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The Alumni Anthem

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

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

Long-Range Detection

denotes and represents all
who served the mission
throughout its inception and
history. Recognized for 70
years of service to our
country **1947 – 2017**

A 70TH COIN WAS ONLY AVAILABLE TO
ATTENDEES AT THE DINING OUT HELD IN
2017.



SPOTLIGHT

PETE GILBERT Alumni of the Year

I was sworn into the Air Force at the induction center on Whitehall Street in lower Manhattan on December 6th, 1963, my 20th birthday. I was then sent to Lackland AFB for basic training. While there, I was told to report to this Major, I forgot his name, and he asked me if I would be willing to go to school for this secret outfit. He could not even tell me what they did. Being totally intrigued with the idea, I agreed. So, after basic I was sent to Lowry Air Force Base to become enrolled in "Special Weapons School." I went to school for "Q" systems. However, upon graduation I was given orders to report to McClellan AFB to be in another System.

I spent a year in the 1155th TOS at McClellan; I was in the electronic Maintenance Department, and we were tasked in fixing any piece of electronic equipment that was not functioning. The job that I was primarily responsible for was repairing and calibrating the many oscilloscopes that we had. It was very demanding and, at the same time, a satisfying job. It was the first real technical job that I had ever held.

I saw that there was an opening at Det 407, and I applied for the position. (continued on page 3)



** Sage ALERTS –WHAT' COMING UP **

AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)
Spring Golf-n'GetTogether XXXIV
Friday, 7 June 2019

Venue: Manatee Cove Golf Course,
Patrick AFB - Check-in: 1130

Shotgun Start: 1300
(Format: 4-Person Scramble)
(see additional information on page 3)

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AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WORLDWIDE REUNION

13 – 16 JUNE 2019
Aurora, Colorado

**There's still time to register, but
time is running out.**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER – JUST ANNOUNCED

(see page 3 for keynote speaker and pages 27 & 28
for Registration Form)

NOTE: PoMo pictures (& more) are at our **website** (URL at banner above) on various pages. Also, check the **Colorado and California websites** for more pictures, reports, and information. **URL** with chapter information on next page.

ASSOCIATION Information *Deceased, (D)*
Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (24)

Pete Gilbert/2018-John Kemna/2017-
Carol Snyder/2016-Frank Calenda/2015-Sean Ryan/2014
Lonnie Gibbons/2013-Gene & Dee Melchior/2012-
Dale Klug/2011-Jack Smith (D)/2010-Jack Jackson (D)/2009-
Bob Wiley/2008-Bill Schmied/2007-Deborah Carson/2006-
Mike Black/2005-Joe Goldian(D)/2004-Pat Snyder/2003-
Joe Johnson/2002-Jim Payne/2001-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-
John & Christel (D) Horsch/1999-Frank Hall/1998-
Judy Milam-Henderson/1997-Carl Gailey (D)/1996-
Clark Creery/1995

AFTAC/Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects represent and honor Center people and history. Three, '**Hall of Heritage**' (data/artifacts), the '**20-Year Wall of Service**' (alumni who served the Center for 20+ years and have mailed in their photos/bios) and the **Wall of Honor**, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an **AFTAC display at the Grand Encampment, WY, Museum. Association History** A group of retired/active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the **AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)** (chartered, 1986); (from 2001-2014, we were renamed 'Long Range Detection' (LRD)).

--The Association provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any field detachment. Of note, there are several Sages who recall an earlier effort to form an association in 1978.

There is this Association and two Chapters

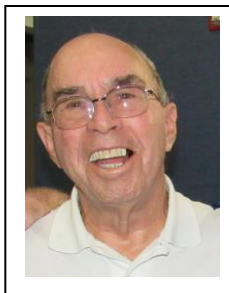
1. Florida 'AFTAC Alumni Association': (application at the bottom of each page at www.aftacaa.us)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Most monthly meetings are at 1600, second Monday each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 10989), or other venue, at Patrick AFB, FL-details, see 'Sage Schedule' on page 22. Contact: Mike **Steskal**, steskal mike@gmail.com, mailing address is: **PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. The Association has several communications resources, this triannual newsletter, '**Post-Monitor**' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, see banner on previous page, with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a '**Breaking News**' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we term, '**eALLert**,' for time sensitive data at <http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>.'

"**PERENNIALS**" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster 96-16; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian (D), Treas, 03-17; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09; Sean Ryan-Sec, 09-15; Steve Revels, Sage Shop, 2010- 2016.

2. Colorado Chapter: Formed Nov 1986, **\$5/year**, they publish a newsletter, 'Echoes', have several meetings and social events a year. See website at <http://www.aftacco.org> for additional information and email contacts.

3. California Chapter: Formed 1999, **\$10/year/\$75 lifetime**. For more, email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publishes a newsletter, '**Depot Fallout**' and has a website, <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING FROM THE HORSCH'S MOUTH



First off, I want to 'shout out' and applaud Judy for the work she is doing keeping this treasured newsletter alive. We have long recognized there are many sources for 'getting the word out' in our association realm itself, namely Websites (www.aftacaa.us and the

25th Air Force, <https://www.25af.af.mil/>), and thru other means, Facebook, other social media, etc., however, Judy persists because we recognize some of our alumni are not prone to these methods and are not happy unless they are holding the hard-copy.

--ePoMo version exists because of the ease of pdfing the hard-copy and publishing it thru electronic means ... we understand that eSubscribers have read much of the items already thru the websites noted earlier and other electronic media

--it is not an easy task for Judy to put the PoMo together, but for her, it would not exist. Thank you, Judy, for stepping up for those who would otherwise miss the latest happenings of the active-duty and the alumni association.

Next, I want to thank our President for his well-done article; he sums up many of our activities and gives our readers a good feel of the association and all it does and is involved in.

I also want to thank AFTAC/PA, Susan A. Romano, for her support of the association and those sites on Facebook that AFTACer's view. Susan publishes many articles about the active-duty and is our best source for keeping up with those who are following in our footsteps. Her writings are a critical source of current events.

- John

[Thanks John, but without you, the PoMo wouldn't happen. - Judy]



Sage Communicators-Post-Monitor Editor John Horsch, **Formatting** Judy Henderson-**Information/Proofing:** Judy Henderson, Terry Hammond, Susan A Romano/GG12/ AFTAC PA; **Executive Review:** Frank Hall; '**Rovin'** **Cameras/Reporters:** Judy Henderson, Bob Wiley, and Lou Seiler-**Printing/Mailing:** Mike Steskal, Terry Hammond, Curt & Eunice Harris; **Web/Media:** Editor/Frank Calenda

SPOTLIGHT – Pete Gilbert – AOY – continued from page 1:

Surprisingly, I got it and packed my bags and away I went. While at 407, I again worked in Electronic Maintenance. I was working under a great boss, Walt Allen. He was an inspiration to me and taught me a lot about my job and just life in general. He meant a lot to me.

As my enlistment was concluding, I was told that my name was on the promotion list to make Staff Sergeant. I was given the option to extend my current enlistment until the promotion became effective, at this time I would reenlist and get a very handsome reenlistment bonus. I knew everything at that time, at least I thought I did, and I turned it all down. This I now believe was the biggest mistake in my life.

I enjoyed my time with, what is now called AFTAC, and was very lucky to be honored to be a small part of it. It is still an honor, after all these years, to still be a part of it. It was an extreme honor and surprise to be chosen as Alumni of the Year. To be honored by a bunch of individuals that I hold in such high extreme is one of my most cherished moments, and it will be with me the rest of my life.

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SAGE ALERTS -WHAT' COMING UP – continued from page 1:

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Manatee Cove Golf Course, PAFB - Check-in:1130 - Shotgun Start: 1300 - (Format: 4-Person Scramble).

Cost: \$40 (Alumni Members); \$45 (Non-Alumni Members)

Fee includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, and BBQ from Tides Club served for Dinner

Open to: AD Military, Retirees, Civilians, and Contractors

Mulligan's pkgs will be on sale: \$5 for 1 mulligan, Red Bomb, & Nolan

Team Mulligan ball: available for \$10

POCs: Mr. Ed Lindsay -- piston_horse@hotmail.com,

phone: 321-610-7548 (Unlisted)

Mr. Bruce Snelgrove -- robert.snelgrove@us.af.mil,

phone: 321-494-6166

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AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WORLDWIDE REUNION

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13 – 16 JUNE 2019 -- AURORA, COLORADO

Keynote Speaker Announced – Colonel Chad J Hartman
AFTAC Commander

AFTAC Command Chief, Chief Master Sergeant Michael S. Joseph plans to attend And Ed Lindsay, the Florida Chapter AFTACAA President, has agreed to be the Master of Ceremony at the banquet.



The Registration Form is available on pages 27 & 28, and on the www.aftacaa.us reunion page under upcoming events, along with specific reunion information including a roster of those who have registered and/or have hotel reservations. These reservations have already exceeded expectations so the DoubleTree has added more rooms to our reunion block.

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FEATURED ARTICLES

BASE RETREAT – AFTAC FORMATION

About January 10, 2019, **Bob Chadwick**, one of our lifetime members, sent an email to the Alumni Association telling us that our active duty personnel would be sounding retreat on January 14. It was the day of our Board meeting but the meeting was cut short to support the retreat effort as attendees. It was a sounding reminder of the pomp and ceremony that all of us were involved in during our military career. Looking at our young airman perform the precise movement and honoring our flag was a reminder that I have needed for a long time. That old feeling of pride filled my chest. Maybe at the next event that AFTAC performs, we can have a good showing by our alumni.

Our website and eAllerts will keep everyone current and thanks to Bob Chadwick for this timely reminder. You can view his article and photos on www.aftacaa.us under “Hot Topics” to be posted within 24 hours.

Your Florida AFTAC Alumni Association



Picture by Bob Chadwick



AFTACAA members in attendance – Sean Ryan, Terry Hammond, Frank Calenda, Bob Wiley, John Horsch, Ed Lindsay, & Bob Chadwick [Jim Whidden is not pictured]



Bob Chadwick added, “And yes, we need to do this for any subsequent Retreats or similar formations. I assure you, I’ll be there as long as I am able to walk, wheel, or crawl”



2019 Florida AFTAC Alumni Association SNOWBALL XXI

By Sean Ryan

Since 1999, The Florida AFTACAA has thrown a themed event called a SnowBall. This festive and social get-together is highlighted with dinner, entertainment, and honoring our previous year's Alumni of the Year (AOY). This year's event was held on 2 February at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Viera, Florida.

The night's festivities kicked off with a Social Hour where guests enjoyed reminiscing about AFTAC and catching up and socializing with old friendships and sharing fond memories of their time in the unit, around-the-world, or in the headquarters building at Patrick AFB thru the years. The bartender "Ryan," once again, was truly superb in serving great cocktails and beverages for the evening. The yearly slide show, organized and developed by Bob Wiley (AOY 2008), with photos by him and Judy Henderson (AOY 1997), of previous SnowBall's, Spring Picnic, Golf Tournaments, and Wind Downs, was continually shown.



Terry Hammond and Carolyn & Arlin Massey



Shown here are some of the trophies presented over the years

This year's theme, was "AFTAC Sports/Recreation," which joined previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska, and Colorado ... locations, where AFTAC had or has a presence, among other locales, worldwide.

Following Social Hour, Opening Remarks by AFTACAA President Ed Lindsay, Introductions of Key Staff, our National Anthem graciously and awe-inspiring performance by Rebecca Lehnerz, Sage Salute provided by Lou Seiler, and POW/MIA Recognition and Invocation by Sean Ryan, a very delicious and impressive dinner was served by the hotel staff. The meal choices of Chicken Marsala w/Mushrooms in a Wine Sauce w/Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Medley or

Grilled Sirloin w/Roasted Potatoes and Vegetable Medley or Portobello Mushroom Napoleon w/Fresh Vegetables and Red Pepper Sauce, accompanied by House Salad w/Dressing, hot Dinner Rolls, Iced Tea, Water, and Coffee. Topped off with a Southern tradition of a delicious Florida to-die-for dessert of Key Lime Pie.

After a brief break following dinner, the AFTAC Commander, Colonel Chad Hartman, provided an outstanding "pocket slide brief" (briefing off 3 x 5 note cards in your hand), and an overview of AFTAC's current activities and status. His Status of Command brief was truly "spot on" and brought the AFTACAA "in tune and current" with the mission they once served in and what is on the horizon for AFTAC down the road.

Keeping with the theme of sports and recreation, after the briefing, guests were entertained by a Zumba performance group. A number of Alumni and family members joined in the event on the dance floor. A truly physical fitness and a good workout was had by all participating.



AFTACers joined in the Zumba Performance

The evening ended with the announcement of the 2018 AFTAC AOY. Mr **Pete Gilbert** was selected as the recipient. Pete is the Webmaster for the Florida AFTACAA website. The AFTACAA officially announced his name to welcome him into the honored recipients of the prestigious AOY ranks and honorees through the years.

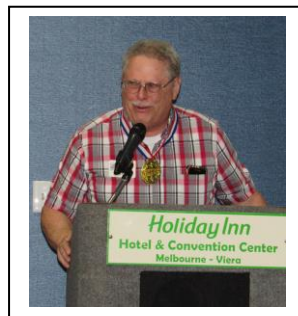
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SNOWBALL XXI - Continued



AFTAC Commander, Col Chad Hartman, Pete Gilbert 2018 AOY Pete Gilbert, & Chief Mike Joseph

Florida Chapter Alumni President, Ed Lindsay, along with Harm Aning, Don Whitney, and Dr. Mike Young kindly provided sports memorabilia to display. Judy Henderson and Michelle Ryan made sports-related centerpieces to decorate the tables "that were an awesome compliment to the night's table displays." A special thanks to all Team AFTAC Alumni Members and Spouses who volunteered to help with the various tasks and support required to provide for an awesome evening by all in attendance, once again.



Pete Gilbert

the various items, tasks, and support required to provide for an awesome evening by all in attendance, once again. We look forward to the 2020 Snowball XXII, In January 2020, when the AFTACAA will gather once again, to mingle, socialize, and reminisce of the times we were in, and the current AFTAC of today, and recognize the 2019 AOY. Hope you can join us for another grand event and evening, with fellow Alumni and others in attendance next year.

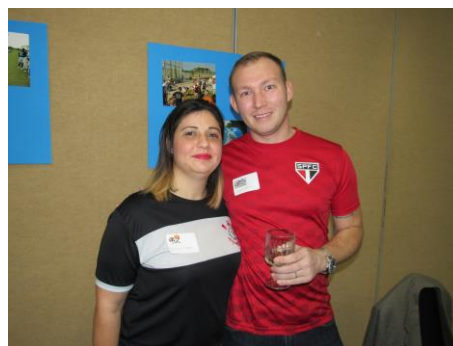
A few of the attendees:



The Josephs & The VanNoords



Ed Lindsay, Jan Whitney, Carol Warfield



Cecelia & Cole Moon



Edna & Frank Calenda



Don Whitney and Karen & Greg England



Tom, Becky, & Zak Lehnerz



AOYs in attendance



Pete & Shirley Gilbert and daughter, Amy Edgerton



Chad and Gina Hartman

AFTAC MEMORIES SOME 30 YEARS AGO

By Tony DeMarco

The following is a memory of a TDY event that occurred way back in 1988 involving myself and a fellow AFTACer. Starting in Jan 1980, Keith L. was my maintenance partner at the then new Det 377. Keith would play an instrumental part in our getting the Det, and the then new unproven "J" Technique up and running and through OCE in July 1980. During his time at Det 377, Keith went on to apply and was accepted for AECP. Keith then attended UCF, received his Commission upon graduation, and then received his first assignment back here in FL as a 2nd Lt at Mother AFTAC. As many will tell you, it was highly unusual back then for a new "Mustang" Officer to be reassigned right back into his old Military Organization. Keith and I then worked together again as a team in TXO for several years. We tackled numerous different important project tasks, were involved with several critical Worldwide Site Surveys, and participated in many of the resulting TXO Special Collection Activities and Support TDYs. One of the Posts I put up on the Alumni FB Site a while back dealt with key Dec Memories I had from my career. As a result, I posted a three part article capturing my key memories of Dec incidents that occurred in 1968, 1978 & 1988. Of the three, what happened in Dec 1988 involving Keith and I turned out to be a life changer. In Dec 1988 Keith and I were OCONUS on another Special Collection Activity in the Far East. On the return, we again as we normally did, stopped at AREA and provided an Out Brief for the SQ/CC on the Special Collection. Following the Out Brief, I suggested that Keith and I would travel down to Det 377 and Out Brief the Det on the Special Collection efforts as Det 377 had been part of the activity. Keith and I then headed down to Det 377 via a rental car and provided Det personal a well-received briefing on the recent Special Collection. As a result of our trip down South to the Det, Keith and I opted to fly out of Munich on a Delta bird to Atlanta instead of driving back up to SQ. The date - 21 Dec 1988. Now comes the scary part.... The Embassy where we had been TDY had handled our return Airline reservations and they had us initially booked out of Frankfurt on Pan Am. The scheduled return date out of Frankfurt was again 21 Dec 1988. The flight would involve a 727 aircraft headed out of Frankfurt to London as Flt Pan Am 103. At Heathrow, the Flt Pan Am 103 aircraft would switch over to a Jumbo 747 and as everyone now knows, the rest is history. You can't imagine how many times Keith and I, and our families, have talked about this quirk of fate over all these years."

THE MYTH VS. LEGEND OF THE AIR FORCE'S PURPLE WATER FOUNTAIN

By: Oriana Pawlyk January 17, 2016

Many may not make it down to the darker depths of the Pentagon basement where only footsteps can be heard from a hallway or two away. Miscellaneous departments — some that require a higher security clearance — reside in the close quarters. And of course, there's a 24-hour sandwich shop.

If those lollygagging around take the proper path, they may see a hidden gem that belongs to the Air Force. No it's not a myth — it's a legend. A tribute some only hear of, but never know the exact origins or great tales. It is the "Purple Water Fountain," now elevated and encased behind glass for no one to touch.



"As all legends go, no one is quite sure of the origin of this 'Purple Miracle'," the plaque behind the fountain reads. "However, one fact is certain. Of the 685 water fountains in the Pentagon only one is purple." The fountain is said to bring "enlightenment" to those whose lips touch its water, the description continues. It stands outside the Air Force Council room "as testament to war-fighting common sense." Airmen past and present have come to see it, either in its prime or as a monument. But mostly, its legendary existence is all that seems to remain.

"I think we tend to think of artifacts like when you go to the National Museum of the Air Force and you see...artifacts dating back to World War II, and nose art and more," Brian Laslie, an AF Historian and former officer, told Air Force Times. "This is such a unique military artifact, wrapped up in war, in history and in the Pentagon, and it has its own cultural history to it."

Reddit users and [bloggers](#) who've seen it (or at least heard of it) say a Pentagon tour guide or two has said the fountain — placed in the building in the 1940s, they claim — was purple by mistake. The other hundreds of ceramic-style fountains were all blue (some say white) — the lone fountain may have been as a result of a color mix up, or perhaps a prank.

Another theory [suggests](#) the purple water fountain was part of a small set as a "color drinking fountain only" during racial segregation; however, no one can confirm other purple water fountains existed, or that this anecdotal history bodes true. Based on the plaque's description, it seems the Air Force wanted all to drink from the fountain to achieve "enlightened

PURPLE WATER FOUNTAIN - Continued

status" to prevent rash decision making that could cripple war plans. For the misplaced, it served as a functional landmark.

"For years, [it was] used as a navigational aid ("If you're looking for (blank) office, go to the purple water fountain, turn left, and go down the corridor until you find it)," @Doctrine_Man, a respected military satirist who often lampoons military culture, told us. Although, "people from the [50s or 60s] era could probably entertain you with theories," he said.

Neither the program manager nor the historical exhibits curator in the Office of the Secretary of Defense could describe hard-fact origins or stories about its antiquity; Spokespeople for the Air Force said their knowledge of it today exists as short mention in Dick Anderegg's book, 'Sierra Hotel', and also in Steve Vogel's, 'Pentagon: A History.' The Air Force Historical Research Agency, a repository archive out of Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, had heard it existed, but nothing else. Service members, Pentagon badge holders and some tourists may be the only ones to create their own fond memories for the history books.

Back in 2003, Laslie visited the Pentagon for a professional development program as a 1st Lieutenant. The logistics airman out of Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, was sure he'd seen everything. "We put this PowerPoint together on all that we saw, learned and all the people we met for our chief back at Holloman, and all he asked was, 'Did you see the purple water fountain?'" Laslie recounted. "We played it off as a joke, but some of the [lieutenant colonels and colonels] in the room came back with, 'What was the purpose of sending you to D.C. if you weren't going to visit the fountain?'" It became Laslie's 'gotcha' moment in his Air Force career. He later visited the fountain in 2007. As the plaque reads, "Whatever myth we believe, the purple water fountain was a guide to all those who traversed the catacombs of the Pentagon."

Oriana Pawlyk covers deployments, cyber, Guard/Reserve, uniforms, physical training, crime and operations in the Middle East, Europe and Pacific for Air Force Times. She was the Early Bird Brief editor in 2015. Email her at opawlyk@airforcetimes.com.

Follow her on Twitter @Oriana0214.

[Contributed by Clark Wilberg, FB, 99..., 12.19 "Drank from this fountain when Maj McCarty and I were preparing to brief Chernobyl operations to Chief of Staff. Most AF members never saw, may have never heard of it."
https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2016/01/17/the-myth-vs-legend-of-the-air-force-s-purple-water-fountain/?fbclid=IwAR3gvxflpYJ-ow4ErDPH08UMJG9FS-qXGxyFQGpotKRAqsdjHd9Y_OtzVaw#.XBpLXIGvibQ.facebook]

DO AFTACERS REALLY "WALK ON WATER"?

BY DALE KLUG

Pictures are worth a thousand words.



Of the three individuals above, #1 is a non AFTACer; #2 a long-time AFTACer & #3 an AFTACer on OJT.

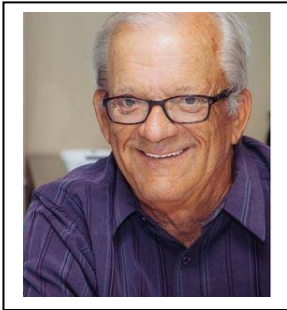
OBITUARIES

For additional information, see our Web site – <https://www.aftacaa.us>

WILLIAM “Bill” ALEXANDER

Died April 7, 2019

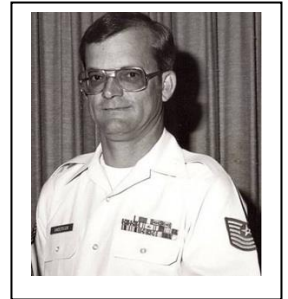
Just prior to publication of the PoMo, we received notice that William “Bill” Alexander of Indian Harbour Beach, FL, died on April 7th. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Helen, in 2015. Additional information will be published on the Web site, as information is received. [Information provided by Greg England and George Mirda]



DANIEL S. “Andy” ANDERSON, JR.

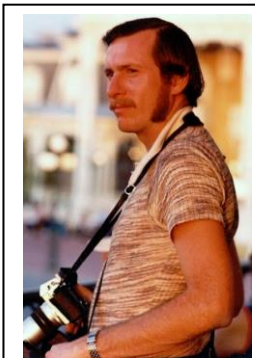
April 15, 1944 – February 9, 2019

“Andy” entered the United States Air Force at the age of 18. He met his beloved wife, Nancy Hager Anderson, in 1968, getting married on December 27, 1969. During his 22 years in the military, Daniel obtained his Bachelor’s Degree in Finance and his Master’s Degree in Business Administration. Daniel spent 15 of his 22 years in the military stationed at Patrick Air Force Base through 3 different tours.



Other assignments included Korea, Keesler AFB MS, Reese AFB TX, and Patch Barracks, Stuttgart Germany. “Andy” Anderson leaves his wife, Nancy, and son, Daniel Scott (Marlene) Anderson and, and 2 grandchildren.

Full Obituary available at <http://beachfuneralhome.frontrunnerpro.com/book-of-memories/3730224/Anderson-Daniel/service-details.php>.) Information provided by Brian Grew and Wally Huffaker.



LAWRENCE “Larry” BAUMAN

November 7, 1943 – January 1, 2019

Larry Bauman died from complications from cancer. Larry served in the US Air Force from 1962 to 1968, with service at McClellan Central Laboratory from 1963 to 1964. Following his time in the AF, Larry worked at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant for 28 years as a chemical technician. [Information provided by Gary Hamm]

Obituary available at <https://www.heritagefuneralcremation.com/notices/Lawrence-Bauman>



EDMUND C. “Ed” BENNETT , MSgt USAF (retired)

July 2, 1942 – May 21, 2018

Ed Bennett of Shiloh, Illinois, was a US Air Force veteran who served during the Vietnam War era, and then worked for McDonnell Douglas-Boeing as a Tech writer for over 20 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra "Sandi" Sue Bennett, and is survived by children, Kristina Menn (Frank) of Sun City, AZ, CPO USN Retired Mark E. (Dawn) Bennett of York, PA, and Eric Bennett of Shiloh, IL, and 5 grandchildren.

[Contacted by Bill Schmied, CO Chapter Treasurer, "While attempting to contact Ed Bennett this evening, I talked to his son in Shiloh, Illinois, and he informed me of Ed's passing last year on 21 May 2018 ... he was a long-time member of our Colorado alumni chapter, and also a member of the Florida alumni association." A URL for the obituary was found: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/belleville/obituary.aspx?n=edmund-c-bennett&pid=189081993&fhid=4962>)



TIMOTHY J. BIDDLE

September 17, 1955 – December 9, 2018

Tim Biddle was born in Kendalville, Indiana, and died in Melbourne, FL, at age 63. He served 24 years in the US Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant from AFTAC. He had a second career as a Field Project Manager/Administrator at Italian Terrazzo and Tile in Melbourne. Tim is survived by his wife, Marie, who also served at AFTAC, and daughter Mieko (Brian) Barker, and a granddaughter. For a full Obituary and Remembrances, visit: <https://brownliemaxwell.com/obituaries/timothy-j-biddle/>



PAMELA J. "Pam" BRADFORD

January 11, 1960 – May 25, 2018

Pamela was born in Orlando, Florida, and married John Bradford on March 10, 1978. John who was a member of the US Air Force and served at AFTAC 1980 – 1994. Pamela died after a 3-year battle with pancreatic cancer. Pamela is survived by her husband and daughters Cassandra Whitty and Jennifer Bradford. The full Obituary is

available at <http://www.trahanfamilyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3513675/Bradford-Pamela/service-details.php>
[Information provided by John Bradford]



STEVEN EDWARD CROUSE

June 1961 – January 15, 2019

Steve Crouse passed away suddenly on January 15th, 2019. Steve proudly served in the US Air Force for 20 years. While enlisted in the AF, Steve attained a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and had a second career ensuring our country's safety and security. Steve will be remembered for his infectious personality, incredible laugh, bright smile, and dedication to service. He is survived by his wife, Robyn and daughter, Brittany. [Information provided by Roger Hornsby]

Full Obituary at <https://adamsgreen.com/tribute/details/10458/Steven-Crouse/obituary.html#tribute-start>

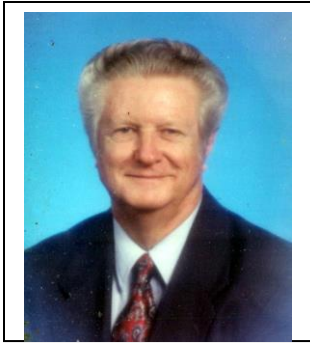
CLIFFORD "CLIFF" DAVIS

[Information passed by Don Whitney, LT Member of AFTACAA, in February 2019. He received information from Cliff's daughter, Terri.]

"Clifford (Cliff) Davis passed away 12 Mar 18 in Fort Walton, FL. His wife, Patti Davis, passed away 15 Oct 18 in Melbourne, FL. They are survived by a daughter, Terri (Davis) Jones of Melbourne, FL, and a son, Clifford Davis Jr. Interment will be at a later date."

Cliff worked for Rich Krebs both in DC area then here (PAFB, FL) at HQ in Acquisition (AQ) from 1990 until his retirement, as a LtCol in 1994 or 1995. They worked on developing new systems.

NOTE: This information, and any updates, will be posted at the AFTACAA Website, www.aftacaa.us



WILLIAM FAULCONER

March 1, 1928 – February 13, 2019

William Faulconer, age 90, was retired 27 years from the Air Force. Born in Hinton, KY. He came to Brevard County in 1997. He is survived by his wife, Mary N. Faulconer, daughter, Karen Faulconer Duke, step daughter, Virginia (Ginny) Scavone, and 3 grandchildren.

[Information provided by Eunice Harris, "...Bill... passed away Wednesday, 13 Feb 2019. He worked in the Comm Center, and after he retired he worked for Curt [Harris] at Hess Appliances."]

Full obituary available at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rockledge-fl/william-faulconer-8160236>



KENNETH FRIGEN

August 29, 1935 - March 23, 2019

Kenneth LeRoy Frigen was born at Potsdam Township near Monango, North Dakota. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1955 and served a year in Korea at a Seismic Detection site. In 1959 he was honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to the Geotech Corporate Office in Garland, Texas. Ken is survived by his wife Vicky and her children and grandchildren. Ken was preceded in death by his son Lee.

[Notified by Joe Johnson, CA Chapter. Joe added: Ken Frigen and 3 others plus myself operated the AFTAC ZIPAGRAM Terminal during 1957, 58, and 59. He and I spent many fun-filled days water skiing on the Potomac River. After Ken left the AF in 1959 he stayed at AFTAC HQs as a civilian contractor employee for some time. Some AFTAC very old timers may remember him. See full obituary at <http://www.williamslisko.com/obituary/kenneth-friegen>]



RICHARD "Grif" GRIFFIN

November 17, 1944 – December 5, 2018

Richard E. "Grif" Griffin, was born in Concordia, KS, and died in Sacramento, CA, at age 74. Grif enlisted in the US Air Force in 1962, launching a lifelong career in electronics. He attained the rank of MSgt while serving at the 1155th TOS. From 1968 until his retirement in 1982, Grif traveled the world installing and maintaining seismic equipment for AFTAC; these travels included three years spent in Alice Springs, Australia.

Following retirement, Grif embarked on a 31-year secondary career in bio-medical engineering with Sutter Health in Sacramento. Grif is survived by his wife of 52 years and children Sean and Robyn. Full Obituary available at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=richard-e-griffin&pid=191310818>

[Information provided by Sue Griffin wife of "Grif" Griffin: "Just thought I would let you know that Grif passed. He was diagnosed in 2005 with Lymphocytic Leukemia. After treatment, remission and additional treatment starting in 2014 all was going well. In November 2018, it came raging back. Grif was ready to fight it again but it was not to be.]



EMMA "Jay" HUMMEL

July 9, 1946 – November 7, 2018

Jay Hummel was born Evansville, Indiana, and was a loving wife and mother of 3 children. She married Robert "Bob" Hummel on June 18, 1971. She is survived by her husband, Bob, and 3 children, Wayne, Nathan and Andrea, and numerous grandchildren. A full Obituary is available at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rockledge-fl/emma-hummel-8048934>
[Mike Steskal, AFTACAA Membership Chair/Database Manager, passed along an email from Alumni member, Robert Hummel]



JUSTIN C. KAYSER

Died March 23, 2019

Justin C. Kayser, 33, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 23, 2019. He leaves his dog, Bailey, who has been his constant devoted companion. Justin is survived by his mother, Jacquelyn M. (Howard) Kayser of Monson, MA, and his father Thomas G. Kayser and his wife Noreen of Grand Island, NY. Justin served in the US Air Force as a drone pilot for 8 years. Justin worked for OFS Fiber Optics in Sturbridge for the past two years. He loved playing soccer and loved watching professional soccer.

[Information provided by Ryan Colquhoun on '9915 99104 ... ' Facebook Web page on 03.27, "I'm sorry to say that we lost a 9S today. Justin Kayser was stationed at Patrick AFB and served a single enlistment as a seismic analyst at AFTAC. He was one of us.") Full Obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/telegram/obituary.aspx?n=justin-kayser&pid=191913517&fhid=20765&fbclid=IwAR1TuKJOwYjOclEoGwYIQ4UT0MpfllPdI-XE7yMRNUN64rgZ1VmkQU1MvzU>



DAVID CARROLL LEATHERS

Died January 19, 2019, at age 65

David Carroll Leathers was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire in 1953, and passed away in his sleep at his home in Melbourne, FL, on January 19, 2019. He is survived by his son Shawn Leathers of Somersworth, NH. David graduated from Portsmouth Senior High School in 1971 and went on to serve in the US Navy and US Air Force and retired from active duty on June 1994. A Celebration of Life will be planned this spring so as to allow David's many family and friends to attend. When date of this event is received, it will be published at the AFTACAA Website, www.aftacaa.us

Information provided by Roger Hornsby. Link for this obituary for condolences, etc, <https://afccare.com/obituaries/david-carroll-leathers/>



MARY LUBIN

April 24, 1932 – March 6, 2019

Mary Lubin, RN, MA, beloved wife of Michael, died on March 6, 2019, at age 86. Mary earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, with a specialty in Public Health, from Simmons College in Boston. While in college Mary met her future husband, whom she wed in 1955. As an AF wife Mary lived in many communities, including two three-year tours in Japan. While in Sacramento she earned an MA in Health Science from Sacramento State University. Mary was an important contributor to the morale of military families, particularly when placed in the role of commander's wife. Upon her husband's retirement from the USAF in 1980, the couple settled in San Leandro CA where Mary resumed her professional career, specializing in Geriatric Nursing. Mary is survived by her husband, Mike, daughter Elizabeth Lubin Hughes, son James Lubin, and 3 grandchildren. Full Obituary available at <https://www.aftacaa.us>



WILLIAM "Bill" McCUNE

May 18, 1946 – February 17, 2019

William J. McCune passed away unexpectedly Sunday, February 17, 2019, at his home in Melbourne, FL. Bill proudly served in the US Air Force for over 22 years and went on to a second career in government contract work. He is survived by his wife, Gail, his daughters, Kathy (Paul) Bailey and Brenda (Joel Gonzalez) McCune, stepson Chris (Kelly) Graber, and 6 grandchildren.

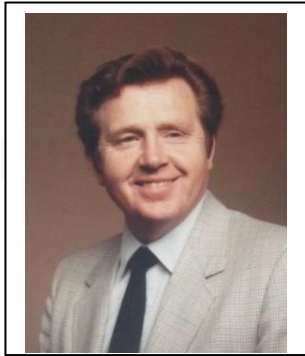
[Information provided by Tom Eddleman, AFTACAA Member, and Bill Cook, a neighbor of Gail and Bill McCune] Full Obituary available at <https://afccare.com/obituaries/william-j-mccune/>

GEORGE N. "PETE" PETERSON

[Information provided by Steve McKee – 30 March 2019]

Learned of the passing of George N 'Pete' Peterson today. Pete and I were roommates during an overseas tour 1968-69. We had lost touch and recently reconnected thanks to this FB page. I don't have the exact date but it was probably Wednesday or Thursday last week. I saw it on his [FaceBook] page as a message from his daughter Thursday night. I can verify that it's the George N. Peterson I was stationed with. Pete Peterson lived in Santa Rita Guam and after his military career which included the Air Force and Coast Guard owned a Dive Shop on Guam. His wife's name is Linda. I searched the obituaries on Guam and nothing came up so far. His personal FB page for anyone interested is:

<https://www.facebook.com/PeteGuam>



WILLIS "Willy" GLENN PRICE

August 26, 1935 - December 20, 2018

Willis Glenn Price of Valdosta, GA, passed away December 20, 2018. Willis served in the US Air Force for 20 years. After his retirement from the Air Force, he sold real estate with The Herndon Company for 19 years. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children and wife of 39 years, Jean Roberts Price. Survivors include his wife, Christine Price of Valdosta, GA, and children, David Glen (Lisa) Price of Hahira, GA, and Michael R. (Jana) Price of Cookeville, TN.

[Information provided by Tony DeMarco, "I was recently informed that another of the 99 Team stationed at an overseas location when I was there in the 60s/70s had passed away this past December. Willy also had assignments at Det 57 and the HQ." Tony also heard about the passing from Geno Wagner.]

The Obituary link is: <http://obituaries.valdostadailytimes.com/obituary/willis-price-1935-2018-1071920952>

DONNA J. RIDENS

Died - January 28, 2019

Donna J. Ridens, 76, born in Stamford, Texas, passed away in Palm Bay, FL. She was a mortgage company Vice President. Donna will now join her husband of 54 years Hubert "Rusty" Ridens, Jr. She is survived by her son Kevin (Michelle) Ridens and 2 grandchildren.

[Contacted by Mike Steskal, AFTACAA Membership/Database Manager. Obituary link for condolences <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=donna-j-ridens&pid=191425511&fhid=6346>]



BARBARA WARE

August 13, 1936 – March 28, 2019

Barbara Ware (nee Spackman) was born in the Walton Park sub-district of County Borough of Liverpool, U.K., and was one of the child evacuees moved into the countryside of Wales during the war years. Barbara met her future husband Tom Ware in Warrenton England in March 1955, when Tom was stationed at Burtonwood RAF station. They were married on December 1, 1956, and the Ware family ended up in Aurora Colorado as Tom was stationed at Lowery AFB. Barbara fought a long hard battle with cancer and multiple other medical issues before her death. Barbara is survived by husband Thomas, sons Lawrence, Michael, Paul, and a granddaughter.

[Information provided by Bill Schmied. Full obituary available at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/denver-co/barbara-ware-8233479>]

MIKE WELHAM, Maj, USAF, Retired

31 July 1946 – 9 June 2018

[Information provided by Bryce Dunn who said, "...Mike had passed away at his home in Riverview, Florida, from pancreatic cancer on 9 June 2018.]

According to Mike's wife, Lu Anne, "Mike did not want a funeral. However, we are honoring his life sometime in 2019. There isn't a firm date yet, but some of his ashes will be aboard an Earth orbital flight set to take off from Cape Canaveral next year. When I found out about this option he was very excited and we thought that it would be a fitting way to honor both his missile career with the Air Force and his 20-year NASA career as a contractor..." Before joining AFTAC, Mike was a missile launch officer in the silos. Within AFTAC he was on the HQ IG Team and the second commander of Detachment 45, Buckley AFB. After retirement in 1992, he went to Alabama and Ohio to work for NASA as a contractor. After retiring from his involvement with NASA, Mike and his family moved to Riverview, Florida."

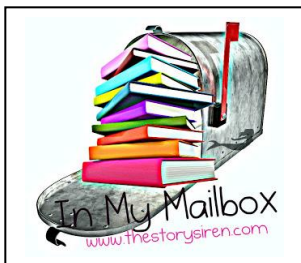


CARY WILLADSEN

October 7, 1939 – January 3, 2019

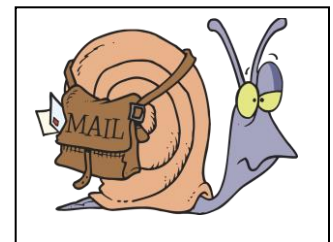
Born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Cary Willadsen, died at age 79, died in Tyler, Texas. He married Mildred Miner, Jan 14, 1962. Cary retired as a Tech Sergeant in the USAF after serving 20 years and worked 15 years with Texas Utilities. He is survived by his wife Mildred, daughter Robin Willadsen-Lancien and spouse Patrice of Richardson, son Eric Willadsen and wife Michelle of Richardson, and 6 grandchildren.

[Notified by Gene and Dee Melchior who said, "I just talked to Eric Willadsen, son of former AFTACer Cary Willadsen, who passed away on January 3, 2019. Cary and I were stationed together at an overseas location 1968 - 1970." Full Obituary available at <https://www.tribnow.com/obituaries/cary-willadsen>]



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TC's SON

The AFTACAA was notified by John Caban and other Alumni members of the passing of Tom Ciambrone's son, Thomas William Ciambrone, Jr, on December 17th, 2018, in Melbourne, FL. As many people know, Tom Ciambrone (deceased) was Vice Commander of AFTAC before his retirement in the mid-80s. Thomas Jr's Obituary is available at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-ciambrone&pid=191297388&fhid=10204>

VA BENEFITS

Dale Klug forwarded this Web site to check out your VA Benefits: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/VASurvivorsKit.pdf>

AFTAC OPEN HOUSE – December 2018

"Pat and I just wanted to say "Thanks" for the effort put forth for the Open House yesterday. It was great to renew acquaintances with a lot of AFTAC old timers, though there were a lot of folks there that I could not attach names to; we're get old and don't look like we did in 1975....I also finally relented and spent 10 bucks to become a (real) member...Merry Christmas to all." Bob Chadwick, Old fat deaf limping retired 99104

GENERAL OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENT:

This report received from the Denver Alumni Chapter
IMMEDIATE RELEASE - No. NR-079-19 - April 3, 2019

Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan announced today that the president made the following nominations: AF Brig Gen Aaron M. Prupas has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Prupas is currently serving as the Director, Intelligence, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia. Visit us on the web at <https://www.defense.gov/>.

FROM THE TOP

– by **Ed Lindsay**

Hello once again to the fine Men and Women of our esteemed AFTAC Alumni Association. Here in Florida, Spring has Sprung and the blossoms, blooms, and pollen abounds. We even had hail on base last week. I am sure that some of our brethren from the northern and mountainous climes are still experiencing some spells of snow and maybe even freezing temps...sounds cozy (as I lounge on the beach, with my toes in the sand). Also our prayers go out to the Det 1 personnel and their families impacted by the floods in Omaha.

There has been quite the buzz of activity around here since I last put fingers to keyboard to bring y'all up to speed on what your Florida Alumni has participated in.

The first thing is a follow up to something I mentioned in December's dribble...the AFTAC Open House. It was conducted on 14 December. It was a huge event and we had 55 Alumni member's take part. We even got some more alumni to sign up for membership. We had three groups touring the various new squadron areas of AFTAC. Our own Vice President, Jim Whidden, even served as a tour guide for one of the groups. Another guide was alumni member, Tom Lehnerz, who was dressed in an elf outfit, enhanced by some elf ears.

I would like to give a quick shout out to our most recent Board Chairman, SSgt Donald "Cole" Moon to the reins as our newest Sage Shop Master, back in January...welcome to the gang Cole.

We had our Annual Snowball on 2 February. It was a good event and Sean Ryan and many other members helped make it a great success. You will probably have already encountered the article that captured the evening's events prior to reaching this dissertation; if not, keep reading.

Later in the month, AFTAC had their Annual Awards gathering. It was once again a ceremony unlike those that we are familiar. They decided to have it outdoors, at the Beach House (the old Officer's Club). People were in beach attire and we had a very good showing from the Alumni members (about a dozen). Our Alumni of the Year, Pete Gilbert, was also honored. Look to our website, www.aftacaa.us for a further write up.

By the time you read this, AFTAC will have held their Toilet Bowl Softball battles. The Alumni is once again, getting the adult beverages for the event and serving the golden lager for those who would like some. Great opportunity to meet the current group of AFTACers and maybe make some new friends. Another thing coming up will be the Spring Golf N'Get Together, to be held the beginning of June and last, but certainly not least, is the huge event being held in Colorado in June....the WorldWide reunion. I believe there are 86 people signed up already to attend. The deadline is fast approaching. There will be details later in this PoMo. It is sure to be a great event and I hope to see you there. You can also find details on our website.

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FROM THE TOP ~ Continued

This whole ALUMNI thing couldn't be kept running without your support and the great efforts of the wonderful crew we have out here. As always, I can never say enough to thank them for all the wonderful work they all do. Thank you John Horsch and Judy Henderson for putting this PoMo together in a format to get to the masses. Thank you Frank Calenda and Pete Gilbert for putting so much info on the Website to keep everyone informed. Thank you Mike Steskal for keeping the Membership data base up-to-date and answering requests for info, Thank you Arlin Massey for putting together those minutes and keeping us in line with our Federal Tax requirements. Thank you Sean Ryan for all the Calendar of Events updates and the awesome work you do organizing our many events. Thank you Jim Whidden for being our Board member in the building and providing me with much needed advice. And thank you all for the service you provided to AFTAC and our nation.

The best to all of you,
Ed Lindsay, The Head Honcho (for now)

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President-**Ed Lindsay**--Vice **Jim Whidden**--Secretary & Publicity-**Arlin Massey**--
Treasurer-**Sean Ryan**

Appointed --

Activities-**CMSgt Joseph**, CCMS, Hall of Heritage-**Mike Young**/CC HO/**Bob Wiley**,
Hospitality-**Judy Henderson**, Membership/Master Data Base-**Mike Steskel** Post-Monitor
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SSgt Donald "Cole" Moon, Website Manager-**Frank Calenda**



A FEW MINUTES FROM THE MINUTES

This column will help you stay up-to-date on issues that are not covered in other places in the PoMo.

Heritage Committee: Dr Mike Young said he is going to need more support in providing names and write ups for the Heritage Committee going forward. He discussed that we should be looking more within our alumni ranks for those who should be submitted. Dr Young said the Commander has approved the committee selections and the Wall of Honor ceremony date and time to be announced.

SAGE Shop: SSgt Donald Moon provided a handout that included the current inventory and Sage Shop Shipping Metrics. In discussing the shipping metrics, he said this indicates that we're not charging enough for shipping of some items. Further discussions will follow. We also discussed current inventory and said that nothing is on backorder.

AFTAC Historian: Dr Young said that his book is almost finished, and he is eager for the alumni to see it. He discussed the approximate 33 percent expansion of the Heritage room and the plan on adding additional memorabilia to it. He also said a new display will be added to the hallway display case that we will enjoy seeing.

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler said he has received a document from the IRS stating our 501.3.c has been approved. He said before we sign a contract to start the design, we are awaiting a letter from the 15th Space Wing Commander for his approval to proceed. He said the AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) has been in discussions with a contractor and is ready to move forward. In these discussions, the contractor disclosed he built the AFTAC Pavilion and is familiar with working with the base civil engineers, a plus for us. In a letter from the contractor, they require \$5,000 to start the design process of the memorial. After a short discussion about raising the funds to start the design, **Frank Hall** immediately said he would donate \$2,500 of what was needed, immediately followed by **Mike Steskal** who said he would donate the remaining \$2,500. **[Note: This was a breath stopping moment. The announcement of funds needed to start the design process would most likely be sent to the entire community of AFTAC Alumni personnel past and present. Frank Hall and Mike Steskal...you are amazing! Thank you...Ed Lindsay, President]**

A FEW MINUTES FROM THE MINUTES - Continued

Membership Report: Mike Steskal said a final reminder was sent to those who have yet to pay their dues before their names are dropped at the end of the month. He reported that with the passing of several members, we are down to 596 Florida members. This includes 562 life time and 34 year-to-year members.

20 Year Wall: Discussions continued concerning eligibility requirements and what constitutes qualification to the 20-year wall. There are still questions concerning qualifications that need to be satisfied. Tony De Marco said there are 70 who qualify with perhaps another 10 or so that may. More discussion to continue.

DEPOT FALLOUT ~ Excerpts from the AFTAC Alumni West Coast Chapter newsletter

For more information, visit their Web site at www.AFTACWCC.org

From the Vice President

by Bob Fitzgerald

The annual WCC "Fall Social" event was held at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Citrus Heights on 10 Nov 2018. It was a great success with a new recent high of **forty-one** in attendance. Photos are on our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Albums" page.



Forty-One Alumni & Guests Attended

Our next event will be our annual WCC Spring Picnic & BBQ, held on Armed Forces Day, May 18th. Please put this on your calendar now to reserve the date. We will publish the required sign-up form in our Depot Fallout April issue and on our website "**Forms**" page, hopefully by early April as well.

(Note: Updated schedules of all meetings & social activities are always available at our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Events" page.)

ECHOES – News from the AFTAC Alumni Colorado Chapter

2019 AFTAC Alumni Worldwide Reunion

13, 14, & 15 June 2019

SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGES 27 and 28

If you have any questions or need more info, send an email to: President@aftacco.org or Treasurer@aftacco.org

February Breakfast

In spite of 8 inches of new snow on the Aurora Hills Golf Course, 28 people braved the metro streets and convened at the Tin Cup for our semiannual breakfast on 23 February for some good food and camaraderie.

In addition to our normal Chapter agenda, the Colorado Chapter presented appreciation certificates and gifts to the following:

Harkins Laboratory: **TSgt Andrew Swanson**, 25th AF Silver Award winner of the General Larson Award for 9S100

Detachment 45: **Senior Airman Taylor Duncan**, Airman of the Year; **TSgt Ryan McLain** (not present), Bronze Award winner of the General Larson Award



Detachment 46: **SSgt Brian Armitage**, NCO of the Year; and **Senior Airman James Daniels** (not present), Airman of the Year.

The Major General Doyle Larson Award program originated in 1979, the year the general assumed command of the USAF Security Service, a predecessor organization of the 25th Air Force. The award is a way to recognize enlisted Airmen who are dedicated to their career fields. The top enlisted in each career field are awarded a gold, silver or bronze medal.

This year there were 13 career fields. The top awards for the 9S100 career field were:

Bronze **TSgt Ryan G. McLain**, AFTAC Det 45, Colorado

Silver **TSgt Andrew M. Swanson**, AFTAC OLGT/Harkins Lab, Colorado

Gold **SSgt Steven D. Adams**, AFTAC Det 319

Congratulations to these outstanding enlisted members of the United State Air Force!

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Commander/CC/2018. Col Chad J. Hartman earned his commission through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program at the University of Missouri in 1994. He has led intelligence operations across multiple theaters and echelons, to include an F-117 fighter squadron, Air Operations Centers in Pacific and Central Air Forces, the US Air Force Distribution Common Ground System, and US Special Operations Command.

[Full Bio at <https://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC.aspx>]



Vice Commander/CV/2018. Col Ralph E. Bordner, III

Col Bordner received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Central Florida in 1996 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. His career includes multiple space-centric positions, to include crew-certified space operator, space and missile control engineer, chief of ballistic missile subsystems, and research and development engineer.

[Full Bio at <https://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC.aspx>]



Command CMS/CCMS/2016. CMSgt Michael S. Joseph enlisted in the Air Force in October 1989 where he initially served as an aircrew life support technician. Before assuming his current duties he served as the Superintendent of the 6th Mission Support Group, McDill AFB, FL. The Chief has had multiple combat and contingency deployments.

[Full Bio at <https://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC.aspx>]

REPORTS FROM WITHIN THE H2 BUILDING

(Most of the following extracts can be read in their entirety at AFTAC Alumni Website: www.aftacaa.us)



Dr. Mike Young is compiling a biographical database of people who served with AFTAC. He is asking for your help and welcomes any information you wish to provide. At a minimum, please provide: name, rank, dates served, assignments, locations (by Det # or base), AFSC/RI, and a photo of your choice (past or present). It would also be great to include any short stories or anecdotes that you wish to share. His email address is: james.young.53@us.af.mil.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT SOMETHING, FEEL FREE TO SEND IT BY MAIL TO AFTAC/HO, ATTN: DR. MIKE YOUNG, BUILDING 10989, S. PATRICK DRIVE, PATRICK AFB, FL 32925.

2019 AFTAC Awards Ceremony

Patrick AFB Beach House

February 22, 2019

On the occasion of awards to the most outstanding AFTAC performers of the year, our 2019 Alumni of the Year, **Pete Gilbert**, was included in this ceremony.



Although this year's venue was more "relaxed" than previous ceremonies, the military honors were still preserved. Following a social hour, the assembly was then called to order.

The National Anthem was sounded, an invocation was given and distinguished guests were identified and the award nominees were announced.

A short presentation was made by Mr. Leland (Lee) Hathaway who spoke of his past military service and his deep appreciation of AFTAC and the work that is performed.





After the awards to the active duty and civilians' selectees, Pete Gilbert, accompanied by his wife Shirley, was called to the front to accept his Alumni of the Year award amidst a solid round of applause. He accepted the award from Colonel Hartman and Chief Joseph, he offered a sharp salute and returned to the Alumni table with a huge smile on his face.



Pete is very deserving of this award and the recognition given to him and all the Alumni by the AFTAC Commander.

Well done, Pete!!!!

AFTAC Release 18-12-13/001. Dec. 13, 2018, Patrick AFB, FL
By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

A1C with Ph.D. lands job at nuclear treaty monitoring center



It's not often you see those three-letter titles – A1C and Ph.D. – used to refer to the same person. As a matter of fact, only one-hundredth of one percent of the Air Force's enlisted force from E-1 through E-9 possess a doctor of philosophy degree – that's just 33 Airmen out of 259,190 currently on active duty.

Yet one woman with a doctorate in chemistry found herself signing on the proverbial dotted line, completing basic training, and is now assigned to the Department of Defense's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center here.

Airman 1st Class Cynthia A. Schroll enlisted in the Air Force in December 2017, though her unique career journey began much earlier, soon after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"I was in my senior year of high school in 2001, and after 9/11 happened, I told my parents I wanted to enlist," Schroll said. "During the discussion, my mother said something that struck me, even using the word 'please' and *asking* me to do something for the first time in my life instead of *telling* me to. She said, 'Please don't enlist. I've been saving your whole life for you to go to college.' I knew how much it meant to her, and I respect my parents deeply, so I went to college."

Schroll attended Morehead State University in Kentucky and earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 2006. She bypassed the traditional path after her undergraduate studies and went straight into the doctoral program at the University of Cincinnati.

A1C with Ph.D.

"It's not uncommon for people looking into science degrees to forego a master's program and go straight into a doctoral studies," Schroll explained. "Most universities that offer a Ph.D. will let you obtain a master's degree if you find yourself struggling with the Ph.D. work load."

She joked, "Someone once told me that the difference between a Ph.D. and a master's degree is the Ph.D. project has to work in the end, while a master's student can write up all the ways the project didn't work!"

Upon completion of her doctorate in analytical chemistry with an emphasis in spectroelectrochemical detection of f-block elements (say that five times fast!), she went straight into the work force doing environmental sample preparation, product management and worked as a contract research assistant at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. She also taught general chemistry at the University of Cincinnati for two years. It was an enjoyable career per se, Schroll said, but military service was still on her mind.

"I had everything going for me – a great education, good job, supportive family, everything – yet I was still thinking about enlisting," she said. "But I had some significant hurdles to overcome. I was overweight and knew that was going to be a factor as to whether I'd qualify or not. I had pets. I had a house. And then in 2014 I lost my mother to multiple myeloma, a form of blood cancer. It was devastating to my family and me. I took it quite hard and was lost without her influence."

From that tragedy, however, came the realization that she still wanted to serve her country and thought it would be a lasting tribute to her beloved mother. "I knew deep-down from the beginning she didn't want me to join the service, but through all the grief I was experiencing, I had to find a path that would bring me greater reward," she explained. So after several months of careful thought, consideration and a solid work-out program, Schroll paid a visit to her local recruiter to change her title from 'Doctor' to 'Airman.' "Before I left for basic, I had several lengthy conversations with my sister who served in the Army for almost 10 years and I spoke to several other female friends who had also gone through the experience," she said. "They all told me about the mind games I should expect from the military training instructors (MTIs) and some of the difficulties that arise when you put 40 women together in small quarters for several weeks at a time. Needless to say, I found basic training quite entertaining!"



A1C Cynthia A. Schroll pours solution from a test tube as she prepares reagent kits for AFTAC's precious metals program

During basic, trainees are selected to fill certain jobs and responsibilities given to each flight: dorm chief, element leader, chow runner, and entry controller, just to name a few. Schroll volunteered to be the flight's academic monitor. When the MTI asked what made her qualified for the job, she nonchalantly mentioned she had taught classes before. The MTI did some digging and learned that Schroll had a Ph.D.

"It all came out from there," she said. "I tried to downplay it as much as I could, and I offered to help any of my flight mates with their study techniques, because we were all in this together. We had one trainee who had such bad text anxiety and we were all worried she was going to run out of the classroom before she finished the end-of-course exam. When our MTI started reading off our test scores, we collectively held our breath when hers was read and we cheered like mad when it was a passing score. A few of us even cried. By far my proudest moment as the academic monitor was the fact we all passed our exams the first time through."

She graduated basic training in February 2018 and was sent to Goodfellow AFB, Texas, to undergo special instruments training. While there, she became friends with a large contingent of Air Force firefighters. "Our tech school was housed with the Airmen who undergo firefighting training, and it was so much fun," Schroll recalled. "I was selected to be a red rope, the person who oversees dorm activities, and they kept me so grounded. I had so much respect for them that on my last day I woke up at 3:30 a.m. to go to their daily formation so I could shake every single hand and say thanks. I love and respect them all so much."

During her tenure at Goodfellow, she received a special visitor who requested to meet with her. She was quite surprised to learn it was a command chief master sergeant who made the trip to speak directly with her. "I was pretty floored when I found out Chief Master Sgt. (Michael) Joseph came to the schoolhouse to discuss career options with me," she said. "He introduced himself as the command chief for the Air Force Technical Applications Center, and said his commander was

A1C with Ph.D.

very interested in having me on his team at Patrick AFB. I can't put my finger on it, but during my conversation with Chief Joseph, I realized this was my chance to live out my desire to serve, especially in the capacity of a scientist. I thought to myself, 'These folks who have so much experience would know how best to use my skills,' so I put my trust in them."

Joseph was highly impressed when he met with Schroll. "I heard about A1C Schroll as she was coming through the (academic training) pipeline since AFTAC has a majority of the 9S100 Airmen in the Air Force," said Joseph. "Every Airman has a story, and I wanted to hear hers. Her background was impressive -- she had written two books and has a patent to her name, but it was her desire to serve that impressed me the most. With her chemistry background and our operational need for highly-skilled chemists, it seemed like a natural fit for her to come to AFTAC."

Recruiting personnel who possess highly-technical scientific degrees and experience has been a challenge for the nuclear treaty monitoring center, but AFTAC's senior enlisted advisor believes they're seeking out ways to overcome that challenge. "Sometimes the Air Force does not get the 'talent management' piece right and we need to do all we can to get our people to the right place at the right time," Joseph said. "Airman Schroll has already made a positive impact in her squadron and is working to be the best Airman she can be. As leaders, I believe that is all we can really ask of our workforce."

Schroll is assigned to AFTAC's radiochemistry laboratory working as a radiochemistry technician. She is responsible for preparing reagent kits in the lab's tech room as well as co-managing the precious metals program. "I love the responsibility that comes from knowing our chemists are counting on me to prep their reagents properly and in a timely manner," said Schroll. "If anything goes wrong with the chemistry, the first place that is looked at is the reagent, so I want them to have confidence when they see my initials on the label that they were prepared correctly."

When asked if she was looking at becoming a commissioned officer someday, Schroll said it's not out of the question, but it's not her immediate focus. "Right now, I'm still brand new to the Air Force, so I am learning as much about it as possible. I'm an airman first class, and with that comes the responsibility of being the best A1C I can be. My focus is on doing the job I am fortunate to have, and doing it as best I can. When I look to the future, I only see broad opportunities. But I've never been one to look too far ahead because all too often we make this grand dream or goal, only to forget to focus on the little steps to get there. I'm focusing on the little steps right now."

AFTAC Release 19-01-15/001, Jan. 15, 2019, Patrick AFB, FL

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

Another tournament, another trophy for AFTAC Hockey

The Athletes for Teamwork and Charity Hockey Club took home its second trophy of the year during the Tampa Invitational Tournament held at the Florida Hospital Center Ice facility in Wesley Chapel, Fla., Dec. 1, 2018.

The team co-hosted the charity tournament to raise money for Lighting Made Sled Hockey, a program sponsored by the Tampa Bay Lightning hockey team that provides people with disabilities the ability to play the game they love. Players sit in specially designed sleds that sit atop two skate blades. Competitors use two sticks with metal picks on one end to propel themselves across the ice and stick blades on the other to pass and shoot the puck.

In early 2018, the Northeast Indiana Warbirds from Fort Wayne, Ind., approached AFTAC Hockey about a possible games in Florida. From there, AFTAC contacted the Tampa Warriors, affiliated with the USA Warriors program, about scheduling head-to-head match-ups at the new Florida Hospital Rink in Wesley Chapel, with all proceeds going to the sled hockey league.

Bill Hungate, captain of AFTAC's club, was thrilled when he was approached to co-host the tournament.

"Our team has traveled to compete against national-level competition like the U.S. Naval Academy, The Citadel, and the FBI's D.C., just to name a few," Hungate explained. "But when you're responsible for bringing in a team from out of state, there are a lot more logistical aspects to consider. It was great to skate against the Warbirds and the Warriors."

Another tournament, another trophy for AFTAC Hockey - Continued

This was the second championship trophy AFTAC won in 2018; the first was against the Tampa Bay Fire Fighters in September.

AFTAC kicks off its collegiate portion of their schedule, with their next game is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Space Coast Iceplex in Rockledge, Fla., where they'll be lacing up to play Eastern Florida State College Titans for the first time. Proceeds will go to EFSC's scholarship program and Space Coast Blast Sled Hockey.

For the team's full schedule, to donate, or to obtain tickets for the games, visit the AFTAC Hockey Facebook page or send an email to AFTACHockey@gmail.com.

The full article is available at <http://www.aftacaa.us>

2019 AFTAC TOILET BOWL ACTIVITIES

By Kathie Querry, 04.05, FaceBook, 'AFTAC Families in the know (Notified by John Horsch)

The 2019 "Toilet Bowl" is in the archives. The undefeated 709CYS-Cyber Knights claimed the coveted Commanders Toilet Bowl Trophy!

The Deuce & Flush went to the 709YMXS-KRAKENS. Mr. Brad Schulz from CIL claimed the Golden Plunger Award with 6 over the fence in the Home Run Derby.

The Brown Crown (Poop Stick) was bestowed upon 21SURS/23ANS-MISSION UP, who will run the 2020 games.

Special thanks to our host 22SURS (MSgt Assunto/SSgt Palmer) for a GREAT WING EVENT!!

Thanks to all the volunteers who selflessly gave their time to keep the heritage of the Toilet Bowl going.

NOTE: (from your Editor, John Horsch) It was a spectacular day and the alumni association was proud to be a part of the beverage dispensing group. Helping were **Frank Calenda, Sean Ryan, Doug Colbary, and John Horsch**. Bob Wiley was also seen enjoying the competition. Also, thanks to several of the active duty for their assistance with setting up the kegs and pouring when the lines got long.

AFTAC Release 19-02-19/001, Feb. 19, 2019, Patrick AFB, FL

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

STEM outreach key to uniting Airmen with students



2nd Lt. Tyler Peterson and Claudia Granger, scientists from AFTAC, Patrick AFB, FL, listen to Bryce Jeffrey, a 6th grader at Croton Elementary School, describe his science fair project that dealt with the aerodynamics of paper airplanes. The AFTAC duo was part of a team of 18 Airmen – military and civilian alike – who volunteered to serve as science fair judges Feb. 7, 2019. (USAF photo by Susan A. Romano)

A group of Airmen – military and civilian alike – traveled to Croton Elementary School in Melbourne, Fla., Feb. 7 to serve as Science Fair judges. Eighteen members of AFTAC volunteered to examine more than 200 projects put together by 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and

evaluate them based on their creativity, scientific thought, skill, clarity, thoroughness and knowledge gained.

Students were able to choose a topic from three basic categories: physical, environmental or biological. Once their topic

STEM outreach key to uniting Airmen with students - Continued

was approved by their science teacher, they were required to employ the scientific method by forming a hypothesis, gathering the needed materials, developing a procedure, conducting the experiment, recording the results and ultimately drawing a conclusion of their findings.

Croton Science Fair Coordinator Stacy Walsh gave each judge a rubric – a guide listing specific criteria for grading or scoring each entry – and the volunteers were divided up into small groups to review the tri-fold boards on display in the school's cafeteria. The judges were then given the opportunity to interview each student to ask them about their methodology, the conclusions they drew from their experiments and how they came up with their hypothesis.

To see the full article and additional pictures, see <http://www.aftacaa.us>

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AFTACAA Web Page – <https://www.aftacaa.us>

AFTAC Hockey defeats nationally-ranked Miami Hurricanes

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs, PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FL/ Published March 12, 2019

In a stunning victory against a nationally-ranked Division 3 hockey club, the AFTAC hockey team defeated the Miami Hurricanes Feb. 23 at Pembroke Pines Ice Arena, Miami's home rink.

The Air Force team made the three-hour trip south to face off against the 'Canes in an exhibition game prior to Miami's matchup at the American College Hockey Association South Regionals in Huntsville, Ala. What was expected to be a mild, no-contact turned out to be a grinding battle until the final seconds of the game.

In attendance to cheer them on was AFTAC Commander Col. Chad Hartman and his family. While Hartman had seen the team in action before at their home rink in Rockledge, Fla., this was his first time making it to one of their road games. It was a fast game from the opening faceoff and the Hurricanes jumped out to an early lead. It didn't take AFTAC long to tie the game, and the end-to-end action continued for the duration of the match.

To see the full article, visit the AFTACAA Web Site – <http://www.aftacaa.us>



Members of the Miami Hurricanes hockey team stand in unity with the Air Force Technical Applications Center hockey club during the National Anthem Feb. 23, 2019 at an exhibition game at Pembroke Pines Ice Arena, Miami's home rink. AFTAC went on to defeat the 'Canes 12-8. (Courtesy Photo)

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

#37/38 of our presentations of these 50-plus 'Rangers. Formatting/standardization-MSgt (Ret) Highsmith/AFTAC/DAFC, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt (Ret) Revels/AFTAC IG. Currently being updated by Tony DeMarco.



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MSGT JAMES S. LUCAS
(Pictured with Col Michael Lubin)

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*******SAGE SCHEDULE*******

1. WindDowns—(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place to the west of the HQ building.

2. Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings—normally-**2nd Mondays at 1600** just inside the HQ Building, #10989. Park across the street and the meeting will be in conference room just to the left as you enter the front entrance lobby.

a. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.

b. **Quarterly**—meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted below. **NOTE:** Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility) and off-base sites may be considered for any meeting.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

Before coming verify date/time/venue online and/or with your editor 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

May

03, 1530 Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion

13, 1600—Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

June

07, 11:30—Golf-n'Get Together, Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick AFB, FL

07, 1530 Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion

10, 1600—Membership Meeting, Beef O'Brady's, Satellite Bch

July

05, 1530 Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion ??????

08, 1130—Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

August

02, 1530 Wind Down – Stonehenge Pavilion

12, 1600—Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

Event Plans and Timeframes—for planning only—dates and months may vary

A. January-April (months may vary)

1. SnowBall

2. Center Annual Awards Banquet

3. Center Annual Picnic

B. May-August (months may vary)

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

2. Annual Association Spring Golf N'Gettogether

C. September-December (months may vary)

1. First Friday of Sep (**6 Sep 19**), Annual Board, General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Social September XXIII**' will be at Manatee Cove on a **Friday at lunch** to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni and active-duty.

--Alumni of the Year (AOY) Selection Committee (prior AOYs) meet following the annual meeting.

2. **Oct or Nov**, Annual Association Fall Golf N-Gettogether

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

4. **Dec TBD** (usually second Friday), Center Winter Social

--AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNIONS: Normally scheduled every other year. Hosting rotates between the association and the two chapters. Last host – CA-2017.06, FL-2015.05, CO-2013.06, and CA-2011.05. **Next Reunion** is scheduled to be hosted by the Colorado Chapter, 13-15 June 2019

*******Sage SHOP (SWAG)*******

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: AFTAC Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, **SSgt Donald "Cole" Moon**, Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach SSgt Moon, by phone: 321-494-4051 /email: donald.moon@us.af.mil

SHIPPING: Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling of 1 Item & \$1.50 for each additional. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)

A link to additional information on these items is available at <https://www.aftacaa.us> — enter the Sage Shop

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

SHIRTS NOTE: *Size/colors are limited. The AFTAC alumni patch can be either appliqued (pocket remains) or embroidered (not on pockets). Colors listed are currently on-hand, but call or Email to verify availability prior to ordering.*

Golf/Polo Shirt - 50/50 w/pocket; \$18: Sea Teal (aqua blue), Jade (medium green), Forest Green, Red, Royal Blue, Maroon, Black

Golf/Polo Shirt – Dri-Fit Fabric w/pocket - \$24: Navy, White w/o pocket - \$22: Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Maroon

50/50 T's – w/o pocket - \$8: Light Blue, Teal, Navy, Ash Gray, Purple, Red, Pink

100% Cotton T's w/o pocket - \$8: Black, Pistachio

Dri-Fit T's – w/o pocket \$13: Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Maroon,

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

Long sleeve fleece sweatshirt - \$18: Gray

Windbreakers - \$24 Royal Blue,

Hats – \$8.00: Blue Mesh with White front

COINS/PINS

AFTAC Alumni Association Coin: \$8

AFTAC Alumni Association Pin: \$3.35

50th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$3

60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$4

(NOTE: 60th coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th

AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3.35

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AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin - SrA TJ Benscoter - 402-232-1917/Theodore.benscoter@us.af.mil or SrA Chris Hayes, 402-232-9182/Christopher.hayes.13@us.af.mil

Det 45 has minted a commemorative coin. Contact the CO Chapter Treasurer, 'Bilschmied@aol.com,' for info/purchase.



REUNION

2019 AFTAC Alumni Worldwide Reunion Update a/o November 2018

This reunion is sponsored by the Colorado AFTAC Alumni Association and is taking place at the Denver-Aurora DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton located at 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014. The reunion is open to all current and former members, family members and guests of AFTAC, its predecessor organizations, subordinate units and associated units. A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of 13, 14, & 15 June 2019 at a special rate of \$119.00 (plus tax) per night and includes a full breakfast buffet (limit two per room). This special room rate is available using group code AFT and will be available until 24 May 2019 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Additional room nights for 11 & 12 and/or 16 & 17 June may be booked at the same rate on a space available basis. Our room block consists of the standard 1-King Bed, a few of the 1-King Bed Larger Mobility Access with Tub, and a few 2-Queen Bed rooms which may be booked at the AFTAC rate on a space available basis. If you want to book a room to include any of the additional nights at our AFTAC rate, you must call the hotel Sales Coordinator, Tina Le, at 303-337-2800 ext. 157 or Direct 303-614-0788. We very strongly recommend making reservations early so we can request increases to the room block before additional rooms become unavailable. If your reservation does not include any nights outside the three room block dates, booking a reservation is a simple process using the AFTAC Alumni Web Page provided by the DoubleTree, the public DoubleTree website, or telephone:

http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DENITDT-AFT-20190613/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

or www.doubletree3.hilton.com

or call the Denver-Aurora DoubleTree desk at 303-337-2800

There will be a golf tournament (cost is \$40 each) on Friday morning, 14 June, and a charter bus trip to Black Hawk on Saturday morning, 15 June, spending up to four hours at the casinos. The cost for the charter bus trip is \$25 each and requires a minimum of 50 people with a maximum of 56. The informal meet and greet icebreaker with Hors D'Oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar), along with briefings by local AFTAC unit personnel, is Friday evening. The formal dinner banquet and ceremony is Saturday evening, 15 June, along with special guest speakers. Our hospitality suite in the hotel will be open starting at noon on Thursday, 13 June. It will be closed during the Friday icebreaker and Saturday dinner. An informal Sunday morning farewell breakfast at the hotel may also be added if there is sufficient interest. Again, please make your room reservations early because June is a very popular time for visitors in Colorado.

Please go to the www.aftacaa.us website for current reunion updates and registration form. If you have any questions or need more info, send an email to: President@aftacco.org and Treasurer@aftacco.org

REGISTRATION FORM
AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WORLDWIDE REUNION 13 – 16 JUNE 2019
AURORA, COLORADO

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT NLT 15 April 2019 – SEE BELOW NOTE
(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF ALUMNI / ATTENDEE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE / GUEST _____

STREET ADDRESS / P.O. BOX _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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REGISTRATION FEE WW REUNION (REQUIRED FOR EACH ATTENDEE) -----@ \$15.00 PER PERSON – X _____ = \$ _____

GOLF OUTING FRIDAY MORNING, 14 JUNE, HEATHER RIDGE -----@ \$ 40.00 PER PERSON ----- X _____ = \$ _____

INDICATE NUMBER PLAYING GOLF: MEN _____ WOMEN _____
ICEBREAKER SOCIAL FRIDAY EVENING, 14 JUNE, DOUBLETREE-----@ \$ 35.00 PER PERSON ----- X _____ = \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER, SATURDAY EVENING, 15 JUNE, DOUBLETREE-----@ \$ 45.00 PER PERSON ----- X _____ = \$ _____

CASINO BUS DAY TRIP TO BLACK HAWK, SATURDAY MORNING-----@ \$ 25.00 PER PERSON ----- X _____ = \$ _____

-----TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED-----\$ _____

PLATED DINNER ENTRÉE SELECTION (INDICATE NUMBER FOR EACH ENTRÉE):

PRIME RIB WITH AU JUS & HORSERADISH CREAM SAUCE ON THE SIDE: _____

HONEY GLAZED SALMON: _____

ROSEMARY CHICKEN WITH A SHERRY DEMI: _____

NOTE: ENTREES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED GREENS SALAD, YUKON GOLD BROWN BUTTER WHIPPED POTATOES (WILD RICE PILAF IS SERVED WITH THE SALMON), SEASONAL VEGETABLES, ROLLS & BUTTER, FRESH BREWED TEA OR COFFEE AND WATER, AND SALTED CARAMEL CHEESECAKE FOR DESSERT.

OPTIONAL SATURDAY CASINO BUS TRIP TO BLACK HAWK:

FUN DAY TRIP VIA CHARTER BUS DEPARTING SATURDAY MORNING, 15 JUNE, FROM THE DOUBLETREE AND SPENDING UP TO 4 HOURS AT THE CASINOS THEN RETURNING TO THE DOUBLETREE. THE COST IS \$25 EACH FOR THE CHARTER BUS AND WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE SIGN UP (MAX CAPACITY IS 56 PEOPLE). PASSENGERS WILL RECEIVE A CASINO REDEMPTION STUB VALID AT ANY ONE CASINO. IF WE DO NOT MEET THE MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE, YOUR PREPAYMENT WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL AT THE REUNION.

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PLEASE INDICATE HERE IF YOU WILL BE STAYING AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL. CIRCLE: YES NO

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