so I could have just one more day. Thirty-five years later I wish I could go back, just for a week. I would like to see if my old room is still there – or if the CRB is still there. I'd like to see if that section of a whale's spinal column is setting at the back entrance of the barracks. I'd like to find the gravesite for our dog, Sniffy, and put some of the little tundra flowers beside him. But I really want to check the expiration dates on those packs of bologna. If I do go, I'm going to pretend I'm from the FDA and confiscate every pack of luncheon meat I can find. Thanks so much, Brian, for your excellent writing and continuing support.

A FAmil y AFFAir

LRD FAmilies ... oveR the yearS

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this column we ask those families to share that history. Forward to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Family Affair column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

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

We Look forWard to 'a family affair' inputs.

SAGe StArS

'Sage Success Stories'

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

We Look forWard to you 'sage star' inputs

Where are ya?!!!

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Where we attempt to get you to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin" - Forward these updates to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Updates column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

We Look forWard to 'Where are Ya?!!!' inputs

NOTE: Unless we receive strong support and reasoning to continue this category we will terminate it with this issue. We will include this type information in our 'Mail-Call' section.

BS Tales!

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

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

We Look forWard to your 'bs' inputs

THIS ISSUE, j on RiCHaRdSon

'Boldly stated,' and a little 'Barley Substantiated' I too was one of the chosen few to spend a year on the Black Pearl of the Pacific (Shemya) 71 to 72. We also had a big dog named SNFE who would take a day or two to decide if he was going to bite you or lick you to death. The base medical personnel would come down to Det 205 to give him shots but first they would call and ask that he be restrained. To do that I would wrap a towel around his snout and hold on tight cause the minute they walked into the det, SNFE would 'smell medicine' on them and he would go nuts. The medics were sure glad to leave.

One of the interesting things about Shemya was that many times when the weather was clear, which wasn't all that often, a Russian Bear Recon plane would fly over the island then turn around and come back over again. The phones would ring all over the island, "The Bear is coming," and people would run out side and on his second pass with all his cameras running we would give them the digital salute. So much for the life on Shemya.

I went over to Attu to go fishing with an Army SFC from the local ASA Det. We spent 4 days over there and caught so many salmon that we got tired of fishing and went exploring. There are literally tons of left over material from WW-2 laying around including a lumber yard that probably has close to 100 Quonset huts laying there, all banded up, just the way they were shipped.

We were supposed to stay in what was called the fish camp (old hut with some cots and sleeping bags and a camp stove) As it turned out the B Det there had one empty bunk and one man was on leave so we both got to stay in the barracks along with the Coast Guard (Loran B Station). Had a great fishing trip, thanks to the B troops. We also went up the mountain and at the top we could see in the distance what was left of the Japanese base.

There is a great book on the war in the Aleutians called the 1000 mile war. Attu was not the only American soil occupied by the Japanese. They had a good sized naval base on Kiska that we had to take back. Excellent Jon, thanks so much.

Tom's Treasure of TanTAlizing aFTaC Trivia

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

The 'trivia' concept was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone, who, in t9he '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send ideas for this series and to provide additions or corrections. We now

hope those who remember Tom will 'rise to the challenge' and provide **unclassified** content to continue what he began.

HONOR ROLL: Tom **Ciambrone** (4 trivia), John **Horsch** (2); Dale **Klug** sent one previously and has forwarded his second for use in the next issue.

We look forWard to '...trivia...' inputs

THIS ISSUE, AN INPUT FROM 'THE ORIGINATOR'

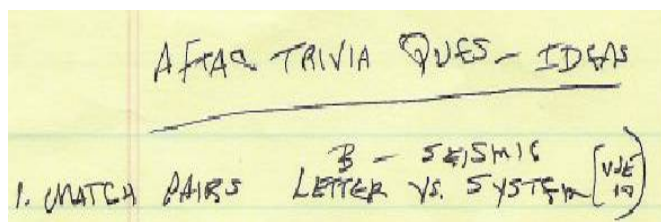
RECEIVED FROM TERRY CIAMBRONE ON 2006.09.08

Exactly one year after Tom's passing Terry presented us this 'trivia' he was preparing (see copy, in his handwriting, below). We use this very special trivia now as he would have wished and Terry requested.

The Letters and techniques are taken from the 'Table of Contents,' 'A Fifty Year Commemorative History of Long Range Detection'

Answer(s) at bottom of the 'Sage Shop' page

NOTE: We'd like to take a moment here to emphasize our need for trivia inputs from our readers. Tom counted on 'Sage Suggestions' when he came up with this concept and we'd sure like to see this happen. Surely, each of you can come up with just one trivia idea for us to publish. Thank you.



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| A | 1. Hydroacoustic |
| B | 2. Electromagnetic pulse |
| C | 3. Backscatter radar |
| Cs | 4. Satellite |
| Db | 5. VLF phase anomaly |
| E | 6. Vertical incidence |
| F | 7. Atmospheric fluorescence detection |
| H | 8. HF propagation anomaly |
| I | 9. HF narrowband phase anomaly |
| J | 10. Laboratory analysis |
| K | 11. Ionospheric |
| L | 12. Acoustic |
| N | 13. Seismic |
| O | 14. Airborne |
| Q | 15. Cosmic noise absorption |
| R | 16. Surface based particulate sampling |
| T | 17. Balloon whole air sampling |
| U | 18. Surface based resonance scatter |
| V | 19. Geophysics diagnostics |
| W | 20. Magnetotelluric (earth current) |
| Z | 21. Electromagnetic pulse>>>> |

At the Last minute

'Need To Know,' just in'

CLARK CREERY, 'HAPPENINGS' WEBSITE MASTER

The USAF History and Traditions Museum located at Lackland AFB, TX, has passed word through Mr. Cortez, the curator, for each and every enlisted member to think back and provide stories, memories and items that they have from basic training.

The museum has the mission of collecting and interpreting the history of AF Enlisted Training since 1916. They are looking for those items that will help complete the historical exhibits; specifically items used by men and women during Basic Military Training since 1947. This includes uniforms, shoe wear, hat wear, footlocker items, field equipment and souvenirs. They also are seeking original BMT photographs, graduation photographs, books, classroom publications, postcards, letters, orders, certificates, rosters and manuals.

Your photographs, documents and items submitted will be kept together in a personal biography file located in the permanent museum archives. What a neat place besides a box in your attic or in your garage! Dig in and let's help them also remember those of us who started on our USAF careers at Lackland; the address, **History and Traditions Museum, 37 TRW / MU, 2051 George Avenue, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-5216**. According to Mr. Cortez, the museum would also like donations because the government has cut the funding. A DOLLAR from each of us who went through training would put them way over the top, but it is just a request and not mandatory. **Phone:** (210) 671-3055 or (210) 671-0655, **Fax:** (210) 671-0347, **E-mail:** fernando.cortez@lackland.af.mil, **Museum Data:** <http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/1167934>.

NOTE: The Lackland survey recently mentioned in this newsletter is posted at Clark's site-<http://www.geocities.com/aftac9000/Questions.doc>-have a look and send one in as so many other Sages have done.

CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

**NOTE change of
meeting time>>>**

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

January

4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
9, 1700-Board/Membership

February

2, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

March

2, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events

EVENT CONTACT (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867

patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil

-Jan 27, SnowBall IX, see pg 1

-March 1st, Center Awards Banquet, see pg 1

-May 4th, Golf N'Gettogether, see pg 1

-June 7-11, WorldWide Reunion, see pg 1

Traditional Annual Events

(for planning purposes)

January—March

-SnowBall IX, Jan 27, 2007, see pg 1

-Center Annual Awards Banquet, March 1st, see pg 1

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic

-Assn 17th Annual Spring Golf n'Gettogether

July—September

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

October—December

-Assn 17th Annual Fall Golf n'Gettogether

-Center Winter Social, December time frame

ANNUAL (FY07) DUES ARE PAST DUE (1 OCT)

WorldWide Alumni Reunions

(normally scheduled on a biannual basis)

The Colorado Sages are currently planning

WorldWide Reunion 2007, June 7-11 Timeframe

Details inside

SAGE SHOP

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range
Detection Alumni Assoc, ATTN: Sage Sales, PO Box 254892,
Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. **Add \$4.00 for shipping and**

handling plus \$1.00 for each additional item
*No shipping and handling charged on logo pins

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2006.11)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	1	3	2
Jade (medium green)	3	7	3	2
Navy	2	2	2	0
Red	2	3	1	2
White	2	2	2	2
Royal Blue	3	4	2	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	3	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	2
T-SHIRTS , no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	2
Navy	2	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	1
Stone Washed Green	1	0	1	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	2	1
Black	4	2	0	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15	2	2	0	0

HATS - \$6.00	#	MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#
Green	0	50th Commemorative
Gray	0	Coin \$3.00/85
Red	4	Logo Pin \$3.25/237
Royal Blue	0	Alumni License Plate, \$7 Mbrs,
Light Blue	0	\$10 Nonmbrs/4
Navy	0	WorldWide Directory, \$25/2
Blue/		
Gray	12	

SPECIAL OFFER-AFTAC Top-3 Coin being sold by the Top-3 Association, \$6. Send a check (payable to Barton Randolph) to: AFTAC/TC ATTN: MSgt Randolph, 1030 S. Hwy A1A, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-3002

'Tom's Trivia' Answer
AFTER READING the 'trivia' question
on the preceding page

A14 B13 C15 Cs16 Db17 E18 F19 H20 I12

J2 K11 L10 N9 O1 Q2 R3 T4 U5 V6 W8 Z7

A 'Rocket Sampling Capability,' without a letter,
is also listed.

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