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Your Association-'Serving Sages Since March 1985'

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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



Lloyd French FY2009 President



Our Spotlight for this issue 'illuminates' Lloyd French, our Association President. As a 30-year military AF-TACer, he finds it hard to stay away from its "hallowed halls" and dynamic mission. Lloyd took office last October but his 'individual spotlight' had to be delayed until this issue due to recognizing the elected board in the December issue, and the 'Alumni Of The Year' in the April issue.

Lloyd is a Lifetime Member of the LRDAA since joining while on active duty as the AFTAC Superintendent. He still works at "Headquarters" managing a contract with the US Geological Survey and is employed at IAP Worldwide Services (formerly Johnson Controls). IAP has over 4,000 employees worldwide and their corporate headquarters is in Cape Canaveral.

Born in Stambaugh, Michigan (yes...he's a U-per) he is the son of a military father. He joined the Air Force (and AFTAC) in March of 1977 entering under the General Electronics program as a 99125.

Besides the Air Force "Gateway", his assignments include, Lowry AFB, CO, McClellan AFB CA, Patrick AFB FL, an overseas site, and Schriever AFB, CO. He was a Gamma Analysis Technician from 1977 to 1981, then a Special Equipment Operator (SEO 47) from 1981-2003, and capped his career as AFTAC's Superintendent from January 2003 until retirement in January 2007.

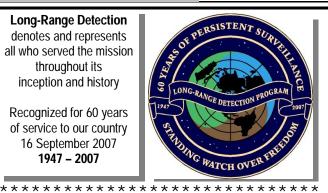
We are grateful for Lloyd's service to AFTAC, the Air Force, the LRDAA, and especially our nation. His continued and substantial involvement in our organization sets an example for all.

Long-Range Detection denotes and represents all who served the mission throughout its

inception and history

Recognized for 60 years of service to our country 16 September 2007

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*Alumni Alerts-What's Comin' Up

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

Sept 11th, 2nd AnnuAl 'SociAble September'

General Membership & Elections Meeting This meeting is being held on a Friday, and at 1130, and at the Tides Club Ocean Lounge, to encourage attendance by all AFTAC active-duty, assn members and alumni. Last year's meeting was very successful and resulted in several attendees from out of town and others who had not been at a meeting for some time. A buffet will be available for \$7.95 (non clubmembers) and its 'Fish Friday!' (see page three).

Oct 9th-19th AnnuAl fall golf n'getogether Turtle Creek Golf Course, Rockledge

1130 Check-in, 1300 Start, Meeting follows (see pg 3)

Dec 11, center winter social

*Keep up-to-date on 'Alert Data" at the assn website; register your email address to auto-receive updates. Alerts continue on page three

Alumni EvEnts-What's Gone off WHERE, AGAIN IN THE BEST CENTER TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

"hailing our future ... honoring our past" worldwide reunion, Florida style BOB WILEY. COORDINATOR

We hosted this edition of the biannual WorldWide Reunion. This year's event highlighted the conjunction of two important events-'New Beginnings' and '50-Years of AFTAC.' 'Radisson Resort at the Port' was the place and the 'first days of May' the dates. (page three)

Center AnnuAl Picnic, MAy 2, 2009

This annual event was held during 'WorldWide Reunion, 2009.' This provided an opportunity for 'Sages,' and 'pre-Sages' to interact on an informal basis. EvEnts continue on page three

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients Robert 'Bob' Wiley 2008

Bill Schmied 07-Deborah Carson 06 Mike Black 05-Joe Goldian 04-Pat Snyder 03-'Joe' Johnson 02 Jim Payne 01-Ben Vlassick 00 (deceased)-John Horsch 99 Frank Hall 98-Judy Milam 97-Carl Gailey 96-Clark Creery 95

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

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

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

There are three chapters.

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

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

- **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.
- 3. West Coast (California)-Formed in 1999, \$10 year/\$75 lifetime; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC. org 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.AFTACWCC.org.'

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



First off, we have to say a word or two about 'WorldWide Reunion, 2009.' It was very well done and 'Major Arranger' Bob **Wiley** did a great job of bringing everything together ... Deborah **Carson** had the reunion room looking spiffy for both nights (social and banquet), as did Judy **Milam** for the hospitality area. Our thanks to them, and Gene and Deanna **Melchior**, for everything they did to pull off this major event. More on this later in the issue.

We were certainly very pleased that the 'Alumni Creator,' and now Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence), the Honorable James **Clapper**, could be on-hand as our keynote speaker. He spoke of AFTAC, then and now, and recognized the alumni association he had initiated with one of his famous notes, was soon to celebrate 25-Years!!!. The Honorable James Clapper's speech in presented in its entirety in the issue.

We are particularly linked to the Honorable James Clapper and the formation of the association. In his position as AFTAC CC, then Col Clapper, asked us to serve as AFTAC's fourth Senior Enlisted Advisor to replace Don **Tate**. I just happened to be here in March, 1985, learning the ropes from Don, when the initial exploratory, and forming, alumni association meeting took place (see 'Assn History' in the left column).

We never fail to be impressed, and surprised, by the Sages who decide to join us in these biannual gettogether's. Years of AFTAC service range all the way from a couple of years, to a full 30-Year career ... it always amazes us the 'AFTAC Experience' can so impact those who served a very short time to go thru the time and trouble, travel whatever distance, to be with us at these events.

We received the following from a Sage we met at this reunion, Harry **Joseph**. We believe his feeling's reflect most attendee's, he writes: "Howdy (2009.05.14), I want you all (y'all) to know that I had a wonderful time at the reunion. Meeting you and having fun was a thrill I'll never forget. I'll be sending a separate email to the reunion committee, but please share this with them. I wish my wife had been able to accompany me-you would love her. She's the mirror image of me: loud, jovial, full of herself, etc.

The organization of the reunion was exceptional! It was far beyond my expectations. Thanks to Frank and Edna (**Calenda**) for getting me involved. The support of AFTAC headquarters really opened my eyes to the great organization that it is. I wish I had known that years ago when I was a young smart-ass SSgt/TSgt. I might have kept my opinions to myself and retired as a CMSgt in Florida. Thanks, also, to the AFTAC family (active-duty) reunion organizers that opened their picnic to us. It was great fun.

I hope we meet again at the next reunion, whenever and wherever it may be. You can count me in. Please keep me in the loop. Harry Joseph, Captain, USAF, Retired (Never made Chief)" Harry, thanks for taking the time to write ... you were

a kick at the reunion festivities and added much to our good time; we'll see you at the next one!

Clark Creery, our 'Off-Line Database' (OLD) maintainer also checked in with a thank-you note, and a view from his perspective: I was so happy to see that folks, during the reunion, took the time to review some of the data and report back to me so I was able to update the listing. I might also reflect that Bob Wiley and staff did one bang-up job with this reunion. It was so nice to get to see folks that I have not seen in ages. On an additional note, I hope to see the interest continue in the items for the Hall of Heritage. I find that this data helps me understand just how unique and wonderful all the folks are who have made LRDAA/AFTAC such a great business. What talent, what creativity, I for one, miss it! I now want to see younger TAC'ers joining-by mistake I happened to run into a group when I joined Facebook and what a neat group. That is what makes the organization, and the assn, work. God Bless all. Thanks, Clark ... we'd also like to see an infusion of 'youngsters!'

Alerts continued from page one

Sept 11th, 2nd AnnuAl 'SociAble September' The nominee slate for the FY2010 Executive Committee contains those who have served before and one new adventurer, Sean Ryan. The slate is:

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

'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'



Oct 9th, Assn 19th AnnuAl fAll golfn'getogether Turtle Creek is a non-metal spike facility and each player must have their own clubs/bag, if not rental sets will be available for a charge of \$15. The cost-\$40.00-Alumni Assn Members, \$45.00 for others. This charge covers green fees, cart, range balls, bottled water, soft drinks and dinner, onsite, at 'Jimmie's.' Details are being ironed out but the meal will either be hamburger and hotdogs with fries or BBQ with beans and slaw. Non-players will be able to purchase a meal in advance for \$8.00.

This is a scramble (select-shot tournament) as we have played in the past with a 1300 shotgun start with check-in beginning at 1130. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, Men's long drive, Women's long drive and 2 closest to the pin contests. Mulligan tickets will be available for purchase with tickets drawn for numerous door prizes.

There will be at least one beverage cart running for those desiring something stronger than soft drinks.

Points of contact: Bruce Snelgrove-321-494-6166/321-591-9288; Pat Snyder, patricia. snyder@partick.af.mil/321-494-6867. Teams will fill up fast so contact Bruce or Pat today!!

Alumni Meeting after tournament. Stay and support those who 'Serve the Sages!' EvEnts continued from page one worldwide reunion, Florida style BOB WILEY, MAJOR ARRANGER

This column is a big "Thank You" to all who helped make the 2009 Worldwide reunion here at the Florida Chapter a success. The first 'Thanks' goes to each of the 200 of you who attended in person at one or more of the reunion activities - the Friday night icebreaker, the building tour, the picnic with the active duty folks or the Saturday night banquet. The renewal of friendships, retelling of old tales, hearing the latest "scuttlebutt", and learning about the new plans for the future was enjoyable and enriching while all the food was delicious and filling. We especially appreciate the support of the California and Colorado Chapter members who helped us celebrate.

We also want to 'Thank' Col. Lisa **Onaga**. the AF-TAC Commander, and her staff for their assistance by hosting the headquarters tour and allowing us to participate in their annual picnic. It was wonderful to help them celebrate the outstanding rating they received from their inspection that finished the day our reunion started. Her staff also helped with issues related to the attendance of our guest speaker, the Honorable James Clapper. Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, and past AFTAC commander ('84-'85). (speech follows) Specific staff members who worked reunion activities: Jim Whitten, Deborah Carson, Pat Snyder, Doris Bruner, Linda Felton, Mr Highsmith, Dr O'Brien, Capt Brian Rickert, MSgt Pat Murphy, Capt Tim Armandinger, SSgt Kelly Lazenly, A1C Porter Bailey, and A1C Joseph Walkowicz. AFTAC also provided the Honor Guard to post the colors and perform the MIA ceremony. They were: SSgt Derek Miller, A1C Alicia Davis, A1C Rocio Del La Torre, A1C Brandie Hunter, and SrA Donald Kramer.

Florida chapter members who donated significant time and effort to 'making the event happen' were: Judy Milam, Frank Hall, Pat Snyder, Eileen Best, Gene and Deanna Melchior, Jack Jackson, John and Chris Horsch, Clark Creery, Bob Morton, Carol Warfield and, of course, the Board members – Lloyd French, President, Addison Mitchell, Vice-President, Joe Goldian, Treasurer. Frank Calenda contributed many of his photos to our photo records. "Thanks" to each of you for making my work as the Reunion Committee Chair much easier. The final "Thanks" goes to Dan Anderson and the Radisson at the Port staff for providing a nice facility, exceptional service and good food so that we could enjoy our time together.

For those who couldn't join us for the reunion in person, I'll try to summarize my impressions. There was no formal program for Friday night. It was strictly a 'see old friends', catch up on what's happened since the last time we were together, and enjoy some delicious food and drink. There was lots of room for people to circulate, sit and visit, and then move to a new group. You can imagine how many digital cameras

were snapping away during the evening. We were fortunate to have the current and four prior commanders with us for this event.

Even though we couldn't wander around the building during the tour, Dave **O'Brien**, the Chief Scientist, gave us an outstanding 're-orientation' to the current organization. Col. **Onaga** gave an overview of the plans for a new AFTAC Headquarters Building to be built at Patrick. (An architectural rendering of the new facility was included in our reunion logo.) Then we got to wander through an exhibit of retired equipment that had been set up in the basement to jog some fond memories of prior assignments. The picnic was much like a "winddown" for the active duty who had just finished a week long inspection as we were starting our reunion. As you would expect, they got an outstanding rating.

The reunion planners and banquet emcee (Dave O'Brien) were still making changes to the program schedule on Saturday afternoon to meet the travel needs of our guest speaker and prior commander, Jim Clapper, Lt Gen USAF (Ret). So you can imagine our surprise when Gen Clapper showed up an hour early and without fanfare. However, it just meant that he had more time to socialize with the group before the program started. During the evening, Addison "Mitch" Mitchell, the Florida chapter Vice President, presented Col Onaga with a plaque which NASA had prepared for the association recognizing the flight of one of the AFTAC 50th Anniversary coins on STS Flight 123. This was followed by presentation of similar plagues to each of the Alumni of the Year (AOY) who had not received 50th Anniversary coins as part of their AOY award. These plagues were presented by Gen Clapper and followed by his speech recalling his memories of serving as AFTAC commander from 1984-1985. At the conclusion, Mitch presented Gen Clapper a memento alumni golf-shirt embroidered with the message "Jim Clapper, LRDAA Founder 1985, 2009 Worldwide Reunion." Gen Clapper then had to leave for his flight back to DC while the rest of us continued to visit and revive AFTAC memories.

As some of you know, near the end of the registration period, we made an accommodation for local members who only wanted to attend the Friday night icebreaker and forgo some registration benefits by reducing the fee. For those who paid the full fee, we have been collecting digital images from those willing to share. These 400+ images will be distributed to those who paid full registration via a DVD. Hopefully, everyone has or can get access to a computer with a DVD reader or a DVD player that will read jpeg image files.

It was a privilege to head your reunion committee. I was blessed with the help of everyone I asked for support and, of course, it could not have been done without the help of Col **Onaga** and the AFTAC staff who volunteered for more than we asked. Thanks to all of you. And, the biggest THANK YOU possible to you Bob, you brought it all together in fine style!!!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND HONORED GUEST

The Honorable James R. Clapper, Jr.

GENERAL CLAPPER KNOWS THE COMMAND, AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, IN A MOST UNIQUE WAY-HE WAS AFTAC COMMANDER FROM JUNE 1984 TO MAY 1985. IN THAT POSITION, HE INITIATED MAJOR CHANGES TO THE COMMAND AND IT WAS ONE OF HIS FAMOUS 'HANDWRITTEN NOTES' THAT FIRST PROPOSED THE 'ALUMNI ASSOCIATION' AS IT IS TODAY!

It is great to be here with celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the 'Air Force Technical Applications Center,' AFTAC, as that named entity for this organization, to recognize the (upcoming) 25th Anniversary of the Long Range Detection Alumni Association (March, 2010), and to come back "home" to all of this -- a superb command, with magnificent people – both past and present.

Almost 25 years ago to the day, I had the great honor of assuming command of AFTAC. Sue and I have many fond memories from the year we were here. I had the privilege of working alongside fantastic enlisted personnel who were unmatched in technical proficiency. In fact, one of my most coveted treasures of military memorabilia is a beautiful Spanish sword that the enlisted force presented to me upon our departure. I was also very blessed to work with the many dedicated, world class civilians such as Walt Singlevich, Gerry Leies, Frank Pillotte, Chuck McBrearty, and -- a little later generation -- Dr. Dave O'Brien. The many outstanding officers were tremendous stewards as well, such as Tom Ciambrone, Tom Niguette, Al Pavik, and Frank Hall. And, being a worldwide organization, I had the opportunity to visit some wonderful locations such as Spain, Philippines, Thailand, and Australia.

I'm very proud to be associated with AFTAC and its long, storied, and glorious history. This organization has played a crucial role in keeping the peace, in the most demanding domain of nuclear weapons during all of the Cold War and continuing unabated into this new type of war we are now conducting. I always liked the motto: "In God we trust, all others we Monitor."

The people here tonight represent a continuum of tradition of very distinguished service to the nation. While technology and techniques may change, the commitment, dedication, technical expertise, and professionalism of the people in his organization have never swayed and have always remained strong under times of severe national stress.

I'm also particularly proud of the Alumni Assn; John and Christel **Horsch**, recently published a copy (PoMo, Dec, 2008) of the office note I wrote Dec 8, 1984, asking the Director of Personnel to explore the possibility of establishing an "AFTAC Alumni Association." I reread that note on the plane ride down here and I have it with me tonight, 25 years after writing it. From what I see here tonight, the Assn far surpassed my highest expectations.

In conclusion, I hope you all share the great pride I have in being a former member of AFTAC and the part we all played in establishing AFTAC's outstanding national reputation and its great heritage. Finally, on behalf of my two bosses, the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence, thank you for what you've done, and for what you continue to do. You have all had a significant impact on our nation's security and defense.

God bless you and God bless America. Thanks for having me this evening.

Reunion pictuRes

BOB WILEY



Sat Night Banquet, 'Commander's Call'-L>R, Col Onaga, 2008.08-Current; Col Turner, 2004-06; Gen Dettmer, 2000-01; Col Beatty, 1998-2000; Gen Jaeger, 1991-94; Gen Clapper, 1984-85



Fri Night Social, 'Commander's Call'-Four Commanders were there this night also, and were joined by Col Meisenheimer (3rd from L), 1978-84. Here they pose with a listing of LRD Commanders.



Sat Night, Dr O'Brien officiates as Gen Clapper accepts the 'Alumni Founder' golf-Shirt from our Vice President, 'Mitch' Mitchell.



Sat Night, Mitch presents Col Onaga the NASA 'Coin' Plaque that was awarded the Alumni Assn. This memento will be permanently displayed in the HQ's 'Hall of Heritage.'



Sat Night, Gen Clapper speaks (speech on preceding page). Following that he presented 'Alumni Of The Year' plaques. Here we see Bill Schmied, 2007, receiving the plaque which recognizes his service with a replica of the NASA 'Coin' certificate, and a coin. Also receiving plaques that evening were Pat Snyder, 2003, Joe Goldian, 2004, Mike Black (in abstention), 2005, Deborah Carson, 2006, and, this years selectee, Bob Wiley, 2008.



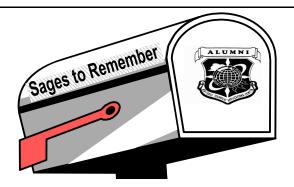
Friday Night, we browbeat Chief McClelland, R, into an evening, and the picnic!! Here we are sure they are discussing 'Mission Motto,' ʻln God We Trust, All Others We Monitor.' Read all about this later in the 'Feature ' section.



Sat Picnic, L>R, Our favorite 'new' acquaintance, Harry Joseph, and some old friends, Tom Dunn and Geno/Sandy Wagner. In the background, an unknown pre-Sage prepares a 'Sage Swig!!'



'Worker's Call,' L>R, 'Some Who Served"-Clark Creery, Judy Milam, Bob Wiley, Deanna and Gene Melchior (yes, Gene, I double checked the spelling), Chris and John Horsch, Deborah Carson



Personals ...

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

In Memoriam

Willard C Armintrout ... George Waters Leonard Denney ... Richard Burry Karl E. Dankof ... Arod (Roddy, Rod) Deas Eugene W. Zucker ... Clifford (Bo) Ferris Tom Clampffer ... Charlotte Schutz Bobby Jones

Rest In Eternal Peace

ARMINTROUT, **Willard C. LtCol**, **USAF**, **Retired** FROM THE 2009.04 CA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, DEPOT FALLOUT

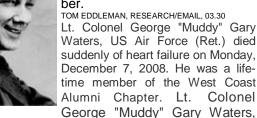
Born in Piketon, Ohio on June 12, 1931 and passed away peacefully at home October 1, 2008. He will be greatly missed by his family & friends. He is survived by his wife, of 55 years, Peggy; 2 sons, Will Jr. (Betty) of Folsom, CA, Jeff of Florida & daughter Kristi (Steve) of Valley Springs, CA; 6 grand children & 5 great grand children; sister, Janie & 3 nieces of Ohio. Burial was at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. Donations can be made to First Call Home Care & Hospice 6929 Sunrise Blvd., Suite 180, Citrus Heights, CA 95610, or a charity of your choice. CA Editor's Note: LtCol Armintrout was 1155 Tech Ops Squadron Logistics Chief of Maintenance for several years and an AFTAC West Coast Alumni Association member.



ANNE ADAMS, GEORGE'S BUSINESS PARTNER TO CLARK CREERY-EMAIL, 03.26

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George Waters died in December.



US Air Force (Ret.) 06/03/1928 - 12/07/2008 VISTA -- George Waters, 80, died suddenly of heart failure on Monday, December 7, 2008 at Tri-City Hospital in Vista, Calif. He was in the presence of his wife and

family when he entered into the arms of the angels. In 1978, George retired from the Air Force after 27 years, and moved to Vista. He earned his M.A. in Accounting from National University and opened Palomar Tax Service in San Marcos, Calif. He sold his business in 2004 and retired to his Vista home.

George was the loving husband of Genevieve Corley Waters for 57 years; and a devoted father to Gary, George David, Gina, Glenda, Genevieve, and Grant. Mass and Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Vista. George was buried with Military Honors at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif., on Thursday, Dec. 18 in a private family ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation at: PDASD, 8555 Aero Dr., Suite 308, San Diego, Calif. 92123.

Florida editors

We remember George as a 'Serving Sage' supporting the assn, and alumni, when/where ever he could and was several times a PoMo contributor.

Jack Allison (last issue)

EUGENE W. KILLEY, MAJOR-EMAIL 04.13

Sally and I send our prayers to Rosalie Allison and family. Jack was a great guy to work with and a big help in many ways, while I was at Det 205 and the last three years of my career at SPINSTRA.

Leonard A Denney Sr

EXTRACTED FROM THE CA WEBSITE-04.26



Retired Air Force SMSgt Leonard A. Denney Sr., 82, of Neah Bay died of a heart attack on February 24, 2009, at Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles. Leonard was born on De-

cember 24, 1926 in Ola, Arkansas. He entered the military in 1945. He went to Japan in 1945 for Occupation Duty, and in October 1948, he was transferred to Germany for duty on the Berlin Airlift.

He was also involved in a classified assignment where he installed a complex technical spy electronics system in Northern Europe, in which he received clearance from the Air Force to talk about freely approximately 40 years later. Leonard retired from the Air Force on July 31, 1966, then worked for the Air Force in a civilian capacity. He retired from the Civil Service in 1983. Other early civilian jobs included maintenance work at the school and tribal center.

He was stationed in Neah Bay in March 1949. While there, he met Mary Lou Parker. He married her in December 1949. They had their first child the next year.

He is survived by his wife; his older sister, Beulah Erwin of Springfield, Missouri; three children, Dale Denney, Leonard (Bud) Denney and Mel Thompson; 13 grandchildren, seven (and counting) greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Primer Denney and Ruth Tedder Shetrone; stepfather Elva C. Shetrone; his daughter, Lynn Critter; and great-granddaughter, Madison Greene.

Services for Leonard A. Denney Sr. were held on Monday, March 2,

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2009, at the Neah Bay School Gymnasium. Interment immediately followed at the Neah Bay Cemetery, followed by a community dinner at the Neah Bay Community Hall. Pastor Marge Ervine officiating. Funeral Home is Drennan & Ford. Please sign the online guest book at www.drennanford.com. FL Editor's Note: An extract of Bud Denney follows (complete eulogy available at CA Website):

...... In 1962 SMSgt (Senior Master Sergeant), Leonard A. Denney was nominated for "Outstanding Airman of the Year." In June 1959 Sgt Denney was assigned to Det 205, 1155 TOS. At this time his family returned to their home town, Neah Bay, Washington. After completing this overseas tour he was assigned to 1155 tech Ops, Sq, McClellan AFB, Calif. His family accompanied him to this station.

Richard Burry

HILDA BURRY>BUTCH KEMNA>BOB FITZGERALD EMAIL 04.27

Richard Burry passed away in March. Richard was a Life member of both the West Coast and Florida Alumni Association Chapters.

An internet search found this: http://www.legacy.com/floridatoday/Obituaries.asp?Page=OBITFINDERRESULTS

Richard Burry, 77, of Lee's Summit passed away March 17, 2009 at St. Joseph Medical Center. Private graveside services were at Lee's Summit Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lee's Summit meals on wheels or American Cancer Society. (Arr. Langsford Funeral Home, Lee's Summit) Published in Kansas City Star on 3/20/2009

Karl E. Dankof

MARK DANKOF, SON, 05.23

My father passed away Wednesday, May 20th, 2009 at 0735 hours Central time at a hospice unit in San Antonio. If you are receiving this obituary from me, you are a close personal friend, family member, or representative of one of the military organizations and schools he was associated with over the years. God bless. Pastor Mark Dankof, Immanuel Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas, (210) 563-4584 [cell]

Colonel Karl E. Dankof (USAF-ret.), a director of logistics for Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's Imperial Iranian Air Force (IIAF) from 1973-1978 as an employee of the Lockheed Corporation, has died in San Antonio, Texas, on Wednesday, May 20th, 2009. He was 89 years old. The cause was kidney failure.

Colonel Dankof was born on March 3, 1920, in Hamburg, Iowa, one of six sons born to a struggling German-American farming family which endured the hardships of the American Depression throughout the 1930s. He would prove to be the only child in the family who would graduate from high school because of the severity of the times. After graduation from Hamburg High School in 1938, he accepted a football scholarship from the University of Omaha in Nebraska. In June of 1941 he was offered a tryout with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League (NFL), but elected to defer this opportunity until his scheduled graduation from college in 1942. He would marry his high school sweetheart, Vera, in June of 1941, a marriage of 68 years duration.

The opportunity to play professional football was derailed forever by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The following day, Colonel Dankof enlisted in the Army Air Corps at its recruiting station in Omaha. He would subsequently serve in the Army Air Corps and its successor service, the United States Air Force, for 32 years of active duty service. (He managed to finish

his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Omaha after the war's end. in 1952.)

Graduation from Officers' Candidate School occurred in January of 1944, where he remained for a short time as a tactical officer and supply instructor. He was then transferred to the Miami Air Depot where he was assigned to the Supply Division. In 1946, Colonel Dankof was reassigned to the Erding Air Depot outside Munich, Germany, where in 1947 and 1948, he served both as Head Coach and starting offensive and defensive end for the Erding Arrowhead football team. In a fund-raising game for the post-Hitler German Youth Corps, the Arrowheads played to a capacity crowd in Munich of 65,000 people, in what was believed to be a then record for attendance at an American football game on German soil.

In 1950, Colonel Dankof was transferred to the Air Proving Ground Command; in 1953, to the Mission for Aid to Turkey in Ankara; in 1955 to the Air Force Advanced Management Course at Indiana University, where he earned a Masters Degree in Military Science and Business Administration; in 1956 to Headquarters, United States Air Force in Washington, D. C., followed by assignment in 1960 to the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento for 3 years. During the Sacramento years, Colonel Dankof founded the Center Joint Little League in North Highlands, California in 1960-1961. As the League's founder and first president, his efforts included the recruitment and supervision of volunteer work crews, and the contribution of his own physical labor, in the building of the baseball parks, backstops, and dugouts which remain in use to this day.

In 1963, Colonel Dankof was assigned for a year to the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, graduating in 1964. His thesis pertained to the Alliance for Progress program for Latin America. From 1964-1967, he was stationed at Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii, with the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron. From 1967-1971, he served at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, followed by a stint from August 1971 to April of 1973 as the Air Force Logistics Command's (AFLC) Liaison to Southeast Asia, in logistical support of the American air war over North Vietnam.

Most of Colonel Dankof's Air Force career involved two commands, the Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC); and the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC). He was once chosen as the personal aide to General Curtis E. LeMay, founder of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), and Chief of Staff of the Air Force under President John F. Kennedy, for a command staff conference.

After retirement from the United States Air Force in April of 1973, work began with the Lockheed Corporation as a logistical director for Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's Imperial Iranian Air Force (IIAF), based at Ghasre Firouzeh Air Depot with secondary responsibilities at Doshentappeh Air Depot. After the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Colonel Dankof spent several years with the Lockheed Corporation in Marietta, Georgia, and then 4 final years with the aerospace giant in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as a logistical advisor to the Royal Saudi Air Force.

Prior to the health decline of more recent times, the Colonel spent his final years as a volunteer for the Randolph Air Force Base pharmacy, and a volunteer driver of cancer patients in San Antonio to chemotherapy treatments, where illness and lack of funds deprived the latter of private transportation to and from home. Membership was maintained in American Legion Post 612, Windcrest, Texas.

Colonel Karl E. Dankof is survived by his wife of 68 years, Vera, an artist in San Antonio, Texas; two sons, Steven, an attorney in Dayton, Ohio, and Mark, a Lutheran clergyman at Immanuel Lutheran Church in San Antonio and radio broadcaster for the Republic Broadcasting Network; two daughters-in-law, Nancy and Carmen; four grandchildren, Elizabeth and spouse Virgil Welch, Steven Jr. and new bride Danielle Rachel Baron, Sarah, and Ann; and one great-grandchild, Henry Welch.

Full military honors were at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas; with a memorial service at Randolph Air

Force Base Chapel One in San Antonio; and final interment at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D. C.

Memorials in the name of Colonel Karl E. Dankof may be sent to the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, established to assist needy widows of both officers and enlisted personnel in the United States Air Force; to Sarbazan, a Los Angeles-based organization dedicated to the memory of the Unsung Heroes of the Imperial Iranian Armed Forces; or to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, a translation ministry designed to spread the Christian Gospel around the world through translation of the Bible and Martin Luther's works into a multitude of different languages.

Aron L. (Roddy, Rod) Deas

2009 03.LEA DEAS>GENE MELCHIOR

(NOTE: The provided obituary clipping was not clear enough to reproduce-herewith we provide specific data)



Arod Deas, 73, of Kansas City, KS, passed away on Sunday, November 4, 2007. Rod was born in Rock Hill, SC on Feb 10th 1934. He moved to Kansas City after joining the US Air Force. Here he met his wife of over 51 years, Leona Palcher. Making the AF his career, he lived in many states and many countries, retiring after 26 years and

moving back to Kansas City. NOTE: Gene adds, "Arod was NCOIC of Det 4XX, 1969-70 when it closed."

Eugene W. Zucker

ROY JACKSON-EMAIL 06.09

I recently called the Zuckers just to check in as I hadn't been in contact with them for a couple of years. Sadly I was informed by Mrs. Zucker that Gene had passed away May 14, 2008. I have her permission to contact you so that an announcement of his passing can be made. Belated condolences may be forwarded to her at: Mrs. Eugene W. Zucker, 6307 Shenandoah Dr., Sacramento, CA 95841, 916-331-9724

I first met Major (then Capt.) Zucker in late 1962 when I reported for duty at the AFTAC Hq. on Telegraph Road in Alexandria , VA. I was assigned the position of Z System analyst in the TD-3C branch which was headed by Captian Zucker, OIC.

I had the privilege of serving under Major Zucker my entire tenure with AFTAC which concluded in 1965 with my separation from the Air Force. I can say without doubt he was the finest officer I served under during my entire eleven years of military service. He was indeed a class act. Major Zucker retired in late 1966 and relocated to Sacramento.

If possible, would you mail a copy of the newsletter containing the announcement to Mrs. Zucker? Thank you, Roy, and an issue for Mrs. Zucker will be arranged.

Clifford (Bo) Ferris

BUTCH KEMNA>BOB FITZGERALD-EMAÎL 06.18 WE'RE VERY SORRY TO REPORT

THE DEATH OF "BO" FERRIS, A LONG TIME AFTAC ALUMNI MEMBER WHO WAS AN SEO AT 1155TH TOS AND OTHER LOCATIONS (INCLUDING DET 202) BACK IN THE 60'S (& POSSIBLY, EARLY 70'S)...OBITUARY FOLLOWS:

Bo was born June 10, 1931, in Miles City, Montana. He died June 18, 2009.



City, Montana. He died June 18, 2009, from complications due to an abdominal aortic aneurysm. He was surrounded by people who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline, and his

oldest son, Mark, as well as his older brother, Earl M. Ferris, his parents Earl Mortimer Ferris and Helen Skauge and his stepdad Clifford Skauge.

Bo and his brothers grew up in towns in Montana including Great Falls, Butte and Valier. All three spent time in the U.S. Air Force. Bo enlisted in the Army Air Corp when he was only 15, eventually joining the Air Force. It became a career lasting 28 years. He later became part of an elite unit in the U.S. Air Force called AFTAC in which he served proudly. He earned the respect and friendship of everyone who met him. Bo treated everyone with courtesy and respect. He loved to tell stories of the fascinating life he led - traveling to exotic and exciting places throughout the world. Bo had a knack for turning a phrase. One of his favorite expressions was "Indecision is the key to flexibility." Bo and Pauline had seven children while stationed in such places as Japan, Guam and Washington D.C.

After retirement Bo worked for Automatic Vending Company and he and Pauline moved to Redding with their family. Pauline succumbed to lung cancer after 39 years of marriage. After living single for five years he met Deannie Meyer who was also widowed. The two fell in love and were married joining his family with her family of three sons, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He used to laugh and say they had a merger not a wedding.

Bo is survived by his loving wife Deannie, his children, Susan Pereira, Sandy Ferris, Patricia Wilson, Terri Ann Dugdale and twin sons Tom and Paul Ferris, grandchildren; Kyle and Kady Ferris, Elizabeth and Daniel Dugdale, Adam Ryan Ferris, Clifford and Maggie Folkman and Josiah Ferris, his brother, Raymond Ferris, his stepsons Daniel, Kirk and Robert Meyer, his step-grandchildren Sibylla, Audra, Ashley, Sarah, Carlie and James Meyer, his stepgreat grandchildren Kalvin Meyer and Kristen Meyer. We all will sorely miss his sense of humor, his stories and his gentle love. Bo was buried in the Veterans Cemetery in Igo. Published in the Redding Record Searchlight on 6/25/2009

Memoriam

JOHN LANIGAN-EMAIL, 06.29

As anyone who knew Bo would be, I am deeply saddened by the news of his passing. Also, I can dwell on some of the good memories of having known and worked with him in times past. We were SEOs together at 4XX in 1955.

At a time when Bo's first wife, Pauline was very pregnant with their second child, he had been held off the regular flying schedule because Pauline was way overdue and the likelihood of her delivering while he was flying, was an invitation to the enactment of Murphy's Law. Finally, Bo did fly, and about four hours into the mission, I got the call from Pauline to please take her to the hospital. The baby was coming. The trip to the Air Base was extremely nerve wracking with the early morning local traffic, honey bucket wagons and Pauline screaming, "Hurry! Hurry!" Fortunately, the baby did not hurry. We got to the hospital and Pauline was in the delivery room until well after Bo returned that evening. It was a girl.

I will always remember Bo as somewhat laid-back with a great sense of humor. He was a skilled professional in his work and an airman who routinely exceeded the standards of the organization. He was a friend to us all.



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Memoriam

JERRY LABARRE/JIM DAVIS-EMAIL 07.21

UPON HEARING OF BO'S DEATH, TWO OF OUR 'SAGE STATESMEN' TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND ABOUT BO, AND HIS CAREER; WHAT FOLLOWS IS THEIR RENDERING, AS YOU WILL READ, THIS MEMORIAM TO BO ALSO CONTAINS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LRD HISTORY THAT OLDTIMERS WILL ENJOY. Jerry wrote Jim: I have expressed concern that the only historical memory of Bo's work and efforts with the org were what was in the original e-mail about his death. It stated Bo was an SEO in the 60's and maybe 70's at the 1155th and Det 202. I feel we need to say more, but, I also want to be correct with the facts. For this I ask your help on a few things. (and Jerry listed a series of questions).

Jim replied: Yeah Jerry......Bo Ferris, Bobby Jones and I all were transferred from the 1155th Weather Recon Sadn, at McClellan AFB to the 1009th in the late summer or early fall of 1953. A Maj. Jack Deets who was in charge of the airborne operations there at McClellan recruited us because of our experience of having to change filter papers on all weather recon flights for AFOAT-1 (Headquarters). After we received some training at McClellan (1009th) I was transferred to TEAM 407 as NCOIC of the airborne section, replacing a MSgt Thomas R Hollingsworth-I don't remember if Bo went over before I did or not but it was in August 1955 that I went to TEAM 407. It wasn't called Detachment until sometime later. I returned in 1957. I sorta lost track of Bo but am sure he returned to the airborne section there at McClellan and I think he did remain a SEO until he retired, I am not sure as I say I lost track of him.

Yeah, each of us Bo, Bobby and I were weather equipment operators in the Air Weather Service and had the additional duties to change filter papers on all weather recon flights. When we began our training as SEO's we were using the old B-199A an EA Recorder and Geiger Mueller Tube stuck up in the E-1 Foil-it was really the beginning of what was to come-a lot of modifications and changes occurred over the years.... looking back it was quite an experience going through these changes...just while I was in....I can't imagine what it must be like now.....

Yeah Jerry, I'm like you....I think people should be recognized for the efforts which they put into this organization....You know I often think of the time I spent in the Air Force and especially the long range detection program during the time I served and I really never ever thought of how important of a job I had...I just went about doing those thing that was my job and I always did what was expected of me in a serious and responsible way...never ever thinking how really important my job was......I was part of a group of people...all of who were doing extremely important work, and I agree these people should receive credit where credit is due.



Tom Clampffer

JAN CLAMPFFER-EMAIL 06.22

Tom Clampffer of Melbourne FL died May 12, 2009 after an extended illness. After 3 years as a US Marine, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1956. He graduated from OCS in 1959. Some of his assignments took him to Lowry AFB, CO, Seymour Johnson AFB NC, Mountain Home AFB ID, Offutt AFB NE, Thule, Greenland and Los Angeles CA. After his military retirement in 1974, Tom worked at Harris Corp in Melbourne FL until his second retirement in 1998. Tom is survived by his wife Jan and three children: Linda of Omaha NE, Kelly of Orlando FL, and Maj John Mortland of Ramstein AFB Germany, and 4 grandsons. Services were held on Memorial Day with military honors.

Charlotte Schutz

TOM EDDLEMAN/DENNY SCHUTZ 07.27

Charlotte died early this morning from a blood infection. She was in the hospital and her organs started to shut down. She never regained consciousness and slipped on out. Denny is taking her back to Indiana for services.

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

We will always recall Charlotte with fondness and joy. No matter where or when, she came to you with a smile and a greeting to make you do the same.

Bobby Jones

BOB FITZGERALD EMAIL 08.09

Per telecon alert from Orville **Pritchard** this evening, we have been informed that Bobby Jones passed away on Sunday, 2 Aug 2009 of a heart attack. Orville said that now two of the original three SEO's have passed away: Bobby & Bo Ferris. Orville said that as far as he knows the 3rd original SEO, "Red" Davis, is still alive and living in Toronto, Canada, but no one has heard from him in a long while.

FL Editors Note: We passed the info to 'Red.'

"I talked this evening with Bobby's wife, Helen, and confirmed the details for his memorial service: Saturday, 15 Aug 2009, 1300 hrs, Sharer-Nightingale Funeral Chapel. Sacramento, CA 95815 (916-925-3549)."

FL Editors Note: Later we received addition information from Jim 'Red' Davis:

I would like to correct some erroneous information in the attached e-mail. Bo **Ferris**, Bobby **Jones** and I WERE NOT the ORIGINAL SEO'S...we may have been among the first however I remember names like M/Sgt Thomas **Hollingsworth**, Ted **Simms**, Richard **Brown**, Dick **MacCulsky**, John **Lanigan**, Charlie **Heckman**, Van **Winkler**, **Cook**, **Chandler**, **Moles**, **Moran**, and a few others that I simply can't remember their names were there before we got there in 1953.





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

Thanks' to all who write!! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).

EPoMo eMail

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- -aldavis26@comcast.net (2nd)
 - -RMacManus@att.net (4th)
- -fewinter@peoplepc.com (2nd)

Please send correction to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

NOTE: With this issue, for the second time in a row, we again learned the benefit of the 'electronic' ePoMo. Sending/Receiving ePoMo instantaneously is like having over 200 potential editors! Just a few minutes after sending out the newsletter we received info from Jeannine **Kepner**, working in the CC's office, we had the date wrong on the banner! It read '2008 December' and should read, '2009 April.' We thanked her and were able to correct it in time for the 'hard-copies.' We then sent an apology to our eSubscribers, who all took it very well. More eMAGIC.

First Sage to 'Report In'

(ePoMo sent, 2009.03.24 @ 1400 est)

Wayne Reece

@ 1453

Got the download, saved it in my AFTAC folder. Thank you. And thank you for getting back to us so quickly, its always a relief to see 'the system' has worked!!

Jerry Moxley

@ 174

Thanks for the copy. Enjoyed reading it. Mox And thank you for your editorship of the CO, ECHOES, and the 'glomming' privileges you give us!!

John McGettigan

@ 1818

Great job as usual. Thanks for all you guys do for us old timers. John, you are most welcome ... you've been 'first' before but Wayne beat you to the punch this time!

Bob Long

03.25

Regardless, Folks.... (referring to our date error) (You) still roll back my years as I remember the good old days reading it. Amazing the midnite requisitioning and bartering a pair of sunglasses for 5-6K dollars worth of

packing and crating when the budget could not stand the expense. Or a dz Yank ball point pens. Amazing what we could accomplish. Thanks, Bob, and we were darn good, weren't we ... still are too, right!!??

Frank Calenda

03.25

......and a Merry Christmas to all. Guess we missed it too when you showed us. Must be old timers stuff. The month of Dec must have just been to good to let go!!

Clark Creery

03.25

Gosh for the want of an error. I have had so many emails over the mass mailing lately I deleted the one showing the link to the latest copy. If it had not been for this email I would have plodded along fat, dumb and sort of happy. I went to my deleted file (which I usually dump in one or two days) and sure enough, there it was. Aha, our error did some good!

I have skimmed the file and each issue just gets better and better. Once again, thanks for a formidable issue. You and Chris are tops. Thanks, Clark ... as our 'Off-Line Database' (OLD) maintainer you deserve a lot of credit for the times you have pulled our fat out of the fire.

Mail/eMail

Clark Creery-ePic

03.26

'Sage Times'-Det 461, 08.73, welcoming Gen Goade and party ... all shined up, I'll bet!!!



Gary Warfield-email

04.16

(We asked Gary about his address when the bulk mailers had a problem identifying same) I did get the April PoMo and it was great. That is my correct address and it was printed correctly on the label. How do I sign up for the e-PoMo? (glad you asked, and we provided details)

Again, April's PoMo was great. It is great to see input from old friends like Tom **Eddleman**, Clark **Creery**, the **Waldens**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank **Calenda** and more. Keep up the good work. Retired life is great. Gary, with members like you, our work is easy.

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William (Dave) Wingfield-email 04.25

I have just completed reading the latest edition of Post Monitor. Thank you. It is great to keep up with the events and progress of AFTAC. Both present and past. I was saddened to hear of the Death of Bill **Mullinax**; he left good impressions on anyone he met.

I have a suggestion for the web page. I attempted to edit some of my information on the web page. Our local post office is shutting down the satellite office and is going to start delivering mail directly to our home address. I need to change my mailing address from the P.O Box to a street address. I guess we finally have enough hillbillies in the area to justify the cost. Also, I wanted to post an email address to the site. It has been so long since I have registered on the page that I have forgotten my password. Don't laugh so hard! All of us are getting older. I could not have it reset or changed from the web page. That feature would be a nice one to have.

I would also like to start receiving the ePoMo but could not find an option to sign up for it. Thanks again for a fine newsletter. Dave, thanks for the compliments and those certainly make our job easier ... and your request for ePoMo, you got it and we have sent a complimentary issue. Dave replied: Your quick response is much appreciated. I like the color version on the web. Keep up the good work. It is good to know that the folks I depended on while in AFTAC can still be depended on after we retire. It is a different story in the "real world". Dave, thanks.

Two For Your Consideration and Research 1. Clark Creery-email 04.10

(Jim Payne mentioned this several issues ago but it is worth repeating) Little-known benefit aids veterans of wars (Stateside or Overseas). I checked this out and it's correct. See 'VeteranAid.org.' The Special Pension for Veterans' Aid and Attendance pays up to \$1,644 a month, \$19,736 annually, toward assisted living, nursing homes or in-home care for veterans 65 and older who served at least 90 days and one day during wartime — stateside or overseas. Veterans and their spouses can receive up to \$23,396 annually and spouses of deceased veterans, \$12,681. Thanks, Clark, we noted there are eligibility requirements that must be met but it is something every retiree, and family, should be aware of.

2. Willis Johnson 05.00

Some of you may have seen this and/or thought about it, or maybe not. You know that Social Security "Bonus" at the end of May and withholding table changes (less federal taxes coming out of private retirements, paychecks)-well think again. Click on the link below. This came across on Yahoo Financial from the AP. "http://finance.yahoo.com/news/INSIDE-WASHINGTON-Rude-apf-15091434.html?.v=1."

And later, Dave Johnson, passed this along:

Starting May 1, military retirement checks will be larger due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The act basically drops the amount of tax withheld. See:

http://www.dfas.mil/retiredpay/taxinformation.html

Retirees must submit a new W-4 to DFAS (address/fax # online) to change their withholdings or risk owing/paying taxes at the end of the year. DFAS info link:

http://www.dfas.mil/retiredpay/taxinformation.html

John Bright-Letter Undated (scan-06.09)

After an overseas long range detection tour I returned to McClellan AFB in California in December of 1951. I was due to retire in October of 1952 and I would not reenlist, so I could not be sent overseas again. Many



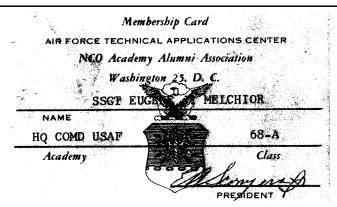
of us were in this same situation and in January, 8 of us were sent to Boston, Mass. to Edgerton, Germishouser, and Grier Electronics Company. We had a 4 week training on equipment for Long Range Detection. I guess this was the first prototype of the "EGG" system. 4 Air Force vans were outfitted with their equipment and we traveled to the west. An airman named **Stankey** and I traveled to Peyote, Texas AFB for about 3 months. We trained on the equipment weekly for the early mornings' Atomic Blasts that were going on at the Nevada Test Site. Then my van and another were ordered to rendezvous somewhere. The two junior men drove one van back: to McClellan.

Another Sgt and I were ordered to rendezvous with an EGG engineer, named Ed (something) and we again set up for the weekly blasts in the Oregon and Idaho mountains.

Now, for the picture. One day as we traveled from Boise, Idaho, we saw this sign. On the back of this sign, as you headed into Boise, a car dealer named "Mad Man Muntz" advertised his cars for sale. But, rather than have the backs blank, he had some kind of joke on every back. When I saw this one, I posed and had the other Sgt. use my camera to take this picture. So-I did not really embarrass the Air Force by entering a real Nudist Camp while on duty. Note: Notice how he misspelled 'Bears' in the bottom fine.

Gene Melchior-In Person 06.09

Gene related that he had a membership card for the 'AFTAC NCO Academy Alumni Assn' that was issued to him for graduating from 'HQ COMD USAF Class, 68-A.' Please see a copy of that card on the next page. Gene is not sure about any other information regarding this assn. Do any of our readers have addi-



tional information about this assn? The signature appears to be that of Edward A. Sconyers, JR. who is listed at the website locator, but does not appear to be a member of the Florida Alumni Assn Chapter.

Thomas Miller-email

07.10

(Tom wrote inquiring about Jack **Dornedan**; we emailed Jack 'he was wanted' and Tom replied) **Thanks John. I appreciate it.**

Just a little background for your information: I just got back from a two year assignment in Bremerhaven, Germany, for Customs and Border Protection about 6 weeks ago. Upon returning to Virginia I was assigned to this office building south of Alexandria, VA. At first I did not recognize a thing, but after a few weeks I was amazed to discover that I'm within walking distance of the old AFTAC on Telegraph Road. So after 45 years I end up in the same place!

The other day I retraced my old route that I took to work for nearly 4 years back then. It brought back a lot of old memories. Somehow Jack came to mind and I was wondering if he was still around. Damn! I'm 68 Jack must really be old!

Howard Larinan-Letter Dated 05.25

I WAS GOING THROUGH SOME OF MY PERSONAL MILITARY FILES AND CAME ACROSS THIS PICTURE OF THE INFRASONICS ANALYSIS SECTION THAT WAS TAKEN IN ALEXANDRIA ON JULY 1, 1969. MOST OF THOSE PICTURED WERE THE FIRST I TECHNIQUE ANALYSTS, WHO ATTENDED THE SYSTEM SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 1968 AT VINT HILL FARMS, VA. THIS SYSTEM WAS RUN BY THE ARMY THEN AND WAS TURNED OVER TO AFTAC AT THAT TIME. THOSE PICTURED (see picture below).

I WAS IN THE FIRST GROUP-TO ARRIVE AT PATRICK TO SET UP THE INFRASONIC ANALYSIS CENTER. I SPENT 11 YEARS IN AFTAC WITH ONE TOUR AT DET 519 AS NCOIC U TECHNIQUE AND THE REST AT HEADQUARTERS. I RETIRED IN 1977 WITH 22 YEARS SERVICE AND LATER RETIRED AS A WS-12 WITH CIVIL SERVICE. I HAVEBEEN BLESSED WITH GOOD HEALTH AND AM STILL ON THE GOLF COURSE WEEKLY. I HAVE BEEN THE ADJUTANT AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 99 IN FOLEY, ALABAMA, FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.

AM SORRY THAT I MISSED THE LAST REUNION, BUT MY PLANS WERE CHANGED AT THE LAST MIN-UTE. SINCERELY, HOWARD E LARINAN, SMSGT RETIRED.

Mbrship application/renewal/change
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR

'Serial Sages' (New Lifetime Members):

None Reported

'Sustaining Sages' (Annual Mbrs, new and renewals):
None Reported

Address Changes: None Reported



(L>R) MSGT GULOTTA, MAJOR GORDON (OIC), MSGT ROARK, SSGT POWERS (ADMIN) SSGT WEISNER (ADMIN), SSGT LYON, TSGT KOSCHALK, SSGT MAXON, SSGT BUDRA, TSGT MCKEAG, TSGT LARINAN, SSGT WALKER, SSGT MEANEY, SSGT KIRCHNER, SSGT RUBINCAM, AND MSGT SPICCI. NOT PICTURED WERE TSGT OYER AND SSGT ORR. Howard, thanks so much for this great letter and picture.



PREZ

FROM THE TOP

SEZ

Diogenes once said, "One original thought is worth a thousand mindless quotations." Often we hear people—from varying levels of leadership—spout wise sayings to stimulate...you guessed it... *followership*. The fact is, *everybody* follows *somebody*. The paths they take can be mindless journeys, well-worn trails, or roads to new horizons.

One key facet of roads to new horizons is <u>change</u>. As we cut and blaze the trail, we open up areas of opportunity, variety, and wonder. This reads like an awesome adventure and undertaking—so why are there so few explorers and adventurers? The reasons shouldn't surprise you—Fear and Contentment.

Contentment is like a fence; it sets your boundaries and separates you from others. Fear is the imaginary chain that keeps you inside. Perhaps the risk of failure as a leader is so great that most are content never to try. Maybe the area inside our Contentment Fences is so beautiful and blissful we can't bear to leave it.

The LRDAA's monthly meetings are attended by AFTAC Adventurers. These sage and savvy members look Change and Failure in the face and scoff. They take on projects of monumental complexity, elicit support, doggedly track, and expertly produce results that normally require much greater participation. How do they do it? They do MORE...but <u>more</u> is (ultimately) a finite term when it comes to personal capacity.

People get *tired*—they need a *rest*.—and someone to relieve their burden. The LRDAA is fortunate to welcome a fellow AFTACer as a nominee into its executive committee—Sean **Ryan**—offering to relieve Judy **Milam** of Secretary duties after many years of dedicated service to our membership. Sean retired a few months back but remains committed to the AFTAC Family. If elected, we see great things ahead for Sean as he blazes trails for the LRDAA.

To the dozen or so dedicated LRDAA monthly meeting attendees, I tip my hat, bow, salute, and embrace you. Thank you for your seemingly tireless enthusiasm, ideas, and support. To FY2009 executive committee nominee slate ... get ready for your names in lights:



Addison Mitchell,
(Mitch) Vice President
(since 06)
Sean Ryan - Secretary
Joe Goldian,
Treasurer (since 03)
Lloyd French,
President (since 09)
THANK YOU AFTAC
ADVENTURERS



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members Elected

President-Lloyd French
Secretary-Judy Milam
Appointed

Vice-Addison Mitchell
Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Activities-CMSgt John Nederhoed
Hospitality-Judy Milam
Hall of Heritage-Al Moyers
Internet-Mike Black
Membership-Randy Vlassick Newsletter-John and Christel Horsch
'Off-Line' WorldWide Database-Clark Creery
Publicity-Need a Volunteer
Sage Shop-Pat Snyder

A Minute with the Minutes

WorldWide Reunion, 2009: Bob Wiley, 'Major Arranger,' reports on the reunion starting at page 1.

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

Membership: 'Off-Line Database' (OLD) maintainer, Clark **Creery**, reported Membership at 631 w/571 Lifetime, 238 eSubscribers. Complete listing w/deceased, 4516-Deceased, 367. Changes since last PoMo, 123.

Post-Monitor: CMSgt Steve **Revels** has completed a volunteer project to make the '20-Year Wall of Honor' pic/bio's available for publishing in future issues. See page 21 for the first of these.

Hall of Heritage: Al Moyers provided a written update. "The Committee continues to move forward preparing the necessary documents for Col Onaga to sign for requesting approval from higher headquarters for official heritage area(s). The Committee is working on the necessary documents, including an AFTAC Heritage Program instruction (to formalize a program within AFTAC), a Master (Strategic) Plan (to layout the goals for heritage areas for the next three-five years), and a Display Design Plan (to determine what we have to display, what we want to display, and how we want to display)." Both Al Moyers, AFTAC Historian, and CMSgt Steve Revels, are active in this project. Al has also volunteered to be our HOH Chair. Thanks, Al.

Golf: The 19th Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether plans are being finalized, see page 1.



Publicity Chair: We need a Sage to fill this position. Please step forward if you can help your association in an important area.

California newsletter extraCts, 2009.04/07#

DEPOT FALLOUT

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

Membership: 158, 133 are Lifetime

Events Calendar

Meetings, 1st Tuesday quarterly at the LionsGate Restaurant at McClellan Park; confirm before coming. -2009.11.TBA-6th Annual Fall Social

Air Show at Mather with Air Force Thunderbirds, 12 - 13 Sep 2009

Fall Social, Sunday, 15 November 2009 – 12:00Noon - ~ 2:30PM at the Luau Garden Restaurant – Banquet Room, 1890 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 (916) 929-3690, COST: \$16.50/person, 10 Nov, deadline for reservations. Questions? E-mail Dave Tarquino, at dtarquino@surewest.net.

#Complete issues are now posted 'online'-see article below. Please visit the CA website for issues pictures, mail, and much more.

DEPOT FALLOUT NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

BY BOB FITZGERALD, WEBMASTER@AFTACWCC.ORG

Our **Depot eFallout** newsletters will no longer be sent as E-mail attachments. Instead they will be posted in full on our **www.AFTACWCC.org** web site where you will find links to them on our **"Fallout"** page.

There you can read, print or download any of our newsletters in full color. We will send you an E-mail alert each time a new edition is posted. So, **please** notify us at **TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org** when your E-mail address changes.

Each complete edition will be available on-line shortly after it is issued. You can get to all our newsletters, anywhere there is Internet access. We know you will appreciate this easy access as well as the time and money we will save distributing the newsletters. We will continue mailing the **Depot Fallout** to those who do not have access to the Internet. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming 2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion to be Hosted by West Coast Chapter

DENNIS NOLAN, WCC VICE PRESIDENT

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT WCC ALUMNI MEETING - 12/2/08: Concerns were raised about having the manpower and commitment from individuals to be able to conduct this upcoming 2011 reunion. If one is to take place on the scale as in the past, it requires a quite a bit of work, time and energy. The association officers are looking for commitment from members who are willing and able to help by chairing and filling the reunion committee positions. In addition, we're looking for

some feedback and suggestions on the subject of what scale event we will be capable of hosting.

The West Coast Chapter is planning to have representatives at the upcoming 2009 Reunion in Florida. They will be soliciting feedback, suggestions and ideas at that time from those folks, plus any members from the Denver Chapter that were at that reunion.

This subject will be a major topic of discussion during the next several meetings of our alumni association. Request anyone interested in getting involved in this process, please attend these upcoming meetings. We would like to get the reunion processes started before the next elected association officers take the helm in December 2009. Please step forward if you can help!

AFTAC 2009 Worldwide Reunion held in Florida

BY DALE KLUG AND FROM THE COLORADO NEWSLETTER 'ECHOES'

The 2009 reunion was truly a significant event centered around the theme, "Hailing Our Future -- Honoring Our Past". AFTAC's future goals along with its past and present accomplishments were highlighted in comments by AFTAC Commander, Colonel Lisa Ann Onaga; AFTAC Chief Scientist, Dr David O'Brien and Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, the Honorable James R Clapper, Jr, guest speaker at the banquet. Then Colonel Clapper was our AFTAC Commander, 1984 – 1985, and is remembered for providing the impetus for establishing our alumni association. Other honored guests included several past AFTAC Commanders, Senior Enlisted Advisors and Superintendents.

A highlight of the reunion was the Saturday morning briefing presented by Dr **O'Brien**, AFTAC Chief Scientist, in the AFTAC Headquarters building conference room. After the briefing all were escorted by active duty AFTACers to the Hall of Heritage and allowed to roam freely through the inspiring display of pictures, equipment, and other artifacts from the past.

This was followed by the annual AFTAC picnic at Wickham Park in Melbourne and the reunion banquet Saturday evening at the Radisson at the Port in Cape Canaveral. This reunion is now another fond memory.

A big "Thank You" goes out to all the people who put this one together. They deserve a great deal of credit and our utmost appreciation for their outstanding effort. Attendees from the West Coast Chapter included Dennis & Chum Nolan, Dave & Suki Tarquino, Dale & Rose Klug and George Thompson.

Spring Picnic Potluck was Well Attended

ALE KLUĞ

Lots of alumni and families attended the picnic at Foothill Community Park. From all accounts, everyone was well fed and had a good time. Rose and I were departing Disney World driving to Tyndall AFB that day. Wish we could have enjoyed the gathering with you all. If you also missed this event, check out the pictures on pages 3 & 4 to see who didn't. PoMo Editor Note: As mentioned before, complete issues are now at the CA Website ... see these pages at that website.

Colorado newsletter extraCts, 2009.05

ECHOES

President, Jack Smith-Vice, Earl Pierce-Treasurer, Bill Schmied-Newsletter Editor, Jerry Moxley/Publisher, Ken Behrens-Webmaster, Bill Harris-Website @ http://www.aftacco.org/. Membership: ~105

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING 2009.08.29-0830 General Membership Breakfast, Aurora Hills Golf Course.

2009.11.14-1730 Dinner/Dance, Aurora Hills Golf Course

TBD: Golf Outing at redesigned Golf Course (Lowry); planning underway ... Contact: Jack Smith

The February Breakfast

The Alumni/Active Duty Breakfast was attended by 32 of the combined number of folks (and a young family member) with Jack Smith presiding. All there proclaimed it was indeed very tasty. The session lasted between two and three hours. (Even the "ECHOES" editor attended and tried to take some photographs as well, these didn't turn out that well because his 1950s' Kodak Brownie wasn't up to the job. Maybe he'll break down and get a decent late model Polaroid Instant.)

Discussions were held concerning the "World Wide Reunion" and who might attend from our area, the upcoming Golf date this year, and the opening of the new Golf Course at the former Lowry AFB, and the decline and attrition of our membership.

Awards were given to SRA Alex **Barrera** Det 45 for Outstanding Airman of the year and SSGT Robert **Connell** for Outstanding NCO of the year.

Then, we went around to all the tables and had each person give a synopsis of their military and civilian careers to date. It was interesting to note that some discovered they had crossed paths at various locations in the world without realizing.



Jack Smith, CO Chapter President (on right in both pictures) SRA Alex Barrera Det 45 for Outstanding Airman of the year (above) and SSGT Robert Connell for Outstanding NCO of the year (below).





Where are we ... snowfall, 148 inches, February, 1958?



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Duty Doins' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col Lisa Ann Onaga

Commander (CC), 2008.08. AF1985/AFTAC2008. The Col has served the AF in many capacities before coming to AFTAC. Most recently she was Director, Collection Management and Dissemination, Multi-National Forces - Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq. Col Onaga has an MAS from Embry-Riddle and has attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB Ala.



CMSgt John Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987. The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/ positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO at HQ. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Academy) and has earned several Associate of Science Degrees.





CC Writes ...

With the Long-Range Detection Alumni Association worldwide reunion in May, we had a great opportunity to meet and mingle with many of the men and women who once had the responsibility for the tasks we now do everyday - providing national decision makers quality technical measurements to monitor nuclear treaty compliance and developing new advanced proliferation detection technologies for treaty verification. The reunion was a cause for celebration as we looked to the future while honoring our past.

Another celebration is upon us now as we commemorate the Air Force Technical Applications Center's 50th year. Each anniversary, like the Long-Range Detection Program's 60th we celebrated in 2007, is the perfect opportunity to continue to reflect on our past, present and future.

When AFTAC was created as a named activity along with the 1035th United States Air Force Field Activities Group July 7, 1959, it was the beginning of a proud organization doing important, critical work. who were part of the LRD program before it came to AFTAC were the pioneers of a record of high standards and exceptional service that continues even now. Each of you - AFTACers past and present has helped make AFTAC what it is today.

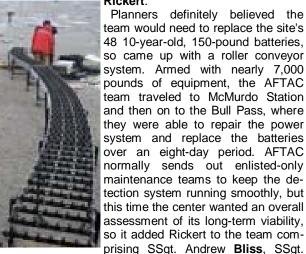
As we recognize and honor the accomplishments of the last 50 years, we should take great pride in what we have done while we look to the future. For 50 years, AFTAC has set the example for precision and reliability; our efforts will ensure this legacy endures for another 50 years - and beyond.

AFTAC Heads Way Down to Patch Seismic Monitor

WALLY HUFFAKER-EMAIL 04.11, FROM AF ASSN 'DAILY REPORT,' 04.01 The Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., sent a four-person maintenance team to Antarctica last fall to repair a seismic sensor, part of the global network known as the US Atomic Energy Detection System that fulfills AFTAC's nuclear-treaty monitoring mission, according to a March 27 AFTAC release.

The Bull Pass sensor site ceased operating in April 2008 and failed to respond to long-distance fixes. Since AFTAC had no idea what the problem might be, planners spent months working through various options, including possible repairs of the various elements of the hybrid power system—diesel-fueled generators, solar panels, and lead-acid batteries. "We had to prepare for the worst," considering the -70-degree temperature, said engineer Capt. Brian





Mark Boris, and SrA. Damien Leppo. In the end, "It was just four guys working," said Bliss. With repairs they made, Rickert said the sensor should "function for many years in the future." (AFTAC report by MSgt. Patrick Murphy)



Details, and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. POC: Gav Ann Bedard, 'birdiebedard@gmail.com.'

Carol Snyder was kind enough to bring us up-to-date in Mrs. Bedard's absence. She reports: "We sent out 17 care packages last week (our highest amount so far) and they all had the phone cards in them that the Alumni so generously donated. Our next shipment will be in Sep and we will be sending 24 boxes that time, our deployed numbers have really increased over the last few months. These packages are a welcomed surprise and they share them with everyone. PoMo Editor's Note: Carol specifically mentions the 'phone cards' from the alumni. Keep 'em coming, and I know that Sage, Jack Jackson, has certainly donated his share.

Booster Club

JERRY RICE, MSGT/AFTAC TMK, BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT-OFFICERS: VICE — TSGT ROB CHRISTMAN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS — CAPT LINDSAY BLOCH, SECRETARY — SSGT ANGLIA SAGELY, TREASURER — SSGT DAFFODIL BAILEY, CLOTHING SALES — TSGT JASON GAINER, HOT DOG SALES — SSGT CASEY DAVIS, TOP BA-NANA REPRESENTATIVE - MSGT NORMAN FISH

"The Way iT Was ... and the way it is"

The mission, over The years

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

In the Land of the Morning Calm A Brief Look at Korean Detachments

The Air Force Long Range Detection Program has had a long relationship with the Land of the Morning Calm. In the summer of 1952, as Air Force pilots maintained air superiority in the skies, the technicians of Air Force Team 405 established a seismic operation near Seoul, South Korea.

Planned as Project ROCK PILE, the men of Team 405 came to know their location as simply "The Rock Pile." Because of the proximity of the station to the changing front lines of the Korean War, the facilities were mounted in trailers so that the station could move quickly should the fighting get too close. "The Rock Pile" ceased operations in May 1958.

The 1035th USAF Field Activities Group, the direct lineal predecessor to today's Air Force Technical Applications Center, was activated on July 7, 1959, and assumed the Air Force Long Range Detection Program. At the time of its activation, the 1035th had no detachments on the Korean peninsula; but that changed in time.

In October 1966 one officer and seven airmen activated a quick reaction facility at the Army's Camp Page near Chunchon, South Korea, approximately 60 miles northeast of Seoul. Detachment 448 of the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron, headquartered at Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii, achieved initial operating capability that same month with a short period seismic system.

In July 1967 leadership of the 1035th directed re-location of the seismic station from Chunchon to Wonju approximately 40 miles to the south, adjacent to the Army's Camp Long. The order activating Detachment 452 of the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron at Wonju was issued on July 15, 1968. Operations at Chunchon terminated on July 22, 1968.

Colonel Talmage D. **Cooper**, 1156th commander from circa 1966 to 1969, wrote to the 1035th headquarters in his activity report for the last half of 1968, that the trailer complex at

Chunchon was moved over the "difficult mountain roads" to Wonju and a "Butler building was obtained" to establish the new detachment "at a rather barren location."

In his report for the first half of 1969, Colonel Cooper noted that the Detachment 452 operations building was completed and operations had begun within it in March 1969. This began what was to become the center of one of the Air Force's largest seismic arrays.

According to reports in the former command magazine *the Monitor*, it was around 1970 when Detachment 452 members began supporting the Chechon Children's Home. Missionary Jane **White** founded the home for orphaned children around 1962 during what she planned to be just a six-month stay in Korea. For nearly four decades the members of Detachment 452 have been a central part of the lives of the orphaned children at the Chechon Children's Home.

Detachment personnel have made whatever repairs the home needed. They have installed a stove, a pump, a clothes line, a water heater, a fuel tank, a cesspool, a refrigerator, an air conditioner, and the list goes on. Perhaps just as, or maybe more important, detachment members, far from their own families, have given the children their time and attention with frequent visits, parties, and gifts.

In 1985, as part of a restructure of the Air Force Technical Operations Center, which the 1035th was re-designated on October 1, 1980, Detachment 452 was re-assigned to the Pacific Technical Operations Area, which the 1156th was redesignated. However, the Air Force as a whole underwent numerous changes in the early 1990s and in 1991 as part of those changes the Pacific Technical Operations Area was inactivated and Detachment 452 became subordinate to the headquarters at Patrick Air Force Base.

But that too was short-lived and Detachment 452 ended its administrative attachment to the Air Force Technical Applications Center in 1992. AFTAC headquarters personnel continued to support the detachment and guide its operations; but the detachment was administratively consolidated with other Air Force units and detachments in the Pacific theater. That administrative realignment continued throughout the remainder of the 1990s.

The authorized manning of Detachment 452, or the "Wizards of Wonju" as their Army hosts reportedly had come to call the detachment atop Air Force Hill at Camp Long, reduced from one officer and 18 enlisted personnel of the late 1980s to one officer and 13 airmen by 1993 and one officer and 10 enlisted members in 1995. While an assignment to the detachment was a one-year remote tour, Detachment 452 had in the mid-1990s a reported retention rate approaching 75 percent. As one member explained at the time, "It's just beautiful. We're right in the middle of the mountains and streams, and if a person wants to get out and see the real Korea, this is the perfect assignment."

However, one might suspect that idyllic description was not shared by everyone who put in their time in Korea. Another detachment observer noted a few years later that "Having four distinct seasons, Korea gets as cold and dry as Boston in winter and as hot and steamy as Washington, DC, in summer." "[F]or half the year, rice fields are flooded. . .[and those] rice fields freeze solid during winter."

By the mid-1990s the two seismic arrays maintained by Detachment 452 personnel spanned some 600 square miles over rugged mountains, through many farming villages, and skirting the growth of Wonju. The work of detachment members became harder as they repaired and upgraded the plant infrastructure being encroached upon by the growing population.

But in the midst of this work, detachment members, just as they continued support of the Chechon Children's Home, regularly went the extra step to help whomever needed their help. For example, in 1994, three detachment members received the Airman's Medal for bravery. While driving to Osan Air Base, they saw a semi-truck cross the center line and crash into a compact car. The truck overturned causing the car to burst into flames. While one attended to the minor injuries of the truck driver, the other two ran to the car and assisted the more seriously injured car driver. The three continued to provide assistance until medical help arrived.

And, former members of the Korean detachments have become leaders within the Air Force Technical Applications Center. One of these, CMSgt Larry **Silhanek**, who served as superintendent at Detachment 452, became the first AFTAC Superintendent in February 1996 after AFTAC lost its Senior Enlisted Advisor authorization. Chief Silhanek remained the AFTAC Super-

intendent until November 1998. CMSgt Steven J. **Armitage**, also an alumnus of Detachment 452, became the third AFTAC Superintendent in June 2001 and served until January 2003.

On March 20, 2003, the order was issued returning Detachment 452 to the administrative control, as well as the on-going operational control, of Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center. The work of Detachment 452 had not diminished over the years. In his 2003 history report, Lt Col Derek S. **Ho**, detachment commander, noted "Overall, [2003 was] one of the most active years on record for this detachment. Detachment [personnel] completed the year with just over 100 instrument pulls due to on-going [system] upgrade activities, numerous calibrations, and troubleshooting."

For more than a half-century Air Force members have conducted the Long Range Detection mission in Korea. One Detachment 452 member perhaps summed it up best when he wrote, "Enigmatic, confusing, challenging, and rewarding—Detachment 452 in the heart of Korea is a duty assignment you will never forget."



CRB-ASP10, down the road from Camp Long, Circa 1977



Below, Editor, Jerry Brown, Mr. Shin, Unkown, Dorm, Circa 1977



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

- 1. "Commander's reCall"/2007.09
- 2. "I Remember ...:"/2008.06/Two this issue
- 3. "A Family Affair"/2007.09, 2nd generation article
- 4. "Sage Stars"/'Post-Service' Success Stories
- 5. "BS Tales"/Current/One this issue/Two next issue
- 6. "Where In The World Is"/Sage Locator. Updates
- 7. "Tom's Trivia"/Current

"I RemembeR ... "

LRD History by those who were there PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.). HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd, John Horsch, Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone (deceased), Robert Jones (deceased), Mary Miller, Jim Davis, Rick Holderman (2 articles), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman (deceased), George Kraus (2), George Waters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad Joe Johnson, John Bright, Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lillethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy, Tom Dunn, Bob Long, John Bright, Vern Mikkelson, Brian Swan, Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, John Bright, Tony Balentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield and, with this issue, Clentis Bailey, and Dr. Romney ... see Dr Romney's on page 22.

We look forWard to your inputs-this issue:

Clentis Bailey, Col, USAF (Ret) checks in

"The sTory of a picTure" COLOR PHOTO, YOUR EDITOR'S ARCHIVES-BLACK & WHITE, CLARK CREERY Most AFTAC'ers have seen the aerial photograph of the front of the AFTAC building on Telegraph Road, Alexander, Virginia. There is a story behind that photograph. In the summer of 1959 I was assigned to the headquarters after two years as commander of De-



tachment 141, Douglas, Wyoming. As a newly minted captain, I was completely awed by the Washington scene and knew nothing of the area.

After a few months of commuting to the headquarters, then located in northeast Washington, in about October 1959, we moved into the new building on Telegraph Road. Shortly thereafter then Lt. Colonel Jim Hall called me to his office and said " Clent, General Rodenhauser wants pictures of the new building and I want you to take care of it".

He instructed me that the next day I was to proceed to the Fort Belvoir Army Airfield where an Army helicopter complete with an Army photographer would be waiting. On a road map I showed the pilot where we wanted to go. He also was new to the area. After takeoff he did a couple of fancy 360's to display his flying skills to the Air Force guy. I was completely disoriented

A few minutes later I looked out and the Potomac river was below us with a clear view of the Washington Monument off to the right. He made a left turn over Arlington Cemetery after which we toured northern Virginia looking for the building. At this point I could see myself reporting to Colonel Hall that I didn't get the pictures because I couldn't locate the building and that would be the end of my Air Force career.

Finally the pilot found the building. With heavy wind gusts we hovered in front of the building and I was afraid that both the photographer and I would be tossed out the open door. He took several shots.

A few days later I got a call to pick up the pictures. They were perfect. Colonel Hall advised that General Rodenhauser was extremely pleased with the photos. I received a big atta'boy and my Air Force career was intact. So now you have the rest of the story.

Clint added in a follow-up email: No I do not have any of the pictures. The one General Rodenhauser selected was an 8x10 color looking down at the front of the building. We were hovering maybe 100-200 feet above ground when the shots were taken. The choppers noise and presence really shook up the people in the building. I last saw the picture at a reunion several years.

Clent wrote again in answer to a Frank Calenda query about the parked cars: No guesses on the parking places in front of the AF-



TAC building--the real story. Facing the front of the building as in the photo, on the circular drive to the left of the building there were four reserved slots. The one closest to the building was for TD (Mr Northrup). The next was the general's. The third was for the TD Deputy (Dr. Rock) and the forth was for the Vice Commander (Col Griffith). On the circular drive next to the right side of the building to the right of the entrance were several slots reserved for the colonels. For the rest of us it was the big parking to the far right of the building.

Frank replied: Thanks Clent, I remember the long walk to the front door, especially in bad weather. I remember one day while approaching the front entrance in a severe rain storm I met the commander (I forget who it was). I hesitated to salute him and he shouted, "Forget that stuff Sergeant, get the hell in out of the rain". Such were the generals in those days. Cheers back.

FYI I was in the Washington area about two weeks ago for the first time in over twenty five years. I drove by the building and it looks pretty much the same. On the flagpole was flying the flag of the Defense Logistics Agency. This story just kept getting better and better as Clent provided additional information!!!

"Where In The World Is ... "

This Alumni Website provides Sages a method to locate each other. Realizing that all do not access the internet, we post those searches here also: None at time of publication

"Tom's Treasure of TanTal izing afTac Trivia"

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

'Trivia' was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone, who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send unclassified ideas for this series and to provide additional information, or corrections, when appropriate. We ask 'those who remember' to provide content to continue 'Tom's Trivia.' Answers at bottom of the 'Sage Shop.' (next page) HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (7); Dale Klug (5), Bob Wiley, Don Moore, Steve Herrick, Hank Raymond, Chuck Schuster, Clark Creery, Bob Long We I ook forWard to trivia inputs and replies.

Last issue we posted 3-pieces of 'oral history:'

- 1. attempts to initiate an alumni assn prior to the assn we have today (started in '85)-No inputs received.
- 2. origin of the motto, 'In God We Trust ...' (first seen on Det 452 airmen's hat?). See below.
- 3. development of the 'Center Emblem'- We queried Jim 'Red' Davis on this. See following page.





The 'Center Emblem' trivia is resolved. We received the 'official' version from the AFTAC Historian, Al Moyer, and a 'committee' report from Jim Davis.

First, the official version, and we juxtaposition the initial (on left) and current emblem, and added information about the symbolism.

"The Air Force first approved an emblem for the Air Force Technical Applications Center in 1971 (on left). In 1993, as part of a thorough review of Air Force emblems, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force directed redesign of the Air Force Technical Applications Center emblem. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force approved the current emblem in 1993 but final approval and registration of the emblem was not completed until 2000 (seen on right above). The emblem is symbolic of the unit and the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow. The color blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, and yellow to the sun and excellence of personnel in assigned tasks. The globe is indicative of the worldwide mission, unit locations, and geophysical studies accomplished around the world. The lightening and cloud depict the study of natural phenomena. The elliptical belt symbolizes study of the atmosphere and space." NOTE: As a matter of clarification, the words on the scroll in 1971 when the first emblem was approved were not AFTAC, but the organizational name at that time of 1035th USAF Field Activities Group.

NOW, **JIM'S REPORT**, WITH A PICTURE OF THE EMBLEM INSCRIBED WITH A THANK YOU NOTE FROM GEN SILLIMAN.



"Regarding the original AFTAC emblem (Center Emblem) I am happy to provide you with all the information I can still remember....after 40 years.

Yes, I remember being a part of the ones that put it together...don't recall specific names but do remember a Capt. **Bailey** (I think that was his name..he was the administrative officer), a MSgt David **Balsinger** who was the illustrator as I remember...not a Msgt Clyde **Swann**. MSgt Balsinger worked in the same office as Jean **Bowden**. (I happen to have an old 1972 copy of the AFTAC telephone directory and I

looked through it for a MSgt Clyde Swann and there was no one by that name listed for that issue of the telephone directory ... did find Mgt Balsinger's name and verified that he and Jean Bowden worked in the same office (ACM), rooms 238 and 241. I also looked through a few of the old Alumni Association membership directories and I could not find a MSgt Swann listed in any of them .. it's not that I'm saying he was not an AFTAC member, it's just that I couldn't find his name....and also it's possible that my old memory just can't remember!!!!!!!

Anyway, I think there were four of us, Capt Bailey, MSgt Balsinger, myself, and one other...for the life of me I can't remember his name, but I think he was a technical type officer from TD, I just can't remember.

As I recall, we would meet maybe once a week at first to discuss the issue and come up with some idea's and it took a few meetings to present our idea's and input. As we put these ideas together we had the illustrator there to suggest what we could and couldn't do...I know colors were an issue that presented a problem...the illustrator suggested we keep the number of different colors to a minimum and eventually we had something that worked very nicely, we thought.

I think the description which is, or used to be, on the Alumni Association is an excellent description what each feature of the emblem represents (Editor's Note: See previous article for this description. This was indeed on the back cover-mailing requirements changed and it was removed)

This was no easy task as one might think. A lot of thought went into each component and we would discuss each thoroughly until ALL of us agreed that it fit what we wanted to show or represent. Yes, each of us were very proud and felt extremely honored to be asked to design an emblem to represent the mission of AFTAC. I recall how proud General **Silliman** was as well...I have a copy of a picture of the emblem which General Silliman autographed which said "Jim, congratulations on your efforts in providing an emblem of which AFTAC can indeed be most proud, J.G. Silliman". I assume other members of the committee received an autographed copy as well.

Jim later added: I hope this has provided you with some idea of who, what and when. It is the best I can come up with after 40 years. I feel badly that I can't remember exactly for sure the names of the people who were

a part of this effort...I don't want to miss the names of those that deserve credit as well." Jim, we think you did one heck of a job at the time, and again here in recalling as much as you have. It is our privilege to be involved in recording this history for posterity!!

Now to #2, the motto, "In God We Trust, All Others We Monitor." Your editor's recollection is that this motto came about during Col Meisenheimer's tenure



as AFTAC CC. June, '78-June '84; who, by my reckoning, was our second longest serving CC (readers, who served longer?). And, we had heard Chief William (Bill) McClelland's name bandied about as a knowledgeable source-thus we contacted these two and what fol-

lows is their combined memory:

Col **Meiz**, AFTAC Vice-Commander at the time, traveled to Det 452 in the Feb/Mar, 1977, timeframe. During this trip he saw one of the assigned airmen wearing a 'Korean handmade' jacket (almost everyone who went to Korea bought a 'Korean handmade' jacket!).

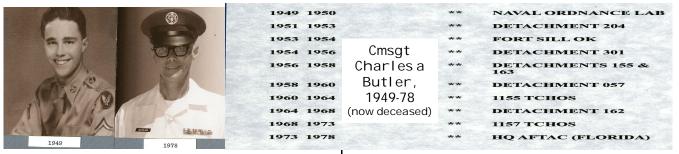
The airmen had designed a logo as shown here, or very similar, and either had it embroidered or sewn on as a patch. Chief Mac explains Meiz was very taken by this and took the idea back to HQ's; Bill claims he had no more to do with it being used except not stopping the airmen from wearing that jacket during Col Meiz's visit!!! He also noted when he returned to HQ's from the Korean tour, he saw it being used in several locations! Editors Note: We do not know if this is an exact replica. We do know this is an exact replica of what was used in several publications the center produced. My memory is that I first saw it in a 'Monitor' of the time. My guess is that Col Meiz came back with the logo/motto and asked it to be used as I saw it. What we'd still like: name of airman and exact repro of initial logo/motto if this is not it

Along the way, both Meiz and Bill offered humorous remarks about their memories and the exact nature of the motto coming about. In one email Meiz humorously noted, "Of course, it might possibly have started at a local (Wonju ginseng group discussion but that would require a totally new inquiry of which I would claim to have no recollection)."

During the reunion, we discussed this matter further, Col Meiz noted he especially enjoyed some of the thoughts Chief Mac expressed in his email, i.e., "What I think would also make a great story is the tale behind the motto's life at the HQ's. There must have been some interesting conversations with Gen. Gordon, at least.

One thing for sure, Col. Meiz gave the motto "legs." The motto would not be so prominent today without his efforts."

LRD ALumni HonoRARium, "20-year wall of honor" (page two for information) 'Hall Of Heritage' area, HQ's building. Formatting/standardization, Thomas **Highsmith**, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt Steve **Revels**



"I RemembeR ..." continues from page 19

Dr Romney checks in with a great story about the 'beginning' as only he would know it!!

I have enjoyed reading the *Post Monitor* for many years, and have been especially interested in accounts of the early years when the detection systems were first being developed and tested. As some of your readers know, I was involved in the development of the seismic system even before joining the AFTAC staff. My work began in September 1949, just a week before President **Truman** announced that the Soviet Union had detonated its first nuclear device (which they called "First Lightning" as we learned decades later). I was part of a team working in upstate New York for a contractor to AFOAT-1). AFOAT-1's mission at the time was to explore and develop methods for long-range detection of nuclear explosions.

Seismographs initially proposed for the long-range detection mission proved to be unsuitable, but we knew that Benioff seismographs in the western part of the U.S. had successfully detected seismic signals. Our engineering evaluation showed that the Benioff was technically capable, but first the instrument should be tested under operationally realistic conditions.

Such a test could be provided by the explosions during Operation Greenhouse. Accordingly, our group working together with Air Force personnel under direction of AFOAT-1 established experimental seismic stations. Each station employed an array of vertical component Benioff seismometers (this was the first time seismic arrays had been used except by the oil prospecting industry). Three stations had been constructed in Wyoming. With news of this success, the seismic technique was considered to be validated and the experimental stations began to be converted to operational stations, as the beginning of the seismic component of the Atomic Energy Detection System.

Events leading up to this modest beginning, are described in more detail in my memoir "Detecting the Bomb," which was published earlier this year and is available through Amazon and other on-line book vendors. The book also describes subsequent technical and political events as the seismic system developed in sophistication during the years leading up to the Limited Test Ban Treaty of 1963. I would be greatly interested in hearing from other Post Monitor readers who have recollections of the 1950s and 1960s. My e-mail address is cromney@earthlink.net.

"BS Tales"

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

HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd (1 story), John Horsch (6), Ben Vlassick, (deceased), Brian Berenbach, Mike Gingrich (2), Frank Liberatori, Bill Taylor, Frank Calenda (4), 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 (3), Richard (Alkie) Summers (2), Les Miller, Jon Richardson Mike Higgins, Kenneth Stanford. Dick Grim, Chadwick, James Gindleperger, Part One, below; next issue we finish Jim's tale and present two from Bob Chadwick.

We look forWard to your 'bs' inputs.
This issue We presenT James Gindl perGer
with a two-parter, part one

Christmas. Far Far Away!

JIM SUBMITTED THIS EXCELLENT TALE IN JANUARY AND HAS BEEN VERY PATIENT AS THE PUBLICATION PROCESS ENSUED. THANK YOU, FOR BOTH THE STORY, AND YOUR PATIENCE. WE START THE TALE IN THIS ISSUE; STAY TUNED FOR MORE IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

As with all of us age can possibly distort the truth. Excuse me if I have some of the names wrong but this is how I remember things. After I got back from the SEO reunion several friends ask why SEO have formed such a tight nit group. Being it was the holidays I started thinking about a trip that brought this subject home.

Two weeks before the Christmas of 1981 we got the word to deploy for mission support. This was not uncommon it seemed that the holidays were a good time for deployment. This was a typical deployment. You go to work at Tech Ops in the morning and the word is that there might be a deployment and in the afternoon you are sent home to pack your bags.

When you arrive at the site most of the people are housed in the barracks but SEO are not. You immediately search in hopes that you can find a location where everyone can live together. In this case we found an empty three-bedroom house on the golf course. Sound exotic?

We borrowed a pickup truck from one of the Navy Chiefs and took all the bags to the house. The initial check was good. The electricity and plumbing worked, no broken windows and the doors all closed tightly but it was pretty dirty. The truck heads off to get cleaning supplies and we inventory what we will need to exist here. Ten beds, linens, poker table, dressers, chairs, sofa and most important of all a refrigerator.

The truck returns and several SEOs go to work cleaning the house. Now to find the necessary items. After years of going to this area you get to know where things are rat holed. Always the hardest to get is the refrigerator so that is what we must attack first. It doesn't take long to find a warehouse with furniture and a refrigerator that we can have if we promise to return it when we leave. So we load up the 'refer' and several chairs and it's back to the house. A quick unload and it's off again. Several trips later and we have all the items to set up housekeeping. Now one three-bedroom house and 10 SEOs. Steve Fritts finds a glassed in patio and immediately claims it. Kathy (Todd) (Leggett) chose to set up house in the kitchen and placed a sheet on a rod with a sign "Kitchen closes at 11PM. There was also a screened in patio that I chose for a home. No one else wanted to sleep outdoors in December. I think Tony Balentine and Joe Borowski took one of the bedrooms leaving Billy Potter, Nick St Jeanos, Dennis Byrne and souls who I can't remember to divide up the other two.

WE INTERRUPT THIS TALE DUE TO LACK OF SPACE ... STAY TUNED FOR PART TWO IN THE NEXT ISSUE, AND, AS NOTED ABOVE, TWO MORE TALES FROM A PREVIOUS CONTRIBUTOR, BOB CHADWICK.

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-Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
-Association Board/Membership Meetings

All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.

BEFORE COMING, VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER

(321) 494-6867 OR patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil

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

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

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

WHERE: **AFTAC HQ's**, unless otherwise noted HOW: come to rear entrance 15-minutes early

September

4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
11, 1130-2nd Annual Board/General Membership & Elections Meeting at the Tides Club, see pg 1
October

2, 1530-WindDown at the Outback9,-Board/Membership Meeting following Golf (pg 1)November

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

December

4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback **14, 1700-**Board/Membership Meeting

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

January—April

-2010.01.30 (Sat) SnowBall XII, Tides Club -Center Annual Awards Banquet

May-August

-Center Annual Picnic

-Assn 20th Annual Spring Golf n'Getogether

September-December

-Sep 11, (Fri), 2nd-Annual General Mbrship & Elections Meeting-'Sociable September,'-'Tides' Club (vs the HQ's), and on Friday, to encourage attendance by all active-duty, assn members and all alumni, pg 1

OCT 1, ANNUAL FY DUES DUE

Oct 9, Assn 19th Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether
 Dec 11, AFTAC Winter Social, page 1

WorldWide Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled on a biannual basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters ... last hosted by Florida Chapter in May, 2009 and before that, Denver, 2007. California, 2005.

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Florida Membership Directory available at no cost via email to paid-up assn members. Email, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com." WorldWide Directory is an expanded listing of those who serve/served, and we have record of, 'searchable' at the Florida Chapter Website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Member Locator' link. This listing is also maintained 'Off-Line' and is available, via email, to paid-up members by request. Contact Clark Creery, 'ccreery@cfl.rr.com.'

-Alumni License Plate: \$7 Mbrs,

\$10 Non-Mbrs/1

SPECIAL OFFER-AFTAC Top-3 Coin made available by the Top-3 Association, \$6. Order per instructions above.

'Tom's Trivia' Answers-see preceding page(s) for trivia

The trivia section this time is filled with answers to previous questions!!!

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This emblem used by the assn was in active service, 1970 to 2000. The association continues with this version because so many alumni served while it was 'on duty.' See Active-Duty' section for current emblem rendering.

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FY 10 DUES NOTICE...ARE YOUR DUES DUE? Here's how to know ... check your address on the envelope. The 'Name Line' indicates when dues are due. If it reads: "FY Oct 09" it means you have not paid your dues for FY 2010 (began 1 Oct 09). If it reads 'LT' (Lifetime), or the digits are greater than '09,' it means your dues are current. ePoMo readers will be reminded via email.

Alumni Alerts — highlighted

With the incorporation of 'mailing by envelope' we now have space to HIGHLIGHT ALERTS:

- *Sept 11th, 'sociable sept' general membership and elections meeting, pg 1
- -Tides club at 1130, come one, come all ... everyone welcome ... just show up and join in!!
- *Oct 09th, 'g0lfn'get0gether,' turtle creek g0lfc0urse, r0ckledge, pg 1
- -Check in begins at 1130, Shotgun start at 1300 ... Contact: Bruce Snelgrove-321-494-6166/321-591-9288 or Pat Snyder, patricia.snyder@partick.af.mil/321-494-6867.

Teams will fill up fast so contact Bruce or Pat today!!

*Dec 11th, center winter social-pg 1-More information as known.

*Keep up-to-date with these alerts, and any changes, by checking the assn website, www.aftacalumni.org, 'Need To Know Now' link often.

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